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Administration of the
Privacy Act



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INTRODUCTION

Western Economic Diversification Canada (WD) was established in 1987 under the provisions of the *Western Economic Diversification Act* (1988), and mandated to promote the development and diversification of the economy of Western Canada and to advance the interests of the West in national economic policy, programs, and project development and implementation. This broad mandate allows the department to implement tailored programs and initiatives to assist western Canadians to create strong, competitive and innovative businesses and communities.

The Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development is responsible for this department.

The *Privacy Act* (Revised Statutes of Canada, Chapter P-21, 1985) was proclaimed on July 1, 1983. The Act extends the present laws of Canada that protect the privacy of individuals, and provides individuals with a right of access to personal information about themselves. It also protects the privacy of individuals by denying third parties access to personal information relating to them and enabling them to exercise strict control over the collection, disclosure and use of such information. Necessary exceptions should be limited and specific.

WD is committed to both the spirit and intent of the *Privacy Act*, to ensure the privacy of individuals with respect to their personal information held by the department.

This report describes how WD administered the Act during fiscal year 2015-2016, and fulfills the requirements under Section 72 that every government institution must prepare an annual report on the administration of this Act each fiscal year and ensure it is tabled in Parliament.

WD will publish its Annual Report to Parliament on its public website (www.wd-deo.gc.ca) once it has been tabled in the House of Commons and the Senate.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE ACT

Departmental Structure

Western Economic Diversification Canada (WD) employs 306 individuals across Western Canada and in Ottawa, including: economists, commerce officers and policy analysts. They are supported by specialists in such areas as: communications, corporate administration, financial management, human resources, information management and information technology, and procurement.

WD is headquartered in Edmonton, Alberta, and organized into four regional units (British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba), with offices located in Vancouver, Edmonton, Calgary, Saskatoon, Winnipeg and a liaison office in Ottawa.

Each of these offices is responsible for searching and retrieving documents responsive to access requests received under the *Access to Information Act* and *Privacy Act*; however, the ATIP unit is legally responsible for implementing and managing the ATIP program and services for WD, including all decisions on the disclosure or non-disclosure of information pursuant to the legislation.

Access to Information and Privacy (ATIP) Unit

The ATIP Unit is located in Edmonton, Alberta, and is responsible for the implementation and management of the *Access to Information Act* and *Privacy Act* programs and services for WD. It is part of the Finance and Corporate Management Directorate.

Specifically, the ATIP Unit:

- makes decisions on the disposition of personal information requests;
- conducts consultations with other federal government departments, provincial and municipal government departments, and third parties with respect to access to information and privacy issues;
- promotes awareness of the legislation to ensure departmental responsiveness to the obligation imposed by law;
- monitors and advises on departmental compliance with the Acts, regulations, procedures and policies; and
- acts as the spokesperson for the Department when dealing with the Treasury Board Secretariat, the Information Commissioner, the Privacy Commissioner, and other government departments and agencies.

The ATIP Unit has three employees, including the ATIP Coordinator, Deputy ATIP Coordinator, and one ATIP Officer. The Coordinators fulfill their responsibilities in addition to numerous other functions within the department. The ATIP Officer is dedicated to processing all access and privacy requests, along with related functions, as well as additional departmental responsibilities pertaining to Personnel Security and other security-related functions. In total, approximately .17 FTE was dedicated to privacy activities in 2015-2016.

The ATIP Unit is accountable for the development, coordination and implementation of effective policies, guidelines, systems and procedures to manage the department's compliance with the Acts. The administration of the legislation in WD is managed by the ATIP Unit, but it is also facilitated at the corporate business unit and regional office levels. Each corporate business unit and regional office has an ATIP Liaison Officer (reporting to an Assistant Deputy Minister, Executive Director, or corporate business unit Director) who is the first point of contact and identifies the appropriate subject experts, coordinates retrieval of records responding to personal information requests, and liaises between the ATIP Unit and regional staff concerning enquiries. The ATIP Unit responds to all requests submitted under the Act.

The ATIP Officer also provides advice and guidance to WD officials, other government departments and the public, including providing training and awareness sessions. Other personal information/privacy-related tracked activities completed by the ATIP Unit in 2015-2016 include:

Activity	Total (Questions/Reviews/ E-mails/Reports, etc.)
Review of parliamentary questions and responses	56
Review and approval of Preliminary Privacy Impact Assessments	2
Other Activities	
Update the ATIP internal intranet site	✓
Preparing and tabling annual reports and statistical reports	✓
Managing Info Source updates and web postings	✓
Participating in Information Management initiatives and providing ATIP guidance	✓
Review and update ATIP business practices, procedures and policy development	✓
Regular review and destruction of ATIP files in accordance with retention schedule	✓

The ATIP Unit monitors the processing of all personal information requests. No additional reporting or monitoring is conducted by other departmental officials due to the confidential nature of these requests.

Delegation of Authority

In accordance with section 73 of the *Access to Information Act*, the Honourable Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development, delegated his full powers, authorities and responsibilities to the Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Management (Access to Information and Privacy Coordinator) and Manager, Corporate Administration (Deputy Access to Information and Privacy Coordinator). The delegation also extends limited authority to the Access to Information and Privacy (ATIP) Officer. The delegation order issued on June 10, 2016, is attached in Annex A.

Departmental Policies and Procedures

There were no changes made to WD’s Privacy Protection policy suite during the 2015-2016 fiscal year as a result of changes in TBS policies or directives; however, the ATIP Unit has drafted procedures to facilitate and supervise the application of the *Security of Canada Information Sharing Act*.

Training and Awareness

The department did not conduct any privacy related training activities during the 2015-2016 fiscal year. However, the ATIP Officer provides advice on privacy issues as appropriate to regional ATIP Liaison Officers and staff to increase awareness of the Act.

The department maintains an Access to Information and Privacy presence on its intranet site that includes policies, procedures, training and awareness presentations, relevant links to useful sites related to access and privacy, and contact information, as well as “The ATIP Eye” tips.

Info Source

WD made significant changes to its 2015 Info Source chapter which is published on the department’s public website (<http://www.wd.gc.ca/eng/14990.asp>). New Classes of Records were developed to better align with WD’s Program Alignment Architecture and simplify the listing.

The department did not submit any new Personal Information Banks (PIB) to TBS in 2015-2016 for approval.

STATISTICAL REPORTING OVERVIEW

The following information provides additional context to the statistical details found in WD's 2015-2016 statistical report (Annex B – "Statistical Report on the *Privacy Act*").

- Personal information collected by WD in the course of its programs and activities is being disclosed only for the purpose for which it was collected, in accordance with paragraph 8(2)(a) of the *Privacy Act*.
WD did not disclose personal information for any other purposes as outlined in paragraph 8(2)(m) during the 2015–2016 reporting period.
- WD received no complaints pursuant to the *Privacy Act* in 2015–2016, and there were no appeals or applications submitted to the Federal Court.
- WD did not complete any Privacy Impact Assessments (PIAs) in 2015–2016.
- No material privacy breaches were reported in fiscal year 2015-2016.

Requests Received Pursuant to the *Privacy Act*

A. Formal Requests

For the period of April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016, WD received two formal requests for personal information pursuant to the *Privacy Act*. The department has not historically received many requests for personal information, resulting in a 200% increase from 2014-2015.

One personal information access request was completed during the reporting period. The second request was carried forward to 2016-2017.

In total, 180 pages were partially disclosed in 17 days for the completed request. As a result no extension was required. Section 26 was applied to information that was withheld.

B. Personal Information Consultations

WD received one privacy consultation during the period of April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016, from another level of government. In total, the department recommended partial disclosure of 31 of 53 pages. The consultation was completed in seven days.

Operational Costs Associated with Administering the Act

WD's cost for administering the *Privacy Act* in the ATIP Unit include a portion of the ATIP Coordinator's and Deputy ATIP Coordinator's salaries, and 10 percent of the ATIP Officer's salary (a total of .17 FTE/year). Other costs pertaining to goods and services, including professional services contracts and other expenses, including supplies, are reported in the annual statistical report (see Annex B). The total cost reported was \$15,321.

Additional departmental costs for which incorporate estimates for other departmental officials to retrieve, review and make recommendations concerning records responding to personal information requests and translation of privacy-related products totalled \$748, and are not captured in the statistical report, but provide a more complete picture of the overall cost of \$16,069 to the department to administer all aspects of its activities related to the *Privacy Act*.

ANNEX A – Delegation Order



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ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT AND PRIVACY ACT DELEGATION ORDER

ARRÊTÉ DE DÉLÉGATION EN VERTU DE LA LOI SUR L'ACCÈS À L'INFORMATION ET DE LA LOI SUR LA PROTECTION DES RENSEIGNEMENTS PERSONNELS

The Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development, pursuant to sections 73 of the *Access to Information Act* and *Privacy Act*, hereby designate the persons holding the positions set out in the schedules attached hereto, or the persons occupying on an acting basis those positions, to exercise the powers, duties and functions of the Minister as the head of Western Economic Diversification Canada, under the provisions of the Acts and related regulations set out in the schedule opposite each position. This designation replaces all previous delegation orders.

En vertu de l'article 73 de la *Loi sur l'accès à l'information* et de l'article 73 de la *Loi sur la protection des renseignements personnels*, le ministre de l'Innovation, des Sciences et du Développement économique, délègue aux titulaires des postes mentionnés à l'annexe ci-après, ainsi qu'aux personnes occupant à titre intérimaire lesdits postes, les attributions dont il est, en qualité de responsable de la Diversification de l'économie de l'Ouest canadien, investi par les dispositions de la Loi ou de son règlement mentionnées en regard de chaque poste. Le présent document remplace et annule tout arrêté antérieur.

SCHEDULE / ANNEXE

<u>Position / Poste</u>	<i>Access to Information Act and Regulations / Loi sur l'accès à l'information et règlements</i>	<i>Privacy Act and Regulations / Loi sur la protection des renseignements personnels et règlements</i>
Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Management / Directeur exécutif, Finances et Gestion ministérielle	Full authority / Autorité absolue	Full authority / Autorité absolue
Manager, Corporate Administration / Gestionnaire, Administration intégrée	Full authority / Autorité absolue	Full authority / Autorité absolue
ATIP Officer / Agente de l'AIPRP	Section / Disposition : 7(a); 8(1); 9; 27(1) and (4); 28(1)(b), (2), (4); 33; and/et 6(1) of Regulations / du règlements	Section / Disposition : 14(a)

Dated, at the City of Ottawa this 10 day of June, 2016

Signé à Ottawa, le 10 jour de juin 2016

THE HONOURABLE NAVDEEP BAINS
MINISTER OF INNOVATION, SCIENCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

L'HONORABLE NAVDEEP BAINS
MINISTRE DE L'INNOVATION, DES SCIENCES ET DU DÉVELOPPEMENT ÉCONOMIQUE

ANNEX B



Statistical Report on the *Privacy Act*

Name of institution: Western Economic Diversification Canada

Reporting period: 2015-04-01 to 2016-03-31

Part 1: Requests Under the *Privacy Act*

	Number of Requests
Received during reporting period	2
Outstanding from previous reporting period	0
Total	2
Closed during reporting period	1
Carried over to next reporting period	1

Part 2: Requests Closed During the Reporting Period

2.1 Disposition and completion time

Disposition of Requests	Completion Time							Total
	1 to 15 Days	16 to 30 Days	31 to 60 Days	61 to 120 Days	121 to 180 Days	181 to 365 Days	More Than 365 Days	
All disclosed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disclosed in part	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
All exempted	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All excluded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
No records exist	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Request abandoned	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Neither confirmed nor denied	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1

2.2 Exemptions

Section	Number of Requests	Section	Number of Requests	Section	Number of Requests
18(2)	0	22(1)(a)(i)	0	23(a)	0
19(1)(a)	0	22(1)(a)(ii)	0	23(b)	0
19(1)(b)	0	22(1)(a)(iii)	0	24(a)	0
19(1)(c)	0	22(1)(b)	0	24(b)	0
19(1)(d)	0	22(1)(c)	0	25	0
19(1)(e)	0	22(2)	0	26	1
19(1)(f)	0	22.1	0	27	0
20	0	22.2	0	28	0
21	0	22.3	0		

2.3 Exclusions

Section	Number of Requests	Section	Number of Requests	Section	Number of Requests
69(1)(a)	0	70(1)	0	70(1)(d)	0
69(1)(b)	0	70(1)(a)	0	70(1)(e)	0
69.1	0	70(1)(b)	0	70(1)(f)	0
		70(1)(c)	0	70.1	0

2.4 Format of information released

Disposition	Paper	Electronic	Other formats
All disclosed	0	0	0
Disclosed in part	0	1	0
Total	0	1	0

2.5 Complexity

2.5.1 Relevant pages processed and disclosed

Disposition of Requests	Number of Pages Processed	Number of Pages Disclosed	Number of Requests
All disclosed	0	0	0
Disclosed in part	180	180	1
All exempted	0	0	0
All excluded	0	0	0
Request abandoned	0	0	0
Neither confirmed nor denied	0	0	0
Total	180	180	1

2.5.2 Relevant pages processed and disclosed by size of requests

Disposition	Less Than 100 Pages Processed		101-500 Pages Processed		501-1000 Pages Processed		1001-5000 Pages Processed		More Than 5000 Pages Processed	
	Number of Requests	Pages Disclosed	Number of Requests	Pages Disclosed	Number of Requests	Pages Disclosed	Number of Requests	Pages Disclosed	Number of Requests	Pages Disclosed
All disclosed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disclosed in part	0	0	1	180	0	0	0	0	0	0
All exempted	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All excluded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Request abandoned	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Neither confirmed nor denied	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	1	180	0	0	0	0	0	0

2.5.3 Other complexities

Disposition	Consultation Required	Legal Advice Sought	Interwoven Information	Other	Total
All disclosed	0	0	0	0	0
Disclosed in part	0	0	0	0	0
All exempted	0	0	0	0	0
All excluded	0	0	0	0	0
Request abandoned	0	0	0	0	0
Neither confirmed nor denied	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0

2.6 Deemed refusals

2.6.1 Reasons for not meeting statutory deadline

Number of Requests Closed Past the Statutory Deadline	Principal Reason			
	Workload	External Consultation	Internal Consultation	Other
0	0	0	0	0

2.6.2 Number of days past deadline

Number of Days Past Deadline	Number of Requests Past Deadline Where No Extension Was Taken	Number of Requests Past Deadline Where An Extension Was Taken	Total
1 to 15 days	0	0	0
16 to 30 days	0	0	0
31 to 60 days	0	0	0
61 to 120 days	0	0	0
121 to 180 days	0	0	0
181 to 365 days	0	0	0
More than 365 days	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

2.7 Requests for translation

Translation Requests	Accepted	Refused	Total
English to French	0	0	0
French to English	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

Part 3: Disclosures Under Subsections 8(2) and 8(5)

Paragraph 8(2)(e)	Paragraph 8(2)(m)	Subsection 8(5)	Total
0	0	0	0

Part 4: Requests for Correction of Personal Information and Notations

Disposition for Correction Requests Received	Number
Notations attached	0
Requests for correction accepted	0
Total	0

Part 5: Extensions

5.1 Reasons for extensions and disposition of requests

Disposition of Requests Where an Extension Was Taken	15(a)(i) Interference With Operations	15(a)(ii) Consultation		15(b) Translation or Conversion
		Section 70	Other	
All disclosed	0	0	0	0
Disclosed in part	0	0	0	0
All exempted	0	0	0	0
All excluded	0	0	0	0
No records exist	0	0	0	0
Request abandoned	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0

5.2 Length of extensions

Length of Extensions	15(a)(i) Interference with operations	15(a)(ii) Consultation		15(b) Translation purposes
		Section 70	Other	
1 to 15 days	0	0	0	0
16 to 30 days	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0

Part 6: Consultations Received From Other Institutions and Organizations

6.1 Consultations received from other Government of Canada institutions and other organizations

Consultations	Other Government of Canada Institutions	Number of Pages to Review	Other Organizations	Number of Pages to Review
Received during the reporting period	0	0	1	53
Outstanding from the previous reporting period	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	1	53
Closed during the reporting period	0	0	1	53
Pending at the end of the reporting period	0	0	0	0

6.2 Recommendations and completion time for consultations received from other Government of Canada institutions

Recommendation	Number of Days Required to Complete Consultation Requests							Total
	1 to 15 Days	16 to 30 Days	31 to 60 Days	61 to 120 Days	121 to 180 Days	181 to 365 Days	More Than 365 Days	
All disclosed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disclosed in part	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All exempted	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All excluded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Consult other institution	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

6.3 Recommendations and completion time for consultations received from other organizations

Recommendation	Number of days required to complete consultation requests							
	1 to 15 Days	16 to 30 Days	31 to 60 Days	61 to 120 Days	121 to 180 Days	181 to 365 Days	More Than 365 Days	Total
All disclosed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disclosed in part	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
All exempted	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All excluded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Consult other institution	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

Part 7: Completion Time of Consultations on Cabinet Confidences

7.1 Requests with Legal Services

Number of Days	Fewer Than 100 Pages Processed		101-500 Pages Processed		501-1000 Pages Processed		1001-5000 Pages Processed		More than 5000 Pages Processed	
	Number of Requests	Pages Disclosed	Number of Requests	Pages Disclosed	Number of Requests	Pages Disclosed	Number of Requests	Pages Disclosed	Number of Requests	Pages Disclosed
1 to 15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16 to 30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
31 to 60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
61 to 120	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
121 to 180	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
181 to 365	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
More than 365	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

7.2 Requests with Privy Council Office

Number of Days	Fewer Than 100 Pages Processed		101-500 Pages Processed		501-1000 Pages Processed		1001-5000 Pages Processed		More than 5000 Pages Processed	
	Number of Requests	Pages Disclosed	Number of Requests	Pages Disclosed	Number of Requests	Pages Disclosed	Number of Requests	Pages Disclosed	Number of Requests	Pages Disclosed
1 to 15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16 to 30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
31 to 60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
61 to 120	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
121 to 180	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
181 to 365	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
More than 365	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Part 8: Complaints and Investigations Notices Received

Section 31	Section 33	Section 35	Court action	Total
0	0	0	0	0

Part 9: Privacy Impact Assessments (PIAs)

Number of PIA(s) completed	0
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Part 10: Resources Related to the Privacy Act

10.1 Costs

Expenditures	Amount
Salaries	\$15,204
Overtime	\$0
Goods and Services	\$117
• Professional services contracts	\$0
• Other	\$117
Total	\$15,321

10.2 Human Resources

Resources	Person Years Dedicated to Privacy Activities
Full-time employees	0.17
Part-time and casual employees	0.00
Regional staff	0.00
Consultants and agency personnel	0.00
Students	0.00
Total	0.17

Note: Enter values to two decimal places.