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1. INTRODUCTION

This annual report to Parliament is prepared and tabled in accordance with section 72 of the [Access to Information Act](#) (ATIA). The report provides a summary of the activities related to the administration of the ATIA within Atomic Energy of Canada Limited (AECL) during the fiscal year ending March 31, 2017.

The purpose of the ATIA is to provide a right of access to records under the control of Canada's Federal government institutions subject to necessary exceptions that are limited and specific.

As a Crown corporation, AECL became subject to the ATIA in September 2007 providing Canadian citizens the right to request information that relates to its general administration or its operation of any nuclear facility within the meaning of section 2 of the [Nuclear Safety and Control Act](#).

Mandate

AECL's mandate is to enable nuclear science and technology and fulfill Canada's radioactive waste and decommissioning responsibilities. This work is undertaken at eight main sites across Canada, with headquarters in Chalk River, Ontario. The Chalk River site is AECL's main laboratory campus and Canada's largest research and development complex. This science campus boasts multiple highly-specialized and unique laboratory facilities, testing equipment and a large research reactor, the National Research Universal, all of which are used to leverage nuclear science and technology for peaceful purposes. Scientific activities have important applications in the areas of health, safety, security, energy, non-proliferation, environmental protection and emergency response that benefit Canada and Canadians.

AECL is also responsible for addressing Canada's radioactive waste and decommissioning responsibilities. These responsibilities stem from decades of nuclear research and development activities at the Chalk River Laboratories, the Whiteshell Laboratories in Manitoba, as well as other sites in Ontario and Quebec. AECL is responsible for the proper and safe clean-up, remediation and long-term management of the radioactive waste at its sites. On behalf of the Government of Canada, AECL also oversees similar work at sites where the Government has assumed specific responsibility for historic, low-level radioactive waste, such as in the municipalities of Port Hope and Port Granby, in Ontario.

AECL receives federal funding to deliver on its mandate and reports to Parliament through the Minister of Natural Resources. It also leverages the unique capabilities at its sites to support industry and other third parties on commercial terms.

AECL delivers its mandate through long-term contracts with the private-sector for the management and operation of its sites.

2. STRUCTURE

To fulfill ATIA responsibilities, AECL established an Access to Information and Privacy (**ATIP**) Office in Ottawa, Ontario. The ATIP Office is the focal point for the application and administration of the ATIA and the *Privacy Act* (**PA**) within AECL. It is involved in policy matters related to the implementation of the ATIA and the PA within AECL, it deals directly with the public and employees in connection with ATIA and PA requests, and it serves as the center of expertise in enabling AECL to meet its statutory obligations under the ATIA and PA.

The ATIP Office consists of one Senior Analyst along with a Director who reports directly to the Vice-President, General Counsel & Corporate Secretary.

ATIP Office Organizational Chart



3. DELEGATION ORDER

Under the ATIA, the President is the designated head of the institution for the purpose of administering the legislation. Section 73 authorizes the head of the institution to designate, by order, one or more officers or employees to exercise or perform any powers, duties or functions of the head that are specified in the order. As ATIP Coordinator, the ATIP Director holds full delegated authority under the ATIA.


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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***

Pursuant to section 73 of the *Access to Information Act* and section 73 of the *Privacy Act*, the Chief Transition Officer (CTO) of Atomic Energy of Canada Limited (AECL), acting as the head of AECL pursuant to a resolution of the AECL board of directors, hereby designates the person holding the position set out in the schedule hereto, or the person occupying on an acting basis this position, to exercise the powers, duties and functions of the CTO, under the provisions of the Acts and related regulations set out in the schedule opposite the 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*, l'Agent principal de la transition d'Énergie atomique du Canada limitée(EACL), responsable intérimaire d'EACL en vertu d'une résolution du conseil d'administration d'EACL, délègue au titulaire du poste mentionné à l'annexe ci-après, ainsi qu'à la personne occupant à titre intérimaire ledit poste, les attributions dont il est, en qualité de responsable d' EACL, investi par les dispositions de la Loi ou de son règlement mentionnées en regard du poste. Le présent document remplace et annule tout arrêté antérieur.

Schedule / Annexe		
Position / Poste	<i>Access to Information Act and Regulations / Loi sur l'accès à l'information et Règlement</i>	<i>Privacy Act and Regulations / Loi sur la protection des renseignements personnels et Règlement</i>
Director of the Access to Information and Privacy Office / Directeur, bureau de l'accès à l'information et de la protection des renseignements personnels	Full authority / Autorité absolue	Full authority / Autorité absolue

Richard Sexton, Chief Transition Officer of Atomic Energy of Canada Limited / Agent principal de la transition d'Énergie atomique du Canada limitée

14/4/2016
Date

4. 2016-2017 STATISTICAL DATA



Statistical Report on the *Access to Information Act*

Name of institution: Atomic Energy of Canada Limited

Reporting period: 2016-04-01 to 2017-03-31

Part 1: Requests Under the *Access to Information Act*

1.1 Number of requests

	Number of Requests
Received during reporting period	40
Outstanding from previous reporting period	6
Total	46
Closed during reporting period	44
Carried over to next reporting period	2

1.2 Sources of requests

Source	Number of Requests
Media	5
Academia	8
Business (private sector)	7
Organization	2
Public	18
Decline to Identify	0
Total	40

1.3 Informal 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	
1	27	0	0	0	0	0	28

Note: All requests previously recorded as "treated informally" will now be accounted for in this section only.

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	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	4
Disclosed in part	3	12	3	6	0	0	0	24
All exempted	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All excluded	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	3
No records exist	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	3
Request transferred	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Request abandoned	2	8	0	0	0	0	0	10
Neither confirmed nor denied	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	8	26	4	6	0	0	0	44

2.2 Exemptions

Section	Number of Requests	Section	Number of Requests	Section	Number of Requests	Section	Number of Requests
13(1)(a)	1	16(2)	0	18(a)	2	20.1	0
13(1)(b)	0	16(2)(a)	0	18(b)	6	20.2	0
13(1)(c)	1	16(2)(b)	0	18(c)	0	20.4	0
13(1)(d)	1	16(2)(c)	5	18(d)	3	21(1)(a)	1
13(1)(e)	0	16(3)	0	18.1(1)(a)	0	21(1)(b)	1
14	0	16.1(1)(a)	0	18.1(1)(b)	0	21(1)(c)	1
14(a)	1	16.1(1)(b)	0	18.1(1)(c)	0	21(1)(d)	0
14(b)	0	16.1(1)(c)	0	18.1(1)(d)	0	22	0
15(1)	0	16.1(1)(d)	0	19(1)	21	22.1(1)	0
15(1) - I.A.*	2	16.2(1)	0	20(1)(a)	0	23	1
15(1) - Def.*	0	16.3	0	20(1)(b)	6	24(1)	0
15(1) - S.A.*	0	16.4(1)(a)	0	20(1)(b.1)	0	26	0
16(1)(a)(i)	0	16.4(1)(b)	0	20(1)(c)	7		
16(1)(a)(ii)	0	16.5	0	20(1)(d)	6		
16(1)(a)(iii)	0	17	0				
16(1)(b)	0						
16(1)(c)	1						
16(1)(d)	0						

* I.A.: International Affairs Def.: Defence of Canada S.A.: Subversive Activities

2.3 Exclusions

Section	Number of Requests	Section	Number of Requests	Section	Number of Requests
68(a)	5	69(1)	0	69(1)(g) re (a)	0
68(b)	0	69(1)(a)	0	69(1)(g) re (b)	0
68(c)	0	69(1)(b)	0	69(1)(g) re (c)	0
68.1	0	69(1)(c)	0	69(1)(g) re (d)	0
68.2(a)	3	69(1)(d)	0	69(1)(g) re (e)	0
68.2(b)	3	69(1)(e)	0	69(1)(g) re (f)	0
		69(1)(f)	0	69.1(1)	0

2.4 Format of information released

Disposition	Paper	Electronic	Other Formats
All disclosed	2	2	0
Disclosed in part	14	10	0
Total	16	12	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	531	531	4
Disclosed in part	12115	6460	24
All exempted	0	0	0
All excluded	190	0	3
Request abandoned	0	0	10
Neither confirmed nor denied	0	0	0

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	3	19	0	0	1	512	0	0	0	0
Disclosed in part	7	266	9	1205	2	408	6	4581	0	0
All exempted	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All excluded	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Request abandoned	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Neither confirmed nor denied	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	22	285	10	1205	3	920	6	4581	0	0

2.5.3 Other complexities

Disposition	Consultation Required	Assessment of Fees	Legal Advice Sought	Other	Total
All disclosed	0	0	0	0	0
Disclosed in part	10	0	0	0	10
All exempted	0	0	0	0	0
All excluded	1	0	0	0	1
Request abandoned	0	0	0	0	0
Neither confirmed nor	0	0	0	0	0
Total	11	0	0	0	11

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: Extensions

3.1 Reasons for extensions and disposition of requests

Disposition of Requests Where an Extension Was Taken	9(1)(a) Interference With Operations	9(1)(b) Consultation		9(1)(c) Third-Party Notice
		Section 69	Other	
All disclosed	0	0	0	0
Disclosed in part	1	0	8	2
All exempted	0	0	0	0
All excluded	0	0	0	1
No records exist	0	0	0	0
Request abandoned	0	0	0	0
Total	1	0	8	3

3.2 Length of extensions

Length of Extensions	9(1)(a) Interference With Operations	9(1)(b) Consultation		9(1)(c) Third-Party Notice
		Section 69	Other	
30 days or less	1	0	3	2
31 to 60 days	0	0	4	1
61 to 120 days	0	0	1	0
121 to 180 days	0	0	0	0
181 to 365 days	0	0	0	0
365 days or more	0	0	0	0
Total	1	0	8	3

Part 4: Fees

Fee Type	Fee Collected		Fee Waived or Refunded	
	Number of Requests	Amount	Number of Requests	Amount
Application	22	\$110	22	\$110
Search	0	\$0	0	\$0
Production	0	\$0	0	\$0
Programming	0	\$0	0	\$0
Preparation	0	\$0	0	\$0
Alternative format	0	\$0	0	\$0
Reproduction	0	\$0	0	\$0
Total	22	\$110	22	\$110

Part 5: Consultations Received From Other Institutions and Organizations

5.1 Consultations received from other Government of Canada institutions and organizations

Consultations	Other Government of Canada Institutions	Number of Pages to Review	Other Organizations	Number of Pages to Review
Received during reporting period	18	1167	0	0
Outstanding from the previous reporting period	7	6527	0	0
Total	25	7694	0	0
Closed during the reporting period	25	7694	0	0
Pending at the end of the reporting period	0	0	0	0

5.2 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	
Disclose entirely	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Disclose in part	5	3	8	2	0	0	0	18
Exempt entirely	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Exclude entirely	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	12	3	8	2	0	0	0	25

5.3 Recommendations and completion time for consultations received from other organizations

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	
Disclose entirely	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disclose in part	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Exempt entirely	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Exclude entirely	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

Part 6: Completion Time of Consultations on Cabinet Confidences**6.1 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

6.2 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 7: Complaints and Investigations

Section 32	Section 35	Section 37	Total
3	5	0	8

Part 8: Court Action

Section 41	Section 42	Section 44	Total
0	0	0	0

Part 9: Resources Related to the Access to Information Act
9.1 Costs

Expenditures		Amount
Salaries		\$263,151
Overtime		\$0
Goods and Services		\$4,032
• Professional services contracts	\$0	
• Other	\$4,032	
Total		\$267,183

9.2 Human Resources

Resources	Person Years Dedicated to Access to Information Activities
Full-time employees	1.75
Part-time and casual employees	0.00
Regional staff	0.00
Consultants and agency personnel	0.00
Students	0.00
Total	1.75

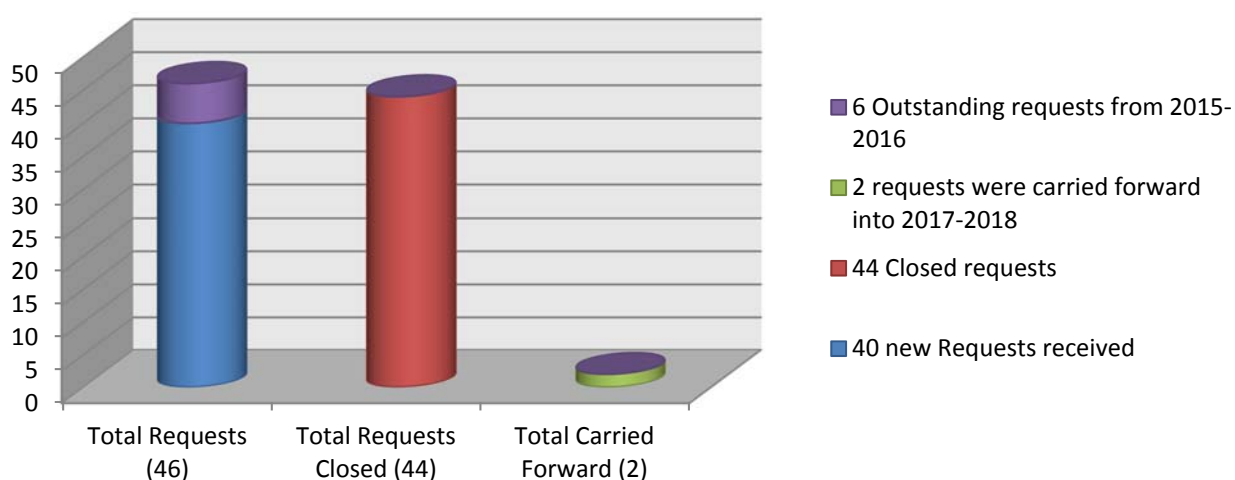
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4.1 Interpretation

4.1.1 Part 1 – Requests under the *Access to Information Act*

Part 1.1 - Number of Requests

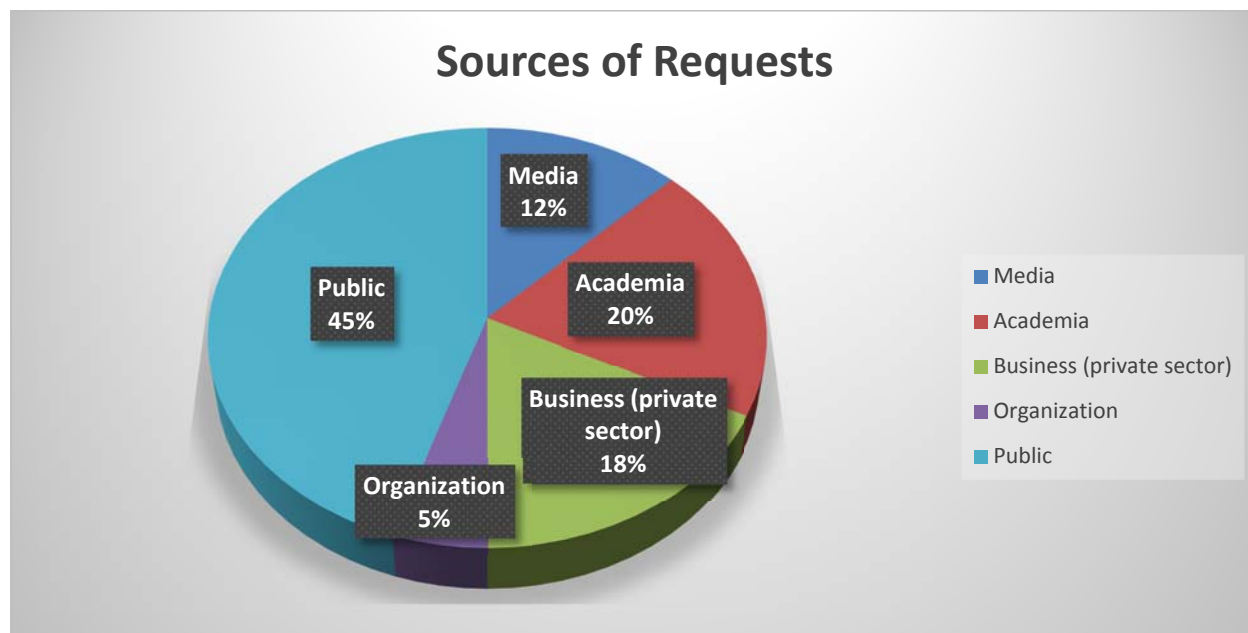
AECL received 40 new requests for information under the ATIA and carried over 6 outstanding ATIA request from the previous fiscal year. Of the total 46 requests, 44 were completed and 2 new requests were carried forward to the next fiscal year.



Part 1.2 - Sources of requests

Forty new requests were received under the ATIA during the period. Details concerning the source of the requests are as follows:

Source	Percentage of Requests	Number of Requests
Media	12%	5
Academia	20%	8
Business (Private Sector)	18%	7
Organization	5%	2
Public	45%	18
Decline to Identify	0	0



Part 1.3 – Informal requests

AECL treated 28 requests informally in 2016-2017. One of these requests was completed within 15 days and 27 were treated between 16 and 30 days.

4.1.2 Part 2 – Requests Closed During the Reporting Period

Part 2.1 - Disposition and completion time

Of the 44 requests completed in 2016-2017, information was disclosed in full without exemptions and/or exclusions for 4 requests. Two of these requests were disclosed in full within one to 15 days and two requests within 16 to 30 days.

Of the 44 requests completed in 2016-2017, information was disclosed in part for 24 requests. Three of these requests were closed within 15 days, 12 were closed between 16 to 30 days, 3 were closed within 31 to 60 days and 6 were closed between 61 to 120 days.

AECL was able to process 34 requests as the requested information was within their custody and control. Therefore, 2 requests were abandoned within 15 days and 8 were abandoned between 16 and 30 days. A request is considered abandoned when:

- The requester formally withdraws it;
- The required fees are not received within the timeline specified by the institution in a notice; or
- When the requester does not respond to a notice indicating that the request will be closed if they do not provide clarification within the specified timeline.

Part 2.2 – Exemptions

In cases in which access to certain information was denied, the following exemptions were cited:

Reasons	Incidences
Information obtained in confidence (s.13(1))	3
Federal-provincial affairs (s.14)	1
International affairs and defence (s. 15(1))	2
Law enforcement and investigations (s.16(1))	1
Security (s.16(2))	5
Economic interests of Canada (s.18)	11
Personal information (s.19)	21
Third party information (s.20)	19
Operations of Government - Advice, etc. (s.21(1))	3
Solicitor-client privilege (s.23)	1

Part 2.3 – Exclusions

Other information was denied under the following exclusions:

Reasons	Incidences
Published material or material available for purchase by the public (s.68(a))	5
Atomic Energy of Canada Limited (s. 68.2)	6

Part 2.4 - Format of information released

The format in which information has been submitted, entirely or partially, to the requesters was in paper for 16 requests and electronically for 12 requests.

Part 2.5 – Complexity

Part 2.5.1 - Relevant pages processed and disclosed

531 relevant pages were processed and fully disclosed for 4 requests. As for the 24 “Disclosed in part” requests, 12,115 pages were processed and a total of 6,460 pages were disclosed. 190 pages were processed for the 3 “excluded in full” requests. No pages were processed for “exempted entirely”, “abandoned” or “neither confirmed nor denied” requests.

Part 2.5.2 – Relevant pages processed and disclosed by size of requests

A total of 22 requests had fewer than 100 pages to process and a total of 285 pages were disclosed. Ten requests had between 101-500 pages to process and a total of 1205 were disclosed. Three requests had between 501-1,000 pages to process and a total of 920 pages were disclosed. Six requests had between 1,001-5,000 pages to process and a total of 4,581 pages were disclosed. Finally, no requests had more than 5,000 pages to process.

Part 2.5.3 - Other complexities

Ten of the requests disclosed in-part and one “excluded in full” required consultations with other Government institutions or third parties.

Part 2.6 - Deemed refusals**Part 2.6.1 – Reasons for not meeting statutory deadline**

All requests were closed within established time-lines.

Part 2.6.2 – Number of days past deadline

All requests were closed within established time-lines.

Part 2.7 - Requests for translation

No translations were prepared during the period under review.

4.1.3 Part 3 – Extensions**Part 3.1 – Reasons for extensions and disposition of requests**

In 2016-2017, AECL found it necessary to extend the timeframe of one request, where the information was partially disclosed, under paragraph 9(1)(a) due to the large number of records that unreasonably interfered with the operations of AECL. Additionally, AECL found it necessary to extend the timeframe of 8 requests, where the information was partially disclosed, under paragraph 9(1)(b) in order to consult other Government institutions. AECL also found it necessary to extend the time frame in 3 other cases, where 2 were partially disclosed and the last one all excluded in it's entirety, under paragraph 9(1)(c) in order to consult with third parties.

Part 3.2 – Length of extensions

The one request which paragraph 9(1)(a) was applied, was extended for 30 days or less. Out of the 8 requests in which paragraph 9(1)(b) was applied, 3 requests were extended 30 days or less, 4 were extended between 31 to 60 days and one request was extended between 61 to 120 days. Out of the 3 requests which paragraph 9(1)(c) was applied, the 2 requests were extended for 30 days or less and one was extended between 31 to 60 days.

4.1.4 Part 4 – Fees

\$110.00 in application fees were collected between April 1, 2016 and March 31, 2017 for a total of 22 requests. No search, production, programming, preparation, alternate formats or reproduction fees were assessed or collected. The ATIA allows for the waiving of fees when a request is deemed to be in the public's interest. Application fees of \$110.00 were waived for 22 requests received during the reporting period.

4.1.5 Part 5 – Consultations Received from Other Institutions and Organizations

Part 5.1 – Consultations received from other Government of Canada institutions and organizations

AECL received 18 new requests for consultations from other Government institutions plus 7 outstanding from 2015-2016 to review a total of 7,694 pages for the 25 requests. These 25 consultations were closed during the reporting period, none were carried forward to the next reporting period (2017-2018). AECL did not receive any consultations from other organizations during the reporting period.

Part 5.2 – Recommendations and completion time for consultations received from other Government of Canada institutions

Of the 25 consultation requests completed in 2016-2017, information was recommended to be disclosed in full for 7 requests within 15 days. Of the 18 other requests where information was recommended to be disclosed in-part, 5 were completed within 15 days, 3 within 16 to 30 days, 8 between 31 to 60 days and 2 between 61 and 120 days.

Part 5.3 – Recommendations and completion time for consultations received from other organizations

AECL did not receive any consultations from other organizations during the period of this annual report.

4.1.6 Part 6 – Completion Time of Consultations on Cabinet Confidences

AECL did not process any Cabinet confidences in relation to requests under the ATIA during the reporting year.

Part 6.1 Requests with Legal Services

No consultations were required with legal services concerning Cabinet confidence during the period under review.

Part 6.2 Requests with Privy Council Office

No consultations were required with Privy Council Office concerning Cabinet confidences during the period under review.

4.1.7 Part 7 – Complaints and Investigations

Section 32 – AECL has received three new complaints from the Information Commissioner pursuant to section 32 this fiscal year.

Section 35 – AECL made representations to the Information Commissioner pursuant to section 35 of the ATIA for two complaints originating from fiscal year 2011-2012 and 3 complaints

received this fiscal year.

Section 37 – AECL did not receive any report of findings from the Information Commissioner of Canada this fiscal year.

4.1.8 Part 8 – Court Action

No appeals were filed with the Federal Court at the end of this reporting period.

4.1.9 Part 9 – Resources Related to the *Access to Information Act*

Part 9.1 – Costs

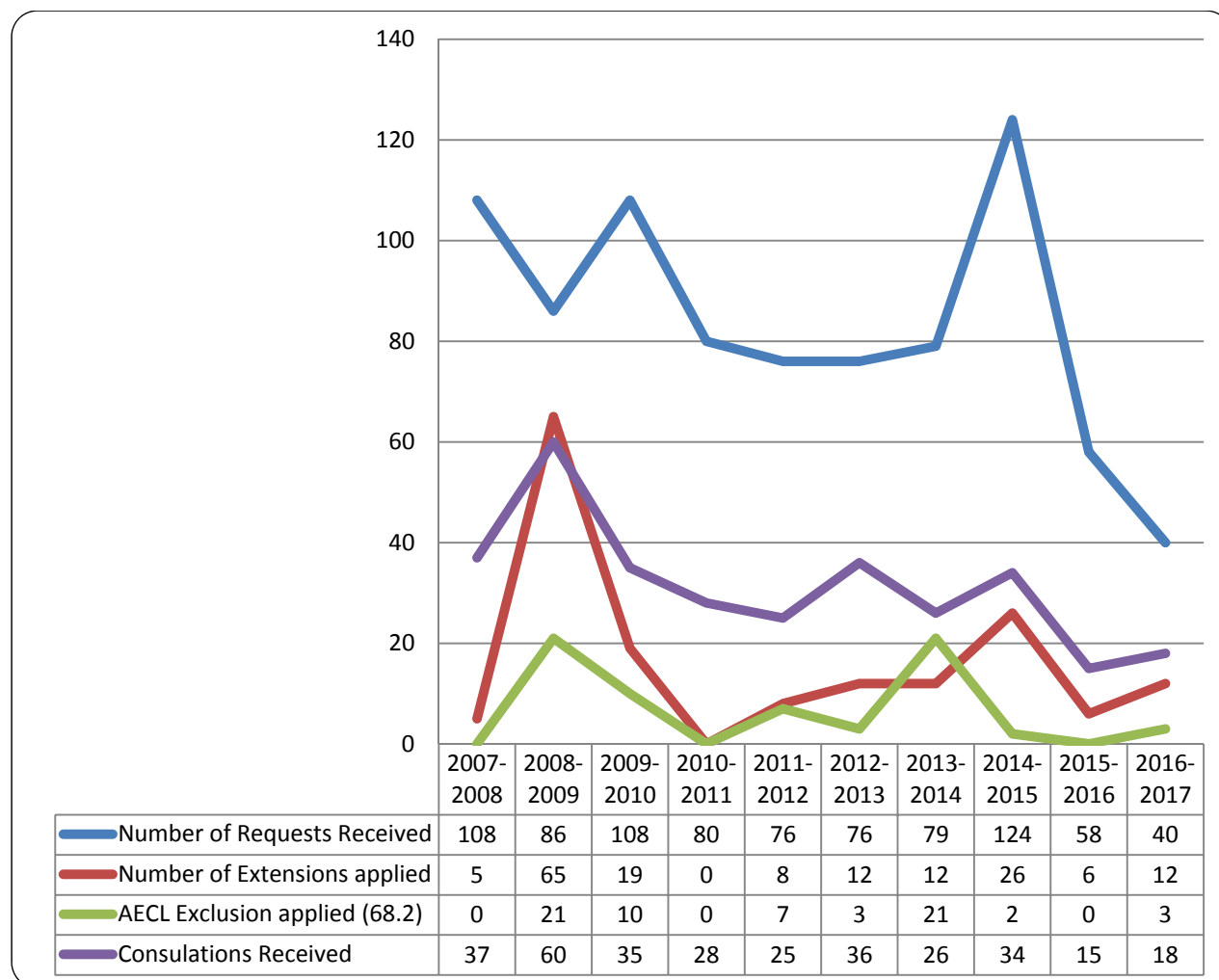
Total salary costs associated with ATIA activities are estimated at \$263,151.00 for 2016-2017. Other operation and maintenance costs amounted to \$4,032.00 for a total of \$267,183.00.

Included in the costs attributable to the ATIP Office are the costs accountable for the administration of the ATIA. These are the salary costs of individuals working on access to information activities such as processing requests, assisting the Information Commissioner with complaint investigations, processing consultation requests from other Government institutions, maintenance of the ATIP software, preparing reports or training materials, maintaining statistics, preparing legislated requirements and giving awareness sessions.

Part 9.2 – Human Resources

The associated full-time equivalency human resources was 1.75.

4.2 Multi-Year Trends



5. TRAINING AND AWARENESS

One formal companywide training activity was provided by the ATIP Director during the reporting period 2015-2016. Additionally, informal briefing sessions were given regularly by the ATIP Director during the process of retrieval and review of documents in response to ATIA requests.

6. INSTITUTION-SPECIFIC PROCEDURES

AECL did not implement any new and/or revised institution-specific Access to Information related policies, guidelines or procedures during the reporting year 2016-2017.

7. COMPLAINTS

AECL received three new complaints this fiscal year relating to exemptions or exclusions applied and alleged missing records. Two complaints were carried forward from the 2011-2012 fiscal year relating to exemptions invoked. Two investigations were concluded during this reporting period and therefore AECL carried forward three complaints to the next fiscal year 2017-2018.

8. MONITORING PROCESSING TIME

AECL utilizes Privasoft software as a tool to monitor the time to process every access to information requests. No other monitoring was necessary or conducted during the reporting period as 100% of the requests were completed on time.