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Administration of the *Privacy Act*

Canada 

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# INTRODUCTION

The *Privacy Act* (Revised Statutes of Canada, Chapter P-21, 1985) was proclaimed on July 1, 1983. It 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.

This annual report is tabled in Parliament in accordance with section 72 of the *Privacy Act* and describes how Western Economic Diversification Canada administered its responsibilities for the reporting period. It will be published on the department's public website ([www.wd-deo.gc.ca](http://www.wd-deo.gc.ca)) once it has been tabled.

**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.**

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# ADMINISTRATION OF THE ACT

## DEPARTMENTAL MANDATE

Western Economic Diversification Canada (WD) was established in 1987 to promote the development and diversification of the economy of Western Canada and to advance the interests of the West in national economic policy, program and project development and implementation. The Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development is responsible for this organization.

The Department operates under the provision of the Western Economic Diversification Act, which came into force on June 28, 1988. WD's mandate allows the department to deliver a wide range of initiatives across the West and make strategic investments to build on regional competitive advantages. Its western base enables the department to foster strong partnerships with business and community organizations, research and academic institutions, Indigenous peoples, and provincial and municipal governments. These connections help WD reflect western perspectives in national decision-making.

## DEPARTMENTAL STRUCTURE

WD employs 353 individuals across Western Canada and in Ottawa, including economists, commerce officers and policy analysts. Specialists in such areas as communications, corporate administration, financial management, human resources, information management and information technology, and procurement provide the policy and programs analysts with support.

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 an office in Ottawa.

## ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND PRIVACY (ATIP)

The Human Resources and Corporate Services unit (HRCS) is responsible for a broad range of services, including Access to Information and Privacy, administered by the unit's ATIP Centre of Expertise. HRCS is part of the Finance and Corporate Management Directorate located in Edmonton, Alberta.

The ATIP Coordinator, who is supported by the Deputy ATIP Coordinator and a Corporate Services Advisor, oversees WD's ATIP Centre of Expertise. The Coordinators fulfill their responsibilities in addition to numerous other functions within the department. The Corporate Services Advisor processes all access and privacy requests. Approximately .07 FTEs were dedicated to privacy activities in 2018-2019.

The ATIP Centre of Expertise is responsible for the implementation and management of the *Access to Information Act* and *Privacy Act* programs and services for WD. Specifically, the ATIP Centre of Expertise:

- makes decisions on the disposition of personal information requests;
- conducts consultations with other federal government departments, other levels of government and third parties with respect to access to information and privacy issues, if required;
- promotes awareness of the legislation to ensure departmental responsiveness to the obligations 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.

Other access to information-related activities undertaken by the ATIP Centre of Expertise in 2018-2019, include:

ACTIVITY	*TOTAL
Review of parliamentary questions and responses	55
<b>OTHER ACTIVITIES</b>	
Update the ATIP 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 privacy protection business practices, procedures and policy development	√
Regular review and destruction of personal information request files in accordance with retention schedule	√
Coordination of proactive publishing requirements for the Minister in cooperation with Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada	√
Assist with planning of new departmental proactive publishing requirements for the Deputy Minister	√

\*questions/reviews/emails/reports etc.

Additionally, the ATIP team has worked in conjunction with Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada's ATIP unit concerning preparations for additional proactive publishing requirements for the Minister once Bill C-58 receives royal assent, as well as coordinating the department's preparations for publishing requirements for the Deputy Minister.

The ATIP Centre of Expertise monitors all personal information requests, and no additional reporting or monitoring is conducted by other departmental officials due to the confidential nature of these requests.

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## DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

The current delegation order was issued in June 2016. In accordance with section 73 of the Privacy Act, the Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development, delegated his full powers, authorities and responsibilities to the Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Management (ATIP Coordinator) and Manager, Corporate Administration (Deputy ATIP Coordinator). The delegation also extends limited authority to the ATIP Officer (see Annex B).

## DEPARTMENTAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

There were no changes made to WD's Privacy Protection policy suite during fiscal year 2018–2019 as a result of changes in TBS policies or directives, or as result of issues raised by the Office of the Privacy Commissioner or other agents of Parliament.

## TRAINING AND OUTREACH

The department maintains an Access to Information and Privacy presence on its intranet site that includes policies, procedures, training and awareness presentations, and relevant links to useful sites related to access and privacy.

WD's ATIP Centre of Expertise provided ATIP training in WD's BC Regional office to 12 participants in August 2018. As well, ATIP training was provided to the Saskatchewan Regional office and the DMO in the same month.

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# TRENDS AND STATISTICS

The following overview provides a summary of the statistical details found in WD's 2018-2019 statistical report (Annex A Statistical Report).

- WD traditionally receives very few requests for personal information. As WD's programs and services collect very little personal information, requests typically relate to human resource issues or staffing actions.
- WD did not receive any privacy consultations during the reporting period.
- No complaints were received in 2018–2019 pursuant to the *Privacy Act*, and there were no appeals or applications submitted to the Federal Court.
- No material privacy breaches were reported in fiscal year 2018-2019.
- WD did not complete any Privacy Impact Assessments (PIAs) in 2018–2019.
- Personal information collected by WD in the course of its programs and activities is 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 2018–2019 reporting period.

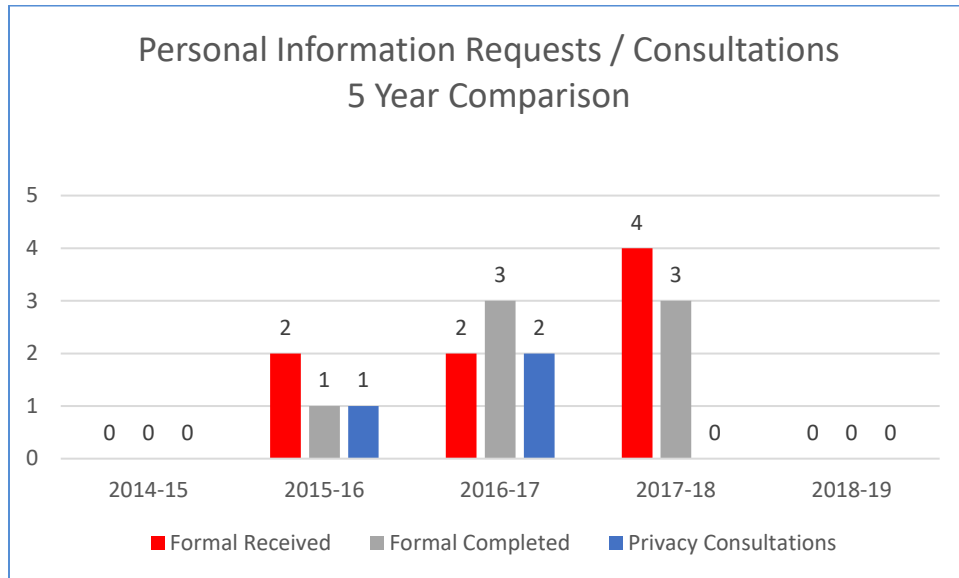
## REQUESTS RECEIVED PURSUANT TO THE PRIVACY ACT

The department did not receive any requests for personal information pursuant to the *Privacy Act* during this reporting period. This represents a 400 percent decrease from fiscal year 2017-2018.

One request was completed during the reporting period. This request was carried forward into the 2018-2019 reporting period from the previous fiscal year.

The single privacy request processed by WD was completed in thirty days. 245 pages were disclosed in whole or in part. No consultations or time extensions were required to complete this request.

The accompanying chart shows the comparison of the number of formal requests for personal information received, as well as the number of privacy-related consultations received by the department over the past five years.



#### OPERATIONAL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH ADMINISTERING THE ACT

WD's cost for administering the *Privacy Act* by the ATIP Centre of Expertise was calculated as a portion of the overall cost of the ATIP program. Given there was only one privacy request processed, it was calculated as .0588 of the overall ATIP program.

Other costs pertaining to goods and services, including professional services contracts and other expenses, including supplies, are also calculated at .0588 of the overall ATIP program's costs. These costs are reported in the annual statistical report (see Annex A). The total cost reported was \$6,134.



# ANNEX A – Statistical Report

## Statistical Report on the *Privacy Act*

Name of institution: Western Economic Diversification Canada

Reporting period: 2018-04-01 to 2019-03-31

### Part 1: Requests Under the *Privacy Act*

	Number of Requests
Received during reporting period	0
Outstanding from previous reporting period	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>
Closed during reporting period	1
Carried over to next reporting period	0

### 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

## 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
<b>Total</b>	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	287	245	1
All exempted	0	0	0
All excluded	0	0	0
Request abandoned	0	0	0
Neither confirmed nor denied	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	287	245	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	245	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
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## 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	1	0	1
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

## 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
<b>Total</b>	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
<b>Total</b>	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
<b>Total</b>	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
<b>Total</b>	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
<b>Total</b>	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	0	0
Outstanding from the previous reporting period	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	0	0	0	0
Closed during the reporting period	0	0	0	0
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
<b>Total</b>	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							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
<b>Total</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

## Part 7: Completion Time of Consultations on Cabinet Confidences

### 7.1 Requests with Legal Services

Number of Days	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
<b>Total</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

### 7.2 Requests with Privy Council Office

Number of Days	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
<b>Total</b>	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		\$5,732
Overtime		\$0
Goods and Services		\$402
• Professional services contracts	\$0	
• Other	\$402	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$6,134</b>

#### 10.2 Human Resources

Resources	Person Years Dedicated to Privacy Activities
Full-time employees	0.07
Part-time and casual employees	0.00
Regional staff	0.00
Consultants and agency personnel	0.00
Students	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.07</b>

# ANNEX B – Delegation Order



Western Economic  
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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