

# **Invest in Canada** REPORT ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT

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#### THE INVEST IN CANADA HUB

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#### INTRODUCTION

The Invest in Canada Hub ("Invest in Canada") is a departmental corporation, established in June 2017 under the *Invest in Canada Act.* It was formally launched in March 2018 with the coming into force of its enabling legislation. Invest in Canada's mandate, for the purpose of supporting economic prosperity and stimulating innovation in Canada, is to:

(a) promote foreign direct investment in Canada and attract and facilitate that investment; and

(b) coordinate the efforts of the government, the private sector and other stakeholders with respect to foreign direct investment in Canada.

The Access to Information Act (the "Act" or "ATIA") is a federal statute that provides a right of access to records under the control of certain federal government institutions, such as Invest in Canada, to Canadian citizens, permanent residents, as well as individuals and corporations located in Canada.

Invest in Canada's financial year is aligned with Treasury Board Secretariat's ("TBS") requirement that all government institutions subject to the Act report on an April 1 to March 31 reporting cycle.

This report is prepared and tabled in Parliament in accordance with section 94 of the Act.

#### **ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE**

During the 2022-2023 reporting period, the privacy and access to information functions were performed by both the marketing team and corporate services. The marketing team was responsible for receiving and processing any requests. The corporate services team was responsible for processing and approving the requests and responses. Invest in Canada's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is the head of the institution responsible for Privacy and Access to Information. During the reporting period, Invest in Canada was not party to any service agreements under section 96 of the *Access to Information Act*.

#### **DELEGATION ORDER**

The CEO is designated as the head of the department for the purposes of the Act.

Pursuant to section 95(1) of the Act, the CEO's authority has been delegated to enable the Corporation to meet its legislated requirements. The CEO delegated most of their powers and duties to the Chief Administrative Officer.

A copy of the delegation order is appended in Annex A.

#### PERFORMANCE 2022-2023

In 2022-23, Invest in Canada received one (1) request related to access to information. The organization responded to 9 consultation requests from other Government of Canada institutions and organizations. There were no active requests that were outstanding from previous reporting periods and no active complaints that were outstanding from previous reporting periods. Invest in Canada responded to 100% of requests received within legislated timelines. The completed Access to Information Statistical Report is included in Annex B.

Throughout the reporting period, Invest in Canada operated in a hybrid work state. Invest in Canada continued to have the capacity to respond to requests electronically; however, some limitations existed such as access to paper records in the office and access to printing and scanning. Additionally, Invest in Canada works closely with the department of Global Affairs Canada with respect to consultations and potential request transfers.

#### TRAINING AND AWARENESS

During the reporting period, the Corporate Services Team continued to promote awareness of the department's obligations under the Act through a variety of training approaches provided in both official languages. In addition to the implementation of policies and guidance to support employees' understanding of responsibilities under the *Access to Information Act*, Invest in Canada made the online training on Access to Information and Privacy through the Canada School of Public Service mandatory for all new hires. Invest in Canada will continue to assess employees' learning needs and provide online self-directed or instructor-led training to employees as required.

#### POLICIES, GUIDELINES, AND PROCEDURES

Invest in Canada developed and implemented its internal Policy on Information Management, which includes guidance on Access to Information and Protection of Privacy, in September 2019 and continues to implement and raise awareness among employees. The Policy is reviewed, updated and approved annually.

#### **PROACTIVE PUBLICATION UNDER PART 2 OF THE ATIA**

Invest in Canada is a government institution, listed in Schedule II of the *Financial Administration Act*, for the purposes of Part 2 of the ATIA. Government institutions are subject to sections 82 to 88 of the ATIA and as such are required to proactively disclose the following: travel expenses, hospitality expenses, reports tabled in Parliament pursuant to a statutory requirement, reclassification of positions, contracts over \$10,000, grants and contributions over \$25,000, and briefing materials. Invest in Canada published proactive publications on its <u>website</u> and on the <u>Open Government</u> website. The organization published 100% of the proactive publications due within the legislated timelines.

#### INITIATIVES AND PROJECTS TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO INFORMATION

In 2022-23, Invest in Canada worked with the Treasury Board Secretariat to assess the suitability of the Request Processing Software Solution (RPSS) system for Invest in Canada and to include Invest in Canada on the Government of Canada's ATIP Online platform. The RPSS was not suitable for Invest in Canada as the organization does not currently receive a high volume of requests. To better assist the public with access to information requests to Invest in

Canada, in 2022-23 the organization onboarded to the Government of Canada's centralized ATIP Online system for requests from the public.

#### SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES AND ACTIONS TAKEN ON COMPLAINTS OR AUDITS

There were no complaints received by Invest in Canada and no investigations of complaints were conducted by the Office of the Information Commissioner.

#### MONITORING COMPLIANCE

Invest in Canada received no requests under the Act during the reporting period.

#### ANNEX A: DELEGATION ORDER



Delegation Order

The Chief Executive Officer of The Invest In Canada Hub, pursuant to section 95(1) of the *Access to Information Act*, hereby designates the persons holding the positions set out in the schedule hereto, or the persons acting in those positions, to exercise the powers, duties and functions of the Chief Executive Officer as the head of a government institution, under the provisions of the Act and related regulations set out in the schedule opposite each position. This designation replaces all previous delegation orders.

Dated, at the City of Ottawa, this 27th day of June, 2022

Arrêté de délégation

En vertu de l'article 95(1) de la *Loi sur l'accès à l'information,* le Président-directeur général d'Investir au Canada 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 du responsable de l'institution, investi par les dispositions de la Loi ou de son règlement mentionnés dans l'annexe en regard de chaque poste. Le présent document remplace et annule tout arrêté antérieur.

Fait à la ville d'Ottawa, le 27e jour de juin 2022

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Katie Curran Interim Chief Executive Officer / Présidente-directrice générale par intérim



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Schedule / Annexe							
Position/Poste	Access to Information Act and Regulations / Lois sur l'accès à l'information et Règlements						
Chief Administrative Officer / Dirigeant(e) principal(e), Service de gestion	All sections / Toutes les sections						

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#### ANNEX B: 2022-2023 STATISTICAL REPORT

## Statistical Report on the Access to Information Act

Name of institution:	Invest in Canada Hub		
Reporting period:	2022-04-01	to	2023-03-31

#### Section 1: Requests Under the Access to Information Act

#### 1.1 Number of requests

		Number of Requests
Received during reporting period	1	
Outstanding from previous reporting periods	0	
<ul> <li>Outstanding from previous reporting period</li> </ul>	0	
<ul> <li>Outstanding from more than one reporting period</li> </ul>		
Total		1
Closed during reporting period		1
Carried over to next reporting period		0
<ul> <li>Carried over within legislated timeline</li> </ul>	0	
<ul> <li>Carried over beyond legislated timeline</li> </ul>	0	

#### 1.2 Sources of requests

Source	Number of Requests
Media	1
Academia	0
Business (private sector)	0
Organization	0
Public	0
Decline to Identify	0
Total	1

#### 1.3 Channels of requests

Source	Number of Requests
Online	0
E-mail	1
Mail	0
In person	0
Phone	0
Fax	0
Total	1

## Section 2: Informal Requests

#### 2.1 Number of informal requests

		Number of Requests
Received during reporting period	0	
Outstanding from previous reporting periods		0
<ul> <li>Outstanding from previous reporting period</li> </ul>	0	
<ul> <li>Outstanding from more than one reporting period</li> </ul>	-	
Total		0
Closed during reporting period	0	
Carried over to next reporting period	0	

## 2.2 Channels of informal requests

Source	Number of Requests
Online	0
E-mail	0
Mail	0
In person	0
Phone	0
Fax	0
Total	0

#### 2.3 Completion time of informal requests

	Completion Time								
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		
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		

2.4 Pages released informally

Less Than 100 Pages Released		100-500 Pages Released		501-1000 Pages Released			-5000 Released	More Th Pages R	
Number of Requests	Pages Released	Number of Requests	Pages Released	Number of Requests	Pages Released	Number of Requests	Pages Released	Number of Requests	Pages Released
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

2.5 Pages re-released informally

Page	Than 100 es Re- 100-500 501-1000 eased Pages Re-released Pages Re-released				1001-5000 Pages Re-released		More Than 5000 Pages Re-released		
Number of Requests	Pages Re- released	Number of Requests	Pages Re- released	Number of Requests	Pages Re- released	Number of Requests	Pages Re- released	Number of Requests	Pages Re- released
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Section 3: Applications to the Information Commissioner on Declining to Act on Requests

	Number of Requests
Outstanding from previous reporting period	0
Sent during reporting period	0
Total	0
Approved by the Information Commissioner during reporting period	0

Declined by the Information Commissioner during reporting period	0
Withdrawn during reporting period	0
Carried over to next reporting period	0

## Section 4: Requests Closed During the Reporting Period

## 4.1 Disposition and completion time

		_	_	Complet	ion Time	-		
Disposition of 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	0	0	1	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 transferred	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
Declined to act with the approval of the Information Commissioner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1

#### 4.2 Exemptions

Section	Number of Requests	Section	Number of Requests	Section	Number of Requests	Section	Number of Requests
13(1)(a)	0	16(2)	0	18(a)	0	20.1	0
13(1)(b)	0	16(2)(a)	0	18(b)	1	20.2	0
13(1)(c)	0	16(2)(b)	0	18(c)	0	20.4	0
13(1)(d)	0	16(2)(c)	0	18(d)	0	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)	0
14(a)	0	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)	0	22.1(1)	0
15(1) - I.A.*	0	16.2(1)	0	20(1)(a)	0	23	0
15(1) - Def.*	0	16.3	0	20(1)(b)	0	23.1	0
15(1) - S.A.*	0	16.4(1)(a)	0	20(1)(b.1)	0	24(1)	0
16(1)(a)(i)	0	16.4(1)(b)	0	20(1)(c)	0	26	0
16(1)(a)(ii)	0	16.5	0	20(1)(d)	0		
16(1)(a)(iii)	0	16.6	0				
16(1)(b)	0	17	0				
16(1)(c)	0						

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

#### 4.3 Exclusions

16(1)(d)

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

#### 4.4 Format of information released

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		Electronic						
Paper	E-record	E-record Data set Video Audio						
0	1	0	0	0	0			

#### 4.5 Complexity

#### 4.5.1 Relevant pages processed and disclosed for paper and e-record formats

Number of Pages Processed	Number of Pages Disclosed	Number of Requests
98	98	1

#### 4.5.2 Relevant pages processed per request disposition for <u>paper</u> and <u>e-record</u> formats by size of requests

		han 100 rocessed	100-500 Pages Processed		501-1000 Pages Processed		1001-5000 Pages Processed		More Than 5000 Pages Processed	
Disposition	Number of Requests	Pages Processed	Number of Requests	Pages Processed	Number of Requests	Pages Processed	Number of Requests	Pages Processed	Number of Requests	Pages Processed
All disclosed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disclosed in part	1	98	0	0	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
Declined to act with the approval of the Information Commissioner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1	98	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

#### 4.5.3 Relevant minutes processed and disclosed for <u>audio</u> formats

Number of Minutes Processed	Number of Minutes Disclosed	Number of Requests
0	0	0

#### 4.5.4 Relevant minutes processed per request disposition for <u>audio</u> formats by size of requests

		Than 60 Minutes Processed	60 - 120	Minutes Processed		han 120 Minutes Processed
Disposition	Number of Requests	Minutes Processed	Number of Requests	Minutes Processed	Number of Requests	Minutes Processed
All disclosed	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disclosed in part	0	0	0	0	0	0
All exempted	0	0	0	0	0	0
All excluded	0	0	0	0	0	0
Request abandoned	0	0	0	0	0	0
Neither confirmed nor denied	0	0	0	0	0	0
Declined to act with the approval of the Information Commissioner	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0

#### 4.5.5 Relevant minutes processed and disclosed for video formats

Number of Minutes Processed	Number of Minutes Disclosed	Number of Requests
0	0	0

		Than 60 Minutes Processed	60 - 120	Minutes Processed	More than 120 Minutes Processed		
Disposition	Number of Requests	Minutes Processed	Number of Requests	Minutes Processed	Number of Requests	Minutes Processed	
All disclosed	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Disclosed in part	0	0	0	0	0	0	
All exempted	0	0	0	0	0	0	
All excluded	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Request abandoned	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Neither confirmed nor denied	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Declined to act with the approval of the Information Commissioner	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	

#### 4.5.6 Relevant minutes processed per request disposition for <u>video</u> formats by size of requests

#### 4.5.7 Other complexities

Disposition	Consultation Required	Legal Advice Sought	Other	Total
All disclosed	0	0	0	0
Disclosed in part	1	0	0	1
All exempted	0	0	0	0
All excluded	0	0	0	0

Request abandoned	0	0	0	0
Neither confirmed nor denied	0	0	0	0
Declined to act with the approval of the Information Commissioner	0	0	0	0
Total	1	0	0	1

#### 4.6 Closed requests

#### 4.6.1 Requests closed within legislated timelines

Number of requests closed within legislated timelines	1
Percentage of requests closed within legislated timelines (%)	100%

#### 4.7 Deemed refusals

#### 4.7.1 Reasons for not meeting legislated timelines

		Principal Reason				
Number of requests closed past the legislated timelines	Interference with operations/ Workload	External Consultation	Internal Consultation	Other		
0	0	0	0	0		

#### 4.7.2 Requests closed beyond legislated timelines (including any extension taken)

Number of days past legislated timelines	Number of requests past legislated timeline where no extension was taken	Number of requests past legislated timeline 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

#### 4.8 Requests for translation

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

#### Section 5: Extensions

#### 5.1 Reasons for extensions and disposition of requests

	9(1)(a)	9(1 Consı		
Disposition of Requests Where an Extension Was Taken	Interference With Operations/ Workload	Section 69	Other	9(1)(c) Third-Party Notice
All disclosed	0	0	0	0
Disclosed in part	0	0	1	0

All exempted	0	0	0	0
All excluded	0	0	0	0
Request abandoned	0	0	0	0
No records exist	0	0	0	0
Declined to act with the approval of the Information Commissioner	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	1	0

## 5.2 Length of extensions

	9(1)(a) Interference With	9(1 Consu		
Length of Extensions	Operations/ Workload	Section 69	Other	9(1)(c) Third-Party Notice
30 days or less	0	0	1	0
31 to 60 days	0	0	0	0
61 to 120 days	0	0	0	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	0	0 1		0

## Section 6: Fees

	F	ee Collected	F	ee Waived	Fee Refunded		
Fee Type	Number of Requests	Amount	Number of Requests	Amount	Number of Requests	Amount	
Application	0	\$0.00	1	\$5.00	0	\$0.00	
Other fees	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	
Total	0	\$0.00	1	\$5.00	0	\$0.00	

#### Section 7: Consultations Received From Other Institutions and Organizations

Consultations	Other Government of Canada Institutions	Number of Pages to Review	Other Organizations	Number of Pages to Review
Received during the reporting period	9	973	0	0
Outstanding from the previous reporting period	0	0	0	0
Total	9	973	0	0
Closed during the reporting period	9	973	0	0
Carried over within negotiated timelines	0	0	0	0
Carried over beyond negotiated timelines	0	0	0	0

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

	Number of Days Required to Complete Consultation Requests							
Recommendation	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
Disclose entirely	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Disclose in part	2	4	0	1	0	0	0	7
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	3	5	0	1	0	0	0	9

7.3 Recommendations and completion time for consultations received from other organizations outside the Government of Canada

	Number of Days Required to Complete Consultation Requests							
Recommendation	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
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

## Section 8: Completion Time of Consultations on Cabinet Confidences

#### 8.1 Requests with Legal Services

						1001-5000 Pages Processed		More Than 5000 Pages Processed		
Number of Days	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

#### 8.2 Requests with Privy Council Office

		Than 100 rocessed		0 Pages essed		-1000 rocessed		-5000 rocessed		han 5000 rocessed
Number of Days	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

## Section 9: Investigations and Reports of finding

#### 9.1 Investigations

Section 32 Notice of intention to investigate	Subsection 30(5) Ceased to investigate	Section 35 Formal Representations
0	0	0

## 9.2 Investigations and Reports of finding

S	ection 37(1) Initial Rep	oorts	Se	ction 37(2) Final Repo	orts
Received	Containing recommendations issued by the Information Commissioner	Containing orders issued by the Information Commissioner	Received	Containing recommendations issued by the Information Commissioner	Containing orders issued by the Information Commissioner
0	0	0	0	0	0

#### **Section 10: Court Action**

#### **10.1 Court actions on complaints**

Section 41						
Complainant (1) Institution (2) Third Party (3) Privacy Commissioner (4) Total						
0	0	0	0	0		

#### 10.2 Court actions on third party notifications under paragraph 28(1)(b)

Section 44 - under paragraph 28(1)(b)
0

Section 11: Resources Related to the Access to Information Act

#### **11.1 Allocated Costs**

Expenditures		Amount
Salaries		\$14,884
Overtime		\$0
Goods and Services		\$739
<ul> <li>Professional services contracts</li> </ul>	\$739	
• Other	\$0	
Total		\$15,623

#### 11.2 Human Resources

Resources	Person Years Dedicated to Access to Information Activities
Full-time employees	0.137
Part-time and casual employees	0.000
Regional staff	0.000

Consultants and agency personnel	0.003
Students	0.000
Total	0.140

Note: Enter values to three decimal places.