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INTRODUCTION

This Annual Report for 2022-2023 is presented to Parliament in accordance with section 94 of the Access to Information Act (ATIA), which requires government institutions to report annually on their administration of the Act.

The legislation to establish the National Security and Intelligence Committee of Parliamentarians (NSICOP) received Royal Assent in June 2017. The Committee is composed of up to eleven members, no more than three of whom may be from the Senate and no more than eight of whom may be from the House of Commons. Each member must hold a Top Secret security clearance.

The mandate of the Committee is to review:

- (a) the legislative, regulatory, policy, administrative, and financial framework for national security and intelligence;
- (b) any activity carried out by a department or agency that relates to national security or intelligence, unless the activity is an ongoing operation and the appropriate Minister determines that the review would be injurious to national security; and
- (c) any matter relating to national security or intelligence referred to it by a minister of the Crown.

In order to fulfill its mandate, the Committee is entitled to have access to any information, with few exceptions, that is under the control of a department and that is related to the fulfillment of the Committee's mandate.

The Committee is required to submit to the Prime Minister an annual report of the reviews it conducted during the preceding year. It may also issue a special report at any time on any matter related to its mandate. A declassified version of those reports must be laid before both Houses of Parliament (in certain cases, the Committee may decide to include only a summary of a special report in its annual report). There are two categories of information that may be redacted from a report on the direction of the Prime Minister: information which would be injurious to national security, national defence or international relations if disclosed; and information that is subject to specific legal privileges, most commonly solicitor-client privilege.

Through its public reports and its outreach activities to non-governmental organizations, academics and university students, the Committee aims to provide as much information to the public as possible, within the parameters of the NSICOP Act.

In 2022-2023, the Committee submitted its 2021 Annual Report and its review of the national security and intelligence activities of Global Affairs Canada to the Prime Minister. It also launched reviews of the lawful interception of communications for security and intelligence activities, and foreign interference in Canada's democratic processes.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

The Secretariat of the NSICOP was established pursuant to the NSICOP Act.

The Executive Director of the Secretariat is appointed by the Governor in Council. The Executive Director is the chief executive officer of the Secretariat and has the control and management of the Secretariat and all matters connected with it. The Secretariat applies the policies and guidelines of the Treasury Board on access to information and privacy.

DELEGATION ORDER

The Minister heading each government institution is responsible for the implementation of the ATI Act within his or her institution. The Leader of the Government in the House of Commons (LGHC) is the Minister responsible for the Secretariat.

Attached is a copy of the Delegation Order signed by the LGHC in 2023. The persons holding the position or acting in the position of Executive Director and the Director of Operations have full delegation to exercise or perform any of the powers, duties, and functions under the ATIA.

PERFORMANCE 2022-2023

Section 16.6 of the ATIA provides that the Secretariat of the NSICOP “shall refuse to disclose any record requested under this Part that contains information obtained or created by it or on its behalf in the course of assisting the Committee in fulfilling its mandate”.

During the 2022-2023 fiscal year, the Secretariat received one request for information which was completed within 1 to 15 days. The request was exempt from disclosure.

The Secretariat also received two consultation requests from other government organizations during this period. Of these consultations, the Secretariat recommended to disclose the relevant document in its entirety for one request, and in the second recommended that the document be exempt in its entirety. One consultation was completed within 1 to 15 days and the second was completed within 31 to 60 days.

The Secretariat does not currently have any active requests or complaints which are outstanding from previous reporting periods.

There has been no significant impact of COVID-19 related measures on the Secretariat’s ability to fulfill its obligations under the ATIA. Any request or consultation request would be handled to the best of its ability within the set timelines.

In compliance with mandatory proactive disclosure requirements for government organizations, the Secretariat’s website includes its latest Departmental Results Report, Departmental Plan and Quarterly Financial Reports at <https://www.canada.ca/en/secretariat-national-security-intelligence-committee-parliamentarians.html>. The Secretariat also publishes information concerning travel and hospitality expenses, reclassification of positions, and contracts over \$10,000 at <https://open.canada.ca/en>.

TRAINING AND AWARENESS

All Secretariat employees are aware that the Secretariat is subject to the ATIA and are aware of their obligations pursuant to s.16.6 of the ATIA.

POLICIES, GUIDELINES, PROCEDURES AND INITIATIVES

Pursuant to s. 20 of the NSICOP Act, the Committee adopted comprehensive internal procedures for the Committee and the Secretariat to follow in the exercise of the Committee's powers or the performance of its duties and functions. Those procedures refer to the obligations of the Secretariat in processing ATIA requests.

SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES AND ACTIONS TAKEN ON COMPLAINTS OR AUDITS

There were no complaints, audits or investigations during the reporting period.

MONITORING COMPLIANCE

There is no requirement for specific monitoring of ATIA requests. The Executive Director and the Director of Operations are aware of all requests as soon as received and closely monitor their progress and treatment.



Statistical Report on the *Access to Information Act*

Name of institution: National Security and Intelligence Committee of Parliamentarians

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
• Outstanding from previous reporting period	0	
• Outstanding from more than one reporting period	0	
Total		1
Closed during reporting period		1
Carried over to next reporting period		0
• Carried over within legislated timeline	0	
• Carried over beyond legislated timeline	0	

1.2 Sources of requests

Source	Number of Requests
Media	0
Academia	0
Business (private sector)	0
Organization	0
Public	1
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
• Outstanding from previous reporting period	0	
• Outstanding from more than one reporting period	0	
Total		0

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)	0	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)	0
13(1)(e)	0	16(3)	0	18.1(1)(a)	0	21(1)(b)	0
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	1				
16(1)(b)	0	17	0				
16(1)(c)	0						
16(1)(d)	0						

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

4.3 Exclusions

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

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

4.5.2 Relevant pages processed per request disposition for paper and e-record formats by size of requests

Disposition	Less Than 100 Pages Processed		100-500 Pages Processed		501-1000 Pages Processed		1001-5000 Pages Processed		More Than 5000 Pages Processed	
	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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All exempted	1	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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

4.5.3 Relevant minutes processed and disclosed for audio 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 audio formats by size of requests

Disposition	Less Than 60 Minutes Processed		60 - 120 Minutes Processed		More than 120 Minutes Processed	
	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

4.5.6 Relevant minutes processed per request disposition for video formats by size of requests

Disposition	Less Than 60 Minutes Processed		60 - 120 Minutes Processed		More than 120 Minutes Processed	
	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

4.5.7 Other complexities

Disposition	Consultation Required	Legal Advice Sought	Other	Total
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
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	0	0	0	0

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

Number of requests closed past the legislated timelines	Principal Reason			
	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

Disposition of Requests Where an Extension Was Taken	9(1)(a) Interference With Operations/ Workload	9(1)(b) Consultation		9(1)(c) Third-Party Notice
		Section 69	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
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	0	0

5.2 Length of extensions

Length of Extensions	9(1)(a) Interference With Operations/ Workload	9(1)(b) Consultation		9(1)(c) Third-Party Notice
		Section 69	Other	
30 days or less	0	0	0	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	0	0

Section 6: Fees

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

Section 8: Completion Time of Consultations on Cabinet Confidences

8.1 Requests with Legal Services

Number of Days	Fewer Than 100 Pages Processed		100-500 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

8.2 Requests with Privy Council Office

Number of Days	Fewer Than 100 Pages Processed		100-500 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	2	14	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	2	14	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

Section 37(1) Initial Reports			Section 37(2) Final Reports		
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		\$3,706
Overtime		\$0
Goods and Services		\$0
• Professional services contracts	\$0	
• Other	\$0	
Total		\$3,706

11.2 Human Resources

Resources	Person Years Dedicated to Access to Information Activities
Full-time employees	0.050
Part-time and casual employees	0.000
Regional staff	0.000
Consultants and agency personnel	0.000
Students	0.000
Total	0.050

Note: Enter values to three decimal places.