Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency

2023-2024 Annual Report on the Access to Information Act







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REPORT ON THE ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT

1. Introduction

The Access to Information Act (hereinafter the Act) enhances the accountability and transparency of federal government institutions to promote an open and democratic society, and to enable public debate on the conduct of those institutions. Part 1 of the Act provides the right of access to information found within federal government institutions records, subject to certain specific and limited exceptions. Part 2 of the Act sets out requirements for the proactive publication of various types of information located within federal government institutions that are of interest to the public.

This report is prepared in accordance with section 94 of the Act, which requires that the head of the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA) prepare, for tabling in Parliament, an annual report on the administration of the Act. This report is also prepared and tabled in accordance with section 20 of the *Service Fees Act*.

ACOA's mandate is to create opportunities for economic growth in Atlantic Canada by helping businesses become more competitive, innovative and productive, by working with diverse communities to develop and diversify local economies, and by championing the strengths of Atlantic Canada. Additional information is available on ACOA's website (https://www.canada.ca/en/atlantic-canada-opportunities.html).

2. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

The Access to Information and Privacy (ATIP) Directorate oversees the administration of the *Access to Information Act* and the *Privacy Act*. It consists of a director (ATIP coordinator), an ATIP analyst and a support staff member located at ACOA's head office in Moncton, N.B. The ATIP Directorate is responsible for processing all access and privacy requests and for the development, coordination and implementation of effective policies, guidelines and procedures to manage the Agency's compliance with the ATIP acts.

The ATIP Directorate also oversees compliance with the proactive publication requirements in partnership with Agency leads and reviews various documents before publication to ensure that they do not contain information that would be subject to exemption or exclusion under the Act. During this reporting period, the ATIP Directorate also reviewed records prepared in response to 105 written parliamentary questions.

ACOA ensures compliance with the legislation through a collaboration between the ATIP Directorate and the branch and regional levels. Each sector and corporate branch has a liaison officer (generally reporting to the deputy minister or an assistant deputy minister) who coordinates the records-retrieval process.

The Agency did not enter into any service agreements with another government institution under section 96 of the Act during the reporting period.

3. DELEGATION ORDER

For the purpose of the *Access to Information Act*, the President delegated full authority to the Vice-President, Finance and Corporate Services and Corporate Secretary, and partial authority to the ATIP Coordinator.

A copy of the signed delegation instrument for the *Access to Information Act* is attached as Annex A.

4. Performance 2023-2024

The following information is provided to assist the reader in interpreting the information reported in <u>Annex B</u> and <u>Annex C</u>.

Number of requests received and closed

The Agency received 25 requests in 2023-2024, a slight increase from the previous year when 21 requests were received.

A total of 27 requests were closed, which included 3 outstanding requests from 2022-2023. One request was carried over to the next reporting period and is still within legislated timelines.

The following table shows the trend in the number of requests, by source, over the last 10 fiscal years.

| SOURCE | 2014- 2015 | 2015- 2016 | 2016- 2017 | 2017- 2018 | 2018- 2019 | 2019- 2020 | 2020- 2021 | 2021- 2022 | 2022- 2023 | 2023- 2024 |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Media | 7 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 9 | 61 | 22 | 5 | 0 | 19 |
| Academia | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| Business | 11 | 11 | 10 | 5 | 4 | 9 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Organization | 4 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 6 | 0 |
| Public | 18 | 11 | 11 | 12 | 8 | 5 | 5 | 9 | 8 | 4 |
| Declined to identify | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 28 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 |
| Total | 42 | 25 | 32 | 23 | 26 | 108 | 47 | 25 | 21 | 25 |

Exemptions and exclusions

As in the last 10 fiscal years, the 3 main exemptions invoked were those related to the sections of the Act pertaining to personal information (section 19), third-party information (section 20)

and the operations of government (section 21). Records relevant to 7 requests contained or referred to Cabinet confidences; therefore, these records were excluded under section 69 of the Act.

Complexities

Records were retrieved in response to 24 of the 27 access requests closed in 2023-2024. No relevant records existed for 2 requests and 1 request was transferred to another department with a greater interest in the requested records. The processing of these requests included the review of 1,104 pages of records, of which 878 pages were disclosed in part or in their entirety. Electronic copies of the records were provided in response to all requests.

The following table provides additional information regarding the pages disclosed.

| Number of Requests | Number of Pages Processed | Total Pages Processed |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 21 | between 1 and 100 pages | 312 |
| 2 | between 101 and 500 pages | 254 |
| 1 | between 501 and 1,000 pages | 538 |
| 0 | between 1,001 and 5,000 pages | 0 |

14 requests required that the Agency initiate consultations, as described below.

- 7 notices to third parties pursuant to section 27 of the Act;
- 8 consultations with other government institutions.

Extensions

The statutory time limit to respond to requests was extended as follows:

| | 9(1)(a) Interference | 9(1)(b) Consultation | | 9(1)(c) | |
|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------|-----------------------|--|
| Length of Extensions | With Operations | Section 69 | Other | Third-Party Notice | |
| 30 days or less | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | |
| 31 to 60 days | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | |
| 61 to 120 days | 0 | 7 | 7 | 3 | |
| 121 to 180 days | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | |
| 181 to 365 days | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 365 days or more | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Total | 0 | 8 | 8 | 6 | |

Extensions were taken pursuant to paragraphs:

- 9(1)(a) where the request was for a large number of records, the request required a search through a large number of records and/or meeting the original time limit would unreasonably interfere with the operations of the Agency;
- **9(1)(b)** where consultations were necessary and could not be completed within the original time limit; and/or
- **9(1)(c)** where notice of the request and of the Agency's intention to disclose information must be given to third parties pursuant to subsection 27(1) of the Act.

Legislated timelines

All requests closed in 2023-2024 were closed within the legislated timelines. The following table provides details on the response times for the past 10 years:

| Fiscal year | No. of responses on time/ | Percentage of responses |
|-------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| | Total no. of requests | provided on time |
| 2014-2015 | 36/42 | 86% |
| 2015-2016 | 20/25 | 80% |
| 2016-2017 | 29/32 | 91% |
| 2017-2018 | 19/23 | 83% |
| 2018-2019 | 16/16 | 100% |
| 2019-2020 | 107/108 | 99% |
| 2020-2021 | 52/53 | 98% |
| 2021-2022 | 27/27 | 100% |
| 2022-2023 | 20/20 | 100% |
| 2023-2024 | 27/27 | 100% |

Completion time and disposition

Among the requests closed in 2023-2024, 12 were completed within 1-30 days, 2 within 31-60 days, 11 within 61-120 days, and 2 within 121-180 days.

Of these requests, records were all disclosed for 8 requests and disclosed in part for 16 requests. No records existed for 2 requests, and 1 request was transferred to another department with a greater interest in the requested records.

Consultations

In 2023-2024, the Agency responded to 14 consultations received from other federal government institutions and provincial governments. These consultations involved the review of 267 pages and were all completed within the required timelines.

5. TRAINING AND AWARENESS ACTIVITIES

The ATIP Directorate provides ongoing advice to Agency officials on the processing of access to information requests and the proactive publication of information as well as the interpretation of the Act to ensure the efficient and consistent application of the Act by the Agency.

Awareness sessions on the requirements of the *Access to Information Act* are made available to all employees of the Agency upon request. Many informal briefings were provided to Agency employees who requested information on the requirements of the Act during the reporting period.

6. Policies, Guidelines, Procedures, and Initiatives

The Agency did not implement any new or revised access to information policies, guidelines or procedures during the reporting period.

7. PROACTIVE PUBLICATION

The ATIP Directorate works in collaboration with departmental officials within the Finance and Corporate Services Branch and the Policy, Programs and Communications Branch to fulfill the proactive disclosure requirements found in Part 2 of the Act. The table below sets out the proactive publication requirements applicable to ACOA and the links to those publications. During the 2023-2024 reporting period, ACOA complied with timelines set out in the Act for proactive publication requirements 96% of the time.

Proactive Publication Requirements Table

| Legislative requirement | Section | Publication timeline | Proactive publication web link |
|-------------------------|---------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Travel expenses | 75, 82 | Within 30 days after the | Government Travel Expenses |
| | | end of the month of | (canada.ca) |
| | | reimbursement | |
| Hospitality expenses | 76, 83 | Within 30 days after the | Search Government Hospitality |
| | | end of the month of | Expenses Open Government - |
| | | reimbursement | Government of Canada |
| Reports tabled in | 84 | Within 30 days after | Open Government Portal |
| Parliament | | tabling | (canada.ca) |
| Contracts over \$10,000 | 77, 86 | Q1-3: Within 30 days | Search Government Contracts |
| | | after the quarter | over \$10,000 (canada.ca) |
| | | | |
| | | Q4: Within 60 days after | |
| | | the quarter | |
| Grants & Contributions | 87 | Within 30 days after the | Grants and Contributions |
| over \$25,000 | | quarter | (canada.ca) |

| | | | · |
|-----------------------------|--------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Packages of briefing | 74(a), | Within 120 days after | Open Government Portal |
| materials prepared for | 88(a) | appointment | (canada.ca) |
| new or incoming ministers, | | | |
| deputy heads or | | | |
| equivalent | | | |
| Titles and reference | 74(b), | Within 30 days after the | Briefing Note Titles and |
| numbers of memoranda | 88(b) | end of the month | Numbers (canada.ca) |
| prepared for the minister, | | received | |
| a deputy head or | | | |
| equivalent, that is | | | |
| received by their office | | | |
| Package of question | 74(c) | Within 30 days after last | Question Period Notes |
| period notes prepared by | | sitting day of the House | (canada.ca) |
| a government institution | | of Common in June and | |
| for the minister and in use | | December | |
| on the last sitting day of | | | |
| the House of Commons in | | | |
| June and December | | | |
| Packages of briefing | 74(d), | Within 120 days after | Open Government Portal |
| materials prepared for a | 88(c) | appearance | (canada.ca) |
| minister, deputy head or | | | |
| equivalent's appearance | | | Open Government Portal |
| before a committee of | | | (canada.ca) |
| Parliament | | | |
| Reclassification of | 85 | Within 30 days after the | Search Government Position |
| positions | | quarter | Reclassifications Open |
| | | - | Government - Government of |
| | | | <u>Canada</u> |

8. COMPLAINTS AND AUDITS

Requesters may register a complaint with the Office of the Information Commissioner regarding any matter related to the processing of their request.

There were no complaints received from the Office of the Information Commissioner pursuant to Section 32 during the reporting period concerning the administration of the Act. The Information Commissioner issued a final report on a complaint submitted against the Agency in 2016-2017, concluding that the complaint was not well founded.

No audits were conducted during the reporting period.

9. FEES

The Service Fees Act requires a responsible authority to report annually to Parliament on the fees collected by the institution.

With respect to fees collected under the *Access to Information Act*, the information below is reported in accordance with the requirements of section 20 of the *Service Fees Act*.

- Enabling authority: Access to Information Act.
- Fee payable: \$5.00 application fee is the only fee charged for an ATI request.
- Total revenue: Fees totalling \$70 were collected for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.
- Fees waived or refunded: Fees totalling \$55 were waived in 2023-2024.
- Cost of operating the program: The total cost of administering the *Access to Information Act* in 2023-2024 was \$244,454.

10. MONITORING

The ATIP Directorate regularly monitors the timeliness and trends associated with the processing of requests through ongoing communication with departmental officials. This includes weekly status reports and discussions with communications, regional and ministerial liaison offices.

ANNEX A

Access to Information Act and Privacy Act Delegation Order

Pursuant to section 95 of the Access to Information Act and to section 73 of the Privacy Act, the President hereby designates the persons holding the positions set out in the schedule hereto, or the persons occupying on an acting basis those positions, to exercise the powers and functions of the President as the head of the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency under the provisions of the Acts and related regulations set out in the schedule opposite each position. This Delegation Order supersedes all previous delegation orders.

Schedule

| Position | Access to Information Act and Regulations | Privacy Act and Regulations |
|--|---|--|
| Vice-President, Finance and Corporate Services and Corporate Secretary | Full authority | Full authority |
| Coordinator, Access to Information and Privacy | Limited authority (full authority excluding authority to give access to records) | Limited authority (full authority excluding authority to give access to records) |

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President

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Date

ANNEX B

Statistical Report on the *Access to Information Act*

Name of institution: Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency

Reporting period: April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024

Section 1: Requests Under the Access to Information Act

1.1 Number of requests

| | | Number of Requests |
|---|----|--------------------|
| Received during reporting period | 25 | |
| Outstanding from previous reporting period | | 3 |
| Outstanding from previous reporting period | 3 | |
| Outstanding from more than one reporting period | 0 | |
| Total | | 28 |
| Closed during reporting period | | 27 |
| Carried over to next reporting period | | 1 |
| Carried over within legislated timeline | 1 | |
| Carried over beyond legislated timeline | 0 | |

1.2 Sources of requests

| Source | Number of Requests |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Media | 19 |
| Academia | 0 |
| Business (private sector) | 0 |
| Organization | 0 |
| Public | 4 |
| Declined to identify | 2 |
| Total | 25 |

1.3 Channels of requests

| Source | Number of Requests |
|-----------|--------------------|
| Online | 24 |
| E-mail | 0 |
| Mail | 1 |
| In person | 0 |
| Phone | 0 |
| Fax | 0 |
| Total | 25 |

Section 2: Informal requests

2.1 Number of informal requests

| | | Number of Requests |
|---|----|--------------------|
| Received during reporting period | 31 | |
| Outstanding from previous reporting period | | 0 |
| Outstanding from previous reporting period | 0 | |
| Outstanding from more than one reporting period | 0 | |
| Total | | 31 |
| Closed during reporting period | | 31 |
| Carried over to next reporting period | | 0 |

2.2 Channels of informal requests

| Source | Number of Requests |
|-----------|--------------------|
| Online | 31 |
| E-mail | 0 |
| Mail | 0 |
| In person | 0 |
| Phone | 0 |
| Fax | 0 |
| Total | 31 |

2.3 Completion time of informal requests

| Completion Time | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| 16 to 30 31 to 60 61 to 120 121 to 180 181 to 365 More Than | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 to 15 Days | l to 15 Days Days Days Days Days 365 Days | | | | | | | | |
| 21 8 2 0 0 0 | | | | | | | | | |

2.4 Pages released informally

| Less Than 1 Relea | • | 100-500 Relea | • | 501-1000 Pages Released | | 1001-500 Relea | • | More That Pages Re | |
|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Number of Requests | Pages Released | Number of Requests | Pages Released | Number of Pages Requests 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

| Less Than Re-rel | • | | Pages Re- ased | 501-1000 Pages Re- released | | | | eased released 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 | |
| 21 | 319 | 8 | 1485 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2286 | 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

| | | Completion Time | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|---------|-----------------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|-------|--|--|
| | 1 to 15 | 16 to 30 | 31 to 60 | 61 to 120 | 121 to | 181 to | More Than | | | |
| Disposition of Requests | Days | Days | Days | Days | 180 Days | 365 Days | 365 Days | Total | | |
| All disclosed | 1 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | | |
| Disclosed in part | 0 | 2 | 1 | 11 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 16 | | |
| All exempted | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| All excluded | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| No records exist | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | | |
| Request transferred | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | | |
| Request abandoned | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Neither confirmed nor | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| denied | | | | | | | | | | |
| Decline to act with the | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| approval of the | | | | | | | | | | |
| Information | | | | | | | | | | |
| Commissioner | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 3 | 9 | 2 | 11 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 27 | | |

4.2 Exemptions

| Section | Number of | Section | Number of | Section | Number of | Saction | Number of |
|---------------|-----------|---|-----------|------------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| | Requests | | Requests | | Requests | Section | Requests |
| 13(1)(a) | 0 | 16(2) | 0 | 18(a) | 0 | 20.1 | 0 |
| 13(1)(b) | 0 | 16(2)(a) | 0 | 18(b) | 2 | 20.2 | 0 |
| 13(1)(c) | 2 | 16(2)(b) | 0 | 18(c) | 0 | 20.4 | 0 |
| 13(1)(d) | 0 | 16(2)(c) | 1 | 18(d) | 1 | 21(1)(a) | 6 |
| 13(1)(e) | 0 | 16(3) | 0 | 18.1(1)(a) | 0 | 21(1)(b) | 14 |
| 14 | 4 | 16.1(1)(a) | 0 | 18.1(1)(b) | 0 | 21(1)(c) | 12 |
| 14(a) | 2 | 16.1(1)(b) | 0 | 18.1(1)(c) | 0 | 21(1)(d) | 0 |
| 14(b) | 2 | 16.1(1)(c) | 0 | 18.1(1)(d) | 0 | 22 | 0 |
| 15(1) | 1 | 16.1(1)(d) | 0 | 19(1) | 5 | 22.1(1) | 0 |
| 15(1) - | 0 | 16 2/1) | 0 | 20/1\/a\ | 0 | 23 | 2 |
| I.A.* | U | 16.2(1) | U | 20(1)(a) | U | | 2 |
| 15(1) - | 0 | 16.3 | 0 | 20/1\/h\ | 8 | 23.1 | 0 |
| Def.* | U | 16.5 | U | 20(1)(b) | 0 | | U |
| 15(1) - | 0 | 16.31 | 0 | 20/1)/h 1) | 0 | 24(1) | 0 |
| S.A.* | U | 10.31 | U | 20(1)(b.1) | U | | U |
| 16(1)(a)(i) | 0 | 16.4(1)(a) | 0 | 20(1)(c) | 3 | 26 | 0 |
| 16(1)(a)(ii) | 0 | 16.4(1)(b) | 0 | 20(1)(d) | 3 | | |
| 16(1)(a)(iii) | 0 | 16.5 | 0 | | | _ | |
| 16(1)(b) | 0 | 0 16.6 0 | | | | | |
| 16(1)(c) | 0 | 17 | 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) | 4 |
| 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) | 1 |
| 68.1 | 0 | 69(1)(c) | 0 | 69(1)(g) re (d) | 2 |
| 68.2(a) | 0 | 69(1)(d) | 0 | 69(1)(g) re (e) | 1 |
| 68.2(b) | 0 | 69(1)(e) | 0 | 69(1)(g) re (f) | 1 |
| | | 69(1)(f) | 0 | 69.1(1) | 0 |

Activities

4.4 Format of information released

| Paper | | Other | | | |
|-------|----------|-------|---|---|---|
| | E-record | | | | |
| 0 | 23 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

4.5 Complexity

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

| Number of Pages Processed | Number of Pages Disclosed | Number of Requests |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1,104 | 878 | 24 |

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

| | Less Th | an 100 | 100-500 Pages | | 501-1,000 Pages | | 1,001-5,000 | | More Than 5,000 | | |
|---|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--|
| | Pages Pr | Pages Processed | | Processed | | Processed | | Pages Processed | | Pages Processed | |
| Disposition | Number of Requests | Pages Processed | |
| All disclosed | 8 | 44 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Disclosed in part | 13 | 268 | 2 | 254 | 1 | 538 | 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 | 21 | 312 | 2 | 254 | 1 | 538 | 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 audio formats by size of requests

| | Less Than 60 Minutes Processed | | 60-120 Minutes Processed | | More than 120 Minutes Processed | |
|---|--------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|-----------|------------------------------------|-----------|
| | Number of | Minutes | Number of | Minutes | Number of | Minutes |
| Disposition | Requests | Processed | Requests | Processed | Requests | 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

| | Less Than 60 Minutes | | 60-120 N | /linutes | More than 1 | 20 Minutes | |
|--|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|------------|--|
| | Proc | Processed | | Processed | | Processed | |
| | Number of | Minutes | Number of | Minutes | Number of | Minutes | |
| Disposition | Requests | Processed | Requests | Processed | Requests | 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 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Disclosed in part | 12 | 1 | 0 | 13 |
| 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 | 13 | 1 | 0 | 14 |

4.6 Closed requests

4.6.1 Number of requests closed within legislated timelines

| Number of requests closed within legislated timelines | 27 |
|---|-----|
| 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) Interference | 9(1)(b) Consultation | | |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------|--------------------------------|
| Disposition of Requests Where an Extension Was Taken | With Operations | Section 69 | Other | 9(1)(c) Third- Party Notice |
| All disclosed | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Disclosed in part | 0 | 8 | 8 | 5 |
| 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 | 8 | 8 | 6 |

5.2 Length of extensions

| | 9(1)(a) Interference | 9(1)(b) Consultation | | 9(1)(c) |
|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------|-----------------------|
| Length of Extensions | With Operations | Section 69 | Other | Third-Party Notice |
| 30 days or less | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| 31 to 60 days | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 61 to 120 days | 0 | 7 | 7 | 3 |
| 121 to 180 days | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 181 to 365 days | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 365 days or more | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 0 | 8 | 8 | 6 |

Section 6: Fees

| | Fee Coll | ected | Fee Waived | | Fee Refu | ınded |
|-------------|-----------|---------|------------|---------|-----------|--------|
| | Number of | | Number of | | Number of | Amount |
| Fee Type | Requests | Amount | Requests | Amount | Requests | |
| Application | 14 | \$70.00 | 11 | \$55.00 | 0 | \$0.00 |
| Other fees | 0 | \$0.00 | 0 | \$0.00 | 0 | \$0.00 |
| Total | 14 | \$70.00 | 11 | \$55.00 | 0 | \$0.00 |

Section 7: Consultations Received From Other Institutions and Organizations

7.1 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 | 12 | 261 | 2 | 6 |
| Outstanding from the previous reporting period | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 12 | 261 | 2 | 6 |
| Closed during the reporting period | 12 | 261 | 2 | 6 |
| 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

| | Nun | Number of Days Required to Complete Consultation Requests | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|------|---|-------|-------|--------|--------|----------|-------|--|--|
| | 1 to | 16 to | 31 to | 61 to | 121 to | 181 to | More | | | |
| | 15 | 30 | 60 | 120 | 180 | 365 | Than 365 | | | |
| Recommendation | Days | Days | Days | Days | Days | Days | Days | Total | | |
| Disclose entirely | 11 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | | |
| 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 | 11 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | | |

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

| | Num | Number of Days Required to Complete Consultation Requests | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|---------|---|-------|-------|--------|--------|----------|-------|--|
| | | 16 to | 31 to | 61 to | 121 to | 181 to | More | | |
| | 1 to 15 | 30 | 60 | 120 | 180 | 365 | Than 365 | | |
| Recommendation | Days | Days | Days | Days | Days | Days | Days | Total | |
| Disclose entirely | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | |
| 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 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | |

Section 8: Completion Time of Consultations on Cabinet Confidences

8.1 Requests with Legal Services

| | Fewer Than 100 | | | 100-500 Pages | | 501-1,000 Pages | | 1,001-5,000 Pages | | More Than 5,000 | |
|----------|----------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|-----------------|--|
| | Pages Pro | | Proce | | Proce | | Proce | | | | |
| Number | Number of | . 0 | Number of | . 0 | Number of | . 0 | Number of | . 0 | Number of | - 0 | |
| of Days | Requests | Disclosed | Requests | Disclosed | Requests | Disclosed | Requests | Disclosed | Requests | Disclosed | |
| 1 to 15 | 6 | 22 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 16 to 30 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 31 to 60 | 1 | 21 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 61 to | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 120 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 121 to | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 180 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 181 to | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 365 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| More | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| than | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 365 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 8 | 48 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |

8.2 Requests with Privy Council Office

| | Fewer Than 100 Pages | | 100-500 Pages | | 501-1,000 Pages | | 1,001-5,000 Pages | | More Than 5,000 | |
|------------|----------------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|
| | Proces | ssed | Proce | ssed | Processed | | Processed | | Pages Processed | |
| Number of | Number of | Pages | Number of | Pages | Number of | Pages | Number of | Pages | Number of | Pages |
| Days | Requests | Disclosed | Requests | Disclosed | Requests | Disclosed | Requests | Disclosed | Requests | 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 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 365 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 | Subsection 30(5) | Section 35 Formal |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| intention to investigate | Ceased to investigate | representations |
| 0 | 0 | 1 |

9.2 Investigations and Reports 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 | 1 | 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 | | \$243,389 |
| Overtime | | \$0 |
| Goods and Services | | \$1,065 |
| Professional services contracts | \$0 | |
| • Other | \$1,065 | |
| Total | | \$244,454 |

11.2 Human Resources

| Resources | Person Years Dedicated to Access to Information Activities |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Full-time employees | 2.850 |
| Part-time and casual employees | 0.000 |
| Regional staff | 0.000 |
| Consultants and agency personnel | 0.000 |
| Students | 0.000 |
| Total | 2.850 |

ANNEX C

Supplemental Statistical Report on the Access to Information Act and Privacy Act

Name of institution: Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency

Reporting period: April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024

Section 1: Open Requests and Complaints Under the *Access to Information Act*

1.1 Enter the number of open requests that are outstanding from previous reporting periods.

| Fiscal Year Open Requests Were Received | Open Requests that are Within Legislated Timelines as of March 31, 2024 | Open Requests that are Beyond Legislated Timelines as of March 31, 2024 | Total |
|--|---|---|-------|
| Received in 2023-24 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Received in 2022-23 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Received in 2021-22 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Received in 2020-21 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Received in 2019-20 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Received in 2018-19 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Received in 2017-18 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Received in 2016-17 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Received in 2015-16 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Received in 2014-15 or earlier | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 1 | 0 | 1 |

1.2 Enter the number of open complaints with the Information Commissioner of Canada that are outstanding from previous reporting periods.

| Fiscal Year Open Complaints Were Received by Institution | Number of Open Complaints |
|--|---------------------------|
| Received in 2023-24 | 0 |
| Received in 2022-23 | 0 |
| Received in 2021-22 | 0 |
| Received in 2020-21 | 0 |

| Received in 2019-20 | 0 |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Received in 2018-19 | 0 |
| Received in 2017-18 | 0 |
| Received in 2016-17 | 0 |
| Received in 2015-16 | 0 |
| Received in 2014-15 or earlier | 0 |
| Total | 0 |

Section 2: Open Requests and Complaints Under the *Privacy Act*

2.1 Enter the number of open requests that are outstanding from previous reporting periods.

| Fiscal Year Open Requests Were Received | Open Requests that are Within Legislated Timelines as of March 31, 2024 | Open Requests that are Beyond Legislated Timelines as of March 31, 2024 | Total |
|--|---|--|-------|
| Received in 2023-24 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Received in 2022-23 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Received in 2021-22 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Received in 2020-21 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Received in 2019-20 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Received in 2018-19 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Received in 2017-18 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Received in 2016-17 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Received in 2015-16 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Received in 2014-15 or earlier | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 0 | 0 | 0 |

2.2 Enter the number of open complaints with the Privacy Commissioner of Canada that are outstanding from previous reporting periods.

| Fiscal Year Open Complaints Were Received by Institution | Number of Open Complaints |
|--|---------------------------|
| Received in 2023-24 | 0 |
| Received in 2022-23 | 0 |
| Received in 2021-22 | 0 |

| Received in 2020-21 | 0 |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Received in 2019-20 | 0 |
| Received in 2018-19 | 0 |
| Received in 2017-18 | 0 |
| Received in 2016-17 | 0 |
| Received in 2015-16 | 0 |
| Received in 2014-15 or earlier | 0 |
| Total | 0 |

Section 3 : Social Insurance Number

| Has your institution begun a new collection or a new consistent use of the SIN in 2023-24? | No |
|--|----|
|--|----|

Section 4: Universal Access under the Privacy Act

| How many requests were received from foreign nationals outside of Canada in 2023-24? | 0 |
|--|---|
|--|---|