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Abstract

This report is submitted pursuant to Section 72 of the *Privacy Act* (PA) and outlines Environment and Climate Change Canada's (ECCC) administration of the Act during the 2025-26 reporting period, from April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026.

During the reporting period, ECCC received 65 requests under the PA and completed 83 requests, including some which were outstanding from the previous fiscal year (2024-25).

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Introduction

The PA (R.S.C. 1985, c. A-1) was proclaimed into force on July 1, 1983. Section 72 of the Act requires every head of a federal government institution to submit a report to Parliament on the administration of the Act within their institution during the fiscal year.

This report is submitted to Parliament in accordance with Section 72 of the PA. It provides an overview of the activities undertaken by ECCC in administering the PA during the reporting period of April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026.

Purpose of the Acts

The *Access to Information Act* (ATIA) 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 records under the control of federal government institutions, subject to specific and limited exceptions. Part 2 of the Act sets out requirements for the proactive publication of various types of information held by federal government institutions that is of public interest. The ATIA complements but does not replace existing channels of communications within federal government institutions.

The PA protects the privacy of individuals with respect to their personal information. The Act establishes rules governing the collection, use, retention, disposal and disclosure of personal information by federal government institutions. It also provides individuals with the right of access to their personal information held by those institutions.

About ECCC

The department of ECCC was established by the *Government Reorganization Act* (1970-71-72, c. 42) on June 10, 1971. Several acts and regulations provide the Department with its mandate and allow it to carry out its programs. Under the *Department of the Environment Act,* the powers, duties and functions of the Minister of the ECCC extend to and include matters relating to:

- the preservation and enhancement of the quality of the natural environment, including water, air and soil quality;
- renewable resources, including migratory birds and other non-domestic flora and fauna;
- water;
- meteorology;
- the enforcement of any rules or regulations made by the International Joint Commission relating to boundary waters; and
- the coordination of the policies and programs of the Government of Canada respecting the preservation and enhancement of the quality of the natural environment.

With offices from coast to coast, ECCC's main office is in the National Capital Region. The department is also comprised of the Atlantic and Quebec Regions, Ontario Region, and West and North Regions.

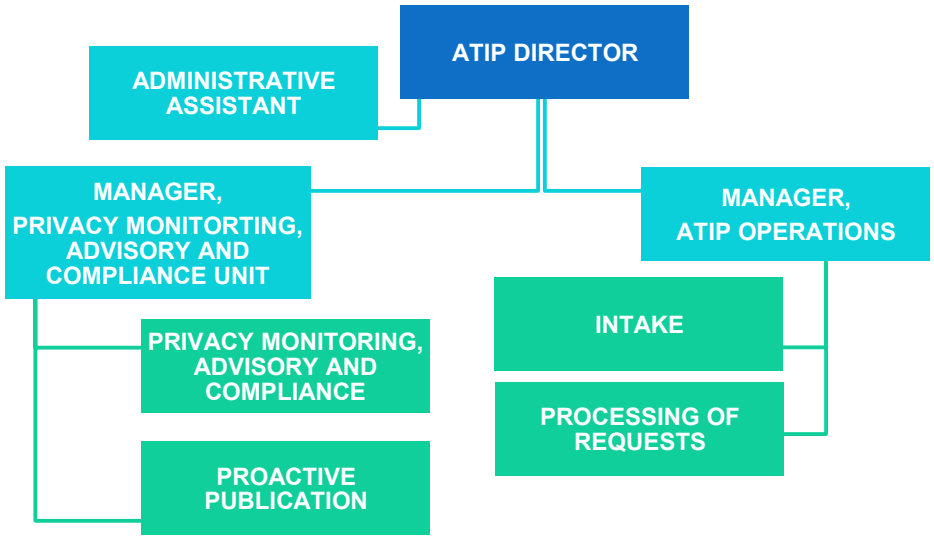
For more information about our department, please visit our website.

Organizational Structure

The Director of the Access to Information and Privacy (ATIP) division serves as ECCC's Access to Information and Privacy Coordinator and has been delegated authority for the administration of the ATIP legislation. The ATIP division, which is part of the Parliamentary Affairs, Information and Privacy Directorate within the Public Affairs and Communications Branch, acts as the department's central coordinating body for all requests received under these Acts and provides expert advice on ATIP legislation throughout ECCC.

The ATIP Division is the focal point for the administration, application and promotion of the ATIA and the PA within ECCC. The division plays an oversight role to ensure compliance with both Acts and provides advice, guidance and recommendations to senior management on the implementation. The division is also responsible for preparing statutory reports to Parliament, the Treasury Board Secretariat (TBS), and senior management. In addition, it represents the department in complaints and investigations conducted by the Office of the Information Commissioner of Canada (OIC), and the Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada (OPC), as well as in Federal Court proceedings arising from ATIP matters.

The ATIP division is organized into two functional areas: the Operations Unit and the Privacy Monitoring, Advisory and Compliance Unit (PMACU). Each unit is led by a manager who reports to the ATIP Director. As of March 31, 2026, ATIP division comprised a total of 18 full-time employees. To help meet the increase in volume and complexity of requests, the division contracted six consultants during the reporting period.



Operations Unit

The Operations Unit coordinates the management and processing of all ECCC requests under the ATIA and the PA. The unit performs a line-by-line review of records to support various disclosures including the appropriate sharing of investigation reports. The unit also serves as liaison between the department and the OIC and the OPC on complaints related to requests under the Acts. The Operations Unit consists of a manager, three team leaders, two senior advisors, one advisor, six analysts, and an administrative officer and a clerical assistant.

Privacy Monitoring, Advisory and Compliance Unit

The Privacy Monitoring, Advisory and Compliance Unit (PMACU) serves as the focal point for privacy expertise within ECCC. The unit leads the horizontal implementation of the department's privacy framework and conducts risk analyses, including PIAs and privacy protocols for non-administrative purposes. It provides privacy compliance advice and support to ECCC's programs and services and plays a key role in the prevention, management and reporting of privacy breaches.

PMACU also works collaboratively with departmental officials to ensure compliance with the proactive publication requirements set out in Part 2 of the ATIA. The unit develops privacy policies, directives, procedures, privacy guidance materials and tools while also delivering privacy awareness and training activities. Furthermore, PMACU provides performance and workload reporting to senior management and contributes to the preparation of the Annual Reports to Parliament. The unit consists of one manager, one senior privacy advisor and two privacy analysts.

Capacity Development

ECCC remains committed to recruiting, developing and retaining a highly skilled workforce to ensure the continued delivery of high-quality services to both internal and external clients.

To support this commitment, ECCC continues to invest incapacity building through its ATIP Professional Development Program. The program is designed to develop ATIP professionals over a period of three to five years through a combination of competency-based learning, formal training, professional development opportunities, and progressively challenging work assignments. Participants enter the program at the PM-01 or PM-02 level and, upon successful completion, may advance to the PM-04 level as senior ATIP advisors.

The program also enables the ATIP division to respond more effectively to increasing workloads while supporting succession planning and knowledge transfer. By fostering the development and retention of specialized expertise, it helps preserve corporate knowledge and promotes employee engagement and career growth within the department.

Access to Information and Privacy Communities Development Office (APCDO) Membership

APCDO was established to strengthen capacity across the federal ATIP community. ECCC's ATIP division actively supports APCDO initiatives, including participation and professional development activities.

During the reporting period, ECCC's ATIP Coordinator contributed to APCDO recruitment activities and participated in the presentation of APCDO's annual plan to the Assistant Deputy Minister Access to Information and Openness Committee.

Through its focus on recruitment, retention, learning, networking, and partnerships, APCDO supports the long-term sustainability of the ATIP community while fostering diversity, inclusion, accessibility, and collaboration across federal institutions.

Capacity to Receive and Process Records in 2025–2026

ECCC may receive requests by mail, email and online through the Government of Canada ATIP Online Request System.

Delegation of Authority

Decision-making responsibility for the application of the various provisions of the ATIP legislation has been formally established and is outlined in the departmental Delegation of Authority Instrument found in Appendix A of this report.

The Delegation Order in effect during the reporting period was approved by the Honorable Julie Dabrusin, Minister of ECCC, on May 8, 2026.

Interpretation of the Statistical Report

ECCC's Statistical Report on the PA is included in Appendix B of this report.

During the 2025-26 reporting period, ECCC received 65 new requests under the PA. Combined with 74 requests carried forward from previous reporting periods, for a total of 139 active requests subject to processing during the 2025-26 reporting period.

In 2025-26, a total of 83 requests were processed. For which 56 were carried forward in the next reporting period, including seven carried forward within legislative timelines and 49 beyond legislative timelines.

Of the 65 requests received, 60 were received online, submitted through the ATIP Online Request Service, three were received by e-mail and two requests were received by mail.

Trends

ECCC received six less requests under the PA in 2025–26 than in the previous fiscal year; this represents a decrease of approximately eight percent (8%) in the number of privacy requests received.

The number of requests under the PA received by ECCC from 2021–22 to 2025–26 is represented in figure 1.

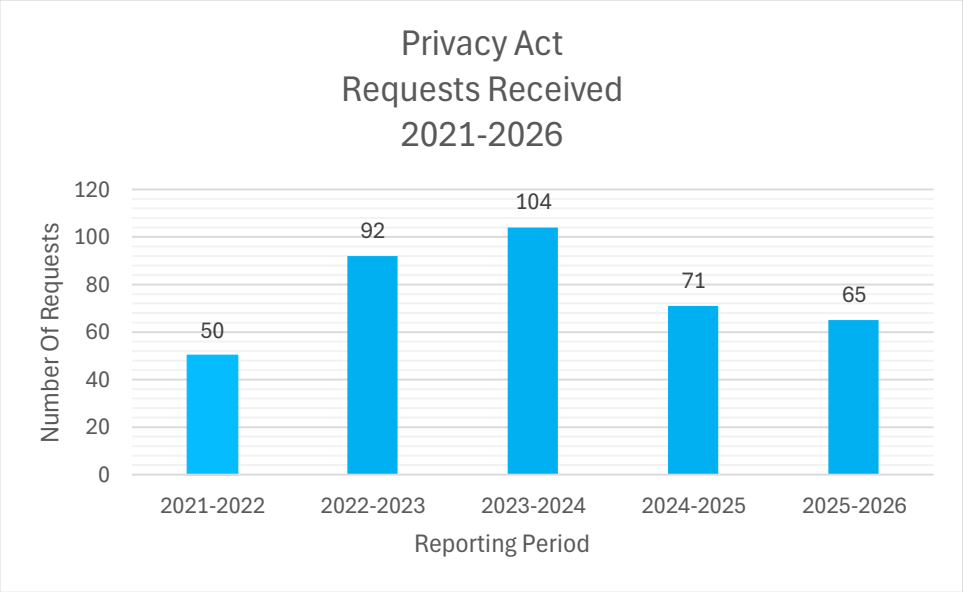


Figure 1

ECCC completed 83 requests under the PA in 2025–26. Overall, 39 of the privacy requests completed this fiscal year were closed within the legislative timelines. This represents a 47% compliance rate.

Figure 2 displays the number of requests under the PA completed by ECCC from the 2021–22 to the 2025–26 fiscal year.

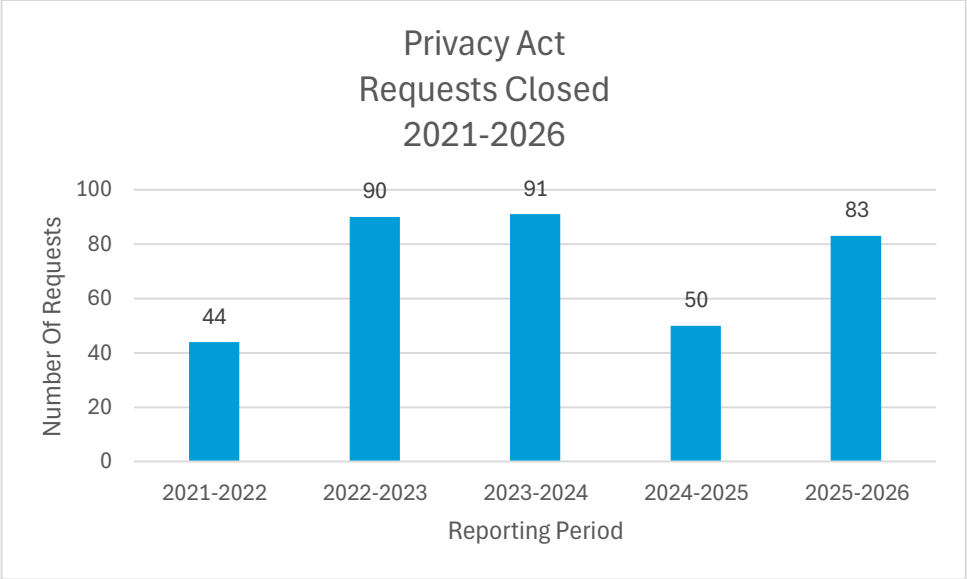


Figure 2

Figure 3 shows the number of pages processed by the ATIP division in response to requests under the PA from 2021–22 to 2025–26.

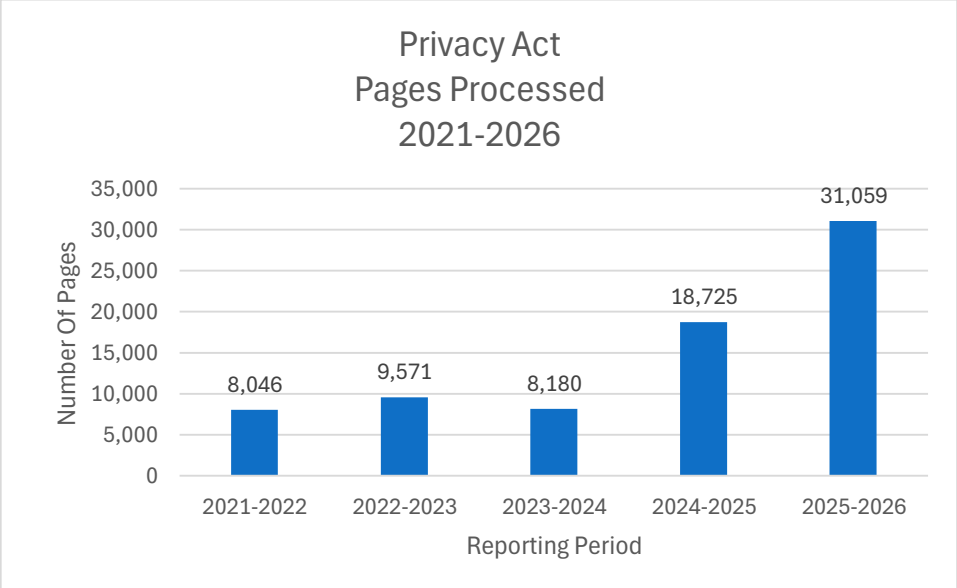


Figure 3

During the 2025–26 reporting period, a total of 31,059 pages of records were retrieved and reviewed in response to 72 privacy requests. This represents an increase of 63% from the previous fiscal year. Of these 72 requests, seven percent (7%) were all disclosed, 47% were disclosed in part, one percent (1%) were all exempted, 44% were abandoned, and one percent (1%) were neither confirmed nor denied.

The number of pages disclosed by the ATIP division in processing requests under the PA from 2021–22 to 2025–26 is found in figure 4.

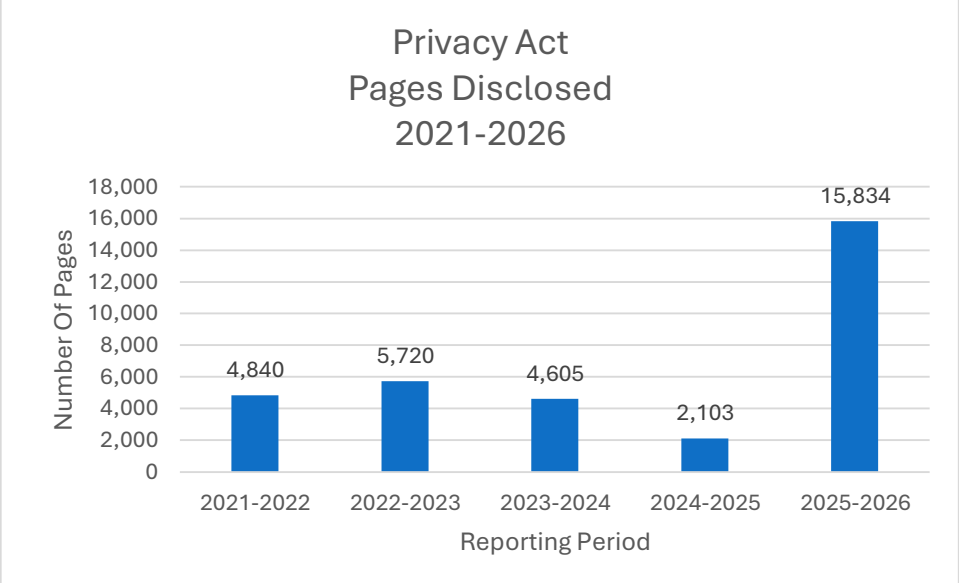


Figure 4

Corrections

Paragraph 12(2)(a) of the PA provides individuals with the right to request correction of their personal information held by the federal government institutions.

No requests for correction were processed in the 2025–26 reporting period.

Disclosure under Subsection 8(2)

Paragraphs 8(2)(e), (f), (g), and (m) of the PA permit the disclosure of personal information to various investigative bodies and Members of Parliament. Disclosure is also permitted in the public interest.

No disclosures pursuant to subsection 8(2), including pursuant to paragraph 8(2)(m), were completed in the 2025–26 reporting period.

Exemptions invoked

The department used exemptions 25 times under the PA for 83 requests. Section 26 was invoked most often (34 requests), which exempts personal information relating to individuals other than the applicant, followed by section 27 (six requests), which exempts information relating to solicitor-client privilege, and section 22(1)(a)(iii) (two requests) which exempts personal

information obtained or prepared by an investigative body in the course of lawful investigations relating to activities suspected of constituting threats to the security of Canada.

Exclusions cited

No information was excluded under the PA during the 2025-26 reporting period.

Consultations

In 2025–26, ECCC did not receive internal or external consultations under the PA.

Monitoring Compliance

The ATIP division engaged departmental officials at various levels to ensure that privacy requests were processed efficiently and within legislated timelines.

The ATIP Director met regularly with managers and team leaders to review performance data and address operational challenges. ATIP analysts were responsible for processing and monitoring requests and associated timelines through bilateral meetings with management to obtain guidance towards addressing complex issues and ensuring compliance with legislative requirements.

In delivering its mandate, ECCC participates in numerous horizontal initiatives involving federal institutions.

To further support the timely processing of requests, the ATIP division continues to collaborate with program areas to streamline consultations both within ECCC and with other government institutions.

The division also collaborates in the development of tools, guidance material, and internal policies to promote awareness, support compliance, and strengthen the administration of the legislation across the department.

In addition, the division enhanced its collaborative efforts with the departmental Legal Services Branch concerning interrelated matters. The division also works collaboratively with program areas to ensure that ATIP considerations were appropriately reflected in contracts, MOUs, and information sharing agreements.

Furthermore, to support effective oversight and informed decision-making, the ATIP division produces weekly, monthly, quarterly, and ad hoc reports for senior management on workload, performance, response timelines, branch-level results, and emerging trends. These reporting activities contribute to strengthened accountability, enhanced management oversight, and continued compliance with legislative requirements.

Costs

In the 2025–26 reporting period, the total cost of administering the PA was $575,844. This included $377,033 for salaries and $198,811 for goods and services.

Training Activities

The ATIP division provides daily advice to departmental officials on the processing of ATIP requests as well as the interpretation of the Acts to ensure the efficient and consistent processing of all requests received by the department.

In 2025–26 the ATIP division continued to focus on providing targeted training and assistance to help ECCC staff respond to requests. During the 2025–26 fiscal year, the division's Privacy, Monitoring and Compliance Unit conducted 13 branch management session on privacy awareness, attended by approximately 200 departmental employees. These sessions included an overview of the PA, the definition of personal information, the roles and responsibilities of key stakeholders, and a description of relevant internal policies and procedures.

The ATIP division also engaged a consultant to deliver additional access to information and privacy awareness training sessions to departmental employees. A total of 13 sessions were held, reaching approximately 420 employees.

Policies, Procedures and Initiatives

Privacy Framework

ECCC follows the ATIP policy framework provided by TBS. A few ATIP processes were reviewed to identify opportunities for improvement. Procedures were put in place to streamline approvals and make use of TBS tools and training. The ATIP division continues to refine these processes with the transition to modernized tools and an advanced case management system.

Privacy Guidance and Tools

ECCC's ATIP division continues to develop tools and guidance documents related to privacy compliance in alignment with evolving privacy policy instruments and the emerging priorities of the department. In 2025–26, these activities included the incorporation of privacy provisions within contractual agreements involving personal information and the development of a template and guide for information sharing arrangements, as well as applying a proportionate approach to conducting privacy risk assessments, documenting decisions, and developing tools to assist programs in incorporating privacy by design principles.

The ATIP division worked continuously this year to simplify and streamline various internal operating procedures, including those established for privacy notice statements (PNS) and Microsoft Teams recording requests. The division developed standardized templates applicable

to a variety of common and recurrent requests from programs. The approach also established a feedback loop with program areas, allowing the division to quickly identify opportunities for refinement and further improve the efficiency and consistency of its processes. The impact was immediately evident; the division was able to allocate more resources to complex requests, and program areas benefited from a more optimized approach.

In addition, the ATIP division continues to provide advisory services on many new initiatives, and update and assess business processes as they transition into digital solutions. This includes privacy advice on matters concerning digital solutions, the collection, use and disclosure of personal information, information sharing arrangements, research projects, and stakeholder engagements.

ATIP Modernization

ECCC's ATIP division continues its modernization initiative by implementing digital solutions, refining procedures and processes to improve efficiency in electronic processing of access to information and privacy requests and implementing a new case management system.

The implementation of a new and modern case management system will help streamline the processing of requests and enable effective monitoring of privacy policy initiatives. These renewal exercises are expected to enhance operational effectiveness once completed.

Strategic Partnerships and Interdepartmental Collaboration

Over the reporting period, ECCC participated in TBS-led community of practice meetings on a variety of operational and privacy policy topics. These meetings provided opportunities to connect with other functional specialists and practitioners in the Government of Canada and facilitated the sharing of best practices. It also enabled ECCC to learn about different modernization initiatives and innovative practices impacting the ATIP community.

Strategic Partnerships and Internal Collaboration

The ATIP division continues to foster strategic partnerships and build relationships to optimize the need for inter-institutional consultations.

These efforts have yielded increased collaboration and strengthened the department's working relationship with the departmental Legal Services Branch on ATIP requests as well as privacy requirements, which are reflected in contracts and information sharing arrangements.

The PMACU is developing a strategic approach to align with the development of serviceable tools and policies with IT Security and various project management advisory teams. Enhanced integration efforts with IT Security and Enterprise Architecture are expected to result in elevating

ECCC’s privacy posture, building privacy by design throughout project lifecycles, in accordance with privacy policy instruments.

Reporting

The ATIP division regularly monitors the timeliness and trends associated with the processing of requests through ongoing communication with branches and directorate liaisons. This includes providing performance reports on the status of the branch on a regular basis. Consistent quarterly reporting has increased accountability among branches. In addition, weekly reports on new requests received are provided to the Deputy Minister’s Office and to ECCC’s Executive Management Committee.

Publicly Accessible Information and Inquiry Points

Info Source is a series of publications containing information on the Government of Canada and its data collection activities. Info Source is intended to help the public access government information and to exercise their rights under the ATIA and the PA. The ATIP division is responsible for providing updates on ECCC’s activities and information holdings for publication on Info Source on the department’s website. In 2025–26, the ATIP division initiated a comprehensive update of ECCC's Info Source. This included reviewing existing content, identifying gaps and areas requiring updates, and developing an approach to ensure the department's information holdings are accurately represented in future updates.

ECCC’s website provides information on departmental policies, its organizational structure and the means to contact departmental officials. In accordance with the federal government’s policy of proactive disclosure, the department’s website also allows access to internal evaluations and audits, as well as information on hospitality expenses, contracts and grants and contributions.

ECCC’s website has an ATIP webpage that provides background information on both ATIA and PA. It also contains links to the access to information policy suite and summaries of completed access to information requests.

To facilitate public access to information and to comply with the Act, a designated public reading room is in the Place Vincent Massey Annex, 351 St. Joseph Boulevard, Gatineau, Quebec.

Data Sharing Activities

The department did not undertake any new internal or external data sharing activities in 2025–26.

Exempt Banks

ECCC has no exempt banks under the PA.

Privacy Protocols

A Privacy Protocol is a privacy management tool that helps ensure personal information is handled appropriately when it is collected, used, disclosed, retained, or disposed of for a non-administrative purpose.

To fulfill its mandate, some of ECCC's responsibilities require the collection, use, and disclosure of personal information for non-administrative purposes. As a trusted custodian of this information, ECCC develops and maintains privacy protocols to support compliance with the PA and TBS's policies and directives. Privacy protocols document the purpose of the activity, the personal information involved, the applicable privacy safeguards, and the roles and responsibilities of participating parties. They also help identify and address privacy risks, promote consistent privacy management practices, and ensure that the department's non-administrative use of personal information is properly documented, reviewed, and updated as required.

In 2025–26, ECCC developed a total of 13 privacy protocols in collaboration with program areas. Several privacy protocols were also carried over from the previous reporting period and are currently at various stages of development and completion.

Privacy Impact Assessments

A privacy impact assessment (PIA) is a risk management process that helps institutions ensure they meet legislative requirements and identify the impact their programs and activities will have on the privacy of individuals.

To fulfill its mandate, some of ECCC's responsibilities require the collection, use and disclosure of personal information. As a trusted custodian of this information, the department uses PIAs as a means of ensuring compliance with the legal requirements set out in the PA, in adherence with TBS's policies and directives. A PIA assists in the identification and management of privacy breaches. A PIA serves to evolve a project's design to reveal an effective method with minimal risk to the privacy of individuals.

In 2025–26, ECCC completed two PIAs, one within the Enforcement Branch's (EB) Inspection and Investigation Activities and one within its Intelligence Activities.

EB's Inspection and Investigation Activities
EB is responsible for the enforcement of all the environmental and wildlife laws and regulations under ECCC authority. Under the direction of the Chief Enforcement Officer (CEO), EB operates through a National Office and five regions, ensuring compliance through several activities and measures, including investigation and inspection activities.

This PIA focusses on the handling of the personal information collected by EB through its investigation and inspection activities, including the administrative decision directly affecting individuals that may be made during or at the end of these processes. While inspections are typically merely aiming to verify compliance with the environmental or wildlife laws and regulations, investigations usually involve the gathering evidence and information relevant to cases of suspected non-compliance and may involve searches, which fall under enforcement officers' powers while fulfilling their duties.

EB's Intelligence Activities
EB is also responsible for the enforcement of all the environmental and wildlife laws and regulations under ECCC authority. Under the direction of the CEO, EB operates through a National Office and five regions, ensuring compliance through several activities and measures, including intelligence gathering activities.

This PIA focusses on the handling of the personal information collected by EB through its intelligence gathering activities, which include intelligence planning, surveillance, collection from publicly available sources and partner information sharing.

Several PIAs have been carried over from previous reporting periods and are currently at various stages of completion. They will be submitted to TBS once they are completed and approved to be registered. Additionally, a copy will be forwarded to the OPC for their assessment and feedback.

Privacy Breaches and Material Breaches

A privacy breach is improper or unauthorized access to, creation, collection, use, disclosure, retention or disposal of personal information. A privacy breach is "material" when it "could reasonably be expected to create a real risk of significant harm to an individual."

Significant harm to an individual may include bodily harm, humiliation, damage to reputation or relationships, loss of employment, business or professional opportunities, financial loss, identity theft, negative effects on the credit record and damage to our loss of property.

The *Policy on Privacy Protection* requires federal institutions to report material privacy breaches to TBS and the OPC after making efforts to contain, assess and mitigate the breach.

During the 2025–26 fiscal year, ECCC had no material breaches to report.

Complaints, Audits, Investigations and Appeals

Applicants have the right to register a complaint with the OPC regarding any matter relating to the processing of a request. The department works collaboratively with the Commissioner's Office to resolve complaints, providing the requester with a resolution.

During the 2025–26 reporting period, there were 17 complaints filed with the OPC related to requests under the PA. In total, 13 of these complaints, along with four complaints from the previous reporting periods, were closed.

Summary of Key Issues and Actions Taken on Complaints

ECCC's ATIP division reviews the outcomes of all OPC investigations and, where appropriate, incorporates lessons learned into business processes.

Applications / Appeals to the Federal Court or Federal Court of Appeal

There were no applications or appeals filed to the Federal Court or Federal Court of Appeal during the 2025–26 reporting period.

Interpretation of Supplementary Statistical Report

The Supplementary Statistical Report provides a breakdown by year of the requests and complaints under the ATIA and PA that remain active at the end of the 2025–26 fiscal year.

As of March 31, 2026, ECCC had a total of 56 active requests under the PA. Of this total, 22 requests were received in 2025–26 while 34 requests were outstanding from previous reporting periods.

The ATIP division continues to work diligently to reduce the accumulated inventory of ATIP requests. The existing backlog resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic measures coupled with PSAC federal employees labor disruptions in 2023 increased the ECCC backlog.

The Department continues to focus on capacity building and is actively working to close files and complaints carried over into fiscal year 2026–27.

Table 1 presents a breakdown of the requests carried over to the next reporting period.

Fiscal Year Open Requests Were Received	Open Requests that are Within Legislated Timelines as of March 31, 2026	Open Requests that are Beyond Legislated Timelines as of March 31, 2026	Total
Received in 2025–2026	3	19	**22**
Received in 2024-2025	0	11	**11**
Received in 2023-2025	0	6	**6**
Received in 2022-2023	0	5	**5**
Received in 2021-2022	1	2	**3**
Received in 2020-2021	0	3	**3**
Received in 2019-2020	0	3	**3**
Received in 2018-2019	0	1	**1**
Received in 2017-2018	0	0	**0**
Received in 2016-2017 or earlier	1	1	**2**
Total	**5**	**51**	**56**

Table 1

Table 2 presents a breakdown of active complaints with the OPC, carried over to the 2025–26 fiscal year.

Fiscal Year Open Complaints Were Received by Institution	Number of Open Complaints
Received in 2025–2026	4
Received in 2024-2025	1
Received in 2023-2025	1
Received in 2022-2023	0
Received in 2021-2022	1
Received in 2020-2021	0
Received in 2019-2020	1
Received in 2018-2019	0
Received in 2017-2018	0
Received in 2016-2017 or earlier	0
Total	**8**

Table 2

Appendix A: Delegation Order Instrument

ANNEX III

Delegation Order Instrument

Access to Information and Privacy Acts Delegation Order

I, undersigned, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, pursuant to section 95 of the *Access to Information Act* and section 73 of the *Privacy Act,* hereby delegate the persons holding the positions set out in the Delegation of Authority Schedule attached hereto, or the persons occupying on an acting basis those positions, to exercise the powers, duties and functions of the Minister as head of Environment and Climate Change Canada, under the provisions of the *Act* and related regulations set out in the schedule opposite each position. This delegation replaces all previous delegation orders.

Schedule

Position	*Access to Information Act,* Part 1 and Regulations	*Privacy Act* and Regulations
Deputy Minister of the Environment	Full authority	Full authority
Director General, Public Affairs and Communications Branch	Full authority	Full authority
Senior Director Public Affairs, Privacy and Information	Full authority	Full authority
Director, Access to Information and Privacy	Full authority	Full authority
Manager, Access to Information and Privacy	Full authority	Full authority
Team Leader, Access to Information and Privacy	Paragraph: 7(a), 8, 9 & 11	15

Dated at the City of Ottawa, Ontario,
this 8 day of May, 2026

Julie Dabrusin

Arrêté autorisant la délégation de pouvoirs

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Appendix B: Statistical Report on the *Privacy Act*

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Statistical Report on the *Privacy Act*

Name of institution: Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)

Reporting period: 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31

Section 1: Requests Under the *Privacy Act*

1.1 Number of requests received

		Number of Requests
Received during reporting period		65
Outstanding from previous reporting periods		74
• Outstanding from previous reporting period	34	
• Outstanding from more than one reporting period	40	
Total		**139**
Closed during reporting period		83
Carried over to next reporting period		56
• Carried over within legislated timeline	7	
• Carried over beyond legislated timeline	49	

1.2 Channels of requests

Source	Number of Requests
Online	60
E-mail	3
Mail	2
In person	0
Phone	0
Fax	0
Total	**65**

Section 2: Informal requests

2.1 Number of informal 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		0
Carried over to next reporting period		1

2.2 Completion time of informal requests

Completion Time							
0 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**

2.3 Pages released informally

Less Than 500 Pages Released		500-10000 Pages Released		More Than 10000 Pages Released	
Number of Requests	Pages Released	Number of Requests	Pages Released	Number of Requests	Pages Released
0	0	0	0	0	0

Section 3: Requests Closed During the Reporting Period

3.1 Disposition and completion time

Disposition of Requests	Completion Time							
	0 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	1	1	0	0	1	1	**4**
Disclosed in part	0	1	5	10	5	8	5	**34**
All exempted	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	**1**
All excluded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
No records exist	0	7	4	0	0	0	0	**11**
Request abandoned	19	1	0	0	0	1	11	**32**
Neither confirmed nor denied	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	**1**
Total	**19**	**10**	**11**	**10**	**5**	**11**	**17**	**83**

3.2 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)	2	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	34
19(1)(f)	0	22.1	1	27	6
20	0	22.2	0	27.1	0
21	0	22.3	0	28	0
		22.4	0		

3.3 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

3.4 Format of information released

Paper	Electronic				Other
	E-record	Data set	Video	Audio	
6	32	0	0	0	0

3.5 Complexity

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

Number of Pages Processed	Number of Pages Disclosed	Number of Requests
31059	15834	72

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

Disposition	Less Than 500 Pages Processed		500-10000 Pages Processed		More Than 10000 Pages Processed	
	Number of Requests	Pages Processed	Number of Requests	Pages Processed	Number of Requests	Pages Processed
All disclosed	5	186	0	0	0	0
Disclosed in part	20	2439	13	26689	0	0
All exempted	1	4	0	0	0	0
All excluded	0	0	0	0	0	0
Request abandoned	30	215	2	1526	0	0
Neither confirmed nor denied	1	0	0	0	0	0
Total	**57**	**2844**	**15**	**28215**	**0**	**0**

3.5.3 Relevant minutes processed and disclosed for audio and video formats

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

3.5.4 Relevant minutes processed per request disposition for audio and video formats by size of requests.

Disposition	Number of requests	Minutes Processed
All disclosed	0	0
Disclosed in part	0	0
All exempted	0	0
All excluded	0	0
Request abandoned	0	0
Neither confirmed nor denied	0	0
Total	**0**	**0**

3.5.5 Other complexities

Disposition	Consultation Required	Legal Advice Sought	Interwoven Information	Other	Total
All disclosed	0	0	0	4	**4**
Disclosed in part	1	0	23	33	**57**
All exempted	0	0	3	0	**3**
All excluded	0	0	0	0	**0**
Request abandoned	0	0	0	30	**30**
Neither confirmed nor denied	0	0	0	0	**0**
Total	**1**	**0**	**26**	**67**	**94**

3.6 Closed requests

3.6.1 Number of requests closed within legislated timelines

Number of requests closed within legislated timelines	39
Percentage of requests closed within legislated timelines (%)	46.98795181

3.7 Deemed refusals

3.7.1 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
44	40	1	0	3

3.7.2 Request 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	1	0	**1**
61 to 120 days	0	10	**10**
121 to 180 days	0	5	**5**
181 to 365 days	1	10	**11**
More than 365 days	2	15	**17**
Total	**4**	**40**	**44**

Section 4: Disclosures Under Subsections 8(2) and 8(5)

Paragraph 8(2)(e)	Paragraph 8(2)(m)	Subsection 8(5)	Total
0	0	0	**0**

Section 5: Requests for Correction of Personal Information and Notations

Disposition for Correction Requests Received	Number
Notations attached	0
Requests for correction accepted	0
Total	**0**

Section 6: Extensions

6.1 Reasons for extensions

	15(a)(i) Interference with operations				15 (a)(ii) Consultation			
Number of extensions taken	Further review required to determine exemptions	Large volume of pages	Large volume of requests	Documents are difficult to obtain	Cabinet Confidence (Section 70)	External	Internal	15(b) Translation purposes or conversion
47	0	47	0	0	0	0	0	0

6.2 Length of extensions

	15(a)(i) Interference with operations				15 (a)(ii) Consultation			
Length of Extensions	Further review required to determine exemptions	Large volume of pages	Large volume of requests	Documents are difficult to obtain	Cabinet Confidence (Section 70)	External	Internal	15(b) Translation purposes or conversion
1 to 15 days	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16 to 30 days	0	47	0	0	0	0	0	0
31 days or greater								0
Total	**0**	**47**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

Section 7: Consultations Received From Other Institutions and Organizations

7.1 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
Total	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Closed during the reporting period	0	0	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	0 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**

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	0 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

Number of Days	Fewer Than 500 Pages Processed		500-10000 Pages Processed		More than 10000 Pages Processed	
	Number of Requests	Pages Disclosed	Number of Requests	Pages Disclosed	Number of Requests	Pages Disclosed
1 to 15	0	0	0	0	0	0
16 to 30	0	0	0	0	0	0
31 to 60	0	0	0	0	0	0
61 to 120	0	0	0	0	0	0
121 to 180	0	0	0	0	0	0
181 to 365	0	0	0	0	0	0
More than 365	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

8.2 Requests with Privy Council Office

Number of Days	Fewer Than 500 Pages Processed		500-10000 Pages Processed		More than 10000 Pages Processed	
	Number of Requests	Pages Disclosed	Number of Requests	Pages Disclosed	Number of Requests	Pages Disclosed
1 to 15	0	0	0	0	0	0
16 to 30	0	0	0	0	0	0
31 to 60	0	0	0	0	0	0
61 to 120	0	0	0	0	0	0
121 to 180	0	0	0	0	0	0
181 to 365	0	0	0	0	0	0
More than 365	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

Section 9: Complaints and Investigations Notices Received

Section 31	Section 33	Section 35	Court action	Total
14	0	10	0	24

Section 10: Privacy Impact Assessments (PIAs) and Personal Information Banks (PIBs)

10.1 Programs and activities

Number of existing programs or activities that use personal information that have been substantially modified during the reporting period	0
Number of new programs or new activities that use personal information established during the reporting period	0

10.2 Privacy Impact Assessments

Number of PIAs completed	3
Number of PIAs modified	0
Number of PIA summaries published during the reporting period	0
Number of PIAs for which the risk mitigation measures have been reviewed during the reporting period	0

10.3 Privacy Protocols

Number of privacy protocols completed to establish or modify Personal Information Banks	0

10.4 Institution-specific and Central Personal Information Banks

Personal Information Banks	Active	Created	Terminated	Modified
Institution-specific	15	1	0	0
Central	0	0	0	0
Total	**15**	**1**	**0**	**0**

10.5 Info Source page

Date of the most recent major change to Personal Information Banks on the Info Source page	2026-05-14

Section 11: Social Insurance Number

Number of new programs or activities that collect or use Social Insurance Number	0

Section 12: Privacy Breaches

12.1 Material Privacy Breaches reported

Number of material privacy breaches reported to TBS	1
Number of material privacy breaches reported to OPC	1

12.2 Non-Material Privacy Breaches

Number of non-material privacy breaches	4

Section 13: Privacy Training

Number of employees that have completed privacy training during the reporting period	557

Section 14: Resources Related to the Privacy Act

14.1 Allocated Costs

Expenditures		Amount
Salaries		$377,033
Overtime		$0
Goods and Services		$198,811
• Professional services contracts	$195,600	
• Other	$3,211	
Total		**$575,844**

14.2 Human Resources

Resources	Person Years Dedicated to Privacy Activities
Full-time employees	3.900
Part-time and casual employees	0.150
Regional staff	0.000
Consultants and agency personnel	1.500
Students	0.000
Total	**5.550**

Note: Enter values to three decimal places.

Appendix C: Supplemental Statistical Report on the *Access to Information Act* and the *Privacy Act*

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

Name of institution: Environment and Climate Change Canada

Reporting period: 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31

Section 1: Requests Carried Over and Active Complaints Under the *Access to Information Act*

1.1 Requests carried over to next reporting period, broken down by reporting period received

Reporting Period Requests Carried Over Were Received	Requests Carried Over that are *Within* Legislated Timelines as of March 31, 2026	Requests Carried Over that are *Beyond* Legislated Timelines as of March 31, 2026	Total
Received in 2025-26	205	391	**596**
Received in 2024-25	11	507	**518**
Received in 2023-24	8	390	**398**
Received in 2022-23	14	344	**358**
Received in 2021-22	36	363	**399**
Received in 2020-21	19	305	**324**
Received in 2019-20	2	207	**209**
Received in 2018-19	1	116	**117**
Received in 2017-18	0	40	**40**
Received in 2016-17 or earlier	0	107	**107**
Total	**296**	**2770**	**3066**

Row 11, Col. 3 of Section 1.1 must equal Row 7, Col. 1 of Section 1.1 of the 2025-26 Statistical Report on the *Access to Information Act*

1.2 Active complaints with the Information Commissioner of Canada, broken down by reporting period received

Reporting Period Active Complaints Were Received by Institution	Number of Active Complaints
Received in 2025-26	10
Received in 2024-25	3
Received in 2023-24	3
Received in 2022-23	0
Received in 2021-22	0
Received in 2020-21	3
Received in 2019-20	1
Received in 2018-19	0
Received in 2017-18	0
Received in 2016-17 or earlier	0
Total	**20**

Section 2: Requests Carried Over and Active Complaints Under the *Privacy Act*

2.1 Requests carried over to next reporting period, broken down by reporting period received

Reporting Period Requests Carried Over Were Received	Requests Carried Over that are *Within* Legislated Timelines as of March 31, 2026	Requests Carried Over that are *Beyond* Legislated Timelines as of March 31, 2026	Total
Received in 2025-26	3	19	**22**
Received in 2024-25	0	11	**11**
Received in 2023-24	0	6	**6**
Received in 2022-23	0	5	**5**
Received in 2021-22	1	2	**3**
Received in 2020-21	0	3	**3**
Received in 2019-20	0	3	**3**
Received in 2018-19	0	1	**1**
Received in 2017-18	0	0	**0**
Received in 2016-17 or earlier	1	1	**2**
Total	**5**	**51**	**56**

Row 11, Col. 3 of Section 2.1 must equal Row 7, Col. 1 of Section 1.1 of the 2025-26 Statistical Report on the *Privacy Act*

2.2 Active complaints with the Privacy Commissioner of Canada, broken down by reporting period received

Reporting Period Active Complaints Were Received by Institution	Number of Active Complaints
Received in 2025-26	4
Received in 2024-25	1
Received in 2023-24	1
Received in 2022-23	0
Received in 2021-22	1
Received in 2020-21	0
Received in 2019-20	1
Received in 2018-19	0
Received in 2017-18	0
Received in 2016-17 or earlier	0
Total	**8**

Section 3: Universal Access under the Privacy Act

How many requests were received from foreign nationals outside of Canada in 2025-26?	0

Row 1, Col. 1 of Section 3 must be equal to or less than Row 1, Col. 1 of Section 1.1 of the 2025-26 Statistical Report on the *Privacy Act*

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