

Request Summary Report

A-2022-06561 / F174 - CONACHER, Duff [Organization]

Category:	REVIEWING	Date on Request:	2022-07-22
Received:	2022-07-22	Date Initially Received:	2022-07-22
Due:	2022-10-03	Requester File Ref. #:	2534055
Closed:	2023-05-25	Jacket Number:	GA-1516-3-06561/22
Officer Assigned:	Lattanzi-Thomas , Rita	Request Transferred In:	No
Decision Maker:	Duguay, Ray	Days Taken:	297
Days Allowed:	63		

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Summary: requesting documents that has been disclosed with regard to the Aga Khan situation investigation be disclosed by the RCMP concerning its investigation into the SNC-Lavalin prosecution situation.

Full Text: As it did in February 2021 in a letter to the RCMP, Democracy Watch again requests records with regard to all decisions made concerning the examination and any subsequent investigations that have been undertaken, and all decisions concerning prosecuting anyone involved in the situation of the allegation that Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, former Finance Minister Bill Morneau, some members of their staff, and former Clerk of the Privy Council Michael Wernick obstructed justice by pressuring then-Attorney General Jody Wilson-Raybould to stop the prosecution of SNC-Lavalin. As mentioned in this recent media article:
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EXTENSIONS

Extension Type	Extension Days	Extension Date
Interference with operations	30	2022-07-29

FEES

Date	Transaction Type	Fee Type	Unit Cost	Quantity	Charge	Payment
2022-07-29	Payment Received			0.00	\$0.00	\$5.00
	Currency:	CDN\$	Method Payment:	VISA		
	Details:	R533125563				
2022-07-29	Application Fee			0.00	\$5.00	
	Currency:	CDN\$				
Balance Owning:						\$0.00

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ACTIVITY

Action	Contact	Created	Due	Completed	On Hold	Elapsed
File Opened Comments:	Requester	2022-07-29		2022-07-29	No	0
		Online request 29-Jul-2022 MLL				
Extend ATI Operations 9(a) Comments:	Requester	2022-07-29		2022-07-29	No	0
		As per management, the RCMP joined the online request portal in April 2014. Since that time, the RCMP ATIP office has seen an increase of 184% in requests over the last six fiscal years. Our office is working on addressing the resource deficiencies but in the meantime the volume of requests has surpassed the branch's capacity. Given this fact, an extension pursuant to section 9 of the ATI Act is required to offset operational/volume impacts.				
Ack w/ Extension Comments:	Requester	2022-07-29		2022-07-29	No	0
		Ack email sent 29-Jul-2022 MLL				
File to Processing Comments:	Access to Information and Privacy Branch - LALONDE, Marie-Lou	2022-07-29		2022-07-29	No	0
		Ready to be tasked 29-Jul-2022 MLL				
Heads-Up Required Comments:	Access to Information and Privacy Branch - BERUBE, Lyndsey	2022-08-03		2022-08-03	No	0
		Please provide heads up to CSPER EA, CSPERO, IM-GE, Jana Rinaldi(ESML-EBS), Megan Tam(Government Affairs), RCMP_Calendar, ATIP Mngt/Director, FP (LB)				
File to Triage Comments:	Access to Information and Privacy Branch - PROCESSING, ATIP	2022-08-04		2022-08-04	No	0
		File to Triage; too broad, not sure what they are asking for - Aug 4, 2022 AC				
FILE to be assigned Comments:	Access to Information and Privacy Branch - TRIAGE, TRIAGE	2022-08-09		2022-08-25	No	16
		File to processing. LG 2022-08-25				
		Self assigned for action. LG 2022-08-09				
Telephone Comments:	Access to Information and Privacy Branch - GOODE, Leslie	2022-08-10		2022-08-10	No	0
		Voicemail message left for REQ for return call. LG 2022-08-10				
Clarification Comments:	Requester	2022-08-15	2022-09-14	2022-08-25	Yes	10
		Clarif. LG 2022-08-15				
File to Processing Comments:	Access to Information and Privacy Branch - GOODE, Leslie	2022-08-25		2022-08-25	No	0
		File to processing. LG 2022-08-25				
E-mail Comments:	Requester	2022-12-01		2022-12-01	No	0
		status update and reply emailed 2022-12-01 RV				
Complaint Received Comments:	Access to Information and Privacy Branch - PROCESSING, ATIP	2023-01-31		2023-01-31	No	0
		Delay complaint (5822-06632) KW 2023-01-31				
Complaint Reply Comments:	Office of the Information Commissioner of Canada - PERRIER, Mario	2023-01-31		2023-01-31	No	0
		Complaint reply sent KW 2023-01-31				

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FILE to be assigned	Access to Information and Privacy Branch - BOISVERT, Nathalie	2023-02-01	2023-02-01	No	0
Comments:	File assigned to analyst Feb 1 2023 NB				
ORDERFileATI	HQ Division - FP FEDERAL POLICING	2023-02-10	2023-02-16	2023-02-16	No 4
Comments:	response received OL 2023-02-17				
	Follow up OL 2023-02-16				
	Nathalie suggester to reach out to FP for Tasking OL 2023-02-10				
Cross-Reference	Access to Information and Privacy Branch - LYASSAR, Omar	2023-02-17	2023-02-17	No	0
Comments:	A-2022-06247				
Import	Access to Information and Privacy Branch - LYASSAR, Omar	2023-02-20	2023-02-20	No	0
Comments:	File imported from 2022-06247 as per OPI advise OL 2023-02-20				
VIRTUAL FILE	Access to Information and Privacy Branch - LYASSAR, Omar	2023-02-20	2023-02-20	No	0
Comments:	Virtual File OL 2023-02-20				
File to Disclosure Unit	Access to Information and Privacy Branch - LYASSAR, Omar	2023-02-20	2023-02-20	No	0
Comments:	Fiel to Disclosure for Review OL 2023-02-20				
File to Disclosure Team	Access to Information and Privacy Branch - DISCLOSURE, ATIP	2023-02-20	2023-02-20	No	0
Comments:	Assigned to Team 5 PP Feb 17 2023				
File to Reviewer	Access to Information and Privacy Branch - LATTANZI-THOMAS , Rita	2023-02-23	2023-02-23	No	0
Comments:	File self-assigned as I'm working on the x-ref A-2022-06247. /rlt 23feb2023				
Note to File	Access to Information and Privacy Branch - LATTANZI-THOMAS , Rita	2023-02-23	2023-02-23	No	0
Comments:	All actions are on cross ref A-2022-06247. I have consulted with National Division SII unit, Commissioner's Office and FP. There is still and o/s DOJ consult. /rlt 23feb2023				
File Review	Access to Information and Privacy Branch - LATTANZI-THOMAS , Rita	2023-05-17	2023-05-17	No	0
Comments:	Completed review of documents except for 5 page letter written by requester. /rlt 17may202				
Resp SUI	Requester	2023-05-24	2023-05-24	No	0
Comments:	Still SUI. /rlt 24may2023				
File to NCOI/c Team Leader	Access to Information and Privacy Branch - LATTANZI-THOMAS , Rita	2023-05-24	2023-05-24	No	0
Comments:	Prepared a5 and submitted for approval and signature. /rlt 24may2023				
File to Manager/3rd Review	Access to Information and Privacy Branch - BARBER, Suzanne	2023-05-24	2023-05-24	No	0
Comments:	File to Manager for final approval/signature sb				

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File release/exemption	Approved	Access to Information and Privacy Branch - SWIM, Cleveland (Kent)	2023-05-24	2023-05-24	2023-05-24	No	0
Comments:		From: Swim, Kent Sent: May 24, 2023 9:23 AM To: Lattanzi-Thomas, Rita <rita.lattanzi-thomas@rcmp-grc.gc.ca> Subject: A-2022-06561 Approved Importance: High Good morning Rita,					
		Letter signed and attached. A heads up to the usual group and SIU should be done with a release date of May 29. Good work and follow up on this file.					
		Kent					
Heads-Up		Access to Information and Privacy Branch - LATTANZI-THOMAS , Rita	2023-05-24	2023-05-25	2023-05-25	No	1
Comments:		Head's up to National Div (Lead), FP and Comms office. /rlt 25may2023					
Request Closed		Access to Information and Privacy Branch - LATTANZI-THOMAS , Rita	2023-05-25		2023-05-25	No	0
Comments:		Response letter sent via Canada Post. Copy of APCM Closing Report attached. /rlt 25may2023					
Verified Release Package		Access to Information and Privacy Branch - LATTANZI-THOMAS , Rita	2023-05-25	2023-05-26	2023-05-25	No	0
Comments:		Verified address. Name was transposed. Corrected. /rlt 25mar2023					
Complaint Copy Final Response		Access to Information and Privacy Branch - LATTANZI-THOMAS , Rita	2023-05-25		2023-05-25	No	0
Comments:		Final reps sent to OIC. /rlt 25mar2023					
Complaint Closed		Access to Information and Privacy Branch - LATTANZI-THOMAS , Rita	2023-06-08		2023-06-08	No	0
Comments:		Discontinued PP June 8 2023					
Cross-Reference		Access to Information and Privacy Branch - FRANC-GASCO, Bryan	2023-07-18		2023-07-18	No	0
Comments:		A-2023-08187					
Cross-Reference		Access to Information and Privacy Branch - LEVAC, Jacob	2023-07-28		2023-07-28	No	0
Comments:		AI-2023-08607					
Open Government		TEST OPS - VIVEKANANDARAJAH, Kalyani	2023-08-30		2023-08-30	No	0
Comments:		26/06/2023					

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CLOSING

Date Closed:	2023-05-25	Method of Access:	E-record
Date Communicated:	2023-05-25	Method of Delivery:	Regular Mail
Request Disposition:	Disclosed in part	Translation:	
Pages Received:	96	Request Transferred Out:	No
Pages Reviewed:	96		
Pages Released:	5		
Pages Not Relevant:	4		
Comment:			
Disposition:	Disclosed in part	Release Date:	2023-05-25
Pages Reviewed:	96	Method of Delivery:	Regular Mail
Pages Released:	5	Translation:	Not Applicable
Pages Not Relevant:	4	Method of Access:	E-record
Version :	Complete		

Sections:

AccessPro Case Management:
AccessPro Redaction: 16(1)(a)(i)

COMPLAINT

Date Complaint Received:	2023-01-31	Reason:	Delay- Deemed Refusal
Officer Assigned:	Lattanzi-Thomas , Rita	Investigator:	Sophie Marcoux
Commissioner's File #:	5822-06632	Finding Date:	2023-06-08
Complainant's Number:	5822-06632	Finding:	Discontinued / Abandonnée
Received at Commissioner:		Result:	No Action Required
Complainant's Name:	Conacher Duff		
Complaint Text:	Royal Canadian Mounted Police failed to respond to the request within the time limit set out in the Access to Information Act.		

Submission Time: 2022-07-22 14:56:31 EDT

Tracking Number: 2534055

Requester Information

Department: Royal Canadian Mounted Police

Surname (Family Name): Conacher

Given Name(s) (First Name): Duff

Mailing Address:

33 Browning Ave.

Democracy Watch

Post Office Box (PO Box) 35042

Toronto, Ontario

Canada

M4K 3P5

Telephone No.: 416-546-3443

E-mail Address: info@democracywatch.ca

Requesting information on your own behalf? Yes

Category of Requester: Organization

Right of Access: Canadian Citizen

Method of Delivery: electronic copy

Act & Record Selection

Act: Access to Information Act

Does this request include personal information about you or an individual you are representing? No

Details on information being sought:

- As it did in February 2021 in a letter to the RCMP, Democracy Watch again requests records with regard to all decisions made concerning the examination and any subsequent investigations that have been undertaken, and all decisions concerning prosecuting anyone involved in the situation of the allegation that Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, former Finance Minister Bill Morneau, some members of their staff, and former Clerk of the Privy Council Michael Wernick obstructed justice by pressuring then-Attorney General Jody Wilson-Raybould to stop the prosecution of SNC-Lavalin. As mentioned in this recent media article: <https://www.theglobeandmail.com/politics/article-newly-released-documents-show-rcmp-considered-whether-to-charge-justin/> the RCMP has disclosed in response to an ATI Act request documents concerning the investigation into the trip gift given by the Aga Khan to Prime Minister Trudeau and his family. Given that the RCMP has disclosed documents concerning the investigation into the Aga Khan's trip gift, Democracy Watch requests that the same set of documents as has been disclosed with regard to the Aga Khan situation investigation be disclosed by the RCMP concerning its investigation into the SNC-Lavalin prosecution situation.

Attach Documents

Other Documents (optional)

- Lett2ToRCMPrePublicUpdateOnPMOObstructionInSNCLavalinAffairJune012022.pdf

Payment

Act: Access to Information Act

Payment Due: \$5.00



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Official Receipt – Reçu officiel

R533125563



Approved - Thank You - Approuvée - Merci

AMOUNT – MONTANT :	\$5.00 CAD
CARD NUMBER – NUMÉRO DE LA CARTE :	451407***5166
EXPIRY DATE – DATE D'EXPIRATION :	0326
CARD TYPE – TYPE DE CARTE :	Visa
RECEIPT NUMBER – NUMÉRO DU REÇU :	R533125563
DATE OF PAYMENT – DATE DU PAIEMENT :	2022-07-22 14:56:27 EDT/HAE
CARDHOLDER – TITULAIRE DE CARTE :	D W Conacher
ORDER – COMMANDE :	ATI Fee - frais d'AI
AUTHORIZATION CODE – CODE D'AUTORISATION :	088341
REFERENCE NUMBER – NUMÉRO DE RÉFÉRENCE :	663252180014776890
ISO CODE – CODE ISO :	01



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Via email to: RCMP.Nat.Intake-Triage.Nat.GRC@rcmp-grc.gc.ca

June 1, 2022

RE: Given disclosure of documents concerning Aga Khan trip gift investigation, request for public update concerning the state of the examination of the allegation that Prime Minister Trudeau and other federal government officials obstructed justice by pressuring the Attorney General to stop the prosecution of SNC-Lavalin

Dear Commissioner Lucki:

As it did in February 2021 in a letter to you, Democracy Watch again requests a public update from the RCMP and Crown prosecutors concerning the state of the examination of the allegation that Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, former Finance Minister Bill Morneau, some members of their staff, and former Clerk of the Privy Council Michael Wernick obstructed justice by pressuring then-Attorney General Jody Wilson-Raybould to stop the prosecution of SNC-Lavalin, and an explanation of all decisions made concerning that examination and any subsequent investigations that have been undertaken, and all decisions concerning prosecuting anyone involved in the situation.

As mentioned in these recent media articles:

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/politics/article-newly-released-documents-show-rcmp-considered-whether-to-charge-justin/>

and

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/politics/article-aga-khan-trudeau-investigation/>
the RCMP has disclosed in response to an *Access to Information Act* request documents concerning the investigation into the trip gift given by the Aga Khan to Prime Minister Trudeau and his family.

As you know, any request for information filed with a federal government institution is automatically deemed an *Access to Information Act* request. As a result, you should have considered the letter Democracy Watch sent you on February 11, 2021 to be a request under the *Act*.

Given that the RCMP has disclosed documents concerning the investigation into the Aga Khan's trip gift, Democracy Watch again requests that the same set of documents be disclosed by the RCMP concerning its investigation into the SNC-Lavalin prosecution situation.

A. Ethics Commissioner's investigation blocked so incomplete

Some of the facts of this pressuring of the Attorney General, and related actions, by Justin Trudeau and the other government officials are contained in paragraphs 51-228 of the federal Conflict of Interest and Ethics Commissioner's August 2019 ruling on the situation which can be seen at:

<https://ciec-ccie.parl.gc.ca/en/publications/Documents/InvestigationReports/Trudeau%2011%20Report.pdf>.

However, Ian Shugart, Clerk of the Privy Council, refused to waive Cabinet confidence and, as a result, the Ethics Commissioner reported that he did not have access to all of the information concerning the actions of everyone involved as nine witnesses were prevented from giving him full information.

B. RCMP received allegations of obstruction of justice, other lawyers agree

The RCMP received two requests to examine the actions of Prime Minister Trudeau and the other officials. The first came in a letter from five former Attorney Generals on February 28, 2019, which can be seen at:

https://www.scribd.com/document/400834745/The-Letter-Former-Attorneys-General-Sent-To-RCMP-On-SNC-Lavalin#from_embed

and which stated that:

“Per section 139(2) of the Criminal Code it is prohibited to attempt to obstruct, pervert or defeat the course of justice. We believe that there are reasonable and probable grounds to suspect that the conduct of the Prime Minister's Office has crossed that threshold.”

and, concerning another form of obstruction of justice:

“It is contrary to the section 423.1(1) of the Criminal Code to engage in any conduct with the intent to provoke fear in the Attorney General.”

The second was submitted on the same date by then-Conservative Party Leader Andrew Scheer, as reported in this article:

https://www.huffingtonpost.ca/2019/02/28/andrew-scheer-calls-rcmp-trudeau-snc-lavalin_a_23680804/?utm_campaign=canada_dau.

In addition, in an iPolitics.ca article published on February 7, 2019, which can be seen at:

<https://ipolitics.ca/2019/02/07/legal-community-raises-alarms-over-allegations-pmo-interfered-in-snc-lavalin-case/>

Michael Bryant, former Attorney General of Ontario for the provincial Liberal Party, is quoted as saying:

“I’d be surprised if a police investigation was not commenced,” he said. “A lot of police officers have laid a lot of obstruction of justice charges on a lot of ordinary Canadians, with a lot less evidence than this.”

and

“These allegations as they stand in the report right now — while denied by the prime minister — fall within the four corners of obstruction of justice.”

As well, in this article:

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/rcmp-investigation-obstruction-questions-1.5037252>

two lawyers whose practices focus on criminal law stated that, even as early as March 2019, the evidence showed that all the elements of obstruction of justice were present in the situation.

C. Courts should be allowed to decide whether line was crossed

As mentioned above, the obstruction of justice provision subsection 139(2) of the *Criminal Code* (R.S.C., 1985, c. C-46) that applies to this situation, which can be seen at:

<https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/c-46/section-139.html>

states that it is a violation to intentionally attempt “to obstruct, pervert or defeat” the course of justice.

What should the RCMP and prosecutors decide to do in such a situation? First of all, it is clear that the situation warrants a full investigation, given the pressure on the Attorney General was intentionally applied to stop a prosecution of a company that had clearly violated the law.

Secondly, the test for deciding to prosecute is whether there is a reasonable prospect of a conviction, and whether it is in the public interest.

The words in subsection 139(2) are general, and no one knows how they apply exactly to a situation like the pressure put on the former Attorney General because such a situation has never been made public before in Canada. As a result, given they have no past case rulings to rely on that have made it clear whether subsection 139(2) applies to the situation, the default position for any prosecutor should be to proceed with the prosecution and allow the courts to decide whether the line set out by subsection 139(2) has been crossed by anyone involved in the situation.

Given the pressure applied to the Attorney General was aimed at stopping a prosecution by the federal Public Prosecution Service (PPS), it should not be making any decisions concerning prosecutions in this situation. However, the PPS “Deskbook” that sets out its prosecution policy can still serve as a useful guide to prosecution decisions in this situation. The Deskbook can be seen at: <https://www.ppsc-sppc.gc.ca/eng/pub/fpsd-sfpg/fps-sfp/tpd/d-g-eng.pdf>.

Part 2.3 of the PPS Deskbook states that the following factors should be considered to determine whether a prosecution is “in the public interest”:

- i. the seriousness of the offence;
- ii. the harm it caused to the victim and society in any way;
- iii. the degree of responsibility of the accused;
- iv. whether they were in a position of authority or trust;
- v. the need to protect confidential information, and;
- vi. whether a prosecution is needed to maintain confidence in the justice system.

The policy also says that prosecutors must not be influenced by, among other factors: “Possible political advantage or disadvantage to the government or any political group or party.”

Given the Ethics Commissioner determined that the pressure on the Attorney General violated Canada’s most important federal government ethics law, and that Prime Minister Trudeau applied some of the pressure himself and used his authority to direct other government officials also to apply the pressure, and given there is no confidential information that needs to be protected, and finally that the Supreme Court of Canada ruled in *R. v. Hinchey*, [1996] 3 S.C.R. 1128 that such violations fundamentally harm Canada’s democracy and public confidence in government, the default position should be to charge and prosecute anyone where there is clear evidence (such as emails or other written records) that they pressured the Attorney General. The courts should be given the opportunity to decide whether the obstructing justice line was crossed for each person so charged.

D. Silence since August 2019 by RCMP and prosecutors is unjustified

The last public statement by the RCMP on its examination was issued on August 14, 2019:

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/rcmp-snc-report-examining-carefully-1.5247119>

On September 10, 2019, the *Globe and Mail* reported in this article:

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/politics/article-ottawa-blocks-rcmp-on-snc-lavalin-inquiry/>

that Ian Shugart, Clerk of the Privy Council, had also refused to waive Cabinet confidence to allow witnesses in the government to provide full information to the

RCMP, and that sources within the RCMP said it was putting its examination on hold through the election campaign period.

The next day, former Attorney General Jody Wilson-Raybould stated publicly that she had been interviewed by the RCMP about the actions of the Prime Minister and other officials, as reported by the *Globe and Mail* in this article:

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/politics/article-rcmp-interviews-jody-wilson-raybould-to-discuss-political-interference/>

There are several reasons why the silence from the RCMP and Crown prosecutors since August 2019 is completely unacceptable and unjustifiable:

1. Obstruction of justice is a serious criminal offence.
2. Obstruction of justice is even more serious when committed behind closed doors by government politicians and officials, as it is then also an act of government corruption.
3. As set out above in section C, all of the elements needed to prove obstruction of justice are present in the actions of the Prime Minister and others as they pressured the Attorney General multiple times to stop the prosecution.
4. Concerning intent, the Ethics Commissioner concluded in para. 284 of his ruling cited above that “Mr. Trudeau knowingly sought to influence Ms. Wilson-Raybould both directly and through the actions of his agents.”
5. Many legal and political experts dispute the claim by the Clerk of the Privy Council, and Prime Minister Trudeau, that it is proper for Cabinet to refuse to waive Cabinet confidence and prohibit the RCMP (and the Ethics Commissioner) from seeing all documents and records concerning the actions of the Prime Minister and the other government officials in this situation, and prohibit all government witnesses to provide full testimony, as can be seen in this September 13, 2019 *Globe* article:
<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/politics/article-trudeau-controls-waiver-of-cabinet-confidentiality-on-snc-lavalin/>.
6. Prosecutors in Canada have, in recent years, usually provided public explanations of investigation and prosecution decisions in such cases (for example, B.C. special prosecutors in several recent cases, and the Commissioner of Canada Elections concerning the robocalls situation).
7. Last, but certainly not least, the public has a right to know what decisions have been made, given that the RCMP and prosecutors.

E. Canadians have a right to a full explanation now of all decisions made

Democracy Watch's position is that, given all of the above, and given two years have passed since the situation was made public, and given many of the facts of the situation have been known for almost two years, the public deserves, and has a right to, a full, public explanation now of the RCMP's decision whether or not to investigate, and of the investigation, and of the decisions of Crown prosecutors concerning the evidence gathered during that investigation, and how

the law applies to that evidence, and what prosecutors have decided concerning proceeding with a prosecution of anyone involved in the situation.

Are the RCMP and prosecutors waiting for another election to pass? Are they doing what so often happens in Canada when powerful politicians and government officials are involved in alleged illegal activities – delaying and then burying the results of an investigation, and then delaying further until the public pressure becomes too great, or until the politicians or officials resign or retire, and then finally disclosing that no charges will be laid?

I request that you respond to this letter, or issue a public statement, that makes it clear when a full report will be made public that explains the above decisions by the RCMP and prosecutors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Duff Conacher', with a stylized, cursive script.

Duff Conacher, Co-founder of Democracy Watch
On behalf of the Board of Directors of Democracy Watch

From: ATIPB
To: info@democracywatch.ca
Subject: Access to Information Act request A-2022-06561 / F298, Your File 2534055, Acknowledgment
Date: July 29, 2022 8:20:00 AM

Dear Duff Conacher:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your request under the *Access to Information Act*, which was received by this office on July 22, 2022, for:

As it did in February 2021 in a letter to the RCMP, Democracy Watch again requests records with regard to all decisions made concerning the examination and any subsequent investigations that have been undertaken, and all decisions concerning prosecuting anyone involved in the situation of the allegation that Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, former Finance Minister Bill Morneau, some members of their staff, and former Clerk of the Privy Council Michael Wernick obstructed justice by pressuring then-Attorney General Jody Wilson-Raybould to stop the prosecution of SNC-Lavalin. As mentioned in this recent media article: <https://www.theglobeandmail.com/politics/article-newly-released-documents-show-rcmp-considered-whether-to-charge-justin/> the RCMP has disclosed in response to an ATI Act request documents concerning the investigation into the trip gift given by the Aga Khan to Prime Minister Trudeau and his family. Given that the RCMP has disclosed documents concerning the investigation into the Aga Khan's trip gift, Democracy Watch requests that the same set of documents as has been disclosed with regard to the Aga Khan situation investigation be disclosed by the RCMP concerning its investigation into the SNC-Lavalin prosecution situation.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police is committed to assisting you with your request. In order to do so, an extension of 30 days beyond the 30-day statutory time limit is required. This extension is being taken in accordance with paragraph 9(1)(a) of the Act. The extension is required due to a large volume of records and because meeting the original time limit would unreasonably interfere with operations. A description of paragraph 9(1)(a) can be found at: <http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/A-1>.

Please be advised that you are entitled to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner concerning the processing of your request within 60 days of receipt of this notice. In the event you decide to avail yourself of this right, your notice of complaint should be addressed to:

Office of the Information Commissioner of Canada
 30 Victoria Street, 7th Floor
 Gatineau, Quebec K1A 1H3

For additional information on the complaint process, or to file a complaint online: <https://www.oic-ci.gc.ca/en/submitting-complaint>

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact us at ATIPB@rcmp-grc.gc.ca. Please quote the file number appearing on this letter.

Regards,

Ms. Marie-Lou Lalonde
 Access to Information and Privacy Branch
 Mailstop #61
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From: Goode, Leslie
To: "info@democracywatch.ca"
Subject: Access to Information Act request A-2022-06561 / F279, Your File 2534055, Clarification Required
Date: August 15, 2022 8:41:00 AM

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From: DemocracyWatch.ca
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Date: August 25, 2022 1:08:00 PM

Good afternoon,

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Cst. L. GOODE

From: DemocracyWatch.ca <info@democracywatch.ca>
Sent: August 17, 2022 1:17 AM
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Lyassar, Omar

From: ATIPB
Sent: February 10, 2023 4:04 PM
To: FP Correspondence Unit / Unité de Correspondence PF
Subject: Access to Information Act request A-2022-06561 / F282

Access to Information Act REQUEST NOTIFICATION

Good day,

PLEASE ACTION IMMEDIATELY

ATIP Branch's Request #: A-2022-06561 / F282

Your Due Date: **February 16, 2023** A.M.III.11.G.3.b.2

A reply to this email is required on or before the due date.

The request reads as follows:

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Thank you,

Mr. Omar Lyassar
ATIP Branch
atipb@rcmp-grc.gc.ca

Lyassar, Omar

From: ATIPB
Sent: February 16, 2023 3:55 PM
To: FP Correspondence Unit / Unité de Correspondence PF
Subject: Access to Information Act request A-2022-06561 / F282

Good day,

This is a follow up as we did not received a response to this request and the due date was for February 16, 2023.

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Lyassar, Omar

From: FP Correspondence Unit / Unité de Correspondence PF
Sent: February 16, 2023 4:14 PM
To: Dyshniku, Teodor; ATIPB
Cc: FP Correspondence Unit / Unité de Correspondence PF
Subject: RE: Access to Information Act request A-2022-06561 / F282
Attachments: RE: Access to Information Act request A-2022-06247 / F293

Good afternoon Teodor

We suggest this should go to SII in National Division. Also, note that we previously submitted documents about SNC-Lavalin for request A-2022-06247-F293 (see attached).

Tasking concluded,

Nilu Cooray
FP Correspondence Unit

From: FP Correspondence Unit / Unité de Correspondence PF <FPCorrespondenceUnit-UnitedeCorrespondencePF@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Sent: February 13, 2023 12:58 PM
To: RCMP-F ACFP COOffice / Bureau OCPF F-GRC <RCMP-FACFP COOfficeBureau OCPFF-GRC@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>; DCFP_Office <DCFP_Office@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
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Subject: FW: Access to Information Act request A-2022-06561 / F282

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Chanel/FPCO – should we refer this to National Division.

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Sent: December 1, 2022 11:39 AM
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Subject: RE: Access to Information Act request A-2022-06561 / F279, Your File 2534055, Clarification Required

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Access to Information Clerk

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Sent: November 22, 2022 10:50 AM

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Democracy Watch

On Fri, 14 Oct 2022 13:25:26 -0400 "DemocracyWatch.ca" wrote:

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<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/politics/article-rcmp-interviews-jody-wilson-raybould-to-discuss-political-interference/>

As a result, we look forward to receiving the records soon.

Thank you, and take care,

Duff Conacher, Co-founder

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On Mon, 15 Aug 2022 12:41:16 +0000 "Goode, Leslie" wrote:

Dear Conacher DUFF:

This is in response to your request under the Access to Information Act, which was received by this office on July 22, 2022, for:

As it did in February 2021 in a letter to the RCMP, Democracy Watch again requests records with regard to all decisions made concerning the examination and any subsequent investigations that have been undertaken, and all decisions concerning prosecuting anyone involved in the situation of the allegation that Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, former Finance Minister Bill Morneau, some members of their staff, and former Clerk of the Privy Council Michael Wernick obstructed justice by pressuring then-Attorney General Jody Wilson-Raybould to stop the prosecution of SNC-Lavalin. As mentioned in this recent media article: <https://www.theglobeandmail.com/politics/article-newly-released-documents-show-rcmp-considered-whether-to-charge-justin-trudeau/> the RCMP has disclosed in response to an ATI Act request documents concerning the investigation into the trip gift given by the Aga Khan to Prime Minister Trudeau and his family. Given that the RCMP has disclosed documents concerning the investigation into the Aga Khan's trip gift, Democracy Watch requests that the same set of documents as has been disclosed with regard to the Aga Khan situation investigation be disclosed by the RCMP concerning its investigation into the SNC-Lavalin prosecution situation.

In order to process your request we require additional information:

- **Too Broad:** We examined your request, which was expressed in very broad terms. We fail to understand exactly what you are

seeking in terms of records or documentation. A request under the Act must provide sufficient details to enable an appropriate employee of the RCMP with a reasonable effort to identify government records.

You may send this to the undersigned via regular mail or e-mail.

Your file will remain open in our office for the next 30 days. If we have not received a response by September 14, 2022, this file will be closed.

Please be advised that you are entitled to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner concerning the processing of your request within 60 days of receipt of this notice. In the event you decide to avail yourself of this right, your notice of complaint should be addressed to:

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30 Victoria Street, 7th Floor

Gatineau, Quebec K1A 1H3

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Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact the undersigned at 343-571-9170 or leslie.goode@rcmp-grc.gc.ca. Please quote the file number appearing on this letter.

Regards,

Cst. Leslie Goode Access to Information and Privacy Branch

Mailstop #61 73 Leikin Drive Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0R2

From: [Lattanzi-Thomas, Rita](#)
To: [CSPER / DPPSRE; Duguay, Ray; Beaudoin, Tina; McLinton, Philip; Rinaldi, Janna; Clayton, William; IM-GE; RCMP Calendar; Tam, Megan; GovernmentAffairs / AffairesGouvernementales; Cruickshank, Amy; Swim, Kent; Howard, Andrea; NatDiv ATIP/AIPRP DivNat - RCMP/GRC; FP Correspondence Unit / Unité de Correspondence PF; ATIP Commissioner Office / AIPRP Bureau du Commissaire](#)
Subject: Heads-Up Pertaining to Access to Information Act Request A-2022-06561
Date: May 25, 2023 10:20:00 AM

Good Morning,

For your information, we have processed an Access to Information Act request for the following:

As it did in February 2021 in a letter to the RCMP, {} again requests records with regard to all decisions made concerning the examination and any subsequent investigations that have been undertaken, and all decisions concerning prosecuting anyone involved in the situation of the allegation that Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, former Finance Minister Bill Morneau, some members of their staff, and former Clerk of the Privy Council Michael Wernick obstructed justice by pressuring then-Attorney General Jody Wilson-Raybould to stop the prosecution of SNC-Lavalin. As mentioned in this recent media article:

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After consultations were undertaken with National Division who was the Lead, FP and Commissioner's Office, it was decided that the documents are being withheld in their entirety as the file is still under investigation.

The response letter will be released on May 25, 2023.

The source of this request is from: Organization

Please note: A-2022-06247 deals with the same subject matter and contains the same documents. The response letter will also be released today May 25, 2023. The documents are also being withheld entirely.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, contact the undersigned. Please quote the file number appearing on this document.

Regards,

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Our file – Notre dossier

A-2022-06561

PIB - FRP
CMP
GRC

Your file – Votre dossier

To – À Ray Duguay Access to Information and Privacy Branch	From – De Ms. Rita Lattanzi-Thomas Access to Information and Privacy Branch	Date May 24, 2023
Subject – Sujet Access to Information Act request - 96 pages reviewed 5 pages released requesting documents that has been disclosed with regard to the Aga Khan situation investigation be disclosed by the RCMP concerning its investigation into the SNC-Lavalin prosecution situation.		Diary date – Date d'agenda October 3, 2022
Remarks - Remarques		Page 1

Summary of Request:

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TASKING:

1. Commissioner's Office tasked on 2022-11-08. Response received 2022-11-17. 14 pages
2. National Division was tasked on 2022-11-08. Response received 2022-11-16. PROS File # 2019-287461 received (58 Pages)
3. Federal Policing was tasked on 2022-11-08. Response received 2022-12-16. 22 pages

National Division's Sgt. Frederic Pincince provided the following concerns:

In 2019, the RCMP created a PROS occurrence (2019-287461) to document the assessment conducted on the matter. This occurrence remains active to this day. While information has circulated in the media that the RCMP was assessing the matter, the RCMP has not provided an update on the status of the assessment. Given that the occurrence is still active, it is recommended that the above noted material should not be disclosed prior to the conclusion of the occurrence. No information or documents should be disseminated to a third party without the prior authorization of Inspector Alexandre Beaulieu, acting Criminal Operations Officer, Sensitive and International Investigations, National Division.

Please note that the RCMP is not the record holder of the following documents as requested in the ATI: (1) The study by the House of Commons Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights in February and March 2019, (2) the Ethics Commissioner's investigation of the matter and his Trudeau II Report.

The following concerns were received from FP:

The submission for this request includes 4 documents from the AC FPCO office with recommendations below:

Document 1)

Document 2) :

Document 3) Acknowledgement Letter _____ 2019-04-25.

Document 4) Acknowledgement Letter _____ Scheer 2019-08-26

Document 5) Letter to Commissioner Lucki _____ 2019-02-28

Document 6) Letter to Commissioner Lucki _____ 2019-08-19

Document 7) Letter to Commissioner Lucki _____ CONACHER 2020-02-11

Document 8) Letter to Commissioner Lucki _____ 2019-04-07

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RCMP GRC A-5 (1995-09)					

Recommendation is that document 1 and 2 be sent to SII for review as they were the lead on this file. It is also recommended that documents 3 to 8 be sent to the Commissioner's Office for review. Please note that the AC FPCO Office does not own these documents.

Documents received from Federal Policing and Commissioner's Office were consulted with National Division as SII was the lead. Their response was the following;

Consultation Request:

RESEARCH:

Scheer requests RCMP probe on Trudeau's SNC-Lavalin interference | Globalnews.ca – It is well known that the Leader of the Official Opposition Andrew Scheer wrote to the RCMP Commissioner regarding the PM interference with SNC-Lavalin.

EXEMPTIONS:

The entire file is being withheld pursuant to sub-paragraph 16(1)(a)(i) of the Act. The criteria required to apply s. 16(1)(a)(i) have been met: it is a lawful investigation pursuant to the Criminal Code; the RCMP is an investigative body as per Schedule 1 of the Access to Information Act regulations; and the record came into existence less than 20 years prior to the request.

**Discretion was used and we have released the requester's 5 page letter that he submitted to the Commissioner on 2020-02-11.

HEAD's UP:

Advise National Division, FP and Commissioner's Office that due to file still being SUI that all documents are being withheld in their entirety.

2023-05-24 – Forwarded to for your approval and signature. Thank you,
Rita

2023-05-24: agree with actions taken on file, forwarded to Manager for final approval/signature
S. Barber

From: [Barber, Suzanne](#)
To: [Kent Swim \(Cleveland.Swim@rcmp-grc.gc.ca\)](#)
Cc: [Lattanzi-Thomas, Rita](#)
Subject: FW: A-2022-06561 - Submitted for final approval/signature
Date: May 24, 2023 9:07:00 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[A-2022-06561 response.rtf](#)
[A-2022-06561 a5.rtf](#)

Good morning Kent,

The documents for this request are the same as A-2022-06247 which Rita has discussed with you.
The 5 pages being released are pgs 90-94. File is in Disclosure, ATIP 2nd/3rd Review Tree.

sue

From: Lattanzi-Thomas, Rita <rita.lattanzi-thomas@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Sent: May 24, 2023 8:54 AM
To: Barber, Suzanne <Suzanne.Barber@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Subject: A-2022-06561 - Submitted for approval

Hi Sue,

This is the file we just discussed.

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Rita Lattanzi-Thomas
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2023-05-25

Duff CONACHER
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Dear Duff CONACHER:

This is in response to your request under the *Access to Information Act*, which was received by this office on July 22, 2022, to obtain:

*As it did in February 2021 in a letter to the RCMP, Democracy Watch again requests records with regard to all decisions made concerning the examination and any subsequent investigations that have been undertaken, and all decisions concerning prosecuting anyone involved in the situation of the allegation that Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, former Finance Minister Bill Morneau, some members of their staff, and former Clerk of the Privy Council Michael Wernick obstructed justice by pressuring then-Attorney General Jody Wilson-Raybould to stop the prosecution of SNC-Lavalin. As mentioned in this recent media article:
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A review of the records revealed that this matter is currently under investigation. The records are subject to an exemption pursuant to subparagraph 16(1)(a)(i) of the Act, a description of which can be found at: <http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/A-1>. Please note we have exercised our discretion and released some material to you. Once the investigation and any related court proceedings are concluded, you may re-submit your request.

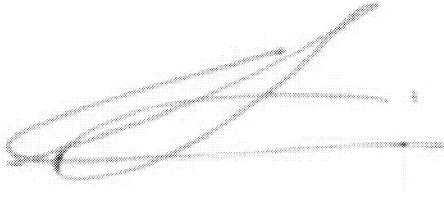
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Should you wish to discuss this matter further, you may contact Rita Lattanzi-Thomas at Rita.Lattanzi-Thomas@rcmp-grc.gc.ca. Please quote the file number appearing on this letter.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Ray Duguay', written over a light blue horizontal line.

For/
Ray Duguay
Access to Information and Privacy Branch
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Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0R2

Attachments

Cc: Office of the Information Commissioner of Canada

**Pages 49 to 50
are duplicates**

Wardrop, Kristen

From: _Grefe-Documents-Registry <Grefe-Documents-Registry@oic-ci.gc.ca>
Sent: January 31, 2023 11:13 AM
To: ATIP Complaints / plaintes AIPRP (RCMP/GRC)
Cc: Duguay, Ray; Cruickshank, Amy; Barber, Suzanne; Wardrop, Kristen
Subject: Avis d'enquête et demande de documents - Notice of investigation and request for records – GRC - RCMP – A-2022-06561 / F279 – 5822-06632

Avis d'enquête et Sommaire de plainte
(*en vertu de l'article 32
de la Loi sur l'accès à l'information*)

Le Commissaire à l'information du Canada
a l'intention d'enquêter la plainte suivante

Notice of Intention to Investigate and
Summary of Complaint
(*under s.32 of the Access to Information
Act*)

The Information Commissioner of
Canada intends to carry out an
investigation into the following complaint

du dossier / File # 5822-06632

Institution fédérale / Government Institution

Gendarmerie royale du Canada/ Royal Canadian Mounted Police

du dossier ministériel / Institution File # A-2022-06561 / F279

La commissaire à l'information a reçu une plainte selon laquelle Gendarmerie royale du Canada n'a pas répondu à la demande dans les délais prévus par la Loi sur l'accès à l'information.

La pratique de direction du Commissariat à l'information (CI) intitulée « Demande de documents auprès des institutions » (voir http://www.oic-ci.gc.ca/fra/inv-inv_pd-dp_req-rec-inst-dem-doc-inst.aspx), souligne l'exigence de nous fournir les documents requis pour certains types de plainte.

Plainte administrative

Afin de débiter l'enquête de cette plainte, les documents suivants sont requis dans les cinq (5) jours ouvrables :

- une copie de la demande;
- une copie complète de l'écran des activités effectuées au dossier (i.e., une copie

The Information Commissioner has received a complaint that Royal Canadian Mounted Police failed to respond to the request within the time limits set out in the Access to Information Act.

The Office of the Information Commissioner's (OIC) Practice Direction entitled "Requesting Records from Institutions", (see http://www.oic-ci.gc.ca/eng/inv-inv_pd-dp_req-rec-inst-dem-doc-inst.aspx), highlights the different requirements to provide the OIC with the requested records on certain types of complaints.

Administrative Complaint

In order to commence the investigation of this complaint, we require the following within the next five (5) working days:

- a copy of the Request;
- an up-to-date copy of the Activity Screen Printout (i.e., a recent copy of the Case

récente de votre rapport de gestion des dossiers / formule de repérage du dossier);

- une copie de la lettre d'avis de prorogation du délai (le cas échéant);
- et/ou une copie de la réponse finale (si une lettre a été envoyé au demandeur).

Afin de faciliter la transmission, les documents répondant à la demande devront être transmis sous format électronique PDF par courriel encrypté, ou via Connexion postal (Epost), à Grefre-Documents-Registry@oic-ci.gc.ca, ou au CI sur un CD-ROM.

Tous les renseignements et documents demandés ci-dessus doivent être acheminés au CI en utilisant la méthode de transmission appropriée et en prenant en considération le niveau de sécurité nécessaire pour ces documents, et ce, conformément aux lois, règlements et politiques pertinents. (Voir <http://www.tbs-sct.gc.ca/tbs-sct/index-fra.asp>).

SVP ne pas inclure les documents classés "Très secrets" dans votre réponse. Veuillez nous en confirmer l'existence et nous prendrons les dispositions nécessaires qui nous permettront de les consulter.

Si vous ne pouvez respecter ce délai, veuillez communiquer avec moi au 873-354-2263 afin d'en discuter.

Summary Report / Tracking Document);

- a copy of the notice of time extension letter (if applicable);
- and/or a copy of the final response (if a letter was sent to the requester).

For efficiency of transmission, the relevant records should be recorded in electronic PDF format and sent by encrypted email, or via Epost Connect, to Grefre-Documents-Registry@oic-ci.gc.ca, or placed on a CD and delivered to the OIC.

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Do not include any Top Secret documents in your response. Instead, please notify us that such documents exist and we will make alternative arrangements to review the records.

If you have concerns with meeting the required time frame, please call me at 873-354-2263, in order to discuss options.

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Wardrop, Kristen

From: ATIP Complaints / plaintes AIPRP (RCMP/GRC)
Sent: January 31, 2023 3:30 PM
To: Boisvert, Nathalie
Cc: Sabourin, Alyssa; Groh, Megan
Subject: FW: Avis d'enquête et demande de documents - Notice of investigation and request for records – GRC - RCMP – A-2022-06561 / F279 – 5822-06632

Hi Natalie,

We have received a delay complaint on request A-2022-06561 which is currently un-assigned with processing. Can you please have this assigned as a priority file and advise the complaint team once it is ready for review.

Thank you in advance!

Kristen

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Sent: January 31, 2023 11:13 AM
To: ATIP Complaints / plaintes AIPRP (RCMP/GRC) <RCMP.ATIPComplaints-plaintesAIPRP.GRC@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
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Request Summary Report

A-2022-06561 / F900 - DUFF, Conacher [Organization]

Category:	PROCESSING	Date on Request:	2022-07-22
Received:	2022-07-22	Date Initially Received:	2022-07-22
Due:	2022-10-03	Requester File Ref. #:	2534055
Closed:		Jacket Number:	GA-1516-3-06561/22
Officer Assigned:	Processing, ATIP	Request Transferred In:	No
Decision Maker:	Duguay, Ray	Days Taken:	183
Days Allowed:	63		

Organization:	Democracy Watch	Telephone:	416-546-3443
Address:	33 Browning Ave. PO Box 35042 Toronto, Ontario, M4K 3P5 CANADA	Fascimile:	
		Other Telephone:	
		Email:	info@democracywatch.ca

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EXTENSIONS

Extension Type	Extension Days	Extension Date
Interference with operations	30	2022-07-29

FEES

Date	Transaction Type	Fee Type	Unit Cost	Quantity	Charge	Payment
2022-07-29	Payment Received			0.00	\$0.00	\$5.00
	Currency:	CDN\$	Method Payment:	VISA		
	Details:	R533125563				
2022-07-29	Application Fee			0.00	\$5.00	
	Currency:	CDN\$				
	Details:	R533125563				
Balance Owning:						\$0.00

Request Summary Report

A-2022-06561 / F900 - DUFF, Conacher [Organization]

ACTIVITY

Action	Contact	Created	Due	Completed	On Hold	Elapsed
Complaint Received	Access to Information and Privacy Branch - PROCESSING, ATIP	2023-01-31		2023-01-31	No	0
Comments:	Delay complaint (5822-06632) KW 2023-01-31					
E-mail	Requester	2022-12-01		2022-12-01	No	0
Comments:	status update and reply emailed 2022-12-01 RV					
File to Processing	Access to Information and Privacy Branch - GOODE, Leslie	2022-08-25		2022-08-25	No	0
Comments:	File to processing. LG 2022-08-25					
Clarification	Requester	2022-08-15	2022-09-14	2022-08-25	Yes	10
Comments:	Clarif. LG 2022-08-15					
Telephone	Access to Information and Privacy Branch - GOODE, Leslie	2022-08-10		2022-08-10	No	0
Comments:	Voicemail message left for REQ for return call. LG 2022-08-10					
FILE to be assigned	Access to Information and Privacy Branch - TRIAGE, TRIAGE	2022-08-09		2022-08-25	No	16
Comments:	File to processing. LG 2022-08-25					
	Self assigned for action. LG 2022-08-09					
File to Triage	Access to Information and Privacy Branch - PROCESSING, ATIP	2022-08-04		2022-08-04	No	0
Comments:	File to Triage; too broad, not sure what they are asking for - Aug 4, 2022 AC					
Heads-Up Required	Access to Information and Privacy Branch - BERUBE, Lyndsey	2022-08-03			No	121
Comments:	Please provide heads up to CSPER EA, CSPERO, IM-GE, Jana Rinaldi(ESML-EBS), Megan Tam(Government Affairs), RCMP_Calendar, ATIP Mngt/Director, FP (LB)					
File Opened	Requester	2022-07-29		2022-07-29	No	0
Comments:	Online request 29-Jul-2022 MLL					
Extend ATI Operations 9(a)	Requester	2022-07-29		2022-07-29	No	0
Comments:	As per management, the RCMP joined the online request portal in April 2014. Since that time, the RCMP ATIP office has seen an increase of 184% in requests over the last six fiscal years. Our office is working on addressing the resource deficiencies but in the meantime the volume of requests has surpassed the branch's capacity. Given this fact, an extension pursuant to section 9 of the ATI Act is required to offset operational/volume impacts.					
Ack w/ Extension	Requester	2022-07-29		2022-07-29	No	0
Comments:	Ack email sent 29-Jul-2022 MLL					
File to Processing	Access to Information and Privacy Branch - LALONDE, Marie-Lou	2022-07-29		2022-07-29	No	0
Comments:	Ready to be tasked 29-Jul-2022 MLL					

Request Summary Report

A-2022-06561 / F900 - DUFF, Conacher [Organization]

CLOSING

Date Closed:		Method of Access:	
Date Communicated:		Method of Delivery:	
Request Disposition:		Translation:	
Pages Received:	0	Request Transferred Out:	No
Pages Reviewed:	0		
Pages Released:	0		
Pages Not Relevant:	0		
Comment:			

Disposition:	Release Date:
Pages Reviewed:	Method of Delivery:
Pages Released:	Translation:
Pages Not Relevant:	Method of Access:
Version :	

Sections:

AccessPro Case Management:
AccessPro Redaction:

COMPLAINT

Date Complaint Received:	2023-01-31	Reason:	Delay- Deemed Refusal
Officer Assigned:	Processing, ATIP	Investigator:	Sophie Marcoux
Commissioner's File #:	5822-06632	Finding Date:	
Complainant's Number:	5822-06632	Finding:	
Received at Commissioner:		Result:	
Complainant's Name:	Conacher Duff	Date Closed:	
Complaint Text:	Royal Canadian Mounted Police failed to respond to the request within the time limits set out in the Access to Information Act.		

Wardrop, Kristen

From: Wardrop, Kristen
Sent: January 31, 2023 3:14 PM
To: 'Grefe-Documents-Registry@oic-ci.gc.ca'
Subject: Complaint: Your File 5822-06632, Our File A-2022-06561
Attachments: ack_A-2022-06561.pdf; closing report_A-2022-06561.pdf; Receipt_A-2022-06561.pdf; request attachment_A-2022-06561.pdf; Request_A-2022-06561.pdf

Dear Sophie Marcoux:

This is in response to the above-mentioned complaint received on January 31, 2023. Attached is a copy of the requested documents.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, contact the undersigned. Please quote the file number appearing on this letter.

Regards,

Kristen Wardrop

ATIP – Junior Officer

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Access to Information and Privacy Branch (ATIP) / Accès à l'information et de la protection des renseignements personnels (AIPRP)

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From: [Lattanzi-Thomas, Rita](#)
To: ["Grefe-Documents-Registry@oic-ci.gc.ca"](mailto:Grefe-Documents-Registry@oic-ci.gc.ca)
Cc: [ATIP Complaints / Plantes AIPRP DL](#)
Subject: Complaint Final Response: Your File 5822-06632, Our File A-2022-06561
Date: May 25, 2023 2:33:00 PM
Attachments: [A-2022-06561 APCM Closing Report.pdf](#)
[A-2022-06561 signed letter.pdf](#)

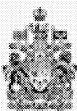
Dear Sophie Marcoux:

This is in response to the above-mentioned complaint received on January 31, 2023. Attached is a copy of our final response sent to the requester.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, contact the undersigned. Please quote the file number appearing on this letter.

Regards,

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Notice: ceasing to investigate a complaint under subsection 30(5)

Institution: Royal Canadian Mounted Police

Date: 2023-06-08

OIC file number: 5822-06632

Institution file number: A-2022-06561 / F279

The Information Commissioner of Canada gives notice under subsection 30(5) of the *Access to Information Act* that she has ceased to investigate complaint 5822-06632 against the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, pursuant to paragraph 30(4)(b). This paragraph allows the Commissioner to cease to investigate a complaint when continuing an investigation is unnecessary having regard to all the circumstances of the complaint.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police informed the Office of the Information Commissioner that it had provided a response to the access request that is the subject of this complaint on May 25, 2023. Therefore, it is unnecessary to continue to investigate the delay in responding to the request. The issue is moot – that is, any further investigation of the complaint would have no practical benefit, now that a response has been provided.

Request Summary Report

A-2022-06561 / F174 - CONACHER, Duff [Organization]

Category:	REVIEWING	Date on Request:	2022-07-22
Received:	2022-07-22	Date Initially Received:	2022-07-22
Due:	2022-10-03	Requester File Ref. #:	2534055
Closed:	2023-05-25	Jacket Number:	GA-1516-3-06561/22
Officer Assigned:	Lattanzi-Thomas , Rita	Request Transferred In:	No
Decision Maker:	Duguay, Ray	Days Taken:	297
Days Allowed:	63		

Organization:	Democracy Watch	Telephone:	416-546-3443
Address:	33 Browning Ave. PO Box 35042 Toronto, Ontario, M4K 3P5 CANADA	Fascimile:	
		Other Telephone:	
		Email:	info@democracywatch.ca

Summary: requesting documents that has been disclosed with regard to the Aga Khan situation investigation be disclosed by the RCMP concerning its investigation into the SNC-Lavalin prosecution situation.

Full Text: As it did in February 2021 in a letter to the RCMP, Democracy Watch again requests records with regard to all decisions made concerning the examination and any subsequent investigations that have been undertaken, and all decisions concerning prosecuting anyone involved in the situation of the allegation that Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, former Finance Minister Bill Morneau, some members of their staff, and former Clerk of the Privy Council Michael Wernick obstructed justice by pressuring then-Attorney General Jody Wilson-Raybould to stop the prosecution of SNC-Lavalin. As mentioned in this recent media article:
<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/politics/article-newly-released-documents-show-rcmp-considered-whether-to-charge-justin/> the RCMP has disclosed in response to an ATI Act request documents concerning the investigation into the trip gift given by the Aga Khan to Prime Minister Trudeau and his family. Given that the RCMP has disclosed documents concerning the investigation into the Aga Khan's trip gift, Democracy Watch requests that the same set of documents as has been disclosed with regard to the Aga Khan situation investigation be disclosed by the RCMP concerning its investigation into the SNC-Lavalin prosecution situation.

EXTENSIONS

Extension Type	Extension Days	Extension Date
Interference with operations	30	2022-07-29

FEES

Date	Transaction Type	Fee Type	Unit Cost	Quantity	Charge	Payment
2022-07-29	Payment Received			0.00	\$0.00	\$5.00
	Currency:	CDN\$	Method Payment:	VISA		
	Details:	R533125563				
2022-07-29	Application Fee			0.00	\$5.00	
	Currency:	CDN\$				
	Details:	R533125563				
Balance Owning:						\$0.00

Request Summary Report

A-2022-06561 / F174 - CONACHER, Duff [Organization]

ACTIVITY

Action	Contact	Created	Due	Completed	On Hold	Elapsed
File Opened Comments:	Requester	2022-07-29		2022-07-29	No	0
		Online request 29-Jul-2022 MLL				
Extend ATI Operations 9(a) Comments:	Requester	2022-07-29		2022-07-29	No	0
		As per management, the RCMP joined the online request portal in April 2014. Since that time, the RCMP ATIP office has seen an increase of 184% in requests over the last six fiscal years. Our office is working on addressing the resource deficiencies but in the meantime the volume of requests has surpassed the branch's capacity. Given this fact, an extension pursuant to section 9 of the ATI Act is required to offset operational/volume impacts.				
Ack w/ Extension Comments:	Requester	2022-07-29		2022-07-29	No	0
		Ack email sent 29-Jul-2022 MLL				
File to Processing Comments:	Access to Information and Privacy Branch - LALONDE, Marie-Lou	2022-07-29		2022-07-29	No	0
		Ready to be tasked 29-Jul-2022 MLL				
Heads-Up Required Comments:	Access to Information and Privacy Branch - BERUBE, Lyndsey	2022-08-03			No	200
		Please provide heads up to CSPER EA, CSPERO, IM-GE, Jana Rinaldi(ESML-EBS), Megan Tam(Government Affairs), RCMP_Calendar, ATIP Mngt/Director, FP (LB)				
File to Triage Comments:	Access to Information and Privacy Branch - PROCESSING, ATIP	2022-08-04		2022-08-04	No	0
		File to Triage; too broad, not sure what they are asking for - Aug 4, 2022 AC				
FILE to be assigned Comments:	Access to Information and Privacy Branch - TRIAGE, TRIAGE	2022-08-09		2022-08-25	No	16
		File to processing. LG 2022-08-25				
		Self assigned for action. LG 2022-08-09				
Telephone Comments:	Access to Information and Privacy Branch - GOODE, Leslie	2022-08-10		2022-08-10	No	0
		Voicemail message left for REQ for return call. LG 2022-08-10				
Clarification Comments:	Requester	2022-08-15	2022-09-14	2022-08-25	Yes	10
		Clarif. LG 2022-08-15				
File to Processing Comments:	Access to Information and Privacy Branch - GOODE, Leslie	2022-08-25		2022-08-25	No	0
		File to processing. LG 2022-08-25				
E-mail Comments:	Requester	2022-12-01		2022-12-01	No	0
		status update and reply emailed 2022-12-01 RV				
Complaint Received Comments:	Access to Information and Privacy Branch - PROCESSING, ATIP	2023-01-31		2023-01-31	No	0
		Delay complaint (5822-06632) KW 2023-01-31				
Complaint Reply Comments:	Office of the Information Commissioner of Canada - PERRIER, Mario	2023-01-31		2023-01-31	No	0
		Complaint reply sent KW 2023-01-31				

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FILE to be assigned	Access to Information and Privacy Branch - BOISVERT, Nathalie	2023-02-01	2023-02-01	No	0
Comments:	File assigned to analyst Feb 1 2023 NB				
ORDERFileATI	HQ Division - FP FEDERAL POLICING	2023-02-10	2023-02-16	2023-02-16	No 4
Comments:	response received OL 2023-02-17				
	Follow up OL 2023-02-16				
	Nathalie suggester to reach out to FP for Tasking OL 2023-02-10				
Cross-Reference	Access to Information and Privacy Branch - LYASSAR, Omar	2023-02-17	2023-02-17	No	0
Comments:	A-2022-06247				
Import	Access to Information and Privacy Branch - LYASSAR, Omar	2023-02-20	2023-02-20	No	0
Comments:	File imported from 2022-06247 as per OPI advise OL 2023-02-20				
VIRTUAL FILE	Access to Information and Privacy Branch - LYASSAR, Omar	2023-02-20	2023-02-20	No	0
Comments:	Virtual File OL 2023-02-20				
File to Disclosure Unit	Access to Information and Privacy Branch - LYASSAR, Omar	2023-02-20	2023-02-20	No	0
Comments:	Fiel to Disclosure for Review OL 2023-02-20				
File to Disclosure Team	Access to Information and Privacy Branch - DISCLOSURE, ATIP	2023-02-20	2023-02-20	No	0
Comments:	Assigned to Team 5 PP Feb 17 2023				
File to Reviewer	Access to Information and Privacy Branch - LATTANZI-THOMAS , Rita	2023-02-23	2023-02-23	No	0
Comments:	File self-assigned as I'm working on the x-ref A-2022-06247. /rlt 23feb2023				
Note to File	Access to Information and Privacy Branch - LATTANZI-THOMAS , Rita	2023-02-23	2023-02-23	No	0
Comments:	All actions are on cross ref A-2022-06247. I have consulted with National Division SII unit, Commissioner's Office and FP. There is still and o/s DOJ consult. /rlt 23feb2023				
File Review	Access to Information and Privacy Branch - LATTANZI-THOMAS , Rita	2023-05-17	2023-05-17	No	0
Comments:	Completed review of documents except for 5 page letter written by requester. /rlt 17may202				
Resp SUI	Requester	2023-05-24	2023-05-24	No	0
Comments:	Still SUI. /rlt 24may2023				
File to NCOI/c Team Leader	Access to Information and Privacy Branch - LATTANZI-THOMAS , Rita	2023-05-24	2023-05-24	No	0
Comments:	Prepared a5 and submitted for approval and signature. /rlt 24may2023				
File to Manager/3rd Review	Access to Information and Privacy Branch - BARBER, Suzanne	2023-05-24	2023-05-24	No	0
Comments:	File to Manager for final approval/signature sb				

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A-2022-06561 / F174 - CONACHER, Duff [Organization]

File release/exemption	Approved	Access to Information and Privacy Branch - SWIM, Kent	2023-05-24	2023-05-24	No	0
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Comments:

From: Swim, Kent
 Sent: May 24, 2023 9:23 AM
 To: Lattanzi-Thomas, Rita <rita.lattanzi-thomas@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
 Subject: A-2022-06561 Approved
 Importance: High

Good morning Rita,

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Letter signed and attached. A heads up to the usual group and SIU should be done with a release date of May 29. Good work and follow up on this file.

Kent

Heads-Up	Access to Information and Privacy Branch - LATTANZI-THOMAS , Rita	2023-05-24	2023-05-25	2023-05-25	No	1
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Comments:

Head's up to National Div (Lead), FP and Comms office. /rlt 25may2023

Request Closed	Access to Information and Privacy Branch - LATTANZI-THOMAS , Rita	2023-05-25	2023-05-25	No	0
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Comments:

Response letter sent via Canada Post. Copy of APCM Closing Report attached. /rlt 25may2023

Verified Release Package	Access to Information and Privacy Branch - LATTANZI-THOMAS , Rita	2023-05-25	2023-05-26	2023-05-25	No	0
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Comments:

Verified address. Name was transposed. Corrected. /rlt 25mar2023

Complaint Copy Final Response	Access to Information and Privacy Branch - LATTANZI-THOMAS , Rita	2023-05-25	2023-05-25	No	0
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Comments:

Final reps sent to OIC. /rlt 25mar2023

CLOSING

Date Closed:	2023-05-25	Method of Access:	E-record
Date Communicated:	2023-05-25	Method of Delivery:	Regular Mail
Request Disposition:	Disclosed in part	Translation:	
Pages Received:	96	Request Transferred Out:	No
Pages Reviewed:	96		
Pages Released:	5		
Pages Not Relevant:	4		
Comment:			
Disposition:	Disclosed in part	Release Date:	2023-05-25
Pages Reviewed:	96	Method of Delivery:	Regular Mail
Pages Released:	5	Translation:	Not Applicable
Pages Not Relevant:	4	Method of Access:	E-record
Version :	Complete		

Request Summary Report

A-2022-06561 / F174 - CONACHER, Duff [Organization]

Sections:**AccessPro Case Management:****AccessPro Redaction:** 16(1)(a)(i)

COMPLAINT

Date Complaint Received:	2023-01-31	Reason:	Delay- Deemed Refusal
Officer Assigned:	Lattanzi-Thomas , Rita	Investigator:	Sophie Marcoux
Commissioner's File #:	5822-06632	Finding Date:	
Complainant's Number:	5822-06632	Finding:	
Received at Commissioner:		Result:	
Complainant's Name:	Conacher Duff	Date Closed:	
Complaint Text:	Royal Canadian Mounted Police failed to respond to the request within the time limits set out in the Access to Information Act.		

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are duplicates**

From: [Brisson, Stéphane \(RCMP/GRC\)](#)
To: [Cruikshank, Amy \(RCMP/GRC\)](#); [Swim, Kent \(RCMP/GRC\)](#)
Cc: [Polito, Joanna \(RCMP/GRC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Process to Manage Requests Concerning Records Related to Investigations under Section 16(1)a)i) of the ATIA__ATIP issue - SNC
Date: July 4, 2023 1:50:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Good afternoon,

FYI: Please find below the final version I sent to the CIO to explain the process when we may have to protect some information in compliance with section 16 of the ATIA.

Could you organize a meeting with the business line to ensure that:

- ATIP have received / will receive all responsive documents; and
- ATIP obtain their rationale if some information still has to be protected in compliance with the ATIP legislation.

Could you work with Joanna so we can schedule a meeting with Jeremie Landry, Sgt Frederic Pincince to discuss next steps with them?

Thank you

Stéphane

From: Boudreau, Paul <Paul.d.Boudreau@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Sent: June 29, 2023 8:24 AM
To: Brisson, Stéphane <Stephane.Brisson@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Cc: Sirois, Melanie <Melanie.Sirois@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>; Berneche, Julie <julie.berneche@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>; Polito, Joanna <Joanna.Polito@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Subject: RE: Process to Manage Requests Concerning Records Related to Investigations under Section 16(1)a)i) of the ATIA__ATIP issue - SNC

Merci Stéphane, this is very helpful and should avoid any miss communication / publication in the future.

Thank you,
Paul

Paul D. Boudreau
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From: Brisson, Stéphane
Sent: June 29, 2023 7:00 AM
To: Boudreau, Paul <Paul.d.Boudreau@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Cc: Sirois, Melanie <Melanie.Sirois@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>; Berneche, Julie <julie.berneche@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>; Polito, Joanna <Joanna.Polito@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Subject: Process to Manage Requests Concerning Records Related to Investigations under Section 16(1)a)i) of the ATIA__ATIP issue - SNC

Bonjour Paul,

The following is a bullet point summary for Deputy Larkin to describe our review/release process regarding matters under investigations by the RCMP.

The ATIP Branch has a robust process in place for processing and reviewing formal requests. All requests pass through 3 layers of approvals prior to being released to the public:

1. Consultations with proper OPI
2. ATIP Managerial review and approval
3. Head-ups provided to the OPI and interested parties before release.

Summary of the review & release process:

While processing this request the ATIP Branch followed the usual process that applies to any access request related to a matter that is still being investigated by the RCMP. Here is a summary of the approval/release process:

- For each request received, Taskings are sent to the appropriate OPI to provide ATIP Branch with the relevant records.
- When providing records, the ATIP Branch recommends that OPIs include an A5 form with their concerns and recommendations for exemptions.
- During the review process, it is common for the ATIP Branch to consult with the OPIs who are the SMEs on their material.
- Once a file is approved by a manager, a final check is done with the OPI just prior to releasing the records to the requester. This heads up provides the OPI and other interested parties a chance to view the final release package and prepare media lines as needed.
- Every Friday, ATIP meets with IM-GE, ES&ML, and Parl Affairs to discuss any hot topics.
- Some high profile requests can also be discussed by the DG ATIP during bilats and flagged at the Monday morning briefings with the Commissioner.
- When files are still actively being investigated, and currently in the court process, or are being

used as evidence in other on-going investigations, in compliance with section 16 of the *Access to Information Act* (ATIA), it is ATIP Branch's practice to withhold the entirety of the investigation so as not to jeopardize the investigation or court process.

Type of responses provided to the requesters:

- Response letters sent to requesters should not compromise the integrity of an investigation or court process.
- Generally, when responding to an access request, ATIP will issue a response of '*neither confirm nor deny*' the existence of an investigation.
 - This is common when the subject of complaint does not know about the investigation, or a third party is seeking to find out if there are investigations on other individuals. It is common for landlords to request calls for service to their properties on tenants, or neighbours seeking information about their neighbours.
- Sometimes, including this particular instance, when it is public knowledge that an RCMP investigation is ongoing or when the RCMP has previously spoken publicly that they were reviewing complaints received, ATIP will generally adjust to the official message vehiculated by the organisation.
 - In such a case, instead of sending a '*neither confirm nor deny*' the existence of an investigation, if the investigation is not closed, the ATIPB will inform the requester that no records can be released because the matter is still under investigation
- If an investigation is closed and the matter is known to the public, the RCMP may still refuse to disclose any record that contains information obtained or prepared by it as an investigative body in the course of lawful investigations pertaining to the detection, prevention or suppression of crime if the record came into existence less than twenty years prior to the request.
 - This conclusion is reached:
 - after balancing the reasons for release and the reasons against release in good faith and using only factors relevant to the ATIA;
 - when there is reasonable cause to believe that the records should not be disclosed.

Gap identified and corrective measures adopted:

Since the processing of this request, ATIP has spoken with SII about processes and a gap was identified.

- When responding to a Tasking, there is a nuance that needs to be clarified concerning the status of an investigation.
- An investigation can be open for an operational reason or an administrative reason.
- SII indicated that sometimes the decision to close the investigation is made before the file is administratively close in the system.
- Additional time is sometimes necessary to put all information/records on file before closing the investigation administratively in the system.
- In this case, it appears that a decision was made in January 2023 that the investigation would be concluded, but it was not closed administratively until late May. This nuance is important for ATIP Branch to be aware of and understand as it has a direct impact on the response it provides to the requesters.

- Moving forward, if SII has already decided to close an investigation but has yet to close it administratively, SII will inform ATIP of such in an email.
- Upon receiving SII's email confirming that the investigation is close, based on the rationale provided, ATIP will determine whether the information should be released or whether there is reasonable cause to believe that the records should not be disclosed in compliance with the ATIA

This gap has served to reinforce our internal processes and ensure clear and accurate communication with our record holders so we can document all relevant information to our requests.

Trusting this to be helpful.

Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me,

Stéphane

Stéphane Brisson

Director General, ATIP | Directeur général, AIPRP
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From: Boudreau, Paul <Paul.d.Boudreau@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Sent: June 22, 2023 12:54 PM
To: Brisson, Stéphane <Stephane.Brisson@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Subject: FW: ATIP issue - SNC

Bonjour Stéphane,

Please see the below comments from the Deputy. I echo the comments of the Deputy, please pass this on to those involved in this.

Thank you,
Paul

From: Larkin, Bryan
Sent: June 22, 2023 8:42 AM
To: Boudreau, Paul <Paul.d.Boudreau@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>; Higgs, Sharolyn <Sharolyn.Higgs@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Subject: RE: ATIP issue - SNC

PB,

Morning,

Thank you for update as well as the efforts of Stephane and ATIP Team.

Much appreciated.

Regards,

B

Bryan M. Larkin
Deputy Commissioner | Sous-commissaire
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From: Boudreau, Paul <Paul.d.Boudreau@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Sent: June 21, 2023 12:07 PM
To: Higgs, Sharolyn <Sharolyn.Higgs@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>; Larkin, Bryan <Bryan.Larkin@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Subject: FW: ATIP issue - SNC

For your awareness.

Paul

----- Original message -----

From: "Brisson, Stéphane" <Stephane.Brisson@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Date: 2023-06-21 12:03 p.m. (GMT-05:00)
To: "Boudreau, Paul" <Paul.d.Boudreau@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>, "Sirois, Melanie" <Melanie.Sirois@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>, "Polito, Joanna" <Joanna.Polito@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Subject: RE: ATIP issue - SNC

Hello Paul,

I confirm my team called and left a voice message to the requester.

ATIP will also send an acknowledgment letter to DW as the requester asked that the records be provided to them as there is no investigation.

The acknowledgement letter is currently reviewed by Communications to ensure it is consistent with recent RCMP's communication.

The acknowledgement letter will:

- confirm receipt of the new request received from the requester
- underline that the records were not previously disclosed because, based on the information available at the time, they were protected pursuant section 16 of the *Access to information Act* (matter still under investigation)
- mention the RCMP had conducted an assessment pertaining to these allegations related to SNC-Lavalin affair and determined there was insufficient evidence to there was 'insufficient evidence' to lay charges
- confirm the ATIP Branch will undertake a new review of the records, and, following necessary consultations, will provide a new release package to the requester.

Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me,

Stéphane

Stéphane Brisson

Director General, ATIP | Directeur général, AIPRP
Royal Canadian Mounted Police | Gendarmerie royale du Canada
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Ottawa, Ontario
Canada K1A 0R2
613-843-3296

From: [Bertrand, France \(RCMP/GRC\)](#)
To: [Brisson, Stéphane \(RCMP/GRC\)](#)
Subject: RE: media lines below AWARENESS: SNC Lavalin file assessment
Date: September 22, 2023 8:06:35 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Merci Stephane

France Bertrand

Director General Digital Strategy, Governance & Program Support
Directrice générale de la Stratégie numérique, gouvernance et soutien de programme
IM/IT Program / Programme de la GI-TI
Royal Canadian Mounted Police / Gendarmerie royale du Canada
France.bertrand@rcmp-grc.gc.ca

From: Brisson, Stéphane (RCMP/GRC) <Stephane.Brisson@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Sent: September 21, 2023 5:38 PM
To: Bertrand, France (RCMP/GRC) <France.Bertrand@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Subject: FW: media lines below AWARENESS: SNC Lavalin file assessment

Bon après-midi France,

As discussed this afternoon, I would like to update you with respect to the above-mentioned file.

This will assist you in briefing Deputy Larkin on the ATI request for SNC.

Background:

- On May 25, 2023, the RCMP provided a response to Democracy Watch on their ATI request seeking information on the investigation of SNC Lavalin and alleged political interference by the Prime Minister. At that time, ATIP was advised by National Division that the investigation was still on-going. Only minimal information already known to the requester was released at that time.
- This resulted in media inquiries on the status of the investigation/assessment. National stated the investigation/assessment was concluded in January 2023 but the PROS file was not concluded until May 29, 2023.
- On June 20, 2023, ATIP Branch opened a new request in order to process the entirety of the investigation/assessment for the requester. A commitment was made to respond within 90 days as per Deputy Larkin's email below. Those 90 days expired on September 20, 2023.

Update and Next Steps:

- ATIP Branch has completed the review of the 4600 pages but had to make some consultations with National Security and Legal Services before releasing the documents.
- National Division SII has agreed to complete reviewing our proposed release package by tomorrow to ensure we have properly captured their recommendations.
- An interim release package of **1546 pages** will be released to the requester tomorrow. It will include a large portion of the requested information that was used to support the investigation.
- Additional interim releases will be done within the next two weeks and the requester has been informed of such.
- These additional two weeks will allow ATIP to finalize the review of the remaining documents taking into account National Security's recommendations.
- There are about 15 pages of documents that could be subject to Cabinet Confidence. Once Legal Service will have obtained confirmation if these documents can be released, ATIP will prepare a release package accordingly. If the documents cannot be disclosed, the documents will be protected in compliance with the ATIP legislation.
- ATIP is working to get this request completed as quickly as possible and will confirm tomorrow when the first interim release package will be sent.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me,

Stéphane

From: Boudreau, Paul <Paul.d.Boudreau@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Sent: June 21, 2023 11:25 AM

To: Brisson, Stéphane <Stephane.Brisson@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>; Sirois, Melanie <Melanie.Sirois@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Subject: FW: AWARENESS: SNC Lavalin file assessment

For your awareness.

Paul

----- Original message -----

From: "Larkin, Bryan" <Bryan.Larkin@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Date: 2023-06-21 11:19 a.m. (GMT-05:00)
To: "Boudreau, Paul" <Paul.d.Boudreau@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Cc: "Higgs, Sharolyn" <Sharolyn.Higgs@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Subject: FW: AWARENESS: SNC Lavalin file assessment

PB,

Greetings,

FYSA –

Regards,

B

Bryan M. Larkin
Deputy Commissioner | Sous-commissaire
Specialized Policing Services | Services de police spécialisé

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73 Leikin
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From: Bradley, Jolene <Jolene.Bradley@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Sent: June 21, 2023 11:01 AM
To: Larkin, Bryan <Bryan.Larkin@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>; Thompson, Kathy <Kathy.Thompson@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Cc: Tomlinson, Jamie <Jamie.Tomlinson@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>; Lo, Janet <Janet.Lo@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Subject: AWARENESS: SNC Lavalin file assessment

Good morning Bryan and Kathy,

Wanted to close the loop with you on the SNC file. Our media team will be closing off the outstanding media calls with the response you saw last night. We've also given downtown a head's up.

The following outlets have reached out:

Global News
Counter Signal
Western Standard
National Post
City news
CHCH
Globe & Mail

We will provide the following information to the reporters:

In a May 2023 Access to Information (ATI) release, the RCMP informed a requester that records they were seeking were exempt from release as the matter was under investigation. This information was incorrect, and based on the information available to the ATIP Branch at that time.

As previously stated, the RCMP is not investigating allegations of political interference in the exercise of prosecutorial discretion to secure a remediation agreement for SNC-Lavalin. The RCMP's Sensitive and International Investigations unit had conducted an assessment pertaining to these allegations and determined there was insufficient evidence to substantiate a criminal offence and the file was concluded by January 2023.

The RCMP will undertake a new review of the records, and, following necessary consultations, will provide a new release package to the requester **within 90 days**.

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Forwarded for your awareness.

Jolene

Dyshniku, Teodor

From: ATIPB
Sent: November 8, 2022 4:55 PM
To: FP Correspondence Unit / Unité de Correspondence PF
Subject: Access to Information Act request A-2022-06247 / F293

Access to Information Act REQUEST NOTIFICATION

Good day,

PLEASE ACTION IMMEDIATELY

ATIP Branch's Request #: A-2022-06247 / F293

Your Due Date: November 15, 2022

A.M.III.11.G.3.b.2

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Thank you,

Mr. Teodor Dyshniku
ATIP Branch
atipb@rcmp-grc.gc.ca

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are duplicates**

Dyshniku, Teodor

From: ATIPB
Sent: November 18, 2022 5:03 PM
To: FP Correspondence Unit / Unité de Correspondence PF
Subject: RE: Access to Information Act request A-2022-06247 / F293

Importance: High

As per the request we thought that FP would have some involvement in the investigation, if you did not could you please advise who might've investigated the SNC Lavalin circumstance?

Thank you,

Teodor Dyshniku
RCMP ATIP Junior Analyst / Analyste Junior AIPRP GRC
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From: FP Correspondence Unit / Unité de Correspondence PF
Sent: November 9, 2022 11:21 AM
To: ATIPB <ATIPB@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Cc: FP Correspondence Unit / Unité de Correspondence PF <FPCorrespondenceUnit-UnitedeCorrespondencePF@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Subject: RE: Access to Information Act request A-2022-06247 / F293

Hi,

We're confused as to why this ATIP request has been sent to Federal Policing. Can you provide some clarity?

Jon

From: ATIPB <ATIPB@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, November 8, 2022 4:55 PM
To: FP Correspondence Unit / Unité de Correspondence PF <FPCorrespondenceUnit-UnitedeCorrespondencePF@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
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Thank you,

Mr. Teodor Dyshniku
ATIP Branch
atipb@rcmp-grc.gc.ca

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is not relevant

Dyshniku, Teodor

From: FP Correspondence Unit / Unité de Correspondence PF
Sent: November 21, 2022 11:01 AM
To: ATIPB; Dyshniku, Teodor
Cc: FP Correspondence Unit / Unité de Correspondence PF
Subject: RE: Access to Information Act request A-2022-06247 / F293

Teodor,

Also, we recommend that you task this out to Commissioner's office, as well.

Tks,

Nilu Cooray
FP Correspondence Unit

From: FP Correspondence Unit / Unité de Correspondence PF <FPCorrespondenceUnit-UnitedeCorrespondencePF@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Sent: November 21, 2022 9:16 AM
To: ATIPB <ATIPB@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>; Dyshniku, Teodor <Teodor.Dyshniku@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Cc: FP Correspondence Unit / Unité de Correspondence PF <FPCorrespondenceUnit-UnitedeCorrespondencePF@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Subject: RE: Access to Information Act request A-2022-06247 / F293

Good morning Teodor,

Please task a/n to National Division, Sensitive and International Investigations (SII), as well.

Standby,

Best,

Nilu Cooray
FP Correspondence Unit

From: ATIPB <ATIPB@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Sent: November 8, 2022 4:55 PM
To: FP Correspondence Unit / Unité de Correspondence PF <FPCorrespondenceUnit-UnitedeCorrespondencePF@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
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Dyshniku, Teodor

From: FP Correspondence Unit / Unité de Correspondence PF
Sent: November 24, 2022 4:03 PM
To: ATIPB; FP Correspondence Unit / Unité de Correspondence PF
Subject: RE: Access to Information Act request A-2022-06247 / F293

It's a Unit within National Division.

Tks

Nilu

From: ATIPB <ATIPB@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Sent: November 24, 2022 3:30 PM
To: FP Correspondence Unit / Unité de Correspondence PF <FPCorrespondenceUnit-UnitedeCorrespondencePF@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Subject: RE: Access to Information Act request A-2022-06247 / F293

Good afternoon,

Thank you for your recommendations. I wanted to ask, is National Division and Sensitive and International Investigations (SII), one OPI or two?

If they are separate, could you give me the contact info of SII?

Thank you,

Teodor Dyshniku
RCMP ATIP Junior Analyst / Analyste Junior AIPRP GRC
Access to Information and Privacy Branch / Accès à l'information et de la protection des renseignements personnels
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Sent: November 21, 2022 11:01 AM
To: ATIPB <ATIPB@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>; Dyshniku, Teodor <Teodor.Dyshniku@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Cc: FP Correspondence Unit / Unité de Correspondence PF <FPCorrespondenceUnit-UnitedeCorrespondencePF@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
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Nilu Cooray
FP Correspondence Unit

From: FP Correspondence Unit / Unité de Correspondence PF <FPCorrespondenceUnit-UnitedeCorrespondencePF@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Sent: November 21, 2022 9:16 AM

To: ATIPB <ATIPB@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>; Dyshniku, Teodor <Teodor.Dyshniku@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Cc: FP Correspondence Unit / Unité de Correspondence PF <FPCorrespondenceUnit-UnitedeCorrespondencePF@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Subject: RE: Access to Information Act request A-2022-06247 / F293

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Standby,

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Nilu Cooray
FP Correspondence Unit

From: ATIPB <ATIPB@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Sent: November 8, 2022 4:55 PM

To: FP Correspondence Unit / Unité de Correspondence PF <FPCorrespondenceUnit-UnitedeCorrespondencePF@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

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From: FP Correspondence Unit / Unité de Correspondence PF
Sent: December 16, 2022 2:33 PM
To: ATIPB; Dyshniku, Teodor
Cc: FP Correspondence Unit / Unité de Correspondence PF
Subject: RE: Access to Information Act request A-2022-06247 / F293

Happy Friday Teodor,

Note, we have saved all the responsive documents related to above-noted on the shared R:\NHQ\ATIP-FP\A-2022-06247-F293.

Tasking concluded,

Nilu Cooray
FP Correspondence Unit

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Dyshniku, Teodor

From: Groh, Megan
Sent: November 14, 2022 4:57 PM
To: ATIPB
Subject: RE: Extension request FW: Access to Information Act request A-2022-06247 / F293

Granted!

Megan Groh

W: 613-823-5511
C: 343-574-7264
Megan.Groh@rcmp-grc.gc.ca

From: ATIPB <ATIPB@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Sent: November 14, 2022 2:11 PM
To: Groh, Megan <Megan.Groh@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Subject: Extension request FW: Access to Information Act request A-2022-06247 / F293

Hi Megan,

OPI is asking for ext to Nov 28 due to lack of resources and other urgent priorities. Can we grant their extension?

Teodor Dyshniku
RCMP ATIP Junior Analyst / Analyste Junior AIPRP GRC
Access to Information and Privacy Branch / Accès à l'information et de la protection des renseignements personnels
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From: FP Correspondence Unit / Unité de Correspondence PF
Sent: November 14, 2022 9:16 AM
To: ATIPB <ATIPB@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>; Dyshniku, Teodor <Teodor.Dyshniku@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Cc: FP Correspondence Unit / Unité de Correspondence PF <FPCorrespondenceUnit-UnitedeCorrespondencePF@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Subject: RE: Access to Information Act request A-2022-06247 / F293

Good morning Teodor,

Kindly grant an extension to a/n until Nov. 28th. Due to lack of resource and other urgent priorities, our team is requesting additional time to complete this request.

Please confirm,

Nilu Cooray

From: ATIPB <ATIPB@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Sent: November 8, 2022 4:55 PM

To: FP Correspondence Unit / Unité de Correspondence PF <FPCorrespondenceUnit-UnitedeCorrespondencePF@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Subject: Access to Information Act request A-2022-06247 / F293

Access to Information Act REQUEST NOTIFICATION

Good day,

PLEASE ACTION IMMEDIATELY

ATIP Branch's Request #: A-2022-06247 / F293

Your Due Date: November 15, 2022

A.M.III.11.G.3.b.2

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Thank you,

Mr. Teodor Dyshniku
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atipb@rcmp-grc.gc.ca

Dyshniku, Teodor

From: ATIPB
Sent: November 8, 2022 4:58 PM
To: ATIP Commissioner Office / AIPRP Bureau du Commissaire
Cc: McDonald, Terry-Lynn
Subject: Access to Information Act request A-2022-06247 / F293

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Dyshniku, Teodor

From: ATIP Commissioner Office / AIPRP Bureau du Commissaire
Sent: November 17, 2022 2:43 PM
To: ATIPB
Subject: COMPLETED - RE: Access to Information Act request A-2022-06247 / F293

Good afternoon Teodor,

Please find all relevant material for ATIP A-2022-06247 under the following path: ROSS_Protected_B (R:) > NHQ > ATIP-Commissioner's Office > ATIP A-2022-06247.

This concludes this tasking for the Commissioner's Tasking Unit.

Thank you,
Vanessa

From: ATIPB <ATIPB@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Sent: November 8, 2022 4:58 PM
To: ATIP Commissioner Office / AIPRP Bureau du Commissaire
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Cc: McDonald, Terry-Lynn <Terry-Lynn.McDonald@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
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Dyshniku, Teodor

From: NatDiv_ATIP/AIPRP_DivNat - RCMP/GRC
Sent: November 16, 2022 8:15 AM
To: ATIPB
Subject: RE: Access to Information Act request A-2022-06247 / F293
Attachments: A-5 - A-2022-6247-F293 - F. Pincince.xfdl

Good morning Teodor,

The PROS occurrence related to this ATI request is still active as this case is SUL.

I am hereby attaching the A-5 that was provided to me by Sgt. Frederic Pincince, A/OIC SII Team III, regarding the non-disclosure of information contained in PROS occurrence 2019-287461.

Also, please note that the present ATI request is the 5th one that is related to this case and that, for each one, National Division provided ATIP Branch with an A-5 recommending non-disclosure of information. The 2 last such requests were A-2021-03086 and A-2020-3124.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions.

Thank you and have a great day!

Sylvie

From: ATIPB
Sent: November 8, 2022 4:57 PM
To: NatDiv_ATIP/AIPRP_DivNat - RCMP/GRC <NatDiv_ATIP/AIPRP_DivNat@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Subject: Access to Information Act request A-2022-06247 / F293

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January 17, 2023

Malaka Hendela
Director, Access to Information and Privacy
Department of Justice Canada (DOJ)
275 Sparks Street, 9th Floor - Building SAT
Ottawa ON K1A 0H8

Dear Hendela:

Re: **Access to Information Act**

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In reviewing records for the above noted request, we found information which was either provided by, or may be of interest to your Department.

We would appreciate your recommendations with respect to the disclosure or protection of this information. Please clearly identify the portions you feel should be exempted from disclosure and provide a rationale for exempting the material. In order to assist us in responding to the requester within our legislated timeframe, we request that you return the documents to us for our review by **February 6, 2023**. If applicable, a response indicating that you have no objections to the disclosure of the information will be required.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, contact the undersigned. Please quote the file number appearing on this letter.

Regards,

Rita Lattanzi-Thomas

Rita Lattanzi-Thomas
Access to Information and Privacy Branch
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613-843-3380
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From: [Lattanzi-Thomas, Rita](#)
To: ["ATIP-AIP@justice.gc.ca"](mailto:ATIP-AIP@justice.gc.ca)
Subject: Consultation - RCMP File # A-2022-06247 / F174
Date: January 17, 2023 3:44:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.gif](#)
[A-2022-06247 DOJ consult.rtf](#)
[A-2022-06247 DOJ consult.pdf](#)

Good Afternoon,

Please see attached consultation request from the RCMP.

Thank you,
Rita



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From: [ATIP-AIPRP - Justice Canada](#)
To: [Lattanzi-Thomas, Rita](#)
Subject: Due date revision / our file : AC-2022-00858 / Your file : A-2022-06247
Date: January 17, 2023 5:26:39 PM

Good Day Lattanzi-Thomas,

Thank you for consulting with us.

Regarding the current due date, please see our processing times. We are unable to meet the deadline of **February 06, 2023**, for the consultation of the above-mentioned file.

Barring any unforeseen circumstances I hope to have a response by (or prior to) **February 24, 2023**, and will revise our due date accordingly. Please note that this due date may require an additional revision.

Should you have any questions or concerns about this or anything else, please do not hesitate to contact the general ATIP Inbox at ATIP-AIP@justice.gc.ca.

Please refer to our file number **AC-2022- 00858** when responding.

Best regards,

Catherine Lee

Access to Information and Privacy Office | Bureau de l'accès à l'information et de la protection des renseignements personnels
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To: "Brin, Sylvia (she; her | elle; la)"
Subject: RE: Consultation - RCMP File # A-2022-06247 / F174 - Justice Canada's file number AC-2022-00858
Date: February 24, 2023 12:28:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Good Afternoon,

No problem. I've changed the diary date to March 10th.

Have a nice weekend!
Rita

From: Brin, Sylvia (she; her | elle; la) <Sylvia.Brin@justice.gc.ca>
Sent: February 24, 2023 12:21 PM
To: Lattanzi-Thomas, Rita <rita.lattanzi-thomas@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Subject: RE: Consultation - RCMP File # A-2022-06247 / F174 - Justice Canada's file number AC-2022-00858

Hello,

I apologize for the delay in replying to your request. Would it be possible to obtain a two week extension on this request?

Thank you.

Sylvia Brin

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Sent: January 17, 2023 3:44 PM
To: ATIP-AIPRP - Justice Canada <ATIP-AIP@justice.gc.ca>
Subject: Consultation - RCMP File # A-2022-06247 / F174

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To: [Lattanzi-Thomas, Rita](#)
Subject: RE: Consultation - RCMP File # A-2022-06247 / F174 - Our file AC-2022-00858
Date: March 7, 2023 1:20:07 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Okay thank you and noted. I will let the OPI know.

From: Lattanzi-Thomas, Rita <rita.lattanzi-thomas@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Sent: March 7, 2023 1:18 PM
To: Brin, Sylvia (she; her | elle; la) <Sylvia.Brin@justice.gc.ca>
Subject: RE: Consultation - RCMP File # A-2022-06247 / F174 - Our file AC-2022-00858

Good Afternoon Sylvia 😊

I've extended the DD to March 24th in our system.

Just an FYI, there is a delay complaint on this file and the OIC are requesting constant updates.

Thanks,
Rita

From: Brin, Sylvia (she; her | elle; la) <Sylvia.Brin@justice.gc.ca>
Sent: March 7, 2023 1:13 PM
To: Lattanzi-Thomas, Rita <rita.lattanzi-thomas@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Subject: RE: Consultation - RCMP File # A-2022-06247 / F174 - Our file AC-2022-00858

Hello Rita,

I would like to request a two week extension. It has come to my attention that the employee who was initially reviewing is away and so now the baton has been passed to someone else.

Thank you.

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Subject: RE: Consultation - RCMP File # A-2022-06247 / F174 - Justice Canada - Our file AC-2022-00858
Date: March 21, 2023 8:37:00 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Good Morning Sylvia,

I have extended the DD in my system to April 6th.

I have also advised the OIC of this as they asked for an update.

Thanks,
Rita

From: Brin, Sylvia (she; her | elle; la) <Sylvia.Brin@justice.gc.ca>
Sent: March 21, 2023 7:16 AM
To: Lattanzi-Thomas, Rita <rita.lattanzi-thomas@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Subject: RE: Consultation - RCMP File # A-2022-06247 / F174 - Justice Canada - Our file AC-2022-00858

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From: [Maalouf, Michelle](#)
To: [ATIPB](#)
Cc: [Lattanzi-Thomas, Rita](#)
Subject: Response to your ATIP Request AC-2022-00858 / SB - Réponse à votre demande d'AIPRP AC-2022-00858 / SB
Date: March 22, 2023 8:06:28 AM
Attachments: [Final Letter AC-2022-00858.pdf](#)

Good day,

Please find attached the response to your request mentioned above. Please not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Thank you

Veuillez trouver ci-jointe la réponse à votre demande ci-dessus. N'hésitez pas à communiquer avec moi si vous avez des questions.

Merci

Sylvia Brin

ATIP Analyst

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To: [Lattanzi-Thomas, Rita](#)
Subject: COMPLETED - RE: Access to Information Act A-2022-06247 / F174 Request for Consultation with Your Department
Date: January 23, 2023 3:47:23 PM

Perfect. Thank you for the update.

No concerns from the Commissioner's Office.

Thank you,
Vanessa

From: Lattanzi-Thomas, Rita <rita.lattanzi-thomas@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Sent: January 23, 2023 3:36 PM
To: ATIP Commissioner Office / AIPRP Bureau du Commissaire
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Subject: RE: Access to Information Act A-2022-06247 / F174 Request for Consultation with Your Department

Hi Vanessa,

I have sent the documents to National Division as they are the lead on this subject matter.

FP previously stated that as they were not the record holder of the documents that I should consult with your office. I will touch base with them again to see if they will provide any recommendations.

Thank you,
Rita

From: ATIP Commissioner Office / AIPRP Bureau du Commissaire
<ATIP.Commissionersoffice_bureauducommissaire.AIPRP@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Sent: January 23, 2023 3:32 PM
To: Lattanzi-Thomas, Rita <rita.lattanzi-thomas@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Subject: RE: Access to Information Act A-2022-06247 / F174 Request for Consultation with Your Department

Good afternoon Rita,

The Commissioner's office has no concerns however, could you please confirm if FP was?

Thanks,
Vanessa

From: Lattanzi-Thomas, Rita <rita.lattanzi-thomas@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Sent: January 23, 2023 2:00 PM

To: ATIP Commissioner Office / AIPRP Bureau du Commissaire

<ATIP.Commissionersoffice_bureauducommissaire.AIPRP@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Subject: RE: Access to Information Act A-2022-06247 / F174 Request for Consultation with Your Department

Hi Vanessa,

Does this conclude Commissioner's office response or will you be providing recommendations?

Thanks,

Rita

From: ATIP Commissioner Office / AIPRP Bureau du Commissaire

<ATIP.Commissionersoffice_bureauducommissaire.AIPRP@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Sent: January 23, 2023 9:54 AM

To: Lattanzi-Thomas, Rita <rita.lattanzi-thomas@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Subject: FW: Access to Information Act A-2022-06247 / F174 Request for Consultation with Your Department

Good morning Rita,

Please see the response below from our a/Manager, Sarah Murdoch.

Vanessa

From: Murdoch, Sarah <Sarah.Murdoch@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Sent: January 19, 2023 9:51 AM

To: ATIP Commissioner Office / AIPRP Bureau du Commissaire

<ATIP.Commissionersoffice_bureauducommissaire.AIPRP@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Subject: RE: Access to Information Act A-2022-06247 / F174 Request for Consultation with Your Department

I suggest that we have FP confirm whether or not the documents should be released. If National Division is the lead, then we should check with them first.

From: ATIP Commissioner Office / AIPRP Bureau du Commissaire

Sent: January 19, 2023 9:29 AM

To: Murdoch, Sarah <Sarah.Murdoch@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Subject: FW: Access to Information Act A-2022-06247 / F174 Request for Consultation with Your Department

Hello Sarah,

Please see the response we received from ATIP for the AC-2022-06247.

Thanks,
Vanessa

From: Lattanzi-Thomas, Rita <rita.lattanzi-thomas@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Sent: January 19, 2023 9:26 AM
To: ATIP Commissioner Office / AIPRP Bureau du Commissaire
<ATIP.Commissionersoffice_bureauducommissaire.AIPRP@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Subject: RE: Access to Information Act A-2022-06247 / F174 Request for Consultation with Your Department

Good Morning Vanessa,

I'm not sure. I haven't been able to find anything where the RCMP actually publically confirmed that they were investigating the PM.

I did find that the Right Honourable Andrew Scheer's letters are mentioned in the media so it seems that it is well know that he wrote to the Commissioner twice.

I know that National Division's SII are the lead and I am going to try to discuss this with them to see what their thoughts are. I know that their investigation may still be SUI.

In the meantime, I just need to know if there are any concerns on your end with releasing any of the documents in the 23 pages I sent over.

Thanks,
Rita

From: ATIP Commissioner Office / AIPRP Bureau du Commissaire
<ATIP.Commissionersoffice_bureauducommissaire.AIPRP@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Sent: January 19, 2023 8:39 AM
To: Lattanzi-Thomas, Rita <rita.lattanzi-thomas@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Subject: RE: Access to Information Act A-2022-06247 / F174 Request for Consultation with Your Department

Good morning,

Could we please know if any of these 14 pages are already being redacted and if you can provide a rational?

Thank you kindly,
Vanessa

From: Lattanzi-Thomas, Rita <rita.lattanzi-thomas@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Sent: January 18, 2023 10:06 AM
To: ATIP Commissioner Office / AIPRP Bureau du Commissaire
<ATIP.Commissionersoffice_bureauducommissaire.AIPRP@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Subject: RE: Access to Information Act A-2022-06247 / F174 Request for Consultation with Your Department

Good Morning,

As requested, please see attached documents for consultation. My original email is found below.

Thank you,
Rita

From: COMMISSIONER TASKING <commissioner_tasking@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Sent: January 18, 2023 8:19 AM
To: Lattanzi-Thomas, Rita <rita.lattanzi-thomas@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Cc: ATIP Commissioner Office / AIPRP Bureau du Commissaire
<ATIP.Commissionersoffice_bureauducommissaire.AIPRP@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Subject: RE: Access to Information Act A-2022-06247 / F174 Request for Consultation with Your Department

Good morning

Please send all Commissioner Office ATIP to the following email:
atip.commissionersoffice_bureauducommissaire.airp@rcmp.gc.ca

Thank you
Danielle

From: Lattanzi-Thomas, Rita <rita.lattanzi-thomas@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Sent: January 17, 2023 3:31 PM
To: COMMISSIONER TASKING <commissioner_tasking@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Cc: Murdoch, Sarah <Sarah.Murdoch@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Subject: Access to Information Act A-2022-06247 / F174 Request for Consultation with Your Department

Good Afternoon,

We solicit your comments/concerns in relation to the disclosure of the information on the attached document.

The documents consist of the 14 pages you provided to ATIP along with some documents provided by FP with the recommendation to consult with you as they are not the records holder of the information.

Access to Information Act request for:

Please provide all documents, memoranda, e-mails, correspondence, briefing notes, and any other records, including drafts, from August 1, 2018, to the present, respecting allegations of political interference with the Attorney General's functions in respect of the prosecution of SNC-Lavalin by the Prime Minister and employees of the Prime Minister's Office, including (1) the study by the House of Commons Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights in February and March 2019, (2) the Ethics

Commissioner's investigation of the matter and his Trudeau II Report, and (3) Andrew Scheer's letters to the Commissioner of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in February and August 2019.

Please exclude (1) memoranda to Cabinet and aides-memoire for Cabinet consideration, (2) Treasury Board submissions, (3) speaking notes or decks for presentations to Cabinet or its committees, (4) copies of draft legislative texts, (5) briefing notes and covering memoranda concerning records in categories (1) to (4), (6) duplicate copies of e-mails (i.e., exclude earlier messages in a thread of e-mails if a later message contains the earlier message(s)), (7) publicly available versions of government documents (i.e., do not exclude drafts of those documents), (8) the French version of documents which are equally available in each official language, (9) off-topic information in otherwise responsive documents (e.g., news stories on other issues in a media summary), and (10) unannotated transcripts of parliamentary debates and committee meetings.

Diary Date: January 27, 2023

Please clearly identify the portions which you feel should be exempted from disclosure and provide a rationale for exempting the material. In order to assist us in responding to the requester within the legislated timeframe, we ask that you return the documents to us for our review by the diary date. If applicable, a response indicating that you have no objection to the disclosure of the records is required.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, contact the undersigned. Please quote the file number appearing on this letter.

Regards,

Rita Lattanzi-Thomas
Access to Information and Privacy Branch
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Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0R2
613-843-3380
rita.lattanzi-thomas@rcmp-grc.gc.ca

Lattanzi-Thomas, Rita (RCMP/GRC)

From: Lattanzi-Thomas, Rita (RCMP/GRC)
Sent: September 25, 2023 5:23 PM
To: Brisson, Stéphanie (RCMP/GRC)
Cc: Cruickshank, Amy (RCMP/GRC)
Subject: A-2023-07251

Good Evening,

The requester has just confirmed receipt of the interim release which consisted of 6 emails.

I advised him that we are still working on the remainder and hope to have it to him shortly.

Have a nice evening,
Rita



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Lattanzi-Thomas, Rita (RCMP/GRC)

From: Lattanzi-Thomas, Rita (RCMP/GRC)
Sent: September 25, 2023 9:08 AM
To: Brisson, Stéphanie (RCMP/GRC)
Cc: Cruickshank, Amy (RCMP/GRC)
Subject: A-2023-07251

Good Morning,

Hope you had a nice weekend ☺

I have not heard back from the requester so I am going to ask someone in the office to send the interim release by courier to the requester.

Once I have confirmation that it was brought to the mailroom I will notify the requester.

Enjoy your day,
Rita



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Lattanzi-Thomas, Rita (RCMP/GRC)

From: Brisson, Stéphane (RCMP/GRC)
Sent: September 22, 2023 9:43 PM
To: Lattanzi-Thomas, Rita (RCMP/GRC); Cruickshank, Amy (RCMP/GRC)
Subject: RE: Access to Information Request - A-2023-07251 - Interim Response

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Thank you Rita. Much appreciated.

At this stage you did all what you could do. If the account is full, this means you can not send more documents.

Document your file accordingly and keep a copy of the email.

Monday, you will follow up with the requester to see how you can send the documents.

Thanks again!

Stéphane

-----Original Message-----

From: Lattanzi-Thomas, Rita (RCMP/GRC) <rita.lattanzi-thomas@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Sent: September 22, 2023 7:58 PM
To: Cruickshank, Amy (RCMP/GRC) <Amy.Cruickshank@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Cc: Brisson, Stéphane (RCMP/GRC) <Stephane.Brisson@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Subject: FW: Access to Information Request - A-2023-07251 - Interim Response

Good Evening Amy and Stéphane,

Some not so good news.....

I was finally able to compress all the files and was able to send my 1st email to the requester. That email included our response letter and 3 attachments (432 pages).

Unfortunately, the 2nd email bounced back stating that the account for info@democracywatch.ca is full (See below).

I emailed him and advised him of this. I asked him if he had another email address or if he would like me to send it to him by courier on Monday. I will check my email through out the weekend in case he replies.

For your information - the page count was at 1862.

Sorry :-(

Rita

-----Original Message-----

From: Mail Delivery Subsystem <MAILER-DAEMON@mail3.webnames.ca>

Sent: September 22, 2023 7:41 PM

To: Lattanzi-Thomas, Rita (RCMP/GRC)

Subject: Undeliverable: Access to Information Request - A-2023-07251 - Interim Response - Email 2

Failed to deliver to 'info@democracywatch.ca'

LOCAL module(account info@democracywatch.ca) reports:

account is full (quota exceeded)

Lattanzi-Thomas, Rita (RCMP/GRC)

From: Lattanzi-Thomas, Rita (RCMP/GRC)
Sent: September 22, 2023 5:46 PM
To: Cruickshank, Amy (RCMP/GRC); Brisson, Stéphane (RCMP/GRC)
Subject: RE: A-2023-07251 A5 - initial release

I just figured out how to compress the files. As soon as that's done I'll get the interim response sent.

I will confirm once done along with the # of pages processed.

Rita

From: Cruickshank, Amy (RCMP/GRC) <Amy.Cruickshank@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Sent: September 22, 2023 5:44 PM
To: Brisson, Stéphane (RCMP/GRC) <Stephane.Brisson@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>; Lattanzi-Thomas, Rita (RCMP/GRC) <rita.lattanzi-thomas@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Subject: RE: A-2023-07251 A5 - initial release

When I left at 430 Rita was just exporting it all.

Rita are you able to confirm?

Sent from my Bell Samsung device over Canada's largest network.

----- Original message -----

From: "Brisson, Stéphane (RCMP/GRC)" <Stephane.Brisson@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Date: 2023-09-22 5:15 p.m. (GMT-05:00)
To: "Cruickshank, Amy (RCMP/GRC)" <Amy.Cruickshank@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>, "Lattanzi-Thomas, Rita (RCMP/GRC)" <rita.lattanzi-thomas@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Subject: RE: A-2023-07251 A5 - initial release

Hello Team,

Please confirm when the interim package is released and I will brief up.

Thanks again and have a good week end!

Stéphane

From: Cruickshank, Amy (RCMP/GRC) <Amy.Cruickshank@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Sent: September 22, 2023 3:07 PM
To: Brisson, Stéphane (RCMP/GRC) <Stephane.Brisson@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>; Lattanzi-Thomas, Rita (RCMP/GRC) <rita.lattanzi-thomas@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Subject: RE: A-2023-07251 A5 - initial release

This is great news Rita!

I will sign the response letter now for you.

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From: Brisson, Stéphane (RCMP/GRC) <Stephane.Brisson@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Sent: September 22, 2023 3:03 PM
To: Lattanzi-Thomas, Rita (RCMP/GRC) <rita.lattanzi-thomas@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>; Cruickshank, Amy (RCMP/GRC) <Amy.Cruickshank@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Subject: RE: A-2023-07251 A5 - initial release

Thank you Rita. Much appreciated!

From: Lattanzi-Thomas, Rita (RCMP/GRC) <rita.lattanzi-thomas@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Sent: September 22, 2023 3:02 PM
To: Cruickshank, Amy (RCMP/GRC) <Amy.Cruickshank@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Cc: Brisson, Stéphane (RCMP/GRC) <Stephane.Brisson@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Subject: A-2023-07251 A5 - initial release

Good Afternoon,

I have just received the attached a5 from S/Sgt Pincince at National Division. He has provided a list of the documents that can be released today. I will also include any other TIFS that are being withheld entirely (ie. Discussion Paper, Advice Brief).

I will try to get an exact page count to you as soon as I can along with a final list of what is being released.

This release will be quite large. I will try to condense it but may have to send multiple emails to the requester.

Amy, has the interim response letter been signed.

From: Pincince, Fred (RCMP/GRC) <fred.pincince@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Sent: September 22, 2023 2:55 PM
To: Lattanzi-Thomas, Rita (RCMP/GRC) <rita.lattanzi-thomas@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Cc: Williams, Lisa (RCMP/GRC) <Lisa.m.Williams@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>; Rousseau, Stephanie (RCMP/GRC) <stephanie.rousseau@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>; Brazeau, Sylvie (RCMP/GRC) <Sylvie.Brazeau@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Subject: A5 - initial release

Good afternoon,

Please find attached the A5 pertaining to the initial release.

Thank you

Fred

Frédéric Pincince S/Sgt.

Acting Officer in Charge – Domestic Corruption and Political Investigations /

Officer responsable par intérim – Enquêtes politiques et enquêtes sur la corruption à l'échelle nationale
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Lattanzi-Thomas, Rita (RCMP/GRC)

From: Lattanzi-Thomas, Rita (RCMP/GRC)
Sent: September 29, 2023 11:31 AM
To: Brisson, Stéphane (RCMP/GRC)
Cc: Cruickshank, Amy (RCMP/GRC); Beaudoin, Tina (RCMP/GRC)
Subject: FW: A-2023-07251 - Update

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Good Morning Stéphane,

Further to our conversation earlier today, I would like to provide the following update:

- 2023-09-25 – Interim Release provided to requester via email. He confirmed receipt. We provided 1862 pages in the release.
- National Division – S/Sgt Pincince and Sgt. Williams agreed with the interim release. They are in the process of reviewing the remaining documents to ensure the release will not reveal any investigative techniques etc. The information remaining contains the investigator's notes (emails and notebook entries), witness interviews etc.
- 2023-09-26 – copy of interim release provided to IM-GE at their request
- 2023-09-28 – response received from RCMP Legal in reference to Cabinet Confidences consultation – Cabinet Confidences were identified. I am in the process of applying the exclusions
- 2023-09-29 – I will touch base with National Division for an update on their review

I am hoping to have the remainder of the documents released on or before October 13, 2023.

FYI – 4600 pages in total and 3217 pages are being released (either partially or entirely), there are also 747 pages of duplicates, 123 Not Relevant and 499 Withheld

Hope this helps,

Rita

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To: Brisson, Stéphane (RCMP/GRC) <Stephane.Brisson@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
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