

ATIP 2003A-0039 - Revised

The Department has received a request under the Access to Information Act, worded as follows:

"Please provide copies of the reports showing:

- (1) The number of gun owners in each province and territory that still have to obtain a firearms licence;
- (2) The number of gun owners of previously-registered restricted and prohibited firearms that still have to obtain a valid firearms licence authorizing them to own the restricted and prohibited firearms your records show are still in their possession;**
- (3) The number of gun owners that sent in a "Letter of Intent" that still need to obtain a firearms licence; and
- (4) The number of gun owners that sent in a "Letter of Intent" that still haven't registered their firearms."

(1) The only information available in response to this question can be found on our website at www.cfc.gc.ca (A breakdown by province and territory is not available).

(2) As of 2005-05-10 there were 311,388 owners in the previous Restricted Weapons Registration System (RWRS) that owned 443,916 firearms in this same database.

Based on an automated query comparing owner information in RWRS with licensed owner information in the Canadian Firearms Information System (CFIS), we can confirm that in matching the surname, 1st given-name, 2nd given-name and date of birth, we have found 54,986 exact matches (individuals from the RWRS that have a licence in CFIS).

Client information cannot be matched on the remainder of individuals at this time. This issue will eventually be resolved through ongoing data quality control.

(3) Letter of intent could only be sent in if client was in possession of a licence.

(4) Total number of "Letters of Intent" received: 70,564
Total number of clients (with Letters of Intent) who do not have any firearm registered nor do they have an application pending: 15,363

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March 1, 2004 – Info Commissioner assigned Sandra George as Investigator

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