

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

"Reference is being made to the recent CFC bulletins attempting to recruit new volunteer firearm "Verifiers". Please provide copies of documents, reports and correspondence showing: (1) The reasons why the program needs more Verifiers at this time when the CFC bulletins say you already have 5,000; (2) The total number of guns registered in each province; (3) The total number of registered guns in each province that have been verified, including the number verified by phone; (4) The total number of "active" Verifiers in each province ("Active" meaning a Verifier that has verified at least one firearm for someone other than himself or his business in the last year); (5) The total number of complaints and problems experienced by firearm owners and dealers with the Verification process in the last year; (6) The total number and type of complaints from volunteer Verifiers about the program in the last year; and (7) The total cost of the entire Verification program, activities and function since 1995."

(1) The reasons why the program needs more Verifiers at this time when the CFC bulletins say you already have 5,000.

The program is seeking verifiers to ensure that the network remains evergreen and provides adequate coverage to all geographical areas of Canada

(2) The total number of guns registered in each province: (As of Oct. 30, 2004)

AB	779798
BC	834367
MB	323019
NB	287052
NF	185157
NS	314899
NT	19101
NU	11015
ON	2163794
PE	24170
QC	1604810
SK	375821
YT	19903
<b>Total</b>	<b>6942906</b>

### 5,059,780 UNVERIFIED FIREARMS IN BILLION-DOLLAR GUN REGISTRY

(3) The total number of registered guns in each province that have been verified, including the number verified by phone.

We do not have a report broken down by province, however we do have the following global numbers of verified firearms.

As of Oct. 19, 2004

	Non-Restricted	Restricted	Prohibited	Total Verified
Firearms Verified in Person	1124730	423547	236238	1784515
Telephone Verified	68442	22768	7473	98683
<b>Grand Total</b>				<b>1883198</b>

**HOW DOES ANYONE ACCURATELY "VERIFY" A FIREARM BY PHONE?  
THE CANADA FIREARMS CENTRE DID IT 98,683 TIMES**

(4) The total number of "active" Verifiers in each province ("Active" meaning a Verifier that has verified at least one firearm for someone other than himself or his business in the last year)

Verifiers who have verified a firearm in the last year Nov. 1, 2003 to Nov. 1, 2004 (We have no reports that differentiates as to whether the verifier has verified his own firearms or his businesses firearms).

PROVINCE	CERTIFIED VERIFIER ID
AB	149
BC	220
MB	68
NB	129
NF	36
NS	55
NT	6
NU	1
ON	494
PE	4
QC	403
SK	86
YT	3

(5) The total number of complaints and problems experienced by firearm owners and dealers with the Verification process in the last year.

(6) The total number and type of complaints from volunteer Verifiers about the program in the last year

Questions 5 and 6

Complaints in the last year	
No Verifier in area	62
Contacted Verifier but not success	28
Complaint regarding Verifiers (ex: not enough knowledge)	68
Phone number not working	35
Complaint about the firearms program	5
Complaint that verifiers should be paid	1
Complaint that there is no extra insurance for the verifiers	1
Complaint for compensation for verifiers	1

(7) The total cost of the entire Verification program, activities and function since 1995

A total of \$106,414 has been spent since August 2003 for the verifier's network. Prior to that date the RCMP should be contacted to obtain cost information.