

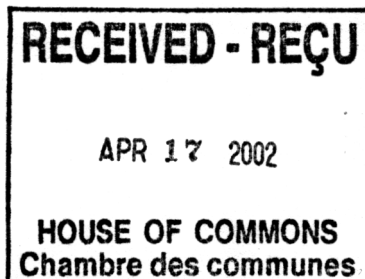


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**02ATIP-08317/01ATIP-32218**

Dear Mr. Young:

This is further to your request under the Access to Information Act received on February 13, 2002, seeking access to stats pertaining to number of firearms registered as well as the length of time it takes to register a firearm and time it will take to process the remaining firearms in Canada and to your subsequent complaint to the Information Commissioner. This request was originally received in July 2001 and transferred to the Department of Justice (01ATIP-32218).

Dec. 1, 1998 to July 18, 2001

- 1) The number of distinct firearms registered as of July 18, 2001 were 839,390.
- 2) How long it takes to process and register a firearm.  
**Approx. 48 hours**
- 3) How long will it take to process the remaining firearms in Canada.  
**We are considering changing our processes that will see the registration of all Firearms before the end of 2002.**
- 4) The number of applications received with errors.  
**There are 339,756 applications that were received with an application error.**
- 5) Explanation of the type of errors and error rate.  
**The error rate for applications received up to July 18, 2001, was 90% of a total of 362,375. In addition to errors detailed in Appendix A, 42% of firearms registration applications contain errors in the firearms description, in comparison to the Firearms Reference Table, (i.e. spelling, information in the wrong field (model-make reversed), missing information, etc.).**

The sum of the errors exceeds the number of applications received because the application is only counted once even though it may contain multiple errors.