

Library and Archives Canada (LAC) Access to Information and Privacy (ATIP) Update

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Overview

- What has LAC ATIP been up to?
- ATIP 2022-23 Key Milestones
- ATIP 2022-23 Statistics
- New team for Indigenous record requests
- Next Steps

What has LAC ATIP been up to?

- Major changes underway to LAC ATIP procedures in response to the OIC Reports:
 - [Library and Archives Canada - Systemic Investigation Report](#)
 - [Access at issue: The challenge of accessing our collective memory](#)
 - [LAC ATIP Action Plan and Progress](#)
- LAC ATIP involvement in matters before the courts:
 - Dagg vs PCH
 - Indian Day Schools Class Action
 - Sexual Misconduct in the military (Heyder-Beattie), other GC wide class actions in negotiation
 - LGBT Purge Fourth Settlement Agreement (historical research project)
- Working collaboratively on Government of Canada wide efforts to improve the Access to Information and Privacy legislation and its practical implementation

ATIP 2022-23 Key Milestones



- ATIP Task Force established, June 2022
 - ATIP Indigenous Request Team established, June 2022
- ATIP Branch established, Sept. 2022
 - ATIP Branch is now over 150 employees and still growing!
- Recruitment waves: Sept. 2022, February 2023, May 2023
- Team moved from 395 Wellington to Gatineau, March 2023
- Onboarded to the ATIP Online Request Service & updated ATIP web pages on LAC website, April 3
- Presentation to the ETHI Standing Committee, April 25

LAC ATIP Statistics

Volume of ATIP requests received and backlog of uncompleted requests over 5 years

Requests	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022
Total number of ATIP requests received	14,331	15,619	17,190	12,801	12,414
Total number of ATIP requests completed	11,434	13,508	13,391	8,130	11,094
Total number of ATIP requests carried forward (Backlog of uncompleted requests)	6,310	8,409	12,218	16,922	18,212
Total # FTEs working in LAC's ATIP Division on the Administration of the Acts	44,26	74,49*	63,97*	56,97*	55,95

In 2022-23:

TOTAL ATIP requests received: 11,487

TOTAL ATIP requests completed: 11,509

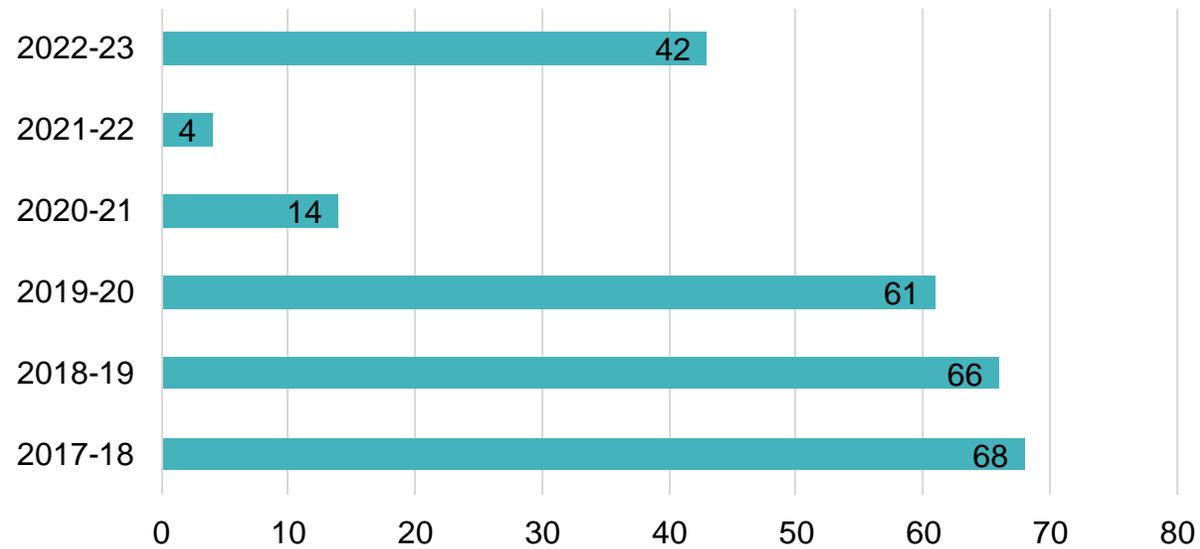
TOTAL ATIP requests carried forward (Backlog): 18,723

FTE count for 2022-23 is still being finalized

LAC ATIP Statistics related to 8(2)k requests



8(2)k requests completed



**8(2)k requests in the
current queue
(backlog):
180**

New Team for Indigenous Record Requests



- In the past, LAC ATIP typically had 0.5 ATIP Analysts dedicated to 8(2)k requests.
- Currently, we have 8 analysts dedicated to respond to Indigenous Record Requests.
- As of June 2022, the team works on the following:
 - Responding to formal requests and informal 8(2)k requests;
 - Wrapping up Day School related requests; handling Federal Indian Hospital requests; and proactive planning for the next class actions;
 - Supporting proactive digitization of Day School records (as per the federal budget announcement);
 - Collaborating with internal and external stakeholders to provide access to Indigenous Records;
 - Collaborating with the National Center for Truth and Reconciliation (NCTR) on common records; and
 - Collaborating with CIRNAC on opportunities to share IM/ATIP release metadata as part of file transfer process.

Next Steps

- Ongoing improvements to procedures and systems (software and infrastructure)
 - Policy Privacy Suite
- Tackling backlog of requests
- Collaboration with:
 - Treasury Board Secretariat (TBS) on its ATI Action plan and improvements to the *ATI Act* and next steps for the *United Nations Declaration Act* (UNDA)
 - Justice Canada on modernization of the *Privacy Act*
 - ATIP community across the Government of Canada to improve the ATIP system
 - CIRNAC, ISC and other departments

Questions?



Thank you!



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Annex: ATIP Requests related to the Federal Indian Day School Class Action

- A temporary team of 15-25 analysts were assigned to respond to Day Schools requests.
- From November 2019 to May 2023, the analysts received 3,017 requests related to Day Schools and completed 3,013 of them. The 4 pending requests are being finalized.

