

Record created to respond to FOI Request CTZ-2019-91487*

A summary report, broken down by fiscal year, indicating the following statistics related to freedom of information requests in all B.C. government ministries: amount of revenue generated by fees, a sum of all fee estimates, the number of abandoned requests, the number of time extension requests and the number of time extension notifications (Date Range for Record Search: From 09/01/2009 To 08/31/2018)

Fiscal Year	Requests closed	Requests with a time extension	Requests with fee estimates	Requests with fees paid	Requests closed as abandoned
2012/13	9,503	2,017 (21%)	412 (4%)	143 (2%)	568 (6%)
2013/14	9,787	2,289 (23%)	487 (5%)	177 (2%)	709 (7%)
2014/15	9,339	2,103 (23%)	422 (5%)	157 (2%)	571 (6%)
2015/16	8,806	2,380 (27%)	454 (5%)	175 (2%)	841 (10%)
2016/17	9,856	3,304 (34%)	515 (5%)	187 (2%)	659 (7%)
2017/18	9,364	2,678 (29%)	415 (4%)	157 (2%)	637 (7%)
2018/19 YTD	10,491	3,724 (35%)	668 (6%)	142 (1%)	882 (8%)
TOTAL	66,146	18,495 (28%)	3,373 (5%)	1,138 (2%)	4,867 (7%)

Fiscal Year	Total fees estimated	Average fee estimated	Total fees waived	Average fees waived	Total fees paid	Average fees paid
2012/13	\$557,188.55	\$1,352.40	\$34,310.93	\$239.94	\$60,085.05	\$420.18
2013/14	\$541,260.55	\$1,111.42	\$28,299.97	\$159.89	\$77,856.67	\$439.87
2014/15	\$341,555.15	\$809.37	\$37,231.69	\$237.14	\$48,603.79	\$309.58
2015/16	\$656,966.40	\$1,447.06	\$36,750.82	\$210.00	\$60,377.67	\$345.02
2016/17	\$535,762.10	\$1,040.31	\$38,834.48	\$207.67	\$61,555.08	\$329.17
2017/18	\$435,411.60	\$1,049.18	\$34,628.10	\$220.56	\$59,671.70	\$380.07
2018/19 YTD	\$569,111.50	\$851.96	\$39,381.00	\$277.33	\$60,586.75	\$426.67
TOTAL	\$3,637,253.85	\$1,078.34	\$249,436.99	\$219.19	\$428,736.71	\$376.75

*Notes:

- While similar data was collected prior to FY2012/13, it is not readily available in a format that can be sorted and filtered into summary report statistics.
- The time extension data shows that at least one extension was taken on a file but does not indicate how many time extensions were requested or granted.
- A notification to the applicant that a time extension has been taken by the public body or granted by the OIPC is required under s.10(3) of FOIPPA, so while this is not tracked in our data it would be the same as the number of time extensions.
- Requests can be abandoned for reasons other than non-payment of fees.
- Fee estimate totals and averages can be heavily influenced by broad reaching requests, that are few in number but have warranted fee estimates upwards of \$10,000 and up to \$138,000
- Government proactively makes Freedom of Information statistics available via the DataBC Data Catalogue on a quarterly basis:
<https://catalogue.data.gov.bc.ca/dataset/freedom-of-information-foi-statistics>