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**The Honourable Joyce Murray, PC, MP**  
President of the Treasury Board



## Message from the Commissioner of Lobbying

On behalf of the Office of the Commissioner of Lobbying of Canada, I am pleased to present the 2017 to 2018 Report on Fees.

On June 22, 2017, the [Service Fees Act](#)<sup>1</sup> received royal assent, thereby repealing the [User Fees Act](#)<sup>2</sup>.

The Service Fees Act introduces a modern legislative framework that enables cost-effective delivery of services and, through enhanced reporting to Parliament, improved transparency and oversight. The act provides for:

- a streamlined approach to consultation and the approval of new or modified fees
- a requirement for services to have service standards and reporting against these standards, along with a policy to remit fees to fee payers when standards are not met
- an automatic annual fee adjustment by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) to ensure that fees keep pace with inflation
- annual detailed reporting to Parliament in order to increase transparency

This 2017 to 2018 Fees Report is the first report to be prepared under the Service Fees Act. As the Office charges fees uniquely for requests related to the Access to Information Act, the report does not include new information compared to previous years.

The Service Fees Act's reporting regime increases transparency and oversight. I am fully committed to transitioning my Office to this modern framework.

**Nancy Bélanger**  
Commissioner of Lobbying

## General fees information

The tables that follow provide information on each category of fees, including:

- the name of the fee category
- the date that the fee (or fee category) was introduced and last amended (if applicable)
- service standards
- performance results against these standards
- financial information regarding total costs, total revenues and remissions

In addition to the information presented by fee category, there is a summary of the financial information for all fees as well as a listing of fees under the department's authority. This listing includes the existing fee dollar amounts and the adjusted dollar fee amount for a future year.

### GENERAL AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION BY FEE CATEGORY

#### General information

<b>Fee category</b>	Fees for processing requests filed under the Access to Information Act
<b>Fee-setting authority</b>	<a href="#">Access to Information Act</a> <sup>3</sup>
<b>Year introduced</b>	1983
<b>Year last amended</b>	2018
<b>Service standard</b>	A response is provided within 30 days following receipt of a request; the response time may be extended under section 9 of the Access to Information Act.
<b>Performance results</b>	The Office received 5 requests and responded within 30 days for 100% of the cases.
<b>Other information</b>	Not applicable

#### Financial information (dollars)

2016 to 2017 Revenue	2017 to 2018 Revenue	2017 to 2018 Cost*	2017 to 2018 Remission†
25	20	6,715	5

\* The amount includes direct and indirect costs, where such costs are identifiable and material.

† A remission is a partial or full return of a fee paid.

## Endnotes

- <sup>1</sup> Service Fees Act, <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/S-8.4/index.html>
- <sup>2</sup> User Fees Act, <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/U-3.7/20040331/P1TT3xt3.html>
- <sup>3</sup> Access to information Act, <http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/A-1/index.html>