



Leah Dyck

Re: ESDC ATIP - Tracking Number: 3578886 (Our file: A-2024-00038)

To: NC-COMM-ATIP-AIPRP-GD

April 16, 2024 at 8:23 AM

Good morning Meaghan,

Thank you for following up with me about this.

So I'm trying to find out how many poor people are living in Barrie and Innisfil. I've received the numbers for ODSP and OW from the social services ministry but now I'm looking to find out how many people receive OAS, GIS, CPP Disability and regular CPP payments equal to or less than \$2000/month.

However, some people receiving CPP are married and have spouses who make a ton of money. For example, one of my volunteers says her CPP payment is \$100/month but her husband makes \$8K/month.

So I'm looking for the number of people who only rely on their CPP to survive, and have CPP payments equal to or less than \$2000/month.

I'm not sure what question to ask to find this information because I'm not sure how you guys organize your data. Is it possible to find out what I'm trying to find out?

I also know that it's possible for people on ODSP to also be in receipt of CPP Disability. However, if they receive CPP Disability, they don't get any cash payments from ODSP. However, ODSP still covers their insured dental and medical expenses. Do you know if its possible to find out how many people receive CPP Disability, but who do not receive ODSP?

Thank you for any helpful advice you may be able to provide.

Talk soon,

Leah

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Kesterton, Meaghan M [NC]

RE: ESDC ATIP - Tracking Number: 3578886 (Our file: A-2024-00038)

To: Leah Dyck

April 17, 2024 at 10:43 AM

Hi Leah,

Your request has been sent to our program for processing, and unfortunately, we are unable to add any new items to your request text. However, our program has reached out and confirmed that they can provide numbers for the entire electoral riding of Barrie and Innisfil. Regrettably, they would not be able to provide data for the individual municipalities within Barrie and Innisfil.

In light of this information, would you be willing to consider amending your request text to:

“The number of people in the electoral riding of Barrie and Innisfil, Ontario, who received either an OAS, GIS, CPP Disability, or a CPP Payment of \$2000 or less, in December 2020, December 2021, December 2022 and December 2023. Could I also have the numbers in Barrie and Innisfil listed (Separately (not combined)? Could I also have the numbers for OAS, GIS, CPP and CPP Disability listed separated as well?”

Your request will be put in abeyance for 30 days, starting from the date of this email. If no response is received within **May 17, 2024**, your request will be closed. Please refer to the request number above in any future correspondence. Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me by email at meaghan.kesterton@hrsdcc-rhdcc.gc.ca.

Kind regards,

Meaghan Kesterton

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Re: ESDC ATIP - Tracking Number: 3578886 (Our file: A-2024-00038)

To: Kesterton, Meaghan M [NC]

April 19, 2024 at 7:28 AM

Good morning Meaghan,

I apologize again for the late response.

So is the only thing you need from me is to re-write the request, just in this email? Such as this:

“The number of people in the electoral riding of Barrie and Innisfil, Ontario, who received either an OAS, GIS, CPP Disability, or a CPP Payment of \$2000 or less, in December 2020, December 2021, December 2022 and December 2023. Could I also have the numbers in Barrie and Innisfil listed (Separately (not combined)? Could I also have the numbers for OAS, GIS, CPP and CPP Disability listed separated as well?”

Thanks Meaghan,

Talk soon!

Leah

**Kesterton, Meaghan M [NC]**

RE: ESDC ATIP - Tracking Number: 3578886 (Our file: A-2024-00038)

To: Leah Dyck

April 19, 2024 at 12:51 PM



Hi Leah,

We only require a confirmation from you that you agree to change the request text as follows:

“The number of people in the electoral riding of Barrie and Innisfil, Ontario, who received either an OAS, GIS, CPP Disability, or a CPP Payment of \$2000 or less, in December 2020, December 2021, December 2022 and December 2023. Could I also have the numbers in Barrie and Innisfil listed (Separately (not combined)? Could I also have the numbers for OAS, GIS, CPP and CPP Disability listed separated as well?”

Once we receive your confirmation regarding the requested change in the text, we'll proceed with processing your request.

Looking forward to your confirmation.

Best regards,

Meaghan Kesterton

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**Leah Dyck**

Re: ESDC ATIP - Tracking Number: 3578886 (Our file: A-2024-00038)

To: Kesterton, Meaghan M [NC]

April 19, 2024 at 12:53 PM

Hey Meaghan,

Thank you very much.

I confirm that I would like the request changed in the text to:

“The number of people in the electoral riding of Barrie and Innisfil, Ontario, who received either an OAS, GIS, CPP Disability, or a CPP Payment of \$2000 or less, in December 2020, December 2021, December 2022 and December 2023. Could I also have the numbers in Barrie and Innisfil listed (Separately (not combined)? Could I also have the numbers for OAS, GIS, CPP and CPP Disability listed separated as well?”

Thanks again Meaghan,

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Kesterton, Meaghan M [NC]

RE: ESDC ATIP - Tracking Number: 3578886 (Our file: A-2024-00038)

To: Leah Dyck

April 23, 2024 at 2:33 PM



Good afternoon Leah,

While in the process of retrieving your records, our program has an additional question for your confirmation.

It has been noted that in any given month, each benefit individually will be below \$2,000 as the maximum monthly amounts for all benefits are below that level. Consequently, our program is considering providing the number of individuals who have a combined total of \$2,000 or less for all benefits they receive.

Would you be interested in having the combined amount (OAS+GIS+CPP, for example) of individuals to be below \$2,000?

If so, could you please confirm the amended text to read as follows:

“The number of people in the electoral riding of Barrie and Innisfil, Ontario, who received a combined total of \$2,000 or less for all benefits they receive (OAS+GIS+CPP), in December 2020, December 2021, December 2022 and December 2023.”

Your request will be put in abeyance for 30 days, starting from the date of this email. If no response is received within **May 23, 2024**, your request will be closed. Please refer to the request number above in any future correspondence. Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me by email at meaghan.kesterton@hrsdc-rhdcc.gc.ca

Kind regards,

Meaghan Kesterton

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I was worried they'd do what the CCSS did, and charge me an arm and a leg for this info, so I compromised and ask for some data to be separated instead of all of it, like I clearly originally asked. If they were trying to hide numbers, one way they could do it is by combining all the numbers.

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Leah Dyck

Re: ESDC ATIP - Tracking Number: 3578886 (Our file: A-2024-00038)

To: Kesterton, Meaghan M [NC]

April 23, 2024 at 4:13 PM

Hey Meaghan,

It's great to hear from you.

Would it be possible to separate some of the totals? If that's okay, would this statement work:

“The number of people in the electoral riding of Barrie and Innisfil, Ontario, who received a combined total of \$2,000 or less for all benefits they receive (OAS+GIS), as well as (CPP) in December 2020, December 2021, December 2022 and December 2023.”

Is confirmed.

If not, then I'll respond with your original sample statement just as you had it and confirm that one instead.

Thank you so much for all your help with this Meaghan,

Leah

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 23, 2024, at 2:33 PM, Kesterton, Meaghan M [NC] <meaghan.kesterton@hrsdc-rhdcc.gc.ca> wrote:

“The number of people in the electoral riding of Barrie and Innisfil, Ontario, who received a combined total of \$2,000 or less for all benefits they receive (OAS+GIS+CPP), in December 2020, December 2021, December 2022 and December 2023.”



Kesterton, Meaghan M [NC]

RE: ESDC ATIP - Tracking Number: 3578886 (Our file: A-2024-00038)

To: Leah Dyck

April 30, 2024 at 11:09 AM

It took them a week to decide if they could separate the numbers I asked for. Previously, she'd always responded within the same day or within one day.

Good morning,

Following consultation with our program of interest, I wanted to inform you that they have confirmed the viability of the following amended text:

“The number of people in the electoral riding of Barrie and Innisfil, Ontario, who received a combined total of \$2,000 or less for all benefits they receive (OAS+GIS), as well as (CPP) in December 2020, December 2021, December 2022 and December 2023.”

Additionally, our program wishes to ensure that the following information accurately reflects your request:

- Number of OAS program recipients whose OAS pension plus GIS was \$2,000 or less;
- Number of CPP Disability recipients whose disability benefit was \$2,000 or less;
- Number of CPP Retirement beneficiaries (including Post-Retirement benefit) whose amount was \$2,000 or less;
- Total number of clients (unique clients) that receive either OAS+GIS, CPP Disability, or CPP Retirement (including Post-Retirement benefit) that was \$2,000 or less.

Therefore, we kindly request your confirmation for the newly amended text and verification that all mentioned information aligns with your requirements.

Your request will be put in abeyance for 30 days, starting from the date of this email. If no response is received within **May 30th, 2024**, your request will be closed. Please refer to the request number above in any future correspondence. Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me by email.

Kind regards,

Meaghan Kesterton

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Leah Dyck

Re: ESDC ATIP - Tracking Number: 3578886 (Our file: A-2024-00038)

To: Kesterton, Meaghan M [NC]

April 30, 2024 at 11:40 AM

Hello Meaghan,

Yes, I confirm.

“The number of people in the electoral riding of Barrie and Innisfil, Ontario, who received a combined total of \$2,000 or less for all benefits they receive (OAS+GIS), as well as (CPP) in December 2020, December 2021, December 2022 and December 2023.”

This includes the following information of my request:

- Number of OAS program recipients whose OAS pension plus GIS was \$2,000 or less;
- Number of CPP Disability recipients whose disability benefit was \$2,000 or less;
- Number of CPP Retirement beneficiaries (including Post-Retirement benefit) whose amount was \$2,000 or less;
- Total number of clients (unique clients) that receive either OAS+GIS, CPP Disability, or CPP Retirement (including Post-Retirement benefit) that was \$2,000 or less.

Thank you so much,

Leah

Sent from my iPhone

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Request Submitted ESDC-ATIP A-2024-00038 / MK - Your File 3578886
To: leah.dyck@icloud.com

Fresh Food Weekly May 16, 2024 at 12:21 PM



Good day,

Please find attached an extension letter for your request submitted under the Access to Information act, received at Employment and Social Development Canada on March 27, 2024, and which reads as follows:

“The number of people in the electoral riding of Barrie and Innisfil, Ontario, who received a combined total of \$2,000 or less for all benefits they receive (OAS+GIS), as well as (CPP) in December 2020, December 2021, December 2022 and December 2023.”

Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Meaghan Kesterton by email at meaghan.kesterton@hrsdc-rhdcc.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

Access to Information and Privacy Operations Divisions
Employment and Social Development Canada/ Government of Canada

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May 16, 2024

Leah Dyck

507 - 380 Duckworth Street
Barrie, Ontario L4M 6J8

Dear Leah Dyck:

This is further to your request submitted under the *Access to Information Act*, received at Employment and Social Development Canada on March 27, 2024, and which reads as follows:

“Amendment to text confirmed on April 30, 2024:

The number of people in the electoral riding of Barrie and Innisfil, Ontario, who received a combined total of \$2,000 or less for all benefits they receive (OAS+GIS), as well as (CPP) in December 2020, December 2021, December 2022 and December 2023.

Original text:

The number of people who reside in Barrie and Innisfil, Ontario who received either an OAS, GIS, CPP Disability, or a CPP Payment of \$2000 or less, in December 2020, December 2021, December 2022 and December 2023. Could I also have the numbers in Barrie and Innisfil listed (Separately (not combined)? Could I also have the numbers for OAS, GIS,

CPP and CPP Disability listed separated as well? ”

While every effort is being made to process your request as quickly as possible, an extension of up to 15 days is required beyond the 30-day statutory limit, as permitted by paragraph 9(1)(a) of the Act which states:

“9(1) The head of a government institution may extend the time limit set out in section 7 or subsection 8(1) in respect of a request under this Act for a reasonable period of time, having regard to the circumstances, if

(a) the request is for a large number of records or necessitates a

search through a large number of records and meeting the original time limit would unreasonably interfere with the operations of the government institution."

However, please be assured that if your request is processed earlier than expected, the records will be provided to you prior to this extended deadline.

You are entitled to complain to the Information Commissioner concerning the processing of your request within 60 days of the receipt of this notice. In the event you decide to avail yourself of this right, your notice of complaint should be addressed to: Office of the Information Commissioner of Canada, 30 Victoria Street, 7th Floor, Gatineau, QC K1A 1H3.

Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Meaghan Kesterton at meaghan.kesterton@hrsdc-rhdcc.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

For:

Nathalie Landry
Manager

ATIP Request 2024-00038

Request:

The number of people in the electoral riding of Barrie and Innisfil, Ontario, who received a combined total of \$2,000 or less for all OAS benefits they receive (OAS+GIS), as well as CPP Retirement and CPP Disability in December 2020, December 2021, December 2022, and December 2023.”:

- Number of OAS program recipients whose OAS pension plus GIS was \$2,000 or less
- Number of CPP Retirement beneficiaries (including Post-Retirement benefit) whose amount was \$2,000 or less
- Number of CPP Disability recipients whose disability benefit was \$2,000 or less
- Total number of clients (unique clients) that receive either OAS+GIS, CPP Disability, or CPP Retirement (including Post-Retirement benefit) that was \$2,000 or less

Response:

Month	Number of OAS program beneficiaries whose OAS pension plus GIS was \$2,000 or less	Number of CPP Retirement beneficiaries (including Post-Retirement benefit) whose benefit was \$2,000 or less	Number of CPP Disability beneficiaries whose benefit was \$2,000 or less	Total number of clients that received \$2,000 or less in either OAS+GIS, CPP Disability, or CPP Retirement (including Post-Retirement benefit)
December 2020	16,100	18,300	1,500	20,500
December 2021	16,700	18,800	1,500	20,900
December 2022	17,700	20,000	1,500	22,200
December 2023	18,400	20,700	1,500	22,900

Notes:

1. In December 2020, December 2021, December 2022, and December 2023, the maximum for each benefit was below \$2,000, thus this table includes all OAS and GIS, CPP Disability and CPP Retirement beneficiaries for those months.
2. Numbers are rounded to the nearest hundred.
3. Many beneficiaries aged 65 or older receive both CPP Retirement and OAS benefits.

Data source: Custom tabulation of OAS and CPP Administrative Databases combined with Postal Code by Federal Riding File (PCFRF).