

To: halima.sogbesan@gmail.com

Your Access to Information Request Number: A-2015-39257/hb

Greeting,

The department is acknowledging receipt of the following ATI request filed under the *Access to Information Act*:

“All briefing notes prepared for the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration from 2nd September, 2015 - 4th November, 2015 concerning the rejection of Aylan Kurdi and his family's refugee application to Canada. This should also include all emails to and from the Minister on the subject. Please do not process records of cabinet confidence. As this request is being made in the public interest, I ask that all fees be waived. Please contact me when records are ready for release.”

Please be advised that at this point of the process, the institution is processing a surge of ATI requests on the topic of Syria refugees, therefore, we are following up with you to seek your feedback whether you would be in agreement to piggy-back your request onto the following requests that are in the processing stages with our branches:

A-2015-18854/hb:

“All e-mails sent to and from Line Patry from September 2nd, 2015 to September 4th, 2015 discussing Syrian refugees, including but not limited to the case of Alan Kurdi.”

A-2015-18855/hb:

all briefing notes prepared for the minister from Sept. 1 2015 to Sept, 24 2015 on the subject of Canada's commitment to Syrian refugee resettlement, including but limited to the Kurdi case, security concerns and capacity of the system to absorb more refugees.

A-2015-18859/hb:

All e-mails sent to and from Anita Biguzs from September 2nd, 2015 to September 4th, 2015 discussing Syrian refugees, including but not limited to the case of Alan Kurdi.

Due to our operational requirements, this approach will allow the department to process the requests in a more timely fashion.

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Furthermore, we would like to inform you that there may be a delay in responding to your request(s). Any request(s) involving the refugee program in general is affected. Please be advised that our team is working to fulfill your request(s) as quickly as possible. We apologize for any inconvenience this delay may cause. In the meantime, the request will remain on hold for 30 days from the issuance of this email. Should we don't hear from, the institution will consider the request abandoned by the requester and we will close your file.

You are entitled to submit a complaint to the Office of the Information Commissioner of Canada (OIC) regarding the processing of your request within 60 days of the issuance of this letter. For additional information on how to submit a complaint, visit the OIC website at www.oic-ci.gc.ca

We wish to thank you for your time and consideration on the matter, and will wait for your response on the matter.

Regards,

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March 21, 2016 at 16:15

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RE: Your Access to Information Request Number: A-2015-39257/hb

Greeting,

To wrap up the exchange of emails, we are confirming that your ATI request is being processed under the relative ATI files (as mentioned in the previous email) already in the process of things, meaning will not process the above-mentioned because of similar wording as such and as per your email agreement.

Thank you for your consideration and understanding to this matter.

Regards,

Hélène Bertrand

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March 21, 2016 at 15:29

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Re: Your Access to Information Request Number: A-2015-39257/hb

Hello Hélène,

Thank you for your email. I am in agreement to a piggyback with the highlighted requests. I hope the department will now begin to process my request. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Halima Olajumoke Sogbesan