



Conseil de la radiodiffusion et des
télécommunications canadiennes

Canadian Radio-television and
Telecommunications Commission

Ottawa, Canada
K1A 0N2

October 6, 2010

OIC reference: 3210-00665/0001

CRTC reference: A-2010-00016

Carole Audette, Manager, Intake Unit
Office of the Information Commissioner
112 Kent St., 22nd Floor
Ottawa, On
K1A 1H3

Dear Ms. Audette,

This is further to your Summary of Complaint stating your intention to investigate the above referenced Access to Information (ATI) file in which access is requested for the following information:

“the number of full-time journalists or their full-time equivalents employed by public and private, over-the-air radio, over-the-air television and specialty television programming undertakings, by market, for the years 1999/2000 to 2009/2010”

In our review of the file following receipt of your Summary of Complaint, it has come to our attention that we responded incorrectly to the request and that the specific records requested do not exist. With the intention to be helpful, our analysis and response focussed on the staffing information that we do collect. As a result, we did not specify that the Commission only collects data concerning the number of total staff and of certain sub-categories, not including that of full-time journalists or their equivalents. This was an error on our part and consequently we extend our apologies.

The original application of section 20(1)(c) was thus done in error, given that the requested information does not exist. The Commission therefore retracts the application of this exemption. We are copying the requestor on this letter to inform her of the error and the fact that we do not collect staffing data on full-time journalists or their equivalents.

In conclusion, and considering the above-noted situation, we are unable to provide any responsive records to your office. However, the processing file for this request