



# RESPONSE TO PETITION RÉPONSE À LA PÉTITION

PREPARE IN ENGLISH AND FRENCH MARKING "ORIGINAL TEXT" OR "TRANSLATION"  
PRÉPARER EN ANGLAIS ET EN FRANÇAIS EN INDIQUANT "TEXTE ORIGINAL" OU "TRADUCTION"

PETITION NO./N° DE LA PÉTITION 412-0361	BY / DE Mr. Hsu (Kingston and the Islands)	DATE November 6, 2013
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RESPONSE BY THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY  
RÉPONSE DU MINISTRE DE L'INDUSTRIE

Signed by the Honourable James Moore

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MINISTER OR PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY  
MINISTRE OU SECRÉTAIRE PARLEMENTAIRE

SUBJECT / OBJET

Federal programs

RESPONSE / RÉPONSE

ORIGINAL TEXT  
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TRANSLATION  
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The Government of Canada would like to thank the petitioners for expressing their concerns with regards to matters pertaining to Statistics Canada's operations and their concerns with regards to access, transparency and the free flow of scientific information as being fundamental elements to scientific progress.

Statistics Canada maintains a very balanced national statistical program that accurately measures the economy, society and the environment. The Agency has the required analytical capacity to verify the accuracy and relevance of the statistics it produces, assist users in interpreting the data, and develop relevant concepts for the production of statistics.

The National Research Council's (NRC) research community consists of scientists, researchers and other subject matter experts who speak with the media on a regular – if not daily basis. In 2013 alone, 400 media requests were received and scientists have spoken with journalists representing daily newspapers, specialized magazines, radio, television and social media.

NRC researchers and scientists participate regularly in fairs and other events and are quoted in several publications. Tours of installations and labs are also organized, and these events provide reporters with an opportunity to engage in more in-depth exchanges with scientific personnel.