



October 5, 2018

BY EMAIL

Dear Mrs:

**Subject: Request for access to an administrative document addressed to MEES**  
**Our file: 16310/18-138**

The present is a follow up of your request of September 5, 2018, requesting access to the following information:

1. The repayments collected by the department and directed towards financial institutions (which I believe are all private)
2. The repayments collected by the department and directed towards the federal level. They are usually repayments of loan programs run cooperatively by both the federal and provincial level (which I believe is not the case for Quebec)
3. The repayments collected and kept by the department, as part of the province's revenue (which I would appreciate to know if there are any).

The Québec government does not collect repayments and forward them to financial institutions. Students repay their loans directly to financial institutions. The government becomes involved in repayments only when a student defaults on a payment. You will find enclosed a document regarding recovered debt by the Loans and Bursaries department.

The Québec government does not send any repayments to the federal government. Unlike the other provinces, the Québec government operates its own student financial assistance system independently of the federal government.

Finally, here is a link to a document where you will find additional information regarding Student Financial Assistance:

<http://www.afe.gouv.qc.ca/en/all-publications/detail/student-financial-assistance-1/>

According to section 51 of the Law, we inform you that you are entitled to ask for a review of this decision, before the Commission d'accès à l'information. Please find enclosed an explanatory note concerning the use of this right.

Sincerely yours,

Original signé

Ingrid Barakatt  
The person in charge of access to documents

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Année	1993-1994	1994-1995	1995-1996	1996-1997	1997-1998	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
Créances recouvrées (en M\$)	11,2	13,3	12,4	13,8	14,9	18,2	27	30,5	38,6	45,6	53,4	*	74,1	74,4	81,3	86,8	81,8	79,9	83	82,1	82	78,7	75,6

\* Aucune statistique pour l'année 2004-2005 en raison de la mise en place d'un nouveau système informatique

## NOTICE OF RECOURSE

(Pursuant to a decision rendered in accordance with the *Act respecting Access to documents held by public bodies and the Protection of personal information*)

### REVIEW

#### a) Power

Article 135 of the Act stipulates that every person whose request has been denied in whole or in part by the person in charge of access to documents or of the protection of personal information may apply to the Commission d'accès à l'information for a review of the decision. An appeal may also be brought for a failure to respond within the applicable time limit.

The application for review must be made in writing; it may state briefly the reasons for which the decision should be reviewed (article 137).

The Commission d'accès à l'information may be reached at the following addresses:

#### QUÉBEC

Commission d'accès à l'information  
Suite 2.36  
525, boul. René-Lévesque Est  
Québec (Québec) G1R 5S9

Phone : (418) 528-7741  
Fax : (418) 529-3102

#### MONTRÉAL

Commission d'accès à l'information  
Suite 18.200  
500, boul. René-Lévesque Ouest  
Montréal (Québec) H2Z 1w7

Phone : (514) 873-4196  
Fax : (514) 844-6170

#### b) Grounds

An application for review may be based on grounds pertaining to the decision, the time prescribed for processing the request, the mode of access to a document or information, the fees payable, or the application of Article 9 (personal notes written on a document, sketches, outlines, drafts, preliminary notes or other documents of the same nature which are not deemed to be documents held by a public body).

#### c) Time limit

The application for review must be made to the Commission d'accès à l'information within thirty (30) days of the date of the decision or of the time granted by the Act to the person in charge for processing a request (Article 135).

The Act specifically provides that the Commission d'accès à l'information may, for any serious reason, release the applicant from a failure to respect the thirty-day time limit (Article 135).