Release Notes

Canada’s Third Biennial Plan to the Open Government Partnership (2016-2018) Consultation Data

## Series Name: Open Government Action Plan Consultation Data (2016)

## Key Words

3BP, Open Government Action Plan, Consultation, Consultations, National Action Plan, NAP, Public Consultation, Public Consultations, Comments, OGP, Open Government Partnership, What We Heard.

## Series Description:

From March 31 to July 15, 2016, the Government of Canada conducted public consultations in support of developing Canada’s Third Biennial Plan to the Open Government Partnership (2016-2018). The datasets contain the comments, questions and ideas received, as well as the coding added to conduct the qualitative analysis. Private personal identifiers have been removed from the data. There are two sets of data: one entitled “Compilation” and the other, “Individual Comments”, as well as a supporting document entitled release notes that describes the content in detail.

For additional information on the methodology used, please see the “Gathering and Analysis” section of the “What We Heard” report.

## Official Languages:

Consultations were conducted in English and French, and comments were always encouraged in either official language.

Comments and summaries provided by citizens who participated in the consultations appear in the language in which they were provided.

Summary notes created by government employees and the complete “What We Heard” report are provided in both official languages.

Each dataset is described below, along with a list of abbreviations at the end of the document.

# Compilation —Open Government Action Plan Consultation Data (2016)

## Description:

The dataset includes comments, questions and ideas from a variety of sources identified in the source field; these include web comments, in-person event table worksheets, meeting notes, and social media posts. The compilation data includes data from two fields also found in the Individual Comments data.

## Field Descriptions:

**Row#** - is a unique identifier

**Votes** – some ideas generated online have “votes”. Where the result is a number, it indicates the number of votes the idea received, where it is Yes, it indicates that it was the number one idea from an in-person table as determined by the table, and where there is no entry, there are no votes associated with that comment.

**Context** – additional context is provided for the comment which is dependent upon the source. In the case of most web comments, the context is the name of the web page or idea that the comment is associated with. In the case of twitter comments, the context refers to whether the comment is a directly associated with the action plan (AP) or refers to a blog or web site that is indirectly associated with the plan. In the case of in-person events, the context refers to the focus question the comment relates to.   
  
**Source** – identifies the source of the comment:

* Indv Comment – transcribed from an in-person, individual comment form, created by participants
* Group Comment – transcribed from an in-person table discussion form, created by participants
* Meeting Report – report on bilateral or multilateral meeting with stakeholders, created by open government staff
* Event Report– report on conversations at third party events with stakeholders, created by open government staff
* Facilitator Notes– notes taken during a workshop or roundtable, created by the facilitator
* Other In person – notes taken from internal and ad hoc conversations
* Suggest an Idea – participants suggested an idea for inclusion in the plan via a web form at open.canada.ca
* Idea Comment - participants commented on an idea via a web form at open.canada.ca
* DP- Web Comment – participants commented on the draft action plan via a web form at open.canada.ca
* Other Open.Canada.ca – relevant participant comments from any web form at open.canada.ca
* Other online – relevant comments from other online sources
* Twitter – Relevant comments using the hashtags #OpenGovCan and #GouvertCan
* Twitter - Google Hangout – comments associated with the April 6, 2016 hangout hosted by the President of the Treasury Board.
* Other SocMed – other social media, usually a blog that comments directly on the action plan
* Email – comments received at the open-ouvert@gc.ca mailbox
* Contact Us – comments from participants via the contact us form at open.canada.ca
* Detailed Submission – comments are excerpts from detailed submissions, usually a text document or pdf.

See <http://open.canada.ca/en/consultations/what-we-heard-summary-report#app2> for more detail on the in-person sessions and samples of the data collection forms.

**Comment, Question or Idea**– this is the main body of a comment. Some comments that included more than one idea were broken into separate entries that are connected by the context field. Text is displayed in the language it was provided.   
  
PLEASE NOTE: Some comments are quite lengthy and may exceed the cell display limit in some programs such as Excel 2003. If this occurs, the entire text can usually be viewed in the formula bar which can be expanded by clicking and dragging.

**Comment, Question or Idea Translation if available –** In accordance with the official languages statement,when the comment was summarized by an employee of the Government of Canada, it was translated, when the comment was provided directly by a participant in their own words, it was not.

*The following represent category fields that were added during the analysis; it is these fields that drive most of the data visualization in the “What We Heard” report:*

**Primary Commitment and Secondary Commitment**– assigns the comment to the proposed Third Biennial Plan commitments and other interest areas:

* ATI
* Personal Info
* Open Data
* Provide and Preserve Access
* OG Performance
* Open Government Skills
* Service Strategy
* Open Heritage
* Open Spending & Procurement
* Open Budget & Analysis
* Grants & Contribution
* Open Corporates
* Geospatial Data
* Open Science
* ODX
* Open Data Canada
* Extractives
* Support Global Transparency
* Civil Society
* Open Dialogue & Policy
* Promote OG Globally
* CRA Services
* General Comment
* Other - Postal Codes
* Other - Open Parliament
* Other - Whistleblower
* Other - Data & Civic Literacy
* Other - Open Source
* Other - Co-creation
* Other - Open Culture
* Other - Resources
* Other - User Centric
* Other - Multilateral Collaboration
* Alt - Collaboration Issues
* Alt - Communication
* Alt - Copyright Waiver
* Alt - Indigenous
* Alt - Official Languages
* Alt - Prioritization
* Alt - Process & Tools
* Alt - Quality & Standards
* Alt - Community
* Alt - Governance & Licence
* Alt - Specific Data
* Alt - Youth
* NA

**Primary Theme** – links the comment to the themes of the Third Biennial Plan to the Open Government Partnership (2016-2018):

* Open by default
* Fiscal transparency
* Innovation, prosperity & sustainable dev
* Engaging Canadians & the world
* NA
* General Comment
* Not categorized

**What We Heard (WWH) Theme-** represents the themes that emerged during analysis and were used to structure the “What We Heard” report:

* Open Data
* Open Dialogue & Policy
* Access & Preservation
* Open Data Canada
* Multilateral Collaboration
* Culture of Openness
* Open Parliament
* Data & Civic Literacy
* Postal Code Data
* Open Source & Co-creation
* NA
* Other

**Final Disposition-** verifies whether a comment has been covered in an existing commitment, if it should be considered for a future Open Government Plan, or if it could help shape the implementation of a specific commitment:

* Yes
* Partial
* No
* Future Consideration
* Implementation Guidance
* NA

# INDIVIDUAL COMMENTS —Open Government Action Plan CONSULTATION Data (2016)

## Description:

All comment data collected from Individual Worksheets that participants completed as part of the in-person sessions. This data is presented in the language in which it was provided by participants.

*A sample of the worksheet can be found in the appendices of the “What We Heard” report. A subset of this data (the Public Engagement Question and 1 Practical Idea) is included in the “Compilation” dataset.*

## Field Descriptions:

**Row** – is a unique numerical identifier

**Event** – represents the event at which the Individual Feedback form was collected:

* ARMA
* Edmonton
* Montreal
* Ottawa
* Toronto
* Victoria
* Whitehorse

**Source** –identifies the source of the comment:

* Indv Comment

**Sector** – The sector the participant self-identified with:

* Academia
* Business
* Media
* Non-profit
* FedGov
* PTGov
* MunGov
* Individual
* Student
* Other
* NA

**Public engagement question (also in “Compilation”)–** participant’s answer to the question; “One question I would like to see explored in public engagement sessions on Open Government is:”

**1 Practical idea (also in “Compilation”)** – participant’s answer to the question; “One practical idea about how to make government more open might be:”

**3 words** – Three words that describe why the participant was attending the event

**OG is important because** – participant’s answer to the question, “Open Government is important to me because:”

**Preferred way(s) to participate in OG** – participant’s answer to the question; “Ways I would like to participate in the Open Government initiative in the future is/are:

1-On-line forums

2- Online surveys

3-Social media

4-In-person workshops on particular topics

5-Open public meetings

6-Commenting on documents online or by email

7-Other

**What did you like most** – participant’s answer to the question; “What did you like most about the session?”

**Dislike** – participant’s answer to the question; “What did you dislike most about the session?”

**Improvements** –participant’s answer to the question; “How can we improve the Open Government consultation experience?”

**Would you recommend** – participant’s answer to the question; “Overall, would you recommend a colleague to participate in this consultation session” 1 = Not at all, 10 = definitely

**Other Comments** – participant’s general comments

# Abbreviations:

AP – Action Plan

APIs - Application Programing Interfaces

ARMA – American Records Management Association

ATI – Access to Information

Biz - Business

CAJ- Canadian Association of Journalists

C/NP – Community/Non-profit

CoP – Community of Practice

CJFE- Canadian Journalists for Free Expression

CSO – Civil Society Organization

CODE – Canadian Open Data Experience

DP – Draft Plan

ESTMA – Extractives Sector Transparency Measures Act

Fed – Federal

FedGov- Federal Government

Gen – General

GoC – Government of Canada

IATI – International Aid Transparency Initiative

ID – Idea Dialogue

IM – Information Management

Indv – Individual

Info – Information

ISED – Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada

MunGov – Municipal Government

MP – Member of Parliament

MPP – Member of Provincial Parliament

NA – Not Applicable

NFB – National Film Board of Canada

NP – Non-profit

OD – Open Data

ODC – Open Data Canada

ODI – Open Data Institute (See ODX); not to be confused with the UK Open Data Institute

ODX – Open Data Exchange (formerly CODEX – Canadian Open Data Exchange and/or the Canadian Open Data Institute)

OGAP2 – Open Government Action Plan 2 (Released October 2014)

ON OG – Ontario Open Government

PS – Public Service

P/T – Province/Territory

PTGov – Provincial or Territorial Government

PWYP – Publish What You Pay

SLAPP – Strategic Lawsuit Against Public Participation

Sum – Summary

# APPENDIX 6: Consultation Data

These files contain the raw comments and coding used to produce the “What We Heard” report.

* Individual Comments — Open Government Action Plan Consultation Data
* Compilation — Open Government Action Plan Consultation Data
* Release Notes — Open Government Action Plan Consultation Data

# Context WORDS

* Engagement public and civil society
* Collaboration across sectors
* Online idea

# Compilation sheet - Context data

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| One Practical Idea- ARMA |
| One Practical Idea- Edmonton |
| One Practical Idea- Montreal |
| One Practical Idea- Ottawa |
| One Practical Idea- Toronto |
| One Practical Idea- Victoria |
| One Practical Idea- Whitehorse |
| “Government accountability” |
| “Problematic governance” |
| A duty to document |
| Add support for a postal code geocoder |
| Addressing disincentives to open information |
| Adopt an iterative, flexible procurement model |
| Advocate for global taxation accountability |
| Anti-SLAPP legislation |
| AP Comment |
| AP comment – indirect |
| Beneficial ownership transparency |
| Bring SeeClickFix to Canada |
| Canada’s New Plan on Open Government |
| Canada’s Action Plan on Open Government 2014-2016 |
| Clarify how the Official Languages Act interacts with the Directive on Open Government |
| Conversational – Quotable |
| Create a legal and cultural framework |
| Creating Canada’s Action Plan on Open Government |
| Crowdsourcing/open-sourcing conception |
| Data modelling/open data |
| Deficit spending – not in favour |
| Detailed email from Victoria participant |
| Detailed submission into helping shape Canada’s Action Plan on Open Government 2016-2018 |
| Develop an open data standard for… |
| Digital Preservation |
| Digital repository for GoC publications |
| Digital/web literacy/participation |
| Discretion for frivolous and vexatious… |
| General discussion |
| Donations to MPs publicly published |
| Draft Plan |
| Draft Plan – Detailed Submission |
| Draft Plan -- letter addressed to TBS President Scott Brison |
| Draft Plan – AP 3 events page |
| Draft Plan – ATI |
| Draft Plan – Beneficial ownership |
| Draft plan – blog post |
| Draft Plan – Canadian corporations |
| Draft Plan – feedback from ON OG Team |
| Draft Plan – OD Working Group |
| Draft Plan – via.hypothesis.is site |
| Draft Plan Blog post |
| Email freedom |
| Endorse and fully implement international transparency initiatives |
| Endorsing parliamentary openness in… |
| Engaging parliamentary data users to… |
| Enhancing Whistleblower protection |
| Environmental enforcement and compliance database |
| Establish a multi-stakeholder forum |
| Events |
| Expand GitHub usage in GoC |
| Expand Open Government Licence to include CBC and NFB |
| Fees |
| Fiber Optic Access for all citizens |
| Future Engagement Question – ARMA |
| Future Engagement Question – Edmonton |
| Future Engagement Question – Montreal |
| Future Engagement Question – Ottawa |
| Future Engagement Question – Toronto |
| Future Engagement Question –Victoria |
| Future Engagement Question – Whitehorse |
| Global and cross-sector collaboration on open data agriculture and nutrition |
| Government proposals to revitalize… |
| Government-wide waiver of Crown copyright |
| Group – what shld be included – Victoria |
| Group – what shld be included – ARMA |
| Group – what shld be included – ARMA – #1 Idea |
| Group – what shld be included –Edmonton |
| Group – what shld be included – Edmonton – #1 Idea |
| Group – what shld be included –Montreal |
| Group – what shld be included – Montreal – #1 Idea |
| Group – what shld be included – Ottawa |
| Group – what shld be included – Ottawa – #1 Idea |
| Group – what shld be included – Toronto |
| Group – what shld be included – Toronto – #1 Idea |
| Group – what shld be included – Victoria – #1 Idea |
| Group – what shld be included – Whitehorse |
| Group – what shld be included – Whitehorse – #1 Idea |
| <https://gcconnex.gc.ca/blog/view/19598226/what-exactly-is-open-government-where-we%E2%80%99re-headed-part-2-of-2> |
| <https://multiculturalmeanderings.wordpress.com/2016/04/02/trudeau-government-asks-for-ideas-on-open-government/> |
| Idea submission |
| Innovation Fair Poster Board |
| Innovation for the public good |
| In-person events |
| Internal email from Service for Business, ISED |
| Internal Summary |
| Inventions ouvertes/ Open Inventions |
| Joint submission for CJFE, CAJ et al. |
| Legal summaries limited to the top 1000 most common words |
| Make code available for reuse across GoC & release to the public |
| Make things open: it makes things better |
| Meaningful dialogue |
| Meeting with Council of Yukon First Nations |
| Most Debated Idea – ARMA |
| Most Debated Idea – Toronto |
| Most Debated Idea – Victoria |
| Most debated idea – Whitehorse |
| Multi-stakeholder forum |
| Next Steps for the Mandatory Reporting on Extractives |
| Notes from Google Hangout (core guests) |
| ODX- One Challenge You’ve Heard |
| ODX- Opportunity |
| ODX- Recommendations |
| Offer vital web services as free public infrastructure |
| OkFestMtl |
| One thing per bill |
| Open by default and modern, easy to use… |
| Open Canada – mp and mpp accountability and transparency of work |
| Open Contracting |
| Open contracts with private firms |
| Open data for innovation |
| Open Fiscal Framework |
| Open Government |
| Open Government means Federal…. |
| Open information |
| Open Response |
| Open science |
| Other Comment – ARMA |
| Other Comment – Edmonton |
| Other Comment – Montreal |
| Other Comment – Toronto |
| Other Comment – Victoria |
| Other Comment – Whitehorse |
| Other Table Thoughts – ARMA |
| Other Table Thoughts – Edmonton |
| Other Table Thoughts – Montreal |
| Other Table Thoughts – Toronto |
| Other Table Thoughts – Victoria |
| Other Table Thoughts – Whitehorse |
| Part of detailed submission from Centre for Law and Democracy received via email May 19 |
| Performance dashboard for government services |
| Piloting a context- focused engagement approach |
| Place selected draft government policy, regulations and legislation on GitHub for public consultation |
| Postal Code Database – Dataset Comment |
| Postal Codes |
| Prosecute politicians who break our laws |
| Public data as “infrastructure” |
| Question |
| Question – Google Hangout |
| Question from Google hangout Question 1 |
| Rights and Over-the-Air (OTA) television |
| Some overall and content suggestions |
| Submit a detailed proposal |
| Support adoption of International Aid…. |
| Sustainable Development Goals |
| Taxation |
| The Open Dialogue Initiative: Making the Government of Canada a World Leader in Open Dialogue |
| Toxic to thoughtful discourse |
| Unions & Aboriginal matters |
| Updating Freedom of Information legislation |
| Using the Data: Mandatory Payment… |
| Whistleblower protection – act on OGD commitment |
| Written explanation to requestors |
| Youth employment strategy open data initiative / Access to Information / smartphone app |