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**RE: formal policies and clear accountabilities to safe guard the integrity of population numbers**

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From : Alain Bélanger <Alain.Belanger@UCS.INRS.Ca> Tue, May 24, 2016 08:16 PM  
Subject : RE: formal policies and clear accountabilities to safe guard the integrity of population numbers  
To : Warren Munroe <wmpopulationanalysis@shaw.ca>, mhaan@unb.ca, dkerr@uwo.ca, fong@chass.utoronto.ca

Dear Mr Munroe,

If you look at our web site, you will read that «the Canadian Population Society is a scientific association that seeks to improve knowledge and understanding about the quantitative and qualitative characteristics of human population. It seeks to promote the study and development of the science of demography in both its empirical and theoretical aspects. On an annual basis, this society meets to foster interest in, and the interchange of ideas on population, among professional and other interested persons working in the field of population studies.»

The Canadian Population Society is not a regulatory agency. Members will discuss methods and techniques at the annual CPS meeting, including about population estimates or projections. However, the Society itself will never propose standards or advocate for one group or another. Therefore, I think that it is not pertinent for you to address these questions to any past, current or future officers of the Society.

We apologize that we cannot be more helpful, and we thank you for your interest in the Canadian Population Society.

Sincerely,  
Alain Bélanger  
President of the Canadian Population Society

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**De :** Warren Munroe [mailto:wmpopulationanalysis@shaw.ca]  
**Envoyé :** 20 mai 2016 15:14  
**À :** Bélanger, Alain; mhaan@unb.ca; dkerr@uwo.ca; fong@chass.utoronto.ca  
**Objet :** formal policies and clear accountabilities to safe guard the integrity of population numbers

Dear Canadian Population Society Council Members,

In 2012, our community discovered that the people in control of British Columbia's Official Statistical Agency, BC Statistics, provided incorrect methods and data to accompany "unfounded" population numbers for over a decade[1][1] not only provided to citizens addressing the closing of public facilities, but also to Statistics Canada and Finance Canada addressing Canada's equalization program.[2][2]

Unfortunately, when questioned, B.C. government representatives claimed "Disclosure

harmful to intergovernmental relations or negotiations” and later stated “we do not see value in continuing to respond to enquiries of a similar nature”<sup>[3][3]</sup>; therefore, questions remain.

- 1. Should the people in control of federal/provincial/territorial government Official Statistical Agencies provide correct methods and data used to create population numbers, (rather than incorrect methods and data) to citizens and to Statistics Canada for studies for Finance Canada regarding equalization payments?*
- 2. Should the people in control of federal/provincial/territorial government Official Statistical Agencies agree upon and adhere to formal policies and clear accountabilities for the review processes of analytic products including population estimates and projections?*
- 3. Should there be deterrents to discourage the people in control of provincial/territorial government Official Statistical Agencies from falsifying reports to citizens and Statistics Canada for studies for Finance Canada regarding equalization payments?*
- 4. Should federal/provincial/territorial public service providers who raised concerns about incorrect information have “dismissed for just cause” and “insubordination” removed from their record and be allowed a fair open public hearing into the real matters in dispute, namely the real methods and data used to create population numbers?*

Statistics Canada has implemented formal policies and clear accountabilities for the review processes of analytic products that include external reviews and validation as an essential part of the “virtuous circle” by which we may better “understand not only the current structure of our society and economy, but also their dynamics: the forces that shape their evolution and which might be beneficially impacted through policy.”<sup>[4][4]</sup>

Do you agree that the answer to these questions is yes?

Sincerely,

William Warren Munroe

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<sup>[1][1]</sup> Generalization Estimation System (GES) Small Area Population Estimation Method and Error Evaluation, BC Statistics, 2011

<sup>[2][2]</sup> The Equalization Program and the Property Tax Base. Feasibility Study Conducted by Statistics Canada Feasibility Report to Finance Canada, February 28, 2005

<sup>[3][3]</sup> See June 22, 2012 and Sept. 26, 2013, “Data Warning” <http://wminformatics.com/WP/Home.html>. To learn how our community discovered that the people in control of BC Statistics deceived Statistics and Finance Canada (thereby gaining the endorsement, albeit fraudulently, from Statistics Canada that BC Statistics’ estimates were of “better quality” than Statistics Canada’s) watch the abridged video (11min) [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T6\\_of1n24k&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T6_of1n24k&feature=youtu.be) Big Data and the Third Sector, Edinburg Scotland, Nov. 2014. Also see the introduction to Population Projections for Community Members presented at the 2013 Congress organized by the Canadian Federation of Humanities and Social Sciences, “Methods For Projections” session hosted by the Canadian Population Society at [http://www.wminformatics.com/PopulationProjections/CPS\\_PPP\\_Validate.pdf](http://www.wminformatics.com/PopulationProjections/CPS_PPP_Validate.pdf)

<sup>[4][4]</sup> ANALYTIC ACTIVITIES AT STATISTICS CANADA, STATISTICAL COMMISSION and ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE, CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN STATISTICIANS, Forty-seventh plenary session, (Neuchâtel, Switzerland, 14-16 June 1999) Submitted by Statistics Canada, prepared by Ivan Fellegi