Privacy and Access

20/20 Conference

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Surveillance in Canada and around the world

- Better protection of privacy in the face of risks
- Importance of oversight and transparency
- Government surveillance and lawful access
Increasing Canadians’ control over personal information
Economics of Personal Information

Enhance the privacy protection and trust of individuals so that they may confidently participate in the digital economy.
Reputation and Privacy

Enhance digital literacy among vulnerable populations
Body as Information

Promote respect for the privacy and integrity of the human body as a vessel of our most intimate personal information.
Contribute to the adoption and implementation of laws and other measures that demonstrably protect both national security and privacy.
Bill C-51

• Concerns remain unchanged
  • Appropriate thresholds lacking
  • Oversight insufficient
Oversight

- Called for independent and effective review
- Commitment to Parliamentary review – a welcome development
- Need ability for expert examination of information sharing across organizations
Information sharing thresholds
Bill C-13

- Concerns raised in 2014, with no amendments
- Immunity provision regarding voluntary disclosures
- Lack of reporting mechanism to provide transparency
Transparency reporting