

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
Anti-Racism Data Legislation Engagement



Consultation Process

1. Why is Government seeking public input on anti-racism data legislation?

- Initial feedback from Indigenous leadership and racialized community experts, as well as the BC Human Rights Commissioner's report, *Disaggregated Demographic Data Collection in British Columbia: The Grandmother Perspective*, emphasized the need to engage communities in legislation development to ensure that community needs are meaningfully addressed.
- Public consultation will help government hear directly from Indigenous and racialized communities in B.C. about their concerns, needs and priorities related to the collection, use and disclosure of race-based data.

2. What are the goals of the consultation process?

- There are three specific goals for this engagement:
 - Identity: Government wants to understand how people in B.C. prefer to identify or represent themselves before starting to collect anti-racism data.
 - Experience: Government wants to understand people's previous experiences of sharing personal information with Government agencies.
 - This will help to understand people's comfort levels with sharing information in different situations, such as for research purposes or to access public services like health, education, or justice so that government can build better collection methods.
 - Data usage: Government wants people to understand how people would like their data to be used so that government can work towards racial equity, beginning in priority areas.

3. Who is being consulted?

- The consultation process will engage individual members of the public, as well as community organizations and Indigenous leaders, Nations, and organizations.
- There are four key streams of consultation:
 - Online Survey: open to the public
 - Community Partner-led Engagements: open to the public through individual community organization events
 - Indigenous Engagement: Leadership, First Nations, Métis, and Urban/off-reserve populations

4. How long is the public consultation process?

- The public engagement began on September 9, 2021 and will run until January 31, 2022.

5. Will the results from this process be shared?

- The anonymous data will be shared with government policy staff, program administrators, elected officials and community partners. It will also be shared back with

the public. Participants will be able to see the summarized results in a final public report at the end of the engagement.

6. What will happen to personal data collected through the engagement process?

- Personal data is not being collected through the engagement process.

7. What happens if an individual withdraws from an engagement part way through a session?

- Participants can withdraw at any time.
- Participation is voluntary, and individuals are under no obligation to provide their input into the engagement process.
- If a participant would like their comments redacted as a part of their withdrawal from the engagement session, that request will be accommodated.

8. Who can participants contact if they have questions or concerns about the engagement process?

- This engagement process is coordinated by the Ministry of Attorney General and the Ministry of Citizens' Services. If participants have any questions or concerns about the process, they can submit these to multiculturalism@gov.bc.ca.