

Let me tell you a story about a Canadian Government department that was blamed for someones death twenty years ago. Since then;

- they have grown in size by a factor of more than ten
- still stinging, their aim since is to reduce their own liability
- they have created as many rules as they could get away with, and made those rules as complicated and confusing as they could
- this way they knew it would be difficult to challenge them and prove them liable again
- and they were sure too that the public could always be found lacking in some way, in any contest
- then they made sure that their rules were evaluated elsewhere than in the public courts, that way real legal scrutiny would be rare, or impossible
- and they are then free to build their empire
- and they tell anyone who asks this is justified **“FOR PUBLIC SAFETY”** , after all, and who can argue with that banner ?
- but for insurance, then instead of doing their own jobs (inspections and guidance), they made NEW rules making the public themselves responsible for their own inspections
- and, at the same time, they then reduced their own role to “audits” of those new rules
- then they created an ‘arms-length’ series of official groups of users (called “Ministers Delegates”) who assume the Governments official responsibility for applying the rules (even though most of these groups only assumed these jobs because they were desperate for progress)
- but then the Government made sure they didn’t give these groups any actual authority to make any decisions (that way the Government dodged responsibility and accountability without losing the justification for their growing empires)
- and then with even more convoluted, obsifucated, and irrelevant rules, no one is sure where the correct course of action is,

-now the bureaucrats were free to offer contradictory and inconsistent direction without challenge, and they would be nearly impossible to "pin down"

-and then this same Government Ministry adopted "standards of service" that allow their bureaucrats 90 days to respond to any public inquiries

-and for insurance, they isolated their people from public contact (you need an appointment to meet with them in their offices now, and you need to inform them of your questions ahead of time), or they insist the public must phone Service Canada, or phone a Regional Center, where you will be told by a robot; "*That Mailbox is Full*".

-and, finally, armed with the additional ability to instantly close down the operation of any business that doesn't play their confusing administrative game (no matter how absurd their demand), they are free to run roughshod because the public risks instantaneous loss of revenue that would force them in to bankruptcy. Yes, the emperor has no clothes.

This Department is broken, they are a farce within their own industry. Billions and billions of tax dollars perpetuate this situation. How could we fix this?

Easy. 'Sunset' the Aeronautics Act, and Regulations, and simply re-write them in **PLAIN LANGUAGE**.

Then everyone (bureaucrat and public alike) would know what was expected and could act quickly, efficiently, relatively cheaply. Think of how much money that would generate. And how much **SAFETY** !

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