**Which Government Department Can Help Me**?

Read the problems below. Consult the box on page 19 of the textbook and try to figure out which department you would go to for help with each problem.

A good list of the powers at each level, and shared, can be found here: <https://www.canada.ca/en/intergovernmental-affairs/services/federation/distribution-legislative-powers.html>

You may also find out information about federal departments here: <https://libguides.smu.ca/govdoc/canada/departments>

The provincial government departments in Manitoba are: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/government/departments.html>

Write that department’s name in the Department column. In the Government column, indicate whether the power is federal, provincial, or shared (you could just write f, p, or s.) The first row has been done as an example.

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| **Problem** | **Department** | **Government** |
| You want to find out the population of Winnipeg in 2006 and compare it to Winnipeg’s population in 1996. | Census | F |
| Your neighbor builds a fence on your property without your permission. |  |  |
| You write a book and you want to make sure that no one can steal your story. |  |  |
| Your cousin Fezik has not received the package that you mailed to him at Christmas, and it is now nearly Easter. |  |  |
| You want to become a Canadian citizen. |  |  |
| You need a license to open a new restaurant. |  |  |
| Your dad is a fisherman. European commercial fishing boats are fishing too close to Canada’s shore and taking his fish. |  |  |
| A customer says that the scale in your store does not weigh accurately. |  |  |
| You want to join one of the armed forces. |  |  |
| You hear that a new road is being built in your area. Your cousin’s company wants to get the job building it. |  |  |
| The houses on a First Nation reserve need to be repaired. |  |  |
| Your family hog farming company wants to sell pork to Saskatchewan. You need to find out the rules. |  |  |
| Your farm raises bison and wants to sell them to North Dakota. |  |  |
| You invent a new and better skateboard and want to manufacture it. |  |  |
| Your school is small and is going to be closed. |  |  |
| Hospital emergency rooms in your town have to close, because there are not enough doctors. |  |  |
| Your family sports equipment store sends in a GST payment every month. There is a mistake and you are being fined. |  |  |
| Your brother is a new farmer who wants to try out new crops, such as corn for ethanol. |  |  |
| Bears are wandering onto your cottage property from the nearby forest. |  |  |
| You want to visit a friend who is in the penitentiary (jail.) |  |  |
| You want to protest the building of a new hydroelectric project in your area. |  |  |