

Part I - Access to Information

Statistical Report -- Interpretation/Explanation

During fiscal year 1997-98, the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade received 316 requests pursuant to the Access to Information Act. One hundred and five requests were carried over from the previous reporting year. Of these 421 requests, 323 were completed during the period under review and 98 were carried forward. One hundred and twenty-two requests were completed in 30 days or less and a further 58 were completed in less than 60 days. The remainder (143) required more than 60 days to complete.

The disposition of the completed requests is as follows:

All disclosed	92
Disclosed in part	107
Nothing disclosed (exempt)	7
Nothing disclosed (excluded)	1
Transferred	11
Unable to process	67
Abandoned	37
Treated informally	1
TOTAL COMPLETED	323

The statistical reports do not reflect consultation requests, of which the Department received 260 from other departments and other governments.

The breakdown of requesters, below, is not clearly indicative of end users. They must be inferred from information provided on the application. The breakdown is as follows:

Media	33
Academic	20
Business (including professional requesters)	122
Organization (including MPs)	86
Public	55

The costs identified in Annex A are estimated salary and operations for the operation of the ATIP Office only and are total figures for Access and Privacy.