

I. Organization of the ATIP office and Implementation of the two Acts

Organization

1. The Director of the Access to Information and Privacy Protection Division (the ATIP Office of the Department) has been delegated full authority to exercise the powers of the *Access to Information Act* and the *Privacy Act*.
2. The ATIP Director reports to the Director General of the Executive Services Bureau. In addition to the ATIP Director, the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Deputy Minister for International Trade, and the Director General of the Executive Services Bureau are also designated with full powers, and all Heads of Mission are designated to act under Section 8(2)(m) of the *Privacy Act*.
3. In addition to the Director, the ATIP Office has a complement of six officers, three support staff and various consultants, all of whom are dedicated to access, privacy and directly related issues on a full-time basis. All are ATIP specialists, not available for appointment to positions abroad, although fully half the officers have had considerable overseas experience. This reflects an appropriate balance between the need for continuity in managing an ever-expanding ATIP workload and detailed practical knowledge of the policies and working practices of a large and multifaceted Department.
4. The estimates of salary and operations for the ATIP Office found in the statistical record included in this report combine figures for operations under both the *Access to Information Act* and the *Privacy Act* since a breakdown for each Act is not practical.

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