

Disclosures under 8(2)(e)

174 requests for disclosure under Section 8(2)(e) of the *Privacy Act* were received by the Department from federal investigative bodies and all were processed in accordance with the *Act*. This is an increase of 26%, following a drop of 22% the year before.

Disclosures under 8(2)(m)

The Department was approached by Health Canada to provide the locator information of individuals who might have been exposed to Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS). The Office of the Privacy Commissioner was advised, and the latter concurred in the release of this information under Section 8(2)(m) of the *Privacy Act*. This is the first time this Department has received a request of this sort.

Use and Disclosure

As the Department controls only a limited number of Personal Information Banks, the implementation of the Use and Disclosure code with respect to personal information has not been a problem.

Applications to the Federal Court

The Federal Court received no new applications during fiscal year 2002-2003.