

15. Section 24  
Statutory Prohibitions Against Disclosure

NOTE:

See Schedule II of the Act for a list of existing statutory prohibitions against disclosure to which Section 24 would apply.

15. The head of a government institution SHALL REFUSE to disclose any record requested under this Act that contains information the disclosure of which is restricted by or pursuant to any provision set out in Schedule II of the Act.

16. Section 25  
Severability

16. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Act, where a request is made to a government institution for access to a record that the Head of the institution is authorized to refuse to disclose under the Act by reason of information or other material contained in the record, the Head of the institution SHALL DISCLOSE any part of the record that does not contain, and can reasonably be severed from any part that contains any such information or material.

17. Section 26  
Information to be Published

17. Disclosure of any record requested MAY BE REFUSED if it is believed on reasonable grounds that the material in the record will be published by a department, government agency or a Minister of the Crown within 90 days after the request is made or within such further period of time as necessary for printing or translating the material for printing.

18. Section 27  
Transitional Provision

NOTE:

It is expected that guidelines will be issued under the Act indicating that the purpose of these provisions is to prevent departmental resources from

18. Disclosure of any record requested MAY BE REFUSED:

- a. during the first year after the coming into force of the Act, in the case of a record that was in existence more than three years before the coming into force of the Act;