
E. ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND PRIVACY

The Access to Information Act and the Privacy Act are jointly managed within the Department by the Office of the Coordinator. A growing public interest in all aspects of foreign policy and operations along with a heightened awareness of the legislation have led to an increased number of requests.

In 1989/90, 277 requests for information under the Access to Information Act were received, an 8 per cent

increase over the previous year. Requests handled under the Privacy Act were up over the previous year by 27 per cent to 145. Consultations from other departments and agencies on records of interest to the Department totalled 169. Requests from investigative bodies numbered 794.