

Part I - Access to Information

Statistical Report

The complete statistical report can be found at the end of this report, as Annex A.

Interpretation/Explanation

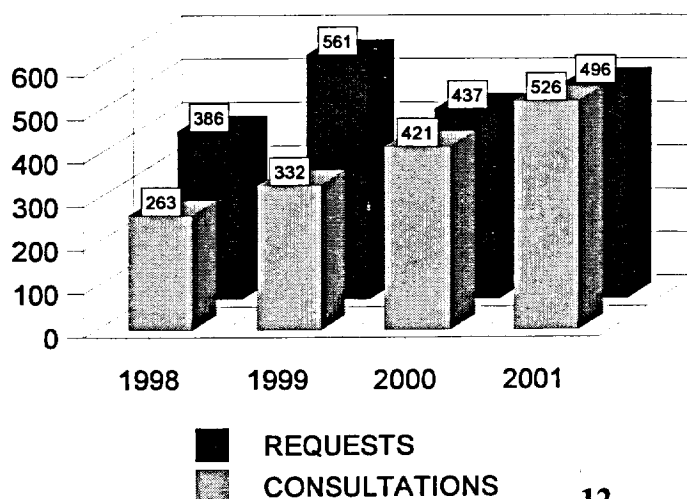
During fiscal year 2001-2002, the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade received 496 new requests pursuant to the *Access to Information Act*. 125 requests were carried over from the previous reporting year. Of these 621 requests, 478 were completed during the period of this report and 143 were carried forward. 204 requests were completed in 30 days or less and a further 65 were completed in less than 60 days. The remainder (209) required more than 60 days to complete.

Requests Processed

The disposition of the completed requests is as follows:

All disclosed	82
Disclosed in part	207
Nothing disclosed (exempt)	16
Nothing disclosed (excluded)	2
Transferred	14
Unable to process	85
Abandoned	64
Treated informally	8
TOTAL COMPLETED	478

REQUESTS/CONSULTATIONS



The statistical report does not reflect consultation requests, of which the Department received 526 from other departments and other governments, a 24.9% increase from last year - this following a 26.8% increase in the previous fiscal year.