

V. Progress

The Information Commissioner awarded the ATIP office of the Department a “D” grade in his annual Report Card rating - a substantial improvement over the “F” of the three previous years - and recognized the hard work of the office and of the Department. This reflects the fact that close to 85% of requests were processed and released within required time-frames.

Over the course of the last fiscal year, the ATIP division reviewed 159,150 pages of information in all, of which 104,110 in response to access to information requests, 4,998 to requests for personal information, and 50,042 to consultation requests. This overall total was up from 134,638 last year, an increase of 18.2%. 57,765 pages in all were released in 2001-2002, representing 36.3% of the pages reviewed in the context of both access requests and requests for personal information, a slight drop from last year’s 42.7%. 53,784 pages were released in response to access requests and 3,981 in response to requests for personal information. The number of pages reviewed in response to requests for personal information dropped in comparison to the previous fiscal year.

