

exemption, (s. 19(1)), was claimed in 201 of the Department's 371 responses to Access requests during the year.

(d) Exempt Banks

15. The Department does not control any designated exempt banks.

(e) Use and Disclosure

16. As the Department of External Affairs 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. All banks and classes of personal information are reviewed annually as part of the process of producing departmental contributions to the Personal Information Index and Bulletin.

DESIGNATION ORDER

17. The Secretary of State for External Affairs has delegated his powers as outlined in the Privacy Act to a small number of senior departmental officials. A copy of the ... designation order is attached as Appendix B.

APPEALS TO THE PRIVACY COMMISSIONER

18. During the period under review, 3 complaints were submitted. Five complaints were brought forward from the previous year. Six investigations by the Privacy Commissioner were completed during the year with findings in support of the Department in three of the cases involved. One case remains before the Federal Court.