

15. The number of informal enquiries addressed to the ATIP Co-ordinator was in fact approximately equal to the number of formal requests received. Only formal requests are processed by the ATIP Office but the departmental Co-ordinator for Access to Information and Privacy must devote considerable time to consultation with the program bureaux concerned to ensure that replies to informal enquiries are consistent with the requirements of the Act.

DESIGNATION ORDER

... 16. Attached as Appendix B is the current list of officials, by title, who have been designated by the Minister to exercise his powers under the Act, including authority to release or to deny release of information.

APPEALS TO THE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER

17. Twenty-seven appeals were made to the Information Commissioner during the period under review concerning Access requests processed by the Department. By March 31, 1986, the Information Commissioner had completed twenty-one investigations and had supported the Department's position in sixteen cases. In the remaining five cases, the Department accepted the recommendation of the Commissioner and released information for which an exemption had been claimed under the Act.