

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

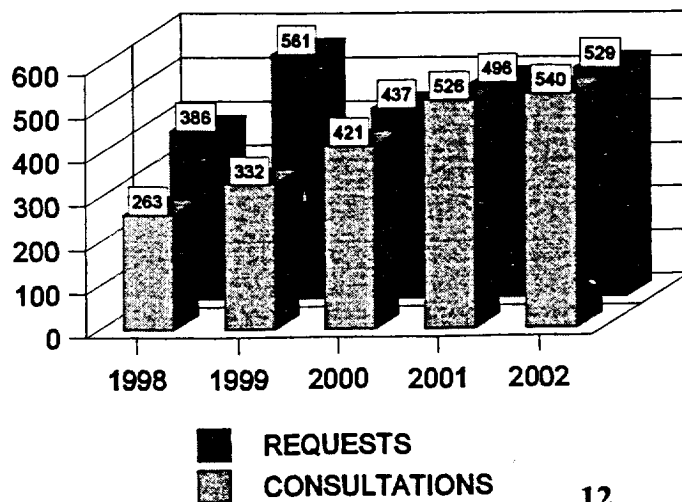
During fiscal year 2002-2003, DFAIT received 529 new requests pursuant to the *Access to Information Act*, an increase of 7%. 143 requests were carried over from the previous reporting year. Of these 672 requests, 461 were completed during the period of this report and 211 were carried forward. 208 requests were completed in 30 days or less and a further 53 were completed in less than 60 days. The remainder (200) required more than 60 days to complete.

Requests Processed

The disposition of the completed requests is as follows:

All disclosed	45
Disclosed in part	196
Nothing disclosed (exempt)	8
Nothing disclosed (excluded)	1
Transferred	13
Unable to process	112
Abandoned	78
Treated informally	8
TOTAL COMPLETED	461

REQUESTS/CONSULTATIONS



The statistical report does not reflect consultation requests, of which the Department received 540 from other departments and other governments, an increase from last year's 526.