

government. The department contributes financially to the ATIP tracking system maintenance and participates in related interdepartmental consultations.

The Coordinator's Office is responsible for screening records for transfer to the National Archives. The Coordinator directs a team of retired senior foreign service officers who review records and determine whether they may be opened for public examination. This is a unique program among government institutions that has helped to provide access for researchers to greater volumes of information affecting Canada's conduct of international relations. The screeners had a very successful year, completing several blocks of files containing documents ranging from 1963 to the early eighties. In spite of this achievement, resource constraints, and the increasing volume of documents to be screened, have presented a major challenge to this program and have necessitated an ongoing examination of means by which the transfer of documents to the Archives could be expedited.