

INTRODUCTION

This second annual Access to Information Act report for the Department of External Affairs covers the period from April 1, 1984 to March 31, 1985.

2. During the period under review, 3 Access requests were carried over from 1983/84, 72 new Access requests were received, and 60 requests were completed.

3. Media representatives have continued to show the most interest in using this legislation. The breakdown of the 60 requests completed was as follows: media 29, organizations 8, academic 8, business 1, public 14.

4. Nearly half of the requests dealt with foreign policy questions. This represents a significant increase over the previous reporting period. The remainder covered mainly international trade, immigration and general information on a variety of other subjects that were foreign affairs related.

STATISTICAL REPORT

5. The attached Report on Access to Information
--- (Appendix A) contains detailed statistics on the processing of the 60 requests completed. Fifteen Access requests were carried forward to 1985/86. Of these, three were waiting for responses from applicants for fees or clarification, three were the subject of consultation with other government institutions, and the remaining nine had only been received during the last two weeks of March. In the