

**FORMAL/INFORMAL INTERFACE**

Since the Act is intended to complement, rather than replace, existing procedures for access to government information, informal requests can be addressed to the ATIP Office, as well as to bureaux within the Department, the Media Relations Office, the Library or to missions abroad.

Formal requests are processed only by the ATIP Office. The Departmental Coordinator for Access to Information and Privacy also devotes considerable time to consultation with the Media Relations Office and the program bureaux concerned to ensure that their replies to enquiries are consistent with the requirements of both Acts.

**DESIGNATION ORDER**

The designation order has been amended to take into account organizational changes in the departure and the appointment of the new Minister. Attached as Annex B is the current list of officials, by title, who have been designated by the Secretary of State for External Affairs to exercise powers under the Act.

**APPEALS TO FEDERAL COURT**

There are no outstanding appeals to the Federal Court.