

## ACCESS TO INFORMATION UPDATE

The Access to Information Act was implemented in the Ministry of Education, Youth and Culture on **May 31, 2004**. To date the Ministry has received 60 applications for information/documents under the Access to Information Act. The applicants are from different sectors of the society, including academia, business, media, organisations, government and general members of the public. There has been only one appeal made for an internal review of the response to an application, which was later withdrawn by the applicant

The staff of the MOEYC have been sensitised about the Act and, therefore, are quite co-operative with the Ministry's efforts to meet the demands of the Act.

Sensitisation sessions have also been held with members of staff of the Ministry's 14 agencies. Assistance is being given to the agencies to ensure that they are prepared for the implementation of the Act. The Act does not yet apply to the Ministry's agencies.

Access to Information applications for documents held in the Ministry may be addressed to:

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