

The minister will meet senior officials to support the purchase of light armoured vehicles from General Motors of Canada.

He will also promote Canadian telecommunications industry interests in Australia's program of privatization. Transfer of part of the industry into private hands opens opportunities for Canadian sales of mobile radios, cable television, satellites and fibre optics.

As minister responsible for Canada's aboriginal economic programs, Mr. Hockin will hold discussions with his Australian counterparts and leaders of Australia's aboriginal community to examine ways of improving native people's involvement in economic affairs.

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