

b) Performance as measured against 1991 objectives

Our Unit did not achieve all of these objectives; however, when the extent to which the Unit achieved its objectives is viewed in the context of the tumultuous events of 1991, the achievements are significant.

The objectives can be grouped as follows:

1. Those related to the Export and Import Permits Act (EIPA)

- a significant accomplishment was the preparation and publication of a Prosecutors Guide. This comprehensive outline of the EIPA will greatly assist prosecutors and civil litigators who cannot be expected to have an indepth knowledge of the Act. Work on an abridged\edited version for distribution to the Regional offices of Justice is scheduled to start in 1992.
- related to the Prosecutors Guide is a Legislative History of the EIPA. This will assist prosecutors and civil litigators generally but most particularly in respect of Charter challenges. The legislative history requires editing and organization.
- the Litigation Report of our Unit was expanded to include significant prosecutions under the EIPA, including the case now before the Supreme Court of Canada: R.v. Martin.
- ways of improving the system of notification of criminal prosecutions under the EIPA have been explored but no comprehensive solutions have been found. Consultations with the Special Trade Relations Bureau, Revenue Canada - Custom and Excise, the RCMP, Environment Canada and the Regional Offices of Justice will continue in 1992.
- for reasons beyond the control of our Unit, progress with respect to the revision of the EIPA has been slow. An MOU between Justice and EAITC dealing specifically with this project should be signed in the first days of 1992. With the hiring of staff to replace those to be devoted full time to this project, the rate of progress on this initiative should increase dramatically.

2. Office Systems

- 5 of the objectives of 1991 focused on the creation and implementation of systems aimed at improving the efficiency of the office and reducing the risk of error. This number reflects the sorry state of our information systems at the start of 1991; by year's end significant progress has been made - all lawyers are equipped with computer workstations, a file closing project was completed, an inventory of our mini-library has been completed, systems have been put in place for notification of initiatives of the Physical Resources Bureau, a consultants