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In the area of Combines Investigation, the department has, as I mentioned, introduced its package of changes to the Combines Investigation Act. In this regard, the Bureau of Competition Policy will make every effort to support improvements to the market environment through changes to competition policy via the new Competition Act, once it is passed. I might add the Regulated Sector area of the Bureau will focus its attention on specific regulatory proceedings and related policy developments with a view to promoting competitive, efficient Canadian industries.

The department's Bureau of Policy Coordination will continue to pursue its policy development activities, including policy research, analysis and consultations, and will be stepping up its efforts to lay the foundation to modernize the laws of the department.

I've already touched briefly on the UFFI Assistance Program of the department. Some 80 percent of homeowners should have completed corrective measures on their homes by April 1 of this year. It is expected that of the remainder, approximately 7 500 will make claims before completion of the Program, for which a sunset date of September 30, 1986, has already been announced.

Our Estimates for the Restrictive Trade Practices Commission have been set at \$1 133 000 for fiscal year 1986-87. This represents a decrease of \$406 000 in relation to last year.