

- identify Trade Commissioner Service positions abroad to be transferred to the establishment of External Affairs

The Prime Minister's original statement mentioned that a special study on terms and conditions of the Foreign Service was to be undertaken. What progress is being made on this study?

This is to be a wide-ranging examination of conditions of service abroad, covering such subjects as image projection, morale and post perception of the adequacy of support from Ottawa. The terms of reference are being drafted to provide as much scope as possible and the intention is to appoint a senior person as commissioner: someone not associated with the Foreign Service but with experience of life abroad. An Order-in-Council is being prepared for the study to be conducted under the Inquiries Act, and it is expected that a commissioner will be selected by the Prime Minister in mid-August.

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