

Part II: DFAIT REVIEW POLICY

INTRODUCTION

The department needs timely and relevant information on the results, including impacts, of its policies and programs and on the efficiency of its delivery systems to support decision-making and to account for its performance. The Review Policy encompasses the review activities of both managers and review professionals, such as internal auditors and evaluators. While emphasizing the primary responsibility of managers for performance, it recognizes that the best and most cost-effective sources of information for decision-making and accountability purposes is a blend of the review activities of both.

While the department's review activities are initiated primarily for its internal use, the policy recognizes its role in government-wide and interdepartmental review priorities and its obligation to make its review findings accessible to the public with minimum formality.

In Summary, the DFAIT Review Policy:

- recognizes the review role and effort of line and policy managers;
- emphasizes the value of independent and professional reviews such as internal audit and evaluation;
- recognizes a departmental role in government-wide and interdepartmental review priorities; and
- acknowledges its obligation to make its review findings accessible to the public.

POLICY OBJECTIVES

To ensure that the department:

- has timely, usable and credible information on the relevance, performance and impact of its policies, programs and operations, including the results they achieve; and
- uses this information to improve the management and cost-effectiveness of policies, programs and operations, and to account for results.

POLICY STATEMENT

It is DFAIT Policy that:

- *departmental managers monitor key aspects of the performance of their policies, programs and operations;*