

8. Will there be promotion boards this year for members of the FS social affairs stream?

Yes, boards are meeting now. The decision to transfer the immigration program and members of the FS social affairs stream to EIC will not affect in any way the deliberations of this year's promotion exercise.

9. I am a former FS aid officer who joined the social affairs stream on December 31, 1991. I joined that stream to do immigration work but also to remain at EAITC. Can I revisit my stream of choice decision and transfer to another FS Stream?

The work of the FS social affairs officer remains exactly the same -- only the reporting relationship is changed. To give former aid stream officers a choice where we are not giving it to others would be unfair.

10. I am a new FS1D who joined the social affairs stream 6 months ago. Can I opt for another FS stream?

In order to ensure the continuing integrity of this stream, it is essential to protect the balance and level of resources that are currently dedicated to the immigration program. This is especially so at the level of new recruits. EAITC cannot select certain FS social affairs officers to stay at EAITC while transferring everyone else to EIC.

11. I am a consular expert originally from the FS political/economic stream. I transferred in July 1991 to the FS social affairs stream with the integration of the consular/immigration functions. Given that the consular function will remain with EAITC, can I transfer back to the FS political/economic stream?

Again EAITC is very conscious of the need to treat all members of the FS social affairs stream in the same manner and therefore we will not be in a position to accommodate such permanent transfers. In order to ensure continuity in the delivery of the consular program, EAITC and EIC have agreed to second FS social affairs officers who are consular experts into consular positions at EAITC headquarters and at our posts abroad.

12. How will EX(FS) officers be treated in this exercise?

EXFS1 and 2 officers will transfer to EIC at their same group and level. EXFS3-5s (i.e. members of the Department's senior management pool and not members of the social affairs stream) who have a background in the social affairs program will have the option to remain at EAITC, transfer permanently to EIC or be seconded to EIC.