

efficiencies. The first properties to roll out the new standard will be in Hong Kong and Bangalore in 2014.

- The Bureau revised, consulted and ratified via governance mechanisms its property-growth-charge operational policy. This revision brings consistency, accuracy and simplicity to the property-growth-charge process.
- The Bureau, through prudent financial management, was able to reduce real property operating budgets by

approximately 3.5 percent year over year. Historically, operating budgets have increased by approximately six percent annually.

- The Bureau led a department-wide consultation to help define and build consensus on specific elements of its Official Residence Rightsizing program. This program fulfills a Budget 2012 commitment and will be implemented based on direction from the department.

FIGURE 14
Changes in DFATD Properties by Region, 2011-2013

Regions	Facilities	March 31, 2011	March 31, 2012	March 31, 2013
Africa and Middle East	Chanceries	55	58	61
	Official Residences	22	21	24
	Staff Quarters	397	422	432
Subtotal		474	501	517
Asia - Pacific	Chanceries	56	54	53
	Official Residences	20	20	20
	Staff Quarters	514	484	491
Subtotal		590	558	564
Europe	Chanceries	52	51	52
	Official Residences	32	32	32
	Staff Quarters	506	504	492
Subtotal		590	587	576
Latin America and Caribbean	Chanceries	35	42	42
	Official Residences	15	16	16
	Staff Quarters	223	243	242
Subtotal		273	301	300
North America	Chanceries	32	38	38
	Official Residences	18	18	19
	Staff Quarters	282	266	242
Subtotal		332	322	299
Total All Regions	Chanceries	230	243	246
	Official Residences	107	107	111
	Staff Quarters	1,922	1,919	1899
Total Properties		2,259	2,269	2256

Source: Data obtained from the Physical Resources Information Mission Environment (PRIME) database.

Note: Chanceries include annexes and satellite offices. Staff Quarters include private leases.