

Selected consular statistics

Canadians registered abroad (approximately)	67 650
Canadians residing abroad, including dual nationals (approximately)	2.3 million
Passports (fiscal year 1983-84)	
Valid passports in circulation	3 527 024
Total issued in 1983	829 717
Issued by posts	56 039
Increase in total over that of previous year	11 per cent
Travel (calendar year 1983)	
Total visits abroad	40 million
USA (of which 8.2 million at least 1 night)	39 million
Countries other than USA	1.7 million
Europe	894 000
Bermuda and Caribbean	355 000
Consular activities (calendar year 1983)	
Total number of services rendered	689 000
Financial assistance	2 318
Repatriation with undertaking to repay	296
Arrests, detentions	802
In prison abroad, known to the Department (85 per cent on drug charges)	223
Hospitalization	574
Deaths	399
Mentally disturbed cases	66
Whereabouts unknown	563
Consular resources (year 1983-84)	
Funds advanced against undertaking to repay	
1982-83	\$144 000
1983-84	\$147 000
Recovery rate	28 per cent
Person years devoted to consular work at headquarters and abroad	203

operation across Canada to ensure that passport information is readily accessible to all Canadians, 70 000 of whom used this service during 1983-84.

Immigration and refugees

Responsibility for implementing Canada's immigration program abroad rests with the Department of External Affairs. During 1983, the Canada Employment and Immigration Commission's (CEIC) restriction on the immigration of persons destined to the labour force continued to affect the size and character of the immigrant flow which then became a combination of family-class immigrants and those selected for humanitarian reasons. The number of immigrant visas issued

overseas during the past fiscal year was 76 153, a decrease of 21 per cent from those issued the previous year. At the same time, the number of visitor visas issued at all Canadian missions increased by 5 per cent to approximately 300 000.

During 1983, the Department met several emergency situations caused by internal events in certain countries or by changes in Canadian immigration policy. The imposition of a visitor visa requirement on citizens of Sri Lanka and Bangladesh, with a concurrent special humanitarian program for Sri Lankans allowing them to join relatives in Canada, necessitated the assignment of temporary duty officers to the missions in Colombo and Dhaka. A permanent immigration presence is to be established at Canadian posts in both coun-