

re-organization and rationalization into a single support services system will occur with the transfer of responsibility and resources on April 1 to External Affairs. The quality of service now available to the Canadian Government and people will be maintained and improved.

The integration on April 1 does not include all of the employees of the Canadian Government engaged in a supporting role in foreign operations. To include persons employed in support of operational military formations is not considered practicable. In addition the support services of agency corporations (e.g. Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd.) and proprietary corporations (e.g. Air Canada, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, and Polymer Ltd.) have not been included.

This integration of support services is being guided by the Interdepartmental Committee on External Relations (ICER), a committee of deputy ministers.