

**Q8.** Will the reorganization of the Foreign Assessments Division affect the availability of intelligence reporting?

**A8.** The distribution of intelligence material to clients within the department will continue under the Security and Intelligence Bureau. The reorganization will forge a much closer working relationship with a key client, the Operations Centre. Liaison with other government departments will continue.

**Q9.** Aren't some of these changes a reversal of moves taken just a couple of years ago?

**A9.** The emerging issues that will drive our trade policy for the 1990s require a greater integration of trade and economic policy. These changes are designed to provide improved focus on, and coherence to, our trade and economic policy and trade development in a period when major trade negotiations (NAFTA, MTN) are nearing an end. Concentration of most trade policy resources within the Trade and Economic Policy Branch will strengthen the department's capacity to deal with current and emerging trade and economic policy issues. Integration of the International Trade Business Plan and ITAC/SAGIT responsibilities in the T branch, backed by a Sectoral Liaison Secretariat, will improve responsiveness to the private sector. The department as a whole will be in a better position to provide advice and guidance to our clients within government, the business community and the public.

**Q10.** Does taking these steps now mean there is no further reorganization expected in the next few months?

**A10.** Change and renewal have become a regular feature of life both in the public service and in the private sector. While the department has no precise plans at this point for further change, we live in an environment where evolution is a regular and unavoidable companion.