

Despite the contact we have had with interested firms and associations since the establishment of the Task Force on Trade in Services in 1981, we have only recently begun to receive an indication (via the Tom Burns consultations) from the private sector as to where it perceives its interests to lie in respect of bilateral services discussions with the United States. This probably results in large measure from a lack of understanding of what trade in services is all about. A more intensive dialogue with the service industries will be necessary in order to obtain informed views from them. This exchange of information and opinion could be promoted through the establishment of Special Advisory Groups on the key service industry sectors under the Minister's International Trade Advisory Committee.

The problem of a lack of understanding of trade in services holds true for the provinces as well as for the private sector.

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