

5. I am a non-rotational employee who does public affairs and communications work in a geographic program division at EAITC. What happens to me?

You remain an employee of EAITC. The Department retains responsibility for the public affairs and communications functions. You will be reassigned within your Branch and it is expected that your duties will be largely unchanged.

6. What happens to the Historical Section (BKRH) of the Academic Relations Division (BKR)?

With the transfer of the academic relations function to the Canada Council, Historical Section will be transferred to the Library (BMS) this summer.

7. To what extent will EAITC continue to be involved in international cultural and academic relations?

While the Canada Council will act as executing agent, EAITC will retain full authority and responsibility for all elements of foreign policy affecting cultural and academic relations. Canadian missions will continue to provide assistance for these activities abroad.

8. Why has the government decided to transfer international cultural and academic programs from External Affairs to the Canada Council?

The government has stated its intention to improve service to the public while seeking greater effectiveness in the delivery of its programs through consolidations.

Insofar as cultural programs are concerned, the Canada Council has long been a national focal point. It has a well-established reputation for encouraging excellence and supporting a broad range of domestic cultural and academic endeavour. By transferring the delivery of international cultural and academic programs from the Department of External Affairs to the Council, the government will provide a single window of access for artists and students who have until now had to deal through at least two organizations in seeking support for their work. Consolidation should also offer some scope for reducing the overhead costs of delivering these programs. Moreover, the Canada Council provides a more efficient vehicle for private sector support to culture.

Sports

9. When will this program transfer take effect?

On April 1, 1992 both the responsibility for the program and the personnel transfer to Fitness and Amateur Sport.

10. What happens to employees in this program?