

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS JOINT COUNCIL

December 2, 1987

S U M M A R Y   R E C O R D

1. Grain Marketing Bureau Transfer to the Department of Agriculture:

In response to a Staff-Side query, Management reported that the transfer of the Grain Marketing Bureau to the Department of Agriculture will take effect on April 1, 1988. It is expected that 27 person years will be transferred. Incumbents of these positions will be given an option to move with their position to the Department of Agriculture, or remain in DEA in another assignment. A report will be issued in due course concerning the arrangements which are currently being negotiated between the Department of External Affairs (DEA) and the Department of Agriculture. Staff Side was advised that this transfer of Person Years (PY's), will not count toward the overall reduction which is anticipated in the coming fiscal year.

2. Workforce Adjustment/Person Year (PY) Reduction for Fiscal Year 1988:

Management reported that no layoffs have taken place since the last EAJC meeting. The Department is actively engaged in its attempts to redeploy two employees who are on surplus status. Staff Side was advised that considerable success has been realized with the cash-out provisions and representations have been made to Treasury Board to extend this program into the next fiscal year.

In the coming year, it is anticipated that 65 person years will be affected. Although targetted areas within the organization have not yet been identified, an assurance was provided that every effort will be made to assist affected employees.

3. COSICS:

Management announced its intentions to form a joint Labour/Management consultation committee on COSICS.