

Department	<b>RESEARCH AND PLANNING UNIT</b> (Division of Economic Affairs)
Ministry	MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

**Mandate/Responsibilities**

The Division of Economic Affairs (DEA) responsibilities include the areas of economic and social research, strategic planning, and public policy.

The Research and Planning Unit (RPU) provides expert policy and technical advice based on economic and social research, policy analysis, and the compilation and analysis of statistical information.

**Impact of the Electronic Single Window (ESW)**

Under the ESW, traders will be provided information through interactive tools that will guide them through the product classification process. This will reduce errors in describing commodities, account for trade agreements, provide duty rates, outline requirements and determine what licences, permits, certificates and other forms (LPCO) are needed, thereby improving data quality and expediting the approval process.

The RPU will therefore have access to better quality data. The ESW will also provide the RPU with a suite of customizable reports to access trade data immediately, and a data warehouse that can be used in the future to develop its own reports.

**Web Site**

<http://www.economicaffairs.gov.bb/>

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