

CANADIAN FORCES POLICY ON SEXUAL ORIENTATION

THE OPTIONS FOR MANAGING A CHANGE IN POLICY

A COMPARISON OF NEGATIVE IMPACTS

LET THE ISSUE GO TO COURT

Government policy will be seen to be inconsistent and confusing. Create impression Government is indecisive.

General de Chastelain or any other member of the Forces could be called to give testimony under oath that would support the defendant's argument and thus undermine any credibility of the Crown's case.

Government will continue to be criticized by the opposition and in the media. The issue will not go away.

The delay in resolving the matter could spur further litigation.

Compensation granted through the courts would probably cost more than out of court settlements.

Likelihood of embarrassing evidence such as further disclosures on investigative techniques of the Special Investigation Unit (SIU).

CHANGE THE POLICY NOW

Insufficient support in caucus and would not be supported by significant blocks of constituents.

The minority in the Forces who do not wish this change would perceive this as indicative of a lack of Government support.

Would increase pressure on the Justice Minister to include homosexuality in the Human Rights Act amendments she plans to bring forward in the spring.