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QUESTION No. BI-53

What services are offered by Business Enterprise Centres that were not offered through the Small Business Field Officer program?

ANSWER

In addition to the general advisory and referral services provided by Small Business Field Officers, the BECs will provide specific advice, relevant to the particular situation of the small business, including:

- business planning advice;
- advice on loans and banking products;
- simple marketing plans;
- legal and accounting services;
- leasing guidance;
- staff training programs; and
- programs that cater for the needs of women.