

bilingualism. Five such projects have been subsidized to the extent of \$2,205,000 over periods of from three to five years. One project received \$299,000 in one year. The amounts paid per project over periods of more than one year range from \$235,000 to \$744,000. (Para. 16.10, 1977 Annual Report)

The Department interprets the Treasury Board authority to be an annual limitation of \$150,000 per project. We do not agree with this interpretation and must therefore conclude that payments of \$1,455,000 have been made without proper authority from the Treasury Board. (Para. 16.10, 1977 Annual Report)

The audited financial statements of the book distributing centres for the year ended March 31, 1976, reported sales of \$448,000. This limited Canada's contribution to the organization in 1976-77 to \$232,000. Since the Department paid the full amount of \$300,000 provided in the Vote, 11 all amounts of contributions and other income were properly charged. The amount of \$88,000, and this amount was properly charged to Vote 20. (Para. 16.9, 1977 Annual Report)

Guidelines attached to a Treasury Board Minute dated March 9, 1972, authorized the Secretary of State to make contributions up to a maximum of \$150,000 per project to individuals, organizations and institutions for financial research and pilot projects concerned with the development of and the dissemination of information and the development of the

(Para. 16.6, 1977 Annual Report)