

- k) A Departmental Information Systems Development Committee should be formed to facilitate the orderly introduction of the new systems.
- l) A "critical path" analysis would be established for the implementation plan.

214. It was earlier mentioned that Phase I had come to include some work properly forming a part of Phase II. To a certain extent this has contributed to the inclusion in the plan for Phase II much of what would have been carried out in Phase III. However, the various elements proposed for treatment in Phase II do fall into a logical and coherent work package, and in fact several aspects would be proceeded with concurrently. It is appreciated that apart from the critical question of personnel, the dominating issue to be settled would be the nature of the computer and indexing systems to be adopted since these would clearly have considerable effects on the overall programme. Senior management will also at this stage wish to consider the question of financial resources. By submitting a "B" Budget forecast for FY 1976/77 calling for substantial preparatory expenditures management has in effect made a decision in principle which would lead to the purchase of the computer in FY 1977/78. It would therefore seem desirable to present recommendations for final decision by senior management at the point prior to the drawing up of detailed specifications for the computer "hardware" and "software". Several other recommendations or lesser features of the system might have matured sufficiently for consideration at the same time. The middle of June would seem to be an appropriate target date for these matters to be brought to a head.