

would then be submitted to MOSST for review and assessment. The Ministry would in turn submit them with recommendations for approval to an interministerial committee presided over by MOSST's Minister. The Committee's views would then be presented to the Treasury Board as a package. If Treasury Board judged the package too high in the light of overall government priorities and budgetary constraints, the amount of the cut necessary would be referred to the interministerial committee to determine how and where cuts should be made, again with the advice of MOSST. When approved, the science estimates would be published separately, to give Parliament and the public a better idea of the size and distribution of the Government's scientific activities.

39. While, for the reasons set out earlier, the Treasury Board remains responsible for the approval of science proposals in the context of departmental programs, procedures have been established for the review and assessment by MOSST of proposed science expenditures, and for advice thereon to be provided to the Treasury Board Secretariat. Highlights of the approved science estimates are published separately in "How Your Tax Dollar Is Spent". Thus, except for the creation of an interministerial committee to approve a science budget, substantial changes have been made in the budgetary process for science and technology that are generally in accord with the Senate Committee's recommendations.

40. A Program Review and Assessment Group was established in the Ministry in 1973 to provide advice and support to operating departments and agencies, and to the Treasury Board Secretariat (TBS), on budgetary, program, and management issues having a significant scientific and technological content.

41. The interactions between MOSST and TBS take place in the review of science proposals by departments and agencies within the framework of submissions for program forecasts, main estimates and supplementary estimates. Procedures for carrying out these