

of Industry and Trade (US\$ 6.5 million) and the Ministry of Science and Development (US\$ 2.2 million). The funding figures for fiscal '89 are not yet known.

## 2. ADMINISTRATION

National policy in science and technology is determined by the Ministerial Committee for Science and Technology, which is appointed by the Cabinet and includes the Ministers of Science and Development, Industry and Trade, Education, and Energy and Infrastructure.

The main governmental executive bodies involved in R&D are the following:

1. The National Council for R&d (NCRD), which is part of the Ministry of Science and Technology. It advises the Government on the formulation of national science and technology policies, supports research on selected scientific topics, fosters international scientific relations and coordinates intergovernmental activities relating to science and technology.
2. The Office of the Chief Scientist of the Ministry of Industry and Trade, which directs and supports industrial R&D and promoted various binational cooperative agreements geared to the expansion of research and marketing of Israeli industry and its products.
3. The Office of the Chief Scientist of Agriculture, which is responsible for the overall agricultural research effort in Israel.

In order to coordinate national policy on biotechnology and supervise its implementation, the Ministers involved have appointed a steering committee, to be administered by the NCRD.