

statement from the Crown as to what appropriation(s) is (are) being sought by a recommendation.

As stated in the preamble, the Committee's principal purpose in investigating the question of royal recommendations, under its mandate to examine the Estimates, was to determine whether the form of the recommendation is at least partially responsible for the increasing relative importance in the Estimates in recent years of statutory expenditures -- expenditures that cannot be questioned by either House when dealing with Estimates because they were approved when the original bill was passed, often years before. At the same time, the Committee recognizes that the use of royal recommendations raises important legal and constitutional issues, on which further light may be cast by additional study.