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the Ministry has been organized for administrative and communications purposes into three branches; Government, Universities and Industry. Each branch will have senior project directors who will normally take the lead in organizing and carrying out policy analysis projects of special relevance to the branch. The officers of all branches, however, may be called upon to take part in projects in any field where their experience or abilities is appropriate. The Ministry will expect to obtain assistance from other departments and agencies or from outside government when it is needed for certain project studies.

35. Within the organization, certain units have been identified to carry out continuing responsibilities of the Ministry. While these units will operate mainly on a continuing rather than on a project basis, specific officers within them or indeed the unit as a whole, may be tasked for certain portions of study projects. Appendix 'B' contains the present organization chart and identifies the "continuing activity" units.

36. The Senators have emphasized the need for MOSST to have staff with policy analysis and development experience. The Ministry agrees completely with this view and will continue to apply it in its staffing policies.

37. The role of the Minister was a matter of some concern to the Senators who specifically recommended that he be a member of Treasury Board and of the Priority and Planning Committees. The prerogative for appointing Ministers to Cabinet Committees rests, however, with the Prime Minister, and the Ministry is therefore not in a position to comment on this issue.

MOSST's responsibilities in relation to budgetary matters.

38. The Senate Committee suggested that departments should separate their budgetary proposals for scientific activities from their other operational programs. The science budget proposals