

fees for services in legal metrology inspections, patents, trade marks, copyright, incorporations and bankruptcies, as well as revenue from fines and forfeitures.

Our person-year resources in 1986-87 will be reduced. Our Estimates provide for 2 346 person-years. That represents a reduction of 121 person-years from last year's authorized person-years.

The main reasons for the decrease in our financial requirements are program reductions, including a reduction in person-years, salaries, operating costs and contributions related to fewer homeowners requiring services and financial assistance from the UFFI Assistance Program. In fact, the Program is now in the process of winding down.

Mr. Chairman, I should mention that the financial requirements of my department are shared among various bureaux. There is the Bureau of Consumer Affairs, the Bureau of Corporate Affairs, the Bureau of Competition Policy and the Bureau of Policy Coordination. Let me outline briefly some of their planned activities.

The Bureau of Consumer Affairs promotes a safe and equitable marketplace. It does this by focussing on consumer problems and by working with business to achieve voluntary compliance with legislation. During the year the Bureau will continue its efforts to solve consumer problems through voluntary programs rather than regulation. It will