

In a series of press releases issued by the Honourable Jeanne Sauvé on February 28, 1974 and to which reference is made in our report to the Senate dated July 10, 1975, the then Minister of State for Science and Technology announced that MOSST was taking concrete measures including the preparation of a science budget display, leading to the adoption of the concerted action model. We are interested to know how these measures have been implemented.

To appreciate the impact that these measures have had, we would like to get from you a detailed description of a few case histories of science policy making. These case histories should include the "make-or-buy" policy, technology strategy, energy, ocean resources and food but you may refer to others as well if you believe that they are also illuminating. We hope that your description of these R & D policies and programs will make the decision-making model as visible as possible and cover in each case the initial objectives, goals and commitments, the means used for implementing them, including specific projects, financial aspects, organizational and administrative procedures, and the techniques applied for measuring results or outputs.

Finally, we would like to get a description of the Ministry since it was created; it should cover the evolution of its main activities, of its administrative structure and its professional staff.

In response to this letter, the Ministry may add, of course, any advice, perspective or information that could be useful to us. We hope, however, that the Ministry's brief will be sent to us as early as possible in November, because we expect to begin our hearings with this brief in the middle of that month.

You must realize that MOSST has a very special interest for us. When we began our hearings there was no ministry responsible for science policy. In other words, as many people told us, there was a vacuum at the top. We know that MOSST's role as the main focus of the government central machinery is not easy but we are equally conscious of the fact that if the Ministry does not fully fulfill its broad mission government involvement in science and technol-