

productivity within the public service, and more prudent management of our budgets in order to offset the deficit. All of these will have a significant effect on the policies and priorities of my department.

In fact, we are feeling the effects already, with my department having been called upon to absorb a significant share of the downsizing effort. This will be placing increasing demands upon existing resources and will highlight the need for productivity improvement.

In addition, we will be seeking to stimulate the development and adoption of new technology by Canadian business through automation and wider dissemination of patent information. At the same time, we will be working to advance the concerns of Canadian consumers through continued support of private sector and voluntary organizations.

As well, more changes will result during the year stemming from decisions of the Neilsen Ministerial Task Force on program review. Resource restraint programs will also have their impact on departmental policies and priorities.

For the moment, though, let me go over the Estimates.

Our 1986-87 Estimates of \$165 740 000 represent a decrease of \$27.6 million from last year's requirements.

Due to increases in fees in the department, our forecast revenue of \$59.3 million is expected to exceed last year's revenue by \$11.5 million. Revenue is generated from