

Your organization, if it existed in 1968, responded to our questionnaire which is reproduced in Annex B of Volume 1 of our report on science policy. Whether or not your department or agency existed in 1968, we would like you to answer that questionnaire and thus provide us with current information regarding your scientific activities.

In your response, you should take the following guidelines into account. The information requested is numerical or verbal and descriptive. For those questions requiring numerical data, we would prefer to get the actual figures, but if they are not readily available in your files, please give the best estimate and add any useful commentary.

Dear X

With regard to the sections of the questionnaire requiring only a verbal descriptive response, we assume that this will not present a problem. What the Committee wishes to suggest as an overall guideline is that you concentrate on that part of the response which illustrates the existing process of science policy making and its implementation; the Committee will welcome your comments or judgements concerning future changes you believe would improve that process.

In addition, the Committee would like to receive from you a response not only to the specific recommendations, but also to the more general suggestions contained in Volumes 2 and 3 of its report on science policy and related directly or indirectly to your organization. In your reply, we expect that you will indicate the proposals that you have rejected and your reasons for this rejection. You should also identify those which have been accepted and describe how they have been implemented.

Finally, you should feel completely free to add any other advice, perception or information that may be useful to us. We would like to know the main trends which have appeared in the last few years regarding government involvement in science, technology and innovation; what are the most important developments that can be anticipated in the near future in this vital area; and how that government involvement can be made more effective to meet the needs of Canadians.

policy, a copy of our report (see especially Volume 2, "Targets and Strategies for the Seventies," and Volume 3, "A Government Organization for the Seventies") and a list of recommendations is attached to this letter.