

ACTION TAKEN BY DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER AGENCIES AS A
RESULT OF RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE COMMITTEE

7. A memorandum dated February 28, 1966 was filed by the Auditor General (Minutes of Proceedings, pp. 33-59) reporting on the action that had been taken by departments and other agencies in this regard.

8. The Committee noted that up to February 28, 1966 action had been taken by departments and other agencies concerned with respect to only 10 of the 40 recommendations made by the Committee in the undernoted reports to the House:

<i>Title of Report</i>	<i>Date presented to House</i>
Fourth Report 1963	December 19, 1963
Fourth Report 1964	July 28, 1964
Fifth Report 1964	August 5, 1964
Sixth Report 1964	October 20, 1964
Seventh Report 1964	December 7, 1964
Eighth Report 1964	December 7, 1964

9. The Committee believes that if parliamentary control of public funds is to be effective, prompt and effective action must be taken by Ministers, deputy ministers and the other responsible government officials toward implementing its recommendations. The Committee is particularly concerned and shocked to find that some of the practices it has criticized in previous years, and which were the subject of specific recommendations at that time, not only continue unchanged but have been extended and enlarged. In its opinion, such disregard of its recommendations minimizes the work of the Committee and is contrary to the interests of the taxpayers of Canada.

10. The Committee continues to attach special importance to having an effective follow-up of its recommendations and again requests that:

- (1) in order that no matter is overlooked the Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee provide each Minister and the Auditor General with a copy of this and subsequent reports of this Committee to the House of Commons;
- (2) the Minister of each department concerned advise the Chairman of Public Accounts and the Auditor General within three months as to what action has been taken or is to be taken on matters on which the Committee has made recommendations in this and subsequent reports;
- (3) in order that the members of the Committee may be made aware of the extent to which the Government is adopting the recommendations of the Committee in relation to legislation which is proposed for Parliament it is recommended that the Auditor General advise the Chairman, Vice-Chairman or whomsoever either may designate, from time to time, as to the status of each recommendation contained in this and subsequent reports of the Committee.

11. The Committee is examining the current status of each item in the memorandum dated February 28, 1966 filed by the Auditor General, otherwise known as the "1966 Follow-Up Report". Reference to each item will be found in the recommendations included in this or subsequent reports of the Committee.