

1. to help develop coordinated national networks of futures research,
2. to consider how best the on-going activities in the futures studies area, within the federal government, can be monitored to ensure, insofar as this can be done, that coordination will be effectively achieved, and
3. to assess the catalytic and residual role of the Institute for Research on Public Policy in the development of these national networks.

The Committee has asked all government departments and agencies to respond to a detailed questionnaire on their futures research activities. A copy of that questionnaire is also attached herewith. Since your organization has already demonstrated a genuine interest in this area, we invite you to respond to these questions to the extent that they are relevant to your activities. In addition, we hope that you will send us any views, counsel or information you believe would assist us in our forthcoming endeavour. If you decide to send us a brief, we hope to receive it as soon as possible, but not later than the end of December.

The Committee does not intend at this stage to hold a long series of hearings. We cannot, therefore, undertake to hear all those who will submit briefs, but we will certainly give serious consideration to all the written representations we will receive.

Yours sincerely,

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