

mechanisms by which this environmental function could be developed across federal government activities.

15. The Committee recommends that the Minister of Environment have the responsibility and authority to develop policies, programs and regulations that span the full range of activities of the federal government, analogous to the Minister of Finance for financial and economic affairs, and that the Environment Minister report to Parliament annually on the environmental impact of all federal activities.
16. The Committee recommends that the Auditor General, working in conjunction with the Departments of Environment and Finance, establish an environmental audit function to assure that all federal departments and agencies have implemented environmental assessment processes, and to monitor the effectiveness of environmental programs. Specifically, the Auditor General should monitor the progress of all federal departments and agencies in setting and attaining targets for greenhouse gas emissions.
17. The Committee recommends that all federal departments and agencies, as part of their budget submissions, report on the direct and indirect impacts of their operations on global warming, and set annual targets for reductions in greenhouse gas emissions.