

available with Main Estimates data.

45. MOSST has also been advising TBS on requests to TBS for approval of program plans developed by departments, subsequent to their inclusion in program forecasts, and MOSST's Minister is briefed on selected submissions to the Treasury Board.

46. Over the past year, departments have increasingly been seeking MOSST advice during the development of program plans and program forecasts prior to their submissions to TBS. The Treasury Board strongly supports this MOSST role, and TBS has advised departments, who have not done so, to consult MOSST before putting forward submissions.

47. Significant improvements in the MOSST-TBS interaction have occurred during the 1976-77 Program Forecast reviews just recently completed. MOSST carried out a systematic analysis of individual departmental "B" budget requests and made recommendations to TBS with respect to them. In providing advice to TBS on the program forecast, the Ministry has been on the lookout for duplication of effort, lack of adequate interdepartmental coordination, research not related to departmental mandates, and non-uniformities in the planning, budgeting and management of S&T activities.

48. Thus, while MOSST has not sought the central role in the development and approval of a science budget, recommended by the Senate Committee, a working relationship has been developed with departments and TBS which is providing increasingly effective support to departmental program planning, and increasingly useful advice to TBS.

MOSST's responsibilities in relation to international affairs.

49. Science information from other nations is extremely important to Canada and our policies in science and technology must take account of what is happening elsewhere. Opportunities for international cooperation in scientific and technological fields are