

The actions outlined above reflect, among other things, the high priority attached by the Government to restraining its expenditures and to improving the efficiency and economy of operations in the public service.

Comptroller General

As the papers in this booklet indicate, the Comptroller General is a senior deputy minister who reports to the Treasury Board on certain aspects of management in the public service, with a special emphasis on financial management. At the present time, he and his officials are collaborating with senior management in departments and agencies to develop plans for specific improvements in their management within a specific period - usually several years. These are usually called IMPAC* Action Plans. The Under-Secretary and the Comptroller General have agreed to begin developing such a plan in the immediate future.

The Comptroller General co-ordinates the Government's response to the reports of the Auditor General and thus measures his own performance partly in the light of the nature of the Auditor General's observations on the quality of management in the public service.

Auditor General

Unlike the Comptroller General, the Auditor General is an officer of Parliament whose duty it is to report on deficiencies relating to the management of public funds and related matters - a duty which has led him to examine a very

* Improvements in Management Practices and Controls.