

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 needs your assistance in making its survey and I am hereby inviting you to respond to the enclosed questionnaire to the extent that the information requested is relevant to the activities of your organization. It might facilitate matters if you would identify for us a person on your staff with whom our personnel could establish and maintain contact.

We hope to obtain your response to the questionnaire, together with any additional comments that you may wish to make, as soon as possible, but not later than the end of December.

You will share our view, I am sure, that it is extremely important for Canada to develop a coherent futures studies program and to make sure that such research will have its full impact on decision making. The Committee believes that it is essential for a parliamentary group to participate in such a development and will welcome your support.

Yours sincerely,

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