

cooperative efforts and for the computerized science expenditure display system which provides historical and current manpower and expenditure data in support of the review process, have been developed and improved through the 1975-76 and 1976-77 budgetary cycles.

42. The separate preparation of data in connection with science expenditure proposals was initiated with the Treasury Board call letter to departments for program forecasts in January, 1974. The call letter included a request, on behalf of, and in support of MOSST, for detailed information on current and proposed scientific expenditures. The data thus obtained, together with past expenditure trends based on annual Statistics Canada surveys of federal science expenditures, were incorporated in a computerized data base, along with Main Estimates data for 1975-76, in the fall of 1974.

43. The data base included information on science resource requests and made possible displays categorized by program and activity, by research and development and related scientific activity, for both the human and natural sciences. Expenditures could also be categorized by performer (intramural, industry, university, others), by region; and to some degree by area of application.

44. Overall trends, as indicated by the science expenditure data, as well as individual requests for new activities were reviewed in the context of government priorities and objectives, with particular attention being given to the response of departments to, for example, the Make or Buy, Oceans or Space policies. Specific recommendations were made to MOSST and TBS managements, and to MOSST's Minister during 1975-76 Program Forecast and were updated during the course of 1975-76 Main Estimates Review. The highlights of the Main Estimates decisions were published at the same time as Main Estimates, in "How Your Tax Dollar Is Spent". Thus, science budgetary information was, for the first time, made