

Transportation Company Limited. It reports to Parliament through the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources.

Eldorado Nuclear Limited. Set up in 1944 (RSC 1952, c.53) under the name of Eldorado Mining and Refining (1944) Limited (the date was omitted in June 1952 and the name changed in 1968), the Crown company's business is the mining and refining of uranium and the production of nuclear fuels in Canada. The company also acts as a custodian for Her Majesty of concentrates purchased under stockpiling contracts. It reports to Parliament through the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources.

Energy Supplies Allocation Board. The Board was set up following approval by Parliament, January 11, 1974, of the Energy Supplies Emergency Act (SC 1973-74, c.52). The Board reports to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources and consists of a chairman and four members appointed by the Governor in Council supported by a staff appointed under the Public Service Employment Act. The Act setting up the Board expires on June 30, 1976. The Board's headquarters is in Ottawa.

The prime function of the Board is to maintain an overview of the supply of petroleum and petroleum products throughout the Canadian economy. Should an emergency arise, the Board recommends mandatory allocation and/or rationing orders for consideration by the Governor in Council. With approval it also administers these programs. Mandatory programs provided for under the legislation will give the Board wide authority to deal with specific situations. A secondary function of the Board is to administer the Oil Import Compensation Program and to monitor prices of petroleum products in the wholesale market.

Export Development Corporation. This Corporation operates under authority of the Export Development Act (RSC 1970, c.E-18, as amended). Its purpose is to facilitate the development of Canada's export trade by the provision of insurance export credits, guarantees, loans and other financial facilities to enable Canadian firms to meet international credit competition. It reports to Parliament through the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. Its affairs are administered by a 12-man board of directors. The chairman and six other directors are appointed from among persons employed in the Public Service of Canada, the remaining five from private business. EDC's functions are: to insure Canadian exporters of goods and services against non-payment by foreign buyers due to credit or political events over which neither buyer nor seller has any control; to guarantee financial institutions against loss when they are involved in an export transaction by financing either the Canadian supplier or the foreign buyer; to make loans to foreign buyers in respect of the purchase of capital goods or major services from Canada when extended terms are necessary to meet international credit competition; and to insure Canadian investments abroad against non-commercial risks such as war or revolution, expropriation or confiscation, or the inability to repatriate capital or earnings.

Farm Credit Corporation. This Corporation which was established on October 5, 1959 (RSC 1970, c.F-2) is a Crown corporation responsible to Parliament through the Minister of Agriculture. Under the Farm Credit Act it makes long-term mortgage loans to assist farmers in developing viable farm businesses. It also administers the Farm Syndicate Credit Act and acts as an agent of the Canada Department of Agriculture in administering the Land Transfer Plan of the Small Farm Development Program.

Federal-Provincial Relations Office. For administrative purposes, the Federal-Provincial Relations Office is regarded as a department of government under the Prime Minister. The Office came into being on January 15, 1975 under legislation passed by Parliament in December 1974. For some years prior to the creation of the new Office, its functions had been the responsibility of a Division of the Privy Council Office. The Office is headed by the Secretary to Cabinet for Federal-Provincial Relations.

In general, the work of the Office consists of assisting the Prime Minister in his over-all responsibility for federal-provincial relations; assisting the Cabinet in examining federal-provincial issues of current and long-term concern, including co-ordination and support activities for the Cabinet Committee on Federal-Provincial Relations; assisting Ministers, departments, and agencies in the conduct of their relations with provincial governments; undertaking special studies as required; monitoring provincial views on federal policies and programs, and the evolution of provincial policies as they affect federal policies; and co-ordinating federal participation in Conferences of First Ministers.

To carry out its responsibilities the Office is divided into a Secretariat, a Policy and Program Review Section, and a Studies and Research Group.

Fisheries Prices Support Board. Under the Fisheries Prices Support Act (RSC 1970, c.F-23) the Board is responsible for investigating and, where appropriate, recommending action under the Act to support prices of fishery products where declines have occurred. The Board, subject to approval of the Governor in Council, is empowered to purchase fishery products at prescribed prices or to make deficiency payments to producers of fishery products equal to the difference between a prescribed price and the average price at