

of the Official Languages Act within the Public Service. The Program Branch is responsible for analyzing the policy, program and project proposals of departments and recommending to the Treasury Board an optimum allocation of available financial and manpower resources to achieve program objectives, and for expenditure control and estimates preparation.

The Secretariat of the Interdepartmental Committee on the 1976 Olympic Games reports to Parliament through the President of the Treasury Board.

Unemployment Insurance Commission. The Commission, an incorporated body of three commissioners, was established under the provisions of the Unemployment Insurance Act. One commissioner is appointed chairman and chief executive officer, one commissioner represents insured persons and one represents employers. The Commission administers the Act and Regulations concerning benefits. The Minister of National Revenue is responsible for the collection of unemployment insurance premiums. The Commission functions at three levels: head office in Ottawa, five regional offices and a number of district and other offices across the country. The Commission reports to Parliament through the Minister of Manpower and Immigration.

The functions of the Commission, in accordance with the Act and Regulations, are: to pay unemployment insurance benefits, as prescribed by the Act, to insured workers who are involuntarily unemployed, and to set the employer/employee premium rates each year. The Commission, with the approval of the Governor in Council, may make regulations concerning insurable employment and the payment of benefit. Under 1971 legislation, about 2 million more people were covered than under former legislation. Eight weeks of insured employment are required to qualify for benefits; and with additional weeks an interruption of earnings caused by sickness or maternity can be covered.

Uranium Canada, Limited. This Crown company, incorporated in June 1971 under the Canada Corporations Act (RSC 1970, c.C-32) pursuant to the Atomic Energy Control Act (RSC 1970, c.A-19) is an agency corporation listed in Schedule C of the Financial Administration Act (RSC 1970, c.F-10). For all purposes it is an agent of Her Majesty and its powers may be exercised only as such. The shares of the company, with the exception of the qualifying shares of the directors, are held by the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources in trust for Her Majesty. Registered under the trade mark UCAN, the company acts as an agent on behalf of the federal government in the acquisition and future sales of the joint stockpile of uranium concentrates established under the agreement with Denison Mines Limited, entered into January 1, 1971. Denison Mines Limited acts as the sales agent for the concentrates in the joint stockpile including negotiating for contracts with customers. UCAN also acts as the agent on behalf of the federal government for future sales from the general government stockpile. The corporation's head office is in Ottawa.

War Veterans Allowance Board. This Board, established under the authority of the War Veterans Allowance Act is a quasi-judicial body consisting of eight members, including a chairman and a deputy chairman, appointed by the Governor in Council. The Board administers the War Veterans Allowance Act and Part XI of the Civilian War Pensions and Allowances Act. Its functions include ensuring that the 18 district authorities in various regions throughout Canada interpret the legislation in a fair, reasonable and equitable manner. The War Veterans Allowance Board is also an appeal body which considers appeals against any decision of a district authority. It reports to Parliament through the Minister of Veterans Affairs.