

agencies a broad range of services in management consulting, auditing and computer services. It also provides administrative services for pay, pensions and other employee benefit plans, together with financial management reports and statistical information. Service functions are carried out through regional and district offices throughout Canada and abroad.

The minister of supply and services reports to Parliament for the Canadian Commercial Corporation, Canadian Arsenals Limited, Crown Assets Disposal Corporation and the Royal Canadian Mint. The minister also has the responsibilities of the custodian of enemy property under the Trading with the Enemy (Transitional Powers) Act, which consists of receiving, managing, releasing and disposing of properties seized from enemy interests during wartime.

**Department of Transport** (Transport Canada). The department is a corporate structure of operating administrations and Crown corporations, having varying degrees of autonomy, plus separate agencies for development and economic regulation. A departmental headquarters staff supports the minister and deputy minister in planning, policy formulation and assessment of program achievements.

The marine transportation administration co-ordinates activities of the Canadian Coast Guard, National Harbours Board, the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority and four pilotage authorities. Its operations include management of the St. Lawrence Seaway through the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority and direct supervision of 12 major Canadian harbours and other facilities through the National Harbours Board, 300 public harbours and 11 others administered by commissions under the supervision of the department. The Canadian Coast Guard is responsible for navigational aids and waterways, ship safety and regulations, pilotage, telecommunications and electronics systems, and the fleet. The duties of the fleet include ice-breaking and ice escort, search and rescue, fishing zone patrol and maritime pollution control.

The air transportation administration provides and operates domestic airway facilities, a national air terminal system, and the regulatory services needed for aviation safety. It is responsible for the provision of air traffic control and international airway facilities and services. The administration owns 160 and operates 90 of the 875 licensed land airports in Canada.

The surface transportation administration is responsible for the federal government's involvement in railways, urban transportation, motor vehicle safety, highways and ferries.

An Arctic transportation directorate provides liaison with the two territorial governments, other federal departments and various interests within the territories. It co-ordinates transportation functions to respond to Arctic needs and to maintain general liaison with bodies interested in solving transportation problems in the North.

The transportation research and development centre conducts mission-oriented research and demonstrations in all modes of transport, working with government agencies and the academic and scientific community to provide the national focus for changing technology and development.

The department includes Air Canada, Canadian National Railways, and Northern Transportation Company Limited, three autonomous Crown corporations which maintain close consultation with the minister. The minister of transport also reports to Parliament for the Canadian Transport Commission, the National Harbours Board and the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority.

**Department of Veterans Affairs** (Veterans Affairs Canada). This department, established in 1944 (RSC 1970, c.V-1), is concerned exclusively with the well-being of veterans and with the dependents of veterans who died during active service or as a result of disability attributable to war service. The department provides treatment services (hospital, medical, dental and prosthetic), counselling services, education assistance, life insurance, and land settlement and home construction assistance. It has treatment institutions and facilities in six major urban centres and three veterans homes in Canada and maintains administrative offices in the larger cities and in London, England.

The Canadian Pension Commission, the War Veterans Allowance Board, the Bureau of Pensions Advocates, the Pension Review Board and the Army Benevolent Fund Board report to Parliament through the minister of veterans affairs.

**Director of Soldier Settlement and Director of the Veterans' Land Act.** The director of soldier settlement (SC 1919, c.71) is also director of the Veterans' Land Act (RSC 1970, c.V-4), and in each capacity is legally a corporation sole. For administrative purposes the programs carried on under both acts constitute integral parts of the services provided by the veterans affairs department.

**Economic Council of Canada.** This corporation, established under legislation passed on August 2, 1963 (RSC 1970, c.E-1), consists of a full-time chairman and two full-time directors appointed for a term not to exceed seven years, and not more than 25 additional members to serve part-time and without remuneration. The council is to be as representative as possible of the private sector, labour, agriculture, primary industry, secondary industry, commerce and the general public. Its functions are to study and recommend measures to achieve the highest possible levels of employment and efficient production. The council reports to Parliament through the prime minister and publishes various reports and studies.