

A review group conducts studies and evaluations of departmental operations and provides for independent audits of personnel and finance operations, including the development and co-ordination of management information systems and policies. A co-ordinating group advises on departmental policy and maintains intergovernmental, interdepartmental and external liaison related to Transport Canada activities, Arctic transportation and the transport of dangerous goods. A strategic planning group provides guidance for long-term planning and includes a research and development component. There is a Transport Canada research and development centre in Montreal.

Four autonomous Crown corporations, Air Canada, Canadian National Railways, VIA Rail Inc. and the Northern Transportation Co. Ltd. report to Parliament through the minister of transport.

Treasury Board (Treasury Board Canada). The board was established as a committee of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada by order-in-council PC 3 of July 2, 1867, and was made a statutory committee in 1869. The minister of finance was appointed chairman of the board, with four other privy councillors to be designated as members by the Governor-in-Council. The secretary of the board and the members of his staff were employed by the finance department.

By the Government Organization Act, 1966 (SC 1966, c.25) the secretariat was established as a separate department of government with its own minister, the president of the board. The committee constituting the board includes, in addition to the president, the minister of finance and four other privy councillors.

The Financial Administration Act (RSC 1970, c.F-10) defines the board's responsibilities as the central management agency of government. These responsibilities include the organization of the public service, financial management, annual and longer-term expenditure planning, and expenditure control, including allocation of resources among departments and agencies of government; management of personnel functions in the public service; and improvement in the efficiency of management and administration in the public service.

To meet these responsibilities, the board has two administrative arms: the Treasury Board secretariat and the office of the comptroller general. The Treasury Board secretariat is divided into four branches: administrative policy, official languages, personnel policy and program. The office of the comptroller general, created in 1978, has three branches: policy development, program evaluation and management practices.

Uranium Canada, Ltd. This Crown company, incorporated in June 1971 under the Canada Corporations Act (RSC 1970, c.C-32) pursuant to the Appropriation Act No. 1, 1971, and the Atomic Energy Control Act, (RSC 1970, c.A-19) is an agency corporation under 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 acted as an agent on behalf of the federal government in acquiring and selling the joint stockpile of uranium concentrates established under an agreement with Denison Mines Ltd. in January 1971. UCAN administers the general stockpile of uranium concentrates acquired by the federal government during the years 1963-70. The objects of the corporation as set out in supplementary letters patent dated June 3, 1975 are to negotiate, execute and perform agreements for the purchase, stockpiling and sale of uranium concentrates, subject to the approval of the Governor-in-Council. The corporation's head office is in Ottawa.

Veterans Affairs, Department of (Veterans Affairs Canada). This department, established in 1944 (RSC 1970, c.V-1), is concerned exclusively with the well-being of veterans, their dependents and certain civilians. 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 two 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.

VIA Rail Canada, Inc. Incorporated in January 1977 as a subsidiary of Canadian National, VIA Rail Canada, Inc. became a Crown corporation, totally independent of CN in April 1978. The corporation is financed by the federal government. It provides, manages and operates all ex-CN and CP Rail inter-city passenger railway services in Canada. It took over the marketing function in June 1977 and in April 1978 took over management of CN's passenger services. Management of CP Rail's passenger services was taken over September 29, 1978. The corporation consists of a board of directors composed of three to 15 members including a chairman and president. Head offices are in Montreal and the corporation reports to the minister of transport.

War Veterans Allowance Board (War Veterans Allowance Board Canada). This board, established under the authority of the War Veterans Allowance Act, is a quasi-judicial body of eight full-time members,