



OVERVIEW

More than 60 federal departments and agencies spent an estimated \$4 billion on science and technology (S&T) in 1984-85. About 35,000 persons were engaged in the government's S&T activities.

The National Research Council (NRC) had a budget of \$525 million. As the federal government's largest and most diversified research organization, it was the biggest spender on natural sciences and engineering activities.

Newsmakers among events related to the NRC space activities: Canadarm, a remote manipulating arm designed by NRC, guided the Solar Max satellite into the cargo bay of the space shuttle Challenger in April 1984 for an orbital overhaul; and the first Canadian astronaut in space, Dr. Marc Garneau, participated in a mission of the Challenger in October 1984, conducting Canadian-designed experiments.

Statistics Canada, with an estimated budget of \$250 million, led in expenditures on the social sciences and humanities. As the statistical agency of the federal government, it collects and provides information needed for understanding the Canadian economy and institutions.