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the public heritage of Canada; and to support Canadian studies for the benefit of all Canadians. Minister responsible:

Minister of Communications

National Museums of Canada

Head office Centennial Towers, 8th Floor 200 Kent Street Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0M8 Information: Ottawa/Hull (613) 954-4400.

National Museums of Canada aims to demonstrate the products of nature and the works of man, with special but not exclusive reference to Canada. Its policy supports activities that increase public access to the collections of Canadian museums and art galleries, and that lead to greater preservation of those collections. NMC comprises, in a single administration, Canada's four national museums in the Capital and a series of national programs that serve the Canadian public both directly and through hundreds of museums and related institutions across the country.

Minister responsible: Minister of Communications

National Parole Board

Headquarters Sir Wilfrid Laurier Building 340 Laurier Avenue West Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0R1 Regional offices: Vancouver (Burnaby), Saskatoon, Kingston, Montreal, Moncton. Information: Ottawa/Hull (613) 995-1308.

The National Parole Board is responsible for granting, denying or revoking parole for inmates of all federal institutions and inmates of provincial institutions in the Prairie and Atlantic provinces. It may also revoke mandatory supervision of federal inmates. The Board's work includes establishing eligibility criteria for conditional release, conditions of release, implementation of procedural safeguards, pardon recommendations, and communication and consultation with other components of the criminal justice system.

Minister responsible: Solicitor General of Canada

National Research Council Canada

Head office Montreal Road Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0R6 Other offices: throughout Canada. Information: Ottawa/Hull (613) 993-9101.

The National Research Council is the government's chief instrument for carrying out research and development in the natural sciences and engineering. NRC runs an extensive program of financial and technical support for industry; operates and supports major national facilities; maintains the national science library; publishes the Canadian journals of research; and plays a major part in supporting the national scientific infrastructure of committees, networks and learned societies.

Minister responsible:

Minister of State for Science and Technology

Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada

200 Kent Street Ottawa, Ontario K1A 1H5 Information: Ottawa/Hull (613) 995-5992.

The Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council is a federal agency that supports advanced research and development in the natural sciences and engineering at Canadian universities and encourages collaboration between the academic and industrial sectors. In 1985-86, the Council invested \$311.6 million in university research and researcher training.

Minister responsible: Minister of State for Science and Technology

Northern Canada Power Commission

Head office 7509 51st Avenue (PO Box 5700, Station L) Edmonton, Alberta T6C 4J8 District offices: Whitehorse, Yellowknife, Frobisher Bay. Information: Edmonton (403) 465-3377.

The Northern Canada Power Commission is a federal Crown corporation that operates under the authority of the Northern Canada Power Commission Act. It is concerned with the planning, construction and management of public utilities, primarily electrical, on a commercial basis.

Minister responsible:

Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs