sphere; and by maintaining and strengthening the Canadian contribution to the improvement of labour conditions throughout the world.

Minister responsible: Minister of Labour

Law Reform Commission of Canada

Head office Varette Building, 7th Floor 130 Albert Street Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0L6 Regional office: Montreal. Information: Ottawa/Hull (613) 996-7844.

The Commission carries out research in the areas of criminal law, criminal procedure, administrative law, protection of life and legislative drafting.

Minister responsible: Minister of Justice

Library of Parliament

Parliament Buildings Wellington Street Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A9 Information: Ottawa/Hull (613) 995-1166.

The Library makes available to parliamentarians a large collection of resources as well as expert professional staff to support their information and research needs.

Ministers responsible: Speaker of the Senate Speaker of the House of Commons

Marine Atlantic Incorporated

100 Cameron Street Moncton, New Brunswick E1C 5Y6 Regional offices: Halifax, Charlottetown, St. John's.

Information: Moncton (506) 858-3600.

Marine Atlantic is an independent Crown corporation operating passenger, auto and freight ferry services throughout Atlantic Canada and to the state of Maine. It operates a fleet of smaller passenger and freight vessels, which sail seasonally along the coast of Newfoundland and into Labrador. Marine Atlantic ferries carry more than 2.5 million passengers and one million vehicles annually, and are subsidized by Transport Canada.

Minister responsible: Minister of Transport

Medical Research Council of Canada

Jeanne Mance Building, 20th Floor Tunney's Pasture Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0W9 Information: Ottawa/Hull (613) 954-1812.

According to the Medical Research Council Act, the Council's mandate is to promote and support health sciences research in Canada by funding research carried out primarily in faculties of medicine, dentistry, and pharmacy, as well as in affiliated institutions and hospitals.

Minister responsible:

Minister of National Health and Welfare

Merchant Seamen Compensation Board

2 Place du Portage Hull, Quebec K1A 0J2 Information: Ottawa/Hull (819) 997-2555.

The Merchant Seamen Compensation Board administers the Merchant Seamen Compensation Act, which provides workers' compensation coverage for seamen who are employed on vessels registered in Canada and who are not covered by a provincial workers' compensation act.

Minister responsible:

Minister of the Department of Labour

National Advisory Council on Aging Room 340 Brooke Claxton Building Tunney's Pasture Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0K9

Information: Ottawa/Hull (613) 957-1968.

The 18-member National Advisory Council on Aging is a citizens' advisory body which counsels the Minister of National Health and Welfare on programs relating to the quality of life of Canada's aging population. In addition, the Council reviews the needs and problems of older people and recommends remedial action; it consults with institutions and groups involved in aging or representing the aged, publishes reports, helps in information dissemination, and stimulates public discussion on aging.

Minister responsible:

Minister of National Health and Welfare