

**Statistics Canada** is principally concerned with the collection and dissemination of statistical information needed for understanding the Canadian economy and institutions and for the development of economic and social policies and programs. Research is conducted in such areas as input-output, econometrics, consumer income and expenditure, demography, manpower, urban and regional data bases, and sampling and survey methodology.

**National Library.** The storage, classification and dissemination of information in the human sciences is the major scientific activity of the National Library. An important current project is the development of an automated information retrieval service for the human sciences similar to the CAN/SDI service for the natural sciences provided by the National Science Library. Other activities include the automation of the national bibliography and surveys of Canadian libraries.

**Manpower and Immigration.** This Department is engaged in fundamental analysis of the economy and the labour market and the determination of short- and long-term manpower requirements. Research (42% of the Department's 1973-74 total expenditure) covers such areas as immigration, labour force trends, manpower projections and adult training.

**National Health and Welfare.** The Department of National Health and Welfare supports health oriented research in universities and non-profit institutions through the Health Care program, with estimated expenditures for human science projects of \$3.8 million for 1973-74, principally in the fields of psychology and sociology. Intramural activities include operations studies on hospital facilities and health care systems conducted in co-operation with the provinces; research on econometric models and attitudes toward health care usage; and development of qualitative indicators of health care. The Department also administers a grants program in support of research on the causes and consequences of the non-medical use of drugs and conducts in-house research on alcohol and drug abuse. The National Welfare Grants program enables the Department to support welfare research, manpower, policy and program development and other innovative projects on social welfare problems.

**Economic Council.** The Economic Council of Canada is an autonomous research and advisory body with a broad mandate to study and report on matters of economic concern. The right to publish without prior concurrence of the government allows the Council to present its views directly to a very wide public audience. The Act requires the Council to publish annually a review of medium- and long-term economic prospects and problems. The Tenth volume was issued in 1973. Consensus studies are issued individually without a predetermined timetable. Into this category falls the recently released report on *Toward more stable growth in construction* and ongoing work on financial markets, the labour market and Canadian commercial policy. In addition, research projects covering social indicators, regional studies, the long-term future and the CANDIDE model are also underway. A final major activity of the Economic Council is the sponsorship of the National Economic Conference, a forum which draws together a wide variety of leading business, labour and other representatives for more effective harmonization of economic decision-making.

**Urban Affairs.** Formed in July 1971, this Ministry has rapidly increased its budget for scientific activities. Research in support of the development and co-ordination of urban policies is a major concern. Problems under study include transportation, housing, land use and development, population distribution and urban renewal.

**Environment.** The principal human science activity operated for the Department of the Environment is economic research and related activities with applications to fishery, forestry and water resource problems.

**National Museums.** The areas of research of the National Museum of Man include ethnolinguistics, ethnology, physical anthropology, prehistory, social and military history as well as studies on folk culture. Canadian subject matter is emphasized.

**Labour.** The human science activities of this Department are conducted in support of the planning and development of policies and programs for industrial relations and employment standards. Activities include surveys of occupational wage patterns, labour costs, industrial accidents and contract analysis as well as research on such problems as industrial conflicts, wage determination, labour law and collective bargaining.