statistical methods and to carry out basic analysis and research. The Bureau should accordingly be able to serve more effectively the needs of governments and the community at large.

The speed and direction of further development of the statistical system will reflect, in all probability, a continued growth in the tendency of business and government at all levels to require objective and reliable statistical information in order to make important decisions regarding national and regional policies and in the allocation of large amounts of resources. While the basic statistical structure now exists in many fields, new areas are yet to be developed and the Bureau is devoting important resources to improving its efficiency and productivity to meet existing and new needs as economically and effectively as possible.