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24. The Role of the Department of National Health and Welfare in Health Aspects of the Environment
(Cab. Doc. 898-71)

The Cabinet Committee on Social Policy at its meeting on July 27, 1971 considered the memorandum of the Ministers of National Health and Welfare and the Environment which sought approval for the Minister of National Health and Welfare to undertake new and expanded programs in relation to the health aspects of the environment (Cab. Doc. 827-71).

The Committee agreed that:

- (a) the Department of National Health and Welfare be authorized to undertake new and expanded activities in the area of health science research with the objective of meeting and supporting the priority needs of present and future federal programs and initiatives related to the quality of the environment by conducting:
 - (i) collection and analysis of existing health knowledge;
 - (ii) health studies geared to priority needs of federal programs;
 - (iii) investigation of anticipated future problem areas; and
 - (iv) supporting research to fill gaps in existing knowledge in collaboration with other federal departments and agencies and, in particular, with the Medical Research Council and the National Research Council;
- (b) the Medical Research Council and the National Research Council be informed that research programs in this field were to be co-ordinated to ensure that there was no duplication of effort;
- (c) recommendations (b) and (c) of Cab. Doc. 827-71 concerning funding of the proposed program for the fiscal year 1971-72 and in subsequent years be referred to the Treasury Board.

25. Requests for Parole

- Cab. Doc. 806-71
 - Cab. Doc. 807-71
 - Cab. Doc. 809-71
 - Cab. Doc. 812-71
- (Cab. Doc. 899-71)

The Cabinet Committee on Social Policy at its meeting on July 27, 1971 considered memoranda submitted by the Solicitor General concerning requests for parole.