

plan to which they work is the responsibility of Government. It would be so even if nationalisation were not the policy. Government need to review these matters in consultation with the operators, and it is within the proper functions of the Civil Aviation Directorate to carry out this review for Government. In the organisation of the Directorate we have proposed the establishment of an Air Services and Operations Branch for this purpose.

76. In this initial stage of developing a plan for the establishment of air services it is not necessary to associate all the branches and departments who will be concerned in its further development and implementation. The plan should be prepared by the Director of Civil Aviation in consultation with the operators, for submission to Government, and it should be moulded in subsequent stages to the other practical factors which will govern its implementation.

#### *Aerodrome construction programme*

77. The operating organisations, having concurrently with the first stage planned their aircraft provisioning and servicing organisation, the aerodrome construction and development programme can then be attacked on the sure basis of an air transport plan which has taken into account the priority of air transport needs. The preparation of the aerodrome plan involves primarily the Civil Aviation Directorate and the Ministry of Works. Co-ordination with the plans of the Air Force and with the needs of the Corporation can be best achieved by *ad hoc* consultation. The work involves primarily planning and siting from the operational point of view and then more detailed planning in its operational and engineering aspects. A great amount of detailed work in the two departments primarily concerned is involved before the plan and preliminary estimates of cost can be formulated, ready for consideration by Government, through the medium of a committee or otherwise.

#### *Radio and meteorological services and air traffic control*

78. On the basis of the air service and the aerodrome plans as they take shape, the plans for the provision, including construction, of the radio and meteorological and air traffic control services should be worked out by the branches concerned, in consultation as necessary with the operators.

#### *Principles governing planning*

79. It is the responsibility of the Director of Civil Aviation to phase this planning work in order that each part of it will be based on the over-all plan and will be put in hand at the appropriate stage of