1. MNRF Program
   - $155 million over five years
   - Applications close May 11
   - UWA involved in (lead institution identified and other WA partners listed)
     (a) National Plant Conservation Facility (BGPA)
     (b) National Ion Microprobe Facility for Earth and Planetary Science (NIMF)
        (ANU, Curtin)
     (c) Nanostructural Analysis Network Organisation (NANO) (Sydney, Murdoch)
     (d) Australian Centre for Orthopaedic Research & Development (ACORD)
        (Flinders)
     (e) Australian Gravitational Wave Research Facility (AGWRF) (UWA)
     (f) Australian Centre for Computational Earth Systems Simulations (ACCESS)
        (Queensland, CSIRO)
     (g) Australian National Biological Informatics Facility (Sydney, Murdoch)
     (h) National Networked Tele-Test Facility for Integrated Systems (ECU)
   - WA State Government has committed 33% of MNRF funding expended in WA
     up to a maximum of $3 million
   - Full report including RMF commitments will be made at June Research
     Committee meeting

2. Federation Fellowships
   - Closing date 22 June 2001
   - $225,000 salary pa for 5 years
   - Need substantive cash and in-kind support ("must match, at least dollar-for-
     dollar, the financial assistance (in salary) provided by the Commonwealth over
     the life of the Fellowship.")
   - Executive Deans have been asked to think about such targeting individuals in
     strategic areas for their Faculties.

3. Extra places in science and technology
   - Applications called for with closing date of 31 May 2001 (UWA deadline) and
     18 June 2001 (DETYA deadline)

4. No announcement yet on a number of other elements including:
   - Infrastructure funding, particularly so-called "systemic infrastructure" which can
     include libraries and IT support systems
   - Biotech and ITC Centres
   - Pre-seed commercialization fund

5. AVCC/DETYA Audit of Publications
   - Details of the audit pages can be accessed via
     www.avcc.edu.au/policies_activities/research/policy/aucpubs.htm
   - Data need to be submitted by 30 June.
   - Audit will occur in July