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**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Hon. Titus Allooloo, Mr. Antoine, Mr. Arngha'naaq, Mr. Arvaluk, Hon. Michael Ballantyne, Hon. Nellie Cournoyea, Mr. Dent, Mr. Gargan, Mr. Koe, Mr. Lewis, Mrs. Marie-Jewell, Ms. Mike, Hon. Don Morin, Mr. Nerysoo, Hon. John Ningark, Hon. Dennis Patterson, Hon. John Pollard, Mr. Pudlat, Mr. Pudluk, Mr. Todd, Hon. Tony Whitford, Mr. Zoe

**ITEM 1: PRAYER**

**---Prayer**

**Tribute To Mrs. Alma Cargill**

**SPEAKER** (Hon. Michael Ballantyne): Good afternoon. I would like to inform the House that I feel it is fitting for me to make a few brief remarks in the passing of a long-time employee of the Legislative Assembly, Mrs. Alma Cargill.

On January 8, 1992, Alma Cargill passed away at the age of 60 after a battle with cancer. Alma Cargill worked at the Hansard office of the Legislative Assembly for 15 years. She began working at the Hansard office in 1976 and worked there until the spring of 1991. Alma loved her work at the Hansard office and loved being involved with the Legislative Assembly. She never missed an opening of session. She was a loyal and devoted employee and is sadly missed by everyone in the Hansard office and the entire Legislative Assembly.

Alma is survived by her husband, Jim Cargill, an employee of the architectural division of the Department of Public Works, and her two sons, Douglas and Bob. I would like to offer our condolences to Jim and his family.

Orders of the day for Thursday, February 13, 1992. Item 2, Ministers' statements. Mr. Ningark.

**ITEM 2: MINISTERS' STATEMENTS**

**Ministers' Statement 2-12(2): Fish Samples From The Slave River**

**HON. JOHN NINGARK:** Mr. Speaker, country foods are essential to traditional and subsistence lifestyles of many NWT residents. The removal of, or lack of confidence in, any part of this valuable resource has

serious implications to northern people. The federal-territorial Slave River monitoring program, now into its second year, was established to determine the level of certain contaminants in the fish and water at the NWT-Alberta border.

Data from the analyses of burbot -- sometimes called loche -- livers and walleye, or pickerel, flesh indicate low levels of dioxins, furans and toxaphene in some of the samples. These compounds were also found in fish samples taken from Chitty and Leland Lakes, which are not connected to the Slave River. No contaminants were found in the water, and Health and Welfare Canada concluded that, based on the small amount of contamination found, there is no health risk. The fish are safe to eat at this time.

Mr. Speaker, the specific source of any of these contaminants is not known. They could be originating from many sources, including pulp mills, forest fires, and pesticide applications, and they are transmitted by air and water.

It is essential that we continue to closely monitor the fish and water to determine if contaminant levels are increasing or decreasing. Additional fish were collected over the past two months and have been sent to the lab for analysis. As well, the Slave River program has been expanded to collect even more fish samples over the next few years.

We expect the northern rivers study program, which looks at the cumulative impact of development on the Peace, Athabasca and Slave Rivers, to also collect and sample fish for similar contaminants. Both studies should give Northerners a better idea of the environmental quality throughout the whole basin. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Ministers' statements. Mr. Allooloo.

**Ministers' Statement 3-12(2): Awards Recognize Contributions To Education System**

**HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The development of a successful education system is based on a partnership between the home, the school and the community. In the Northwest Territories, this partnership has been strengthened by the efforts of many hard-working and creative teachers, as well as by many community people who are willing to share their time, knowledge and skills with our students.

To recognize outstanding contributions to education in the NWT, the Department of Education has established two awards programs.

The Partners in Education Award of Excellence program is designed to recognize non-teaching school staff, such as custodians, secretaries, teaching aides and bus drivers, we well as elders and other community members who volunteer their time. The Excellence in Teaching Awards program is designed to recognize any certified teacher, principal, vice-principal, classroom assistant, teacher consultant or curriculum staff.

Nominations for the awards are sent to the appropriate divisional board or school district for review. Nominees who meet the selection criteria receive a regional award. The boards then send the nominations of the top three candidates in each category to the Department of Education for consideration by a review committee. This committee recommends nominees who deserve a territorial award.

This year seven volunteers and 11 teachers will receive awards. The winners of the Partners in Education Award at the territorial level are: Corporal Dave Grundy and Darrin Myers of Yellowknife; Lynn Rollin and Joy Suluk of Arviat; Ray Sliney of Resolute Bay; John Tinashlu of Repulse Bay; and Laura Vital of Nahanni Butte.

Winners of the Excellence in Teaching Award at the territorial level are: Charles Lirette of Inuvik; Florence Sliney of Resolute Bay; Mary Aliqatuqtuq of Broughton Island; Jaqueline Beland of Coppermine; Elisapee Karetak and Christine Purse of Arviat; Kate McDermott and Winnie Pibus of Iqaluit; and Heather Nolsoe, Sylvia Seto, and Marnie Sherburne, all of Yellowknife Education District No. 1.

Charles Lirette and Florence Sliney have also been named the NWT recipients of the Marshall McLuhan Distinguished

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Teacher Award. These are national awards which recognize teachers who show innovation and use new technologies in the classroom. Mr. Lirette's name will be put forward as the Northwest Territories candidate to be considered for the national McLuhan Award.

Mr. Speaker, a good education system is the result of the co-operative efforts of many people. I would like

to congratulate the winners of this year's Partners in Education Awards and the Excellence in Teaching Awards, and thank them for contributing to our schools. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** I would like to welcome to the Assembly today Bertha Allen, commissioner of the Western Constitutional Commission, and Gary Bohnet, the president of the Metis Nation.

**---Applause**

Ministers' statements. Ministers' statements. Item 3, Members' statements. Mr. Todd.

### **ITEM 3: MEMBERS' STATEMENTS**

#### **Member's Statement On "Northwest Territories Way" Model For Health**

**MR. TODD:** Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak out against the so-called "Northwest Territories Way" model for health care services proposed in the Strength at Two Levels document. I believe that this model is inadequate, and I am troubled by this government's intent to proceed with the implementation planning without the benefit of adequate public consultation, cost analysis or the involvement of health boards and professional associations.

Health organizations and the public at large from across the Northwest Territories have raised concerns about virtually every aspect of this health care proposal. They lack the confidence in the ability of the Stanton Yellowknife Hospital to function as a regional hospital. They are unwilling to witness the community hospitals being down-sized so that resources can be centralized in Yellowknife. We hear experts say that nurse practitioner models will not work.

In my own constituency, Mr Speaker, people are worried about the recommendation that our sick and elderly people should now have to travel all the way to Yellowknife for medical treatment instead of the long-established resource facilities in Churchill and Winnipeg, thereby doubling the flying time in some cases and increasing the medical risk associated with medevac travel.

The people of the Keewatin will not accept this particular part of the Beatty report. Public groups, aboriginal organizations, regional councils, professional associations and even the government's own advisory and management boards are revealing

that they were never consulted when the proposed model was being developed.

Even the NWT Health Care Association, which, in my opinion, is a group that is too heavily influenced by the Stanton Yellowknife Board of Management to properly or dependably represent regional interests, has called on the Minister of Health to delay the implementation of the model until a comprehensive cost analysis can be completed and until the stakeholders in the health system can be adequately consulted. Similar positions have now been taken by the NWT Health Association, by the Keewatin and Deh Cho Regional Councils and by concerned citizens across the North.

Today, Mr. Speaker, I will also be asking the Minister of Health to respect these legitimate concerns and ensure that the implementation of the Beatty report...

**MR. SPEAKER:** Mr. Todd, your time has run out. This is about the seventh Member's statement in a row that has gone over the time limit. I would like to caution Members that the use of unanimous consent too often may indicate that the rules themselves are not adequate. I ask Members to try to respect the two and a half minute time limit. Thank you.

Members' statements. Mr. Lewis.

#### **Member's Statement On Overcrowding In Yellowknife High Schools**

**MR. LEWIS:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will be brief. I am very concerned about the overcrowding in the two Yellowknife high schools. I would like to point out that we would like to have the same rules applied to the accommodation of students in this city as is applied throughout the Northwest Territories.

St. Patrick High School was built in the mid-1950s. It is still standing and being used practically every day of the week. Sir John Franklin High School was built in 1958. Mr. Whitford, in fact, was one of the early students there. We have had many, many distinguished graduates come out of both of these high schools. I would like the government to take notice that not only do we have two high schools which are probably the oldest high schools in the Northwest Territories and badly in need of repair and upgrading, but also they are overcrowded. There is a problem of space which has to be addressed on an emergency basis. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Members' statements.

Item 4, returns to oral questions. Item 5, oral questions. Mr. Dent.

#### **ITEM 5: ORAL QUESTIONS**

##### **Question O6-12(2): Financial Implications Of NWT Participation At Expo '92**

**MR. DENT:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question today is for the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism. Yesterday we heard some detail that the Government of the Northwest Territories is facing a severe economic crisis in the next year. In light of that, I wonder if the Minister can confirm that there has been no change to the status of Northwest Territories' participation at Expo '92. In other words, is the Northwest Territories still planning to participate at Seville?

**MR. SPEAKER:** Minister of Economic Development, Mr. Pollard.

Return To O6-12(2): Financial Implications Of NWT Participation At Expo '92

**HON. JOHN POLLARD:** We still intend to participate at the exposition in Seville this year, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. Dent.

Supplementary To Question O6-12(2): Financial Implications Of NWT Participation At Expo '92

**MR. DENT:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In that case, can the Minister inform the House what he believes to be our absolute maximum exposure for participation in Expo, assuming that we receive no revenue for being there?

**MR. SPEAKER:** Mr. Pollard.

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Further Return To Question O6-12(2): Financial Implications Of NWT Participation At Expo '92

**HON. JOHN POLLARD:** Mr. Speaker, if we had cut and run two weeks ago, our exposure would have been \$2.5 million, not counting any suits that might have been brought against us by people that we have been dealing with. Our exposure to run the facility for the entire time that the exposition is going to be on, some five months, is \$4.5 million, Mr. Speaker; that is if nobody buys anything. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Second supplementary, Mr. Dent.

Supplementary To Question O6-12(2): Financial Implications Of NWT Participation At Expo '92

**MR. DENT:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I really want some certainty that the Minister is very confident of his figures. I would ask him to let the House know, will he be accountable to the House, and responsible, if the figures exceed that for our participation there?

**MR. SPEAKER:** Mr. Pollard.

Further Return To Question O6-12(2): Financial Implications Of NWT Participation At Expo '92

**HON. JOHN POLLARD:** Mr. Speaker, the figures provided to me are the best that can be provided. I will be responsible for those numbers, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Final supplementary, Mr. Dent.

Supplementary To Question O6-12(2): Financial Implications Of NWT Participation At Expo '92

**MR. DENT:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In light of our participation there, and since the department typically expects a business that applies for funding from the Department of Economic Development to provide figures in terms of a three-year forecast or a five-year forecast, some explanation of the assumptions, and some proof that there will be a chance of being successful, I am making the assumption that the department would have undergone the same process when evaluating whether or not we should proceed with Expo '92. Having made that assumption, I would like to ask the Minister, could he provide the House, in black and white, with the cost benefit analysis, if you like, of the NWT participation at Expo '92?

**MR. SPEAKER:** Mr. Pollard.

Further Return To Question O6-12(2): Financial Implications Of NWT Participation At Expo '92

**HON. JOHN POLLARD:** Mr. Speaker, perhaps I should inform the House that we hired an outside independent consultant who had been a chartered accountant, who had been connected with Expo in Vancouver, and who had a lot of experience in this area, and we brought that person, Mr. Fred Abbott, to Yellowknife. We had him go through the department's numbers. We then sent him to Spain and had him go through the pavilion, had him go through the whole of the exposition over there, talk to the people who are

providing support services, and Mr. Abbott reported back to us the numbers that I previously mentioned, \$2.5 million if you do not do anything and \$4.5 if you do it and nobody comes to the party.

I have not received Mr. Abbott's report yet, Mr. Speaker. But I will make that report available to the House as soon as I receive it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Oral questions. Mr. Lewis.

**Question O7-12(2): Abstinence Policy For Alcohol And Drug Workers**

**MR. LEWIS:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Health and Social Services. A controversial issue that has arisen lately has been the requirement that counsellors in the drug and alcohol program abstain from alcohol. I would like to ask the Minister whether this should also be extended to include gambling and smoking, because they are both forms of addiction which everybody in the NWT is familiar with, and it would be a bad role model if people engaged in that activity also smoke and gamble.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Mr. Whitford.

Return To Question O7-12(2): Abstinence Policy For Alcohol And Drug Workers

**HON. TONY WHITFORD:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. No, we do not have any plans in the immediate future for any of the items mentioned by my honourable friend across the way. The present issue deals primarily with the sobriety clause in the treatment of alcohol and drug patients. We intend to leave it at that.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Supplementary, Mr. Lewis.

Supplementary To Question O7-12(2): Abstinence Policy For Alcohol And Drug Workers

**MR. LEWIS:** Since this whole business of requiring people in this social field to be good role models for people that have problems, I would like to ask the Minister how we will police this so that we will know there are no secret drinkers or no people who engage in secret activity. What kind of policing takes place so we are sure the people who are required to obey the sobriety clause in fact remain sober?

**MR. SPEAKER:** Mr. Whitford.

Further Return To Question O7-12(2): Abstinence Policy For Alcohol And Drug Workers

**HON. TONY WHITFORD:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The question is a good question because we do not expect the Department of Social Services to do this monitoring. I think the monitoring will be incumbent on the groups that have accepted the agreement with the Government of the NWT to deliver the program. It is anticipated that the groups themselves will do the monitoring. This Minister and this department will not accept anonymous tips, anonymous phone calls. If anybody is considered to be in violation of the sobriety clause after having signed it or after their group has signed it, then they should be willing to stand up and put their name to that. I think it will be incumbent on the groups themselves to ensure that the staff that are working there abide by the intent of the guidelines set before them.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Second supplementary, Mr. Lewis.

Supplementary To Question O7-12(2): Abstinence Policy For Alcohol And Drug Workers

**MR. LEWIS:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Since it is the government itself that imposes this requirement, not the local group that decides it needs to be monitored, how will the Minister be sure that no group will have signed this agreement to get the money, even if they have no intention whatsoever of obeying the sobriety clause?

**MR. SPEAKER:** Mr. Whitford.

Further Return To Question O7-12(2): Abstinence Policy For Alcohol And Drug Workers

**HON. TONY WHITFORD:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We do not anticipate that anybody will be signing an agreement unless they intend to comply with the requirements.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Oral questions. Mr. Pudlat.

**Question O8-12(2): Communities Not Well Informed On Sobriety Clause**

**MR. PUDLAT:** (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In regard to that topic, I have comments on that. My question is to the Minister of Social Services. I wonder if the alcohol counsellors in the communities were consulted before this was put into place. Were there information sessions? This has caused a lot of

problems in the communities. I do not think the communities were informed enough before this was put into place. I am not saying that these people should stop drinking. I am just wondering if this can be policed. Will this be a good policy for the future?

Some communities have signed and some have not. This agreement came by fax and there seems to be some difficulty in where it came from. Do you feel they were informed enough before this was put in place?

**MR. SPEAKER:** Minister of Social Services, Mr. Whitford.

Return To Question O8-12(2): Communities Not Well Informed On Sobriety Clause

**HON. TONY WHITFORD:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The House will recall that the issue was brought to the floor of the House through the advice from the board of management of alcohol and drug services. They are the board that would have been in direct connection with all of the local alcohol and drug treatment groups. This was done, I believe, in general consultation. There was not 100 per cent acceptance of this by some groups, and there still is not. But out of the 42 groups there are only two that have decided that they did not want to comply with the requirements. Surprisingly, Mr. Speaker, one of the most vocal of the groups happens to be in a community that has voted to be dry. It surprises me that such vocal opposition would come from there.

But to answer the question, as I said, there was consultation with the board of management, advice given to the former Minister, which this government accepted as well.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Oral questions. Mr. Gargan.

**Question O9-12(2): Monitoring Pollution In Mackenzie River**

**MR. GARGAN:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Renewable Resources, regarding watersheds. Mr. Speaker, I do have a concern in the Western Arctic that eventually we might be faced with a situation in which the Mackenzie River could be polluted to a point where it would not be suitable for human consumption. Are there any studies at this point in time being done to identify where there is fresh water and whether or not those watersheds could be protected for future use? I am referring to lakes where there is fresh water, like

Willow Lake, Drum Lake, Tathlina Lake. Those are all freshwater lakes. I would like to know if those areas could be protected in the event that the Mackenzie River does get polluted.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Minister of Renewable Resources, Mr. Ningark.

Return To Question O9-12(2): Monitoring Pollution In Mackenzie River

**HON. JOHN NINGARK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is my department's mandate to make sure that the quality of water throughout the Territories is protected. My department is continuing to monitor the rivers and waters within the system of the NWT. We are also continuing negotiations with the Alberta government. We are trying to get the concern of the NWT residents across to the Government of Alberta. However, the negotiations broke down some time ago. We are still endeavouring to make sure that the honourable Member's concern and the NWT residents' concerns are adhered to by the other jurisdictions. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. Gargan.

Supplementary To Question O9-12(2): Monitoring Pollution In Mackenzie River

**MR. GARGAN:** Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the Minister's response regarding the monitoring. Naturally, if there is monitoring going on, this monitoring would indicate whether or not we are getting more pollution in the water than would be acceptable for human consumption. My problem, Mr. Speaker, is that they can do the monitoring on the Mackenzie River but in the event that it does get polluted, what are the options? We should protect watersheds in all the regions so that we do have a second option; lakes like Drum Lake, Willow Lake, Kakisa Lake and Tathlina Lake are protected in the event that the Mackenzie does get polluted. Are there any initiatives right now to identify where we do have fresh water which has not been polluted or touched on at this point in time?

**MR. SPEAKER:** Mr. Ningark.

Further Return To Question O9-12(2): Monitoring Pollution In Mackenzie River

**HON. JOHN NINGARK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is very hard to try and control the pollution coming from the air, from the pesticides, and forest fires. However, we are trying to do whatever we can to

make sure those lakes that have not been polluted yet remain the way they are. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Oral questions. Mr. Koe.

#### **Question O10-12(2): Professional Development Days For Sir Alexander Mackenzie School Teachers**

**Mr. KOE:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Education. This morning a press release was issued by the Northwest Territories Teachers' Association expressing concerns about the management and direction of the director of the Beaufort/Delta Divisional Board of Education. Effective tomorrow, February 14th, the teachers at SAM School, Sir Alexander Mackenzie School, will commence a work-to-rule schedule. What action is the department taking to deal with this issue?

**MR. SPEAKER:** Minister of Education, Mr. Alloo.oo.

Return To Question O10-12(2): Professional Development Days For Sir Alexander Mackenzie School Teachers

**HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So far I have not got all the information. I am told that when the teachers want to get more professional time, there is a process in place where a principal and the teachers can request additional professional days from their local education authority to get support, and that education authority could

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come to me to request additional professional days. That has not happened so far. My assistant deputy minister was up there some time ago talking to parents and teachers with respect to this particular concern. Once I get the full information that I am requesting through my department, I will have a better answer. It should be soon.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. Koe.

Supplementary To Question O10-12(2): Professional Development Days For Sir Alexander Mackenzie School Teachers

**Mr. KOE:** Mahsi, Mr. Speaker. This issue is not new. It has been festering for a few months. I am aware of attempts being made to contact your office to get this approval and why was nothing done before this action has to be taken by the teachers?

**MR. SPEAKER:** Mr. Allooloo.

Further Return To Question O10-12(2): Professional Development Days For Sir Alexander Mackenzie School Teachers

**HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am told that this is driven by union members. As I said, the process is there for teachers to request more professional days if they want. They can go through their community education council and the community education council would ask me. Then I would consider their request. That has not come about. I have not had any information from the community education council requesting professional days. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Oral questions. Second supplementary, Mr. Koe.

Supplementary To Question O10-12(2): Professional Development Days For Sir Alexander Mackenzie School Teachers

**Mr. KOE:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Can the Minister elaborate on the proper process that should be undertaken for these requests? Do these requests go to the local community education society? Do they go to the director of the department in Inuvik, or do they go to the Minister?

**MR. SPEAKER:** Mr. Allooloo.

Further Return To Question O10-12(2): Professional Development Days For Sir Alexander Mackenzie School Teachers

**HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thought I had answered that question. If the teachers want to have more time for professional time, if they are requesting more days, they have to go to their principal. If the principal agrees, he goes to the community education council and then the education council could, if they agree, approach me requesting a certain number of professional days. They do not go to the director, the ADM or the deputy minister. They go to the Minister. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Oral questions. Last supplementary, Mr. Koe.

Supplementary To Question O10-12(2): Professional Development Days For Sir Alexander Mackenzie School Teachers

**Mr. KOE:** Are these procedures documented or written down anywhere?

**MR. SPEAKER:** Mr. Allooloo.

Further Return To Question O10-12(2): Professional Development Days For Sir Alexander Mackenzie School Teachers

**HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO:** I am not sure if it is a policy or a directive, but it is the practice that we use. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Oral questions. Mr. Todd.

**Question O11-12(2): "Northwest Territories Way" Model On Health Care Delivery**

**MR. TODD:** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Health. When he appeared before the standing committee on agencies, boards and commissions in Fort Smith, he assured the Members that the proposals in the Strength at Two Levels report were only recommendations and he would not proceed to implement them until further analysis and community consultations had taken place.

Can the Minister assure the House today that he has not decided to accept the Strength at Two Levels proposed "Northwest Territories Way" as the model for health care delivery?

**MR. SPEAKER:** Minister of Health, Mr. Whitford.

Return To Question O11-12(2): "Northwest Territories Way" Model On Health Care Delivery

**HON. TONY WHITFORD:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I said at the ABC meetings, recommendations are recommendations and there is nothing to say that is the way it is going to be. In the final analysis there is a lot of consultation to take place yet, and I believe we are working on that and other areas of the Strength at Two Levels document.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Supplementary, Mr. Todd.

Supplementary To Question O11-12(2): "Northwest Territories Way" Model On Health Care Delivery

**MR. TODD:** In that case, Mr. Speaker, would the Minister confirm that to date the "Northwest Territories Way" is a model that has been put together by the bureaucracy and with little or no input by the public or professionals?



**MR. SPEAKER:** Mr. Whitford.

Further Return To Question O11-12(2): "Northwest Territories Way" Model On Health Care Delivery

**HON. TONY WHITFORD:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The "NWT Way" was probably put together by the Department of Health -- I do not know whether they call them a bureaucracy -- and it is a matter for discussion. It is a direction that we, in proper consultation with people, may or may not adopt. There are a lot of factors to be considered. We are into difficult financial times, and we have to make the best use of our resources available in order to deliver the best service to the people of the Territories. We could not come here without anything; we have to put some things down on paper and perhaps this is what the Member is referring to.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Second supplementary, Mr. Todd.

Supplementary To Question O11-12(2): "Northwest Territories Way" Model On Health Care Delivery

**MR. TODD:** I understand that we are in tough, difficult times, but I want to remind the Minister that we are talking about the

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health of the people in the Territories. This is not delivering the water or clearing the streets. Is the Minister now willing to design a public consultation process for reviewing this "Northwest Territories Way" on health care?

**MR. SPEAKER:** Would the Government Leader like to respond to that?

Further Return To Question O11-12(2): "Northwest Territories Way" Model On Health Care Delivery

**HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA:** I would like to note that the "Northwest Territories Way" and the other documents, in trying to reconcile how we deliver government services, are all part of a total package, and a consultation process will take place once a process is out. Any report that was provided by this government is not a bible that you live and die by. It is a fact that we have to take a number of recommendations to provide some direction on how to finally come up with the objective, as the honourable Member states. We have to deliver a service that is fair and equitable to all residents of the Northwest Territories, taking into consideration the regional differences. There is no intention of this

government to take one report and rubber stamp it and say that is the way it is going to be.

There will be a consultative process, and there will be due respect to all the regional health boards so that they will be involved. It is of no sense to us to go without their input. The communities and the regions will be consulted and involved with the deliberations as we go forward. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Oral questions. Mr. Nerysoo.

#### **Question O12-12(2): Consultation With MLAs Regarding Review And Implementation Of Beatty Report**

**MR. NERYSOO:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a question for the Government Leader. It is a supplementary to the question by Mr. Todd. Is the consultation process also going to involve the Members of the Legislative Assembly when you are dealing with the review of the delivery of programs and services to the people of the Northwest Territories?

**MR. SPEAKER:** Madam Premier.

Return To Question O12-12(2): Consultation With MLAs Regarding Review And Implementation Of Beatty Report

**HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA:** Mr. Speaker, it goes without saying that at several different levels, the Members of the Legislative Assembly are involved. They are involved at the standing committee level. They are involved in the process as to how we are going to deliberate. Changes have to be brought to this House. Yes, indeed, I would not think we would proceed, because we are only eight people here as cabinet and we would like to see that whatever we ultimately come forward with is something that not only reaches and encompasses the desires of people but also brings in as many people as possible so that it is understood that a lot of the decisions we have to make are decisions that have been accumulated in the last 10 or 15 years as we have evolved as a territorial government. Unfortunately, it would have been nice if we could have made these changes when we were in a healthier situation financially; however, I believe that with all of us working together and with total involvement, we can meet those objectives for the betterment of the people that we serve. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Oral questions. Mr. Lewis.

**Question O13-12(2): Sale Of Assets To Generate Revenue**

**MR. LEWIS:** My question is to the Minister responsible for Economic Development and Tourism. I listened with great interest to his Minister's statement yesterday about our fiscal position and his note that one of the things we may want to consider, much the same way the federal government is considering, is the sale of assets as one way of generating some revenue, thereby reducing some operating costs to ourselves. I would like to ask the Minister what he has in mind in the way of assets which we may want to sell.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Mr. Pollard, Minister of Finance.

Return To Question O13-12(2): Sale Of Assets To Generate Revenue

**HON. JOHN POLLARD:** Mr. Speaker, I was merely indicating to the House that we are prepared to look at the sale of assets. We have not compiled a list of the assets that we may wish to sell, but it is an option that we are looking at, sir. I do not have a definitive list.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Supplementary, Mr. Lewis.

Supplementary To Question O13-12(2): Sale Of Assets To Generate Revenue

**MR. LEWIS:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is pretty clear to me that people just do not invest in the Northwest Territories. We do not have all kinds of people wanting to buy in and do all kinds of things. There must have been something in the Minister's mind that would beguile some of these entrepreneurs that really want to get into things. Surely he can give one example of something we could sell, because otherwise assets would not appear here as something which could generate some revenue. All I am asking for is one example. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Minister of Finance, Mr. Pollard.

Further Return To Question O13-12(2): Sale Of Assets To Generate Revenue

**HON. JOHN POLLARD:** One example, Mr. Speaker, is that we could sell off some of the houses that we own. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Oral questions. Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

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**Question O14-12(2): Status Of Negotiations On Transboundary Water Agreement**

**MRS. MARIE-JEWELL:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to pose a question to the Minister of Renewable Resources. With respect to the transboundary water agreement with Alberta, would the Minister of Renewable Resources be able to give this House a status report on the negotiation of the transboundary water agreement that is now in process with the Alberta government? Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Mr. Ningark, Minister of Renewable Resources.

Return To Question O14-12(2): Status Of Negotiations On Transboundary Water Agreement

**HON. JOHN NINGARK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Once I have my officials prepare a report, I will do that. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Oral questions. Supplementary, Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

Supplementary To Question O14-12(2): Status Of Negotiations On Transboundary Water Agreement

**MRS. MARIE-JEWELL:** Recognizing that the Minister indicated he would be able to give us a status report, Mr. Speaker, I would like to know if he now knows whether or not the negotiations are nearing conclusion, or are they still at the negotiating stage? To what degree are these negotiations taking place? Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Mr. Ningark.

Further Return To Question O14-12(2): Status Of Negotiations On Transboundary Water Agreement

**HON. JOHN NINGARK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The negotiations have not started.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Oral questions. Supplementary, Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

Supplementary To Question O14-12(2): Status Of Negotiations On Transboundary Water Agreement

**MRS. MARIE-JEWELL:** Mr. Speaker, on July 5th of last year, the previous Minister of the day had indicated that they were in negotiations with the Alberta government with respect to the transboundary

water agreement. Therefore, initiations have been started with respect to this agreement, and I would like to know whether or not they are nearing conclusion. I would like the Minister to advise me. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Mr. Ningark.

Further Return To Question O14-12(2): Status Of Negotiations On Transboundary Water Agreement

**HON. JOHN NINGARK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The agreement was never reached.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Oral questions. This is your last supplementary, Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

Supplementary To Question O14-12(2): Status Of Negotiations On Transboundary Water Agreement

**MRS. MARIE-JEWELL:** Recognizing that the agreement has not yet been reached, Mr Speaker, and recognizing that the Supreme Court judgment recently concluded, I believe last month, that provincial jurisdictions do not have total say over environmental areas that may impact other jurisdictions; and knowing that these waters will at one point in time come into our jurisdiction, I would like the Minister to advise this House when he anticipates the conclusion of these long, outstanding negotiations with respect to the transboundary water agreement. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Mr. Ningark.

**HON. JOHN NINGARK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will take the question as notice.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Oral questions. Mr. Todd.

**Question O15-12(2): Development Of Region-Based Dental Service And Travelling Orthodontic Program In Keewatin**

**MR. TODD:** Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of Health. Pertaining to the recommendations that the Keewatin Region Health Board forwarded in response to the department's expenditure management initiatives, I tabled seven recommendations in the House on December 16, 1991. The Keewatin Region Health Board recommends that the Department of Health develop a regional-based dental service and a travelling orthodontic program as opposed to using contract services and medical travel. Can the Minister advise the House today whether he is prepared to support

this proposal, given that in the proposal it showed significant savings in dollars?

**MR. SPEAKER:** Minister of Health, Mr. Whitford.

**HON. TONY WHITFORD:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do not think I follow the question. I understand that you are asking whether or not we support a program for visiting specialists. Am I correct?

**MR. SPEAKER:** I will allow Mr. Todd to re-pose the question. We will not count it as a supplementary.

**MR. TODD:** May I suggest that the honourable Minister may want to go back to the Hansard of December 16, 1991, and the follow-up letter I sent him with respect to the initiatives and the lack of response I have to date. Maybe then he would understand the question.

**MR. SPEAKER:** That does not help us now, Mr. Todd. Mr. Minister, they want you to answer. I am only the Speaker.

**HON. TONY WHITFORD:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will take the question as notice. I will endeavour to get back to my honourable friend just as soon as I can.

**MR. SPEAKER:** The question is taken as notice. Oral questions. Mr. Gargan.

**Question O16-12(2): Definition Of "Principally Engaged"**

**MR. GARGAN:** Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct my question to the Minister responsible for the Workers' Compensation Board regarding the definition of "principally engaged." There were approximately eight people, all non-native people, who were consulted with regard to the definition of "principally engaged." Most of it has to do with the working hours, the amount of money they made, and very little to do with the traditional activity. The money value is based on a European point of view. I am also a bit confused about some of the directives that the department has with regard to that.

I would like to ask if the Minister could clarify some of the problems I am having with regard to the definition that has been used. One of the requirements is with regard to the work days. This is new to me, Mr. Chairman. It was \$10,000. If you made \$10,000, you qualified for compensation. But now there is a working day included in that, and I missed it somehow. It says, "Where there is no income from

any other source for a period exceeding 131 days during the 12-month period immediately preceding the accident, and where written verification is received from the Government of the NWT, and the person applying for compensation is a holder of a valid general hunting licence issued under the Wildlife Act." I would like to ask the Minister what that means. Does that mean if trapping season opens and you prepare your stuff and you fall on your head and break your neck, you are not covered and you would have to have been in the bush for 131 days before you do qualify for compensation?

**MR. SPEAKER:** Minister responsible for the Workers' Compensation Board, Mr. Patterson.

Return To Question O16-12(2): Definition Of "Principally Engaged"

**HON. DENNIS PATTERSON:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Legislation implementing a program for hunters' and trappers'

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coverage through the Workers' Compensation Board was implemented without any real anticipation of what the program would cost. The policy and legislation that was put in place, which covered all general hunting licence holders, was very generous. It essentially ended up providing coverage for individuals at a level far in excess of their normal incomes, even counting the value of country food.

Mr. Speaker, therefore, because of the very high costs which were being borne directly by the Department of Renewable Resources, it was unfortunately necessary to come up with a more restrictive policy. In recognition of this, a new policy was developed, which I understand the Member is concerned about. The policy is based on the value of hunting and trapping and sets a level of \$10,000.

Mr. Speaker, because it is a complicated matter, I propose to present to this House early next week, along with my colleague, the Minister of Renewable Resources, a comprehensive statement on the background to this hunters' and trappers' coverage, where we are at, and why changes had to be made. I hope that that will give me an opportunity to give Members all the background so that this program and its evolution can be better understood.

I also suggested to caucus that a briefing would be a very good opportunity for MLAs to ask the chairman

of the Workers' Compensation Board themselves for a briefing on that program and other issues that may be on their minds. I am hoping that we can soon arrange an in-depth briefing for MLAs on this issue and others. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Mr. Gargan, supplementary.

Supplementary To Question O16-12(2): Definition Of "Principally Engaged"

**MR. GARGAN:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank the Minister for his response. I understand that a policy is being developed with regard to "principally engaged." I would like to ask the Minister if the policy being developed would be discussed in this House by Members, since it seems the communities are not being consulted, again.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Mr. Patterson.

Further Return To Question O16-12(2): Definition Of "Principally Engaged"

**HON. DENNIS PATTERSON:** Certainly, Mr. Speaker. The purpose of the statement which we are preparing, and I hope it will be simple and understandable, will be to explain thoroughly to Members of this House precisely why this policy was arrived at, with a view to having Members understand the full implications of the change, so that they will understand why it was necessary to redefine the level of income to determine if a person is principally engaged in hunting and trapping.

So yes, I intend to consult Members. I believe previous Members of this Legislature were consulted at the time the change was made, but I recognize there are new Members present now. So we will try to give you the fullest background and the most complete information so that Members can understand this policy and can contribute to a discussion of that policy. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Oral questions. Mr. Nerysoo.

#### **Question O17-12(2): Contributions Made By Development Corporation**

**MR. NERYSOO:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask a question of the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism. Could the honourable Member table in this House a list of the contributions that have been made by the Development Corporation, both in terms of capital investments and venture investments?

**MR. SPEAKER:** Minister responsible for Economic Development, Mr. Pollard.

Return To Question O17-12(2): Contributions Made By Development Corporation

**HON. JOHN POLLARD:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I have already provided that to the standing committee on finance so I will be glad to provide it to the House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Oral questions. Mr. Koe.

**Question O18-12(2): Status Of Appointment Of Deputy Commissioner**

**Mr. KOE:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Government Leader. What is the status of the appointment of Deputy Commissioner for the Northwest Territories?

**MR. SPEAKER:** Government Leader, Ms. Cournoyea.

Return To Question O18-12(2): Status Of Appointment Of Deputy Commissioner

**HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA:** Mr. Speaker, when we were down in Ottawa a few days ago we did approach the Minister responsible asking that he would conclude, as quickly as possible, the appointment. The earliest time that decision can be made, according to the sittings that the federal government has to deal with those issues, is February 27th. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. Koe.

Supplementary To Question O18-12(2): Status Of Appointment Of Deputy Commissioner

**Mr. KOE:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Has the Minister of Indian Affairs received any nominations, names of candidates, for this position?

**MR. SPEAKER:** Ms. Cournoyea.

Further Return To Question O18-12(2): Status Of Appointment Of Deputy Commissioner

**HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA:** Mr. Speaker, to my understanding there are a number of people being considered by the Minister. Whom he chooses is out of our hands. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Second supplementary, Mr. Koe.

Supplementary To Question O18-12(2): Status Of Appointment Of Deputy Commissioner

**MR. KOE:** I assume that if there is a list of names, there has been some input from people in the North. I assume that this government will be making a recommendation to have someone appointed. Will they?

**MR. SPEAKER:** Ms. Cournoyea.

Further Return To Question O18-12(2): Status Of Appointment Of Deputy Commissioner

**HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA:** Mr. Speaker, as the honourable

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Member knows, a lot of time has gone by from the time that it was discussed, almost a year ago, so I would be prepared to find out exactly what the status is and which names are being considered, at the earliest point in time. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Oral questions. Mr. Zoe.

**Question O19-12(2): Office/Warehouse Complex For Lac La Martre**

**MR. ZOE:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have been doing some follow-up with regard to capital for my region pertaining to this fiscal year, 1992-93. Mr. Speaker, we budgeted approximately \$240,000 to construct an office/warehouse complex for the Department of Renewable Resources in Lac la Martre. I understand that this project has been delayed, or even cancelled. I would like to question the Minister as to when this decision was made and who made this decisions?

**MR. SPEAKER:** If I could make sure it is clarified by the honourable Member, we only discuss what is in this year's capital estimates.

**MR. ZOE:** Mr. Speaker, maybe you are not paying attention, but I indicated in this fiscal year 1991-92.

**MR. SPEAKER:** I was paying attention, but I will pay more careful attention when you speak. Mr. Minister.

Return To Question O19-12(2): Office/Warehouse Complex For Lac La Martre

**HON. JOHN NINGARK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The commitment that the Member has indicated was made by the previous government, and when my department prioritized the capital items, my department officials and myself made this change.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Supplementary, Mr. Zoe.

Supplementary To Question O19-12(2):  
Office/Warehouse Complex For Lac La Martre

**MR. ZOE:** Mr. Speaker, I have asked a specific question as to when the decision was made to defer or cancel this particular project. I do not think the Minister answered me. Also, who made the decision?

**MR. SPEAKER:** Mr. Ningark.

Further Return To Question O19-12(2):  
Office/Warehouse Complex For Lac La Martre

**HON. JOHN NINGARK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do not have the exact date as to when this change was made, but as the Minister responsible for Renewable Resources I was involved with the decision on the capital item that the Member indicated.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Supplementary, Mr. Zoe.

Supplementary To Question O19-12(2):  
Office/Warehouse Complex For Lac La Martre

**MR. ZOE:** Mr. Speaker, a commitment was made to a community. It was already budgeted for construction this year. All of a sudden the department, at the stroke of a pen, has either cancelled or is planning to delay this project.

Mr. Speaker, I want to know if the department has consulted with the community; and if they did, I would like to know who they consulted with. I was surely not consulted. I would like to ask those questions.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Mr. Zoe, you can ask one question. I take it the consultation question was the question you were asking. Mr. Ningark.

**HON. JOHN NINGARK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do not have that information on whether or not the community was consulted on this capital item. I will take that question as notice.

**MR. SPEAKER:** The question is taken as notice. Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

### **Question O20-12(2): Grants In Lieu Of Taxes To Larger Municipalities**

**MRS. MARIE-JEWELL:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs. Mr. Speaker, when the territorial committee was being discussed in this House, at that time the Member indicated, in his bid for cabinet, that he had 11 continuous years of experience as a Minister. One of the reasons that he wanted us to consider him was because he had good contacts with the present federal government; he was on a first name basis with the Prime Minister and almost every Member of his Cabinet.

I would like to know, with his contacts that he supposedly said he has, whether or not he has been able to deal with any of the outstanding large amounts of grants in lieu of taxes to the larger municipalities that has been an outstanding dispute for quite some time now.

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs, Mr. Patterson.

Return To Question O20-12(2): Grants In Lieu Of Taxes To Larger Municipalities

**HON. DENNIS PATTERSON:** Despite all of my good contacts, Mr. Speaker, no. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Supplementary, Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

Supplementary To Question O20-12(2): Grants In Lieu Of Taxes To Larger Municipalities

**MRS. MARIE-JEWELL:** Mr. Speaker, will he be able to provide to this House the total amount of outstanding grants in lieu of taxes throughout the many municipalities across the North, and would he be able to provide it to this House as quickly as possible? Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Mr. Patterson.

Further Return To Question O20-12(2): Grants In Lieu Of Taxes To Larger Municipalities

**HON. DENNIS PATTERSON:** Mr. Speaker, it is about two million dollars, I believe, but I will provide the House with the exact amount as soon as possible. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Supplementary, Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

Supplementary To Question O20-12(2): Grants In Lieu Of Taxes To Larger Municipalities

**MRS. MARIE-JEWELL:** Knowing that there is a large amount of about two million dollars outstanding to municipalities, can the Minister indicate to this House what type of action, to date, he has taken to address this long-outstanding concern?

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Government Leader would like to respond to this question. Madam Government Leader.

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Further Return To Question O20-12(2): Grants In Lieu Of Taxes To Larger Municipalities

**HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA:** Mr. Speaker, in the matter of outstanding financial issues between the federal government and the Northwest Territories, all the cabinet Ministers are addressing in much detail what is outstanding, to narrow down the issues. We will be proceeding to have a meeting at a very high level in dealing with all the issues that are of a long-outstanding financial concern. When we met with Mr. Mulroney, he gave us that invitation.

Over the last number of years we have been dealing with Ministers relating to the individual departments that are responsible for the various issues. We feel that, as the Government of the Northwest Territories, we have to put that in a package and address all the outstanding items, including grants in lieu of taxes, with the federal government so that we can resolve those issues as a package. The reason we are taking this approach is because in dealing directly with Ministers on individual issues, we have not been able to make headway in that regard. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Oral questions. Supplementary, Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

Supplementary To Question O20-12(2): Grants In Lieu Of Taxes To Larger Municipalities

**MRS. MARIE-JEWELL:** Mr. Speaker, can the Government Leader indicate to this House when she anticipates this meeting will be conducted?

**MR. SPEAKER:** Madam Government Leader.

Further Return To Question O20-12(2): Grants In Lieu Of Taxes To Larger Municipalities

**HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA:** Mr. Speaker, we hope we can have the meeting arranged within the next six weeks. We felt we would not be able to go as a team because I am not quite sure how we are going to organize ourselves and who should go at this time. There are some talks going on between the Department of Finance and the Government of Canada to see how best we can organize ourselves so that we have a maximum point of contact because these issues are long and outstanding. I would hope that within the next six weeks we will have that meeting arranged.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Oral questions. Mr. Gargan.

#### **Question O21-12(2): French/English Admissions Clerk At H.H. Williams Memorial Hospital**

**MR. GARGAN:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister responsible for the Department of Health. The H.H. Williams Memorial Hospital in Hay River has an admissions clerk who is bilingual in French and English. However, there are more Chipewyan and Slavey people than French people going into the hospital. I would like to know why we are catering to such a small minority at the expense of the majority of aboriginal people being admitted to the hospital.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Mr. Whitford, Minister of Health.

**HON. TONY WHITFORD:** I am not really sure why they do not have an aboriginal person in that position. I will look into the matter. It is not one that I can answer from the floor because it may have a bit of history that I will need to find out about. I will take this question as notice, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:** The question is taken as notice by the Minister. Oral questions. Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

#### **Question O22-12(2): Deletion Of Person Years From Fort Smith Regional Office**

**MRS. MARIE-JEWELL:** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister responsible for the Department of Public Works. Mr. Speaker, last year when we were going through the budget, the Minister of Public Works had put forth a motion in this House to delete 5.5 person years from the Fort Smith regional office. I would like to know if the present Minister feels these 5.5 person years should be deleted from that regional office. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Minister responsible for Public Works, Mr. Morin.

Return To Question O22-12(2): Deletion Of Person Years From Fort Smith Regional Office

**HON. DON MORIN:** Thank you, Mr Speaker. I remember that motion quite well. If there are going to be any cuts from the Department of Public Works, I will be looking at those five positions as well as others. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Oral questions. Supplementary, Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

Supplementary To Question O22-12(2): Deletion Of Person Years From Fort Smith Regional Office

**MRS. MARIE-JEWELL:** Mr. Speaker, is the Minister somewhat indicating that he plans to cut person years from the Department of Public Works in the near future?

**MR. SPEAKER:** Mr. Minister.

Further Return To Question O22-12(2): Deletion Of Person Years From Fort Smith Regional Office

**HON. DON MORIN:** Thank you, Mr Speaker. I said, "If there are going to be any cuts." I never said there would be any. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Oral questions. This is your last supplementary as our time has expired, Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

Supplementary To Question O22-12(2): Deletion Of Person Years From Fort Smith Regional Office

**MRS. MARIE-JEWELL:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate your allowing me to complete my supplementary question. I recognize that the Minister stated, "If there are going to be any cuts." But I am asking the Minister if he anticipates to make any person-year cuts in the Department of Public Works.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Mr. Morin.

Further Return To Question O22-12(2): Deletion Of Person Years From Fort Smith Regional Office

**HON. DON MORIN:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would consider cutting person years in the Department of Public Works in order to restrain government spending.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Item 6, written questions.

Item 7, returns to written questions.

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Item 10, reports of standing and special committees.  
Item 11, tabling of documents. Mr. Gargan.

#### ITEM 11: TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

**MR. GARGAN:** Mr. Speaker, I would like to table three documents, which are motions by the Deh Cho Regional Council. Tabled Document 2-12(2), the first motion is with regard to support for Inuvialuit Western Arctic regional municipalities. It was moved by Ray Michaud and seconded by Jim Thom; Tabled Document 3-13(2), the second motion, about the sobriety clause of alcohol and drug counsellors, was moved by Gabe Hardisty, seconded by Dennis Deneron; Tabled Document 4-12(2), the third motion, is with regard to opposition with regard to reducing the plebiscite voting age to 16 years of age. This motion was moved by Ray Michaud and seconded by Stan Sanquez. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Tabling of documents. Mr. Pudluk.

**MR. PUDLUK:** (Translation) I would like to table Tabled Document 5-12(2), a document dated November 12, 1991, from the chairman of the Baffin Regional Hospital, dealing with a concern in the community of Grise Fiord. This petition is signed by 35 people.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Tabling of documents.

Item 12, notices of motions.

Before I proceed to notices of motions for first reading of bills, I wish to inform the House that I have received the following communication from His Honour, the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories: "Please be advised that I wish to recommend to the 12th Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories the passage of the following bill: Bill 7, an act respecting interim appropriations for the Government of the Northwest Territories for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1993. Yours truly, the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories, D. L. Norris." Item 13, notices of motions for first reading of bills. Mr. Alloo.oo.

#### ITEM 13: NOTICES OF MOTIONS FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS



**Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 1:  
Education Act**

**HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Monday, February 17, 1992, I shall move that Bill 1, An Act to Amend the Education Act, be read for the first time.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Notices of motions for first reading of bills. Mr. Patterson.

Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 2:  
Engineering, Geological And Geophysical Professions  
Act

**HON. DENNIS PATTERSON:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Monday, February 17, 1992, I shall move that Bill 2, An Act to Amend the Engineering, Geological and Geophysical Professions Act, be read for the first time.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Notices of motions for first reading of bills. Mr. Whitford.

**Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 3:  
Medical Care Act**

**HON. TONY WHITFORD:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Monday, February 17, 1992, I shall move that Bill 3, An Act to Amend the Medical Care Act, be read for the first time.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Notices of motions for first reading of bills. Mr. Patterson.

**Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 4:  
Mining Safety Act**

**HON. DENNIS PATTERSON:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Monday, February 17, 1992, I shall move that Bill 4, An Act to Amend the Mining Safety Act, be read for the first time.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Notices of motions for first reading of bills. Mr. Pollard.

Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 5: Neptune  
Resources Corporation Loan Guarantee Act

**HON. JOHN POLLARD:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Monday, February 17, 1992, I shall move that Bill 5, An Act to Repeal the Neptune Resources Corporation Loan Guarantee Act, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Notices of motions for first reading of bills. Mr. Ningark.

Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 6:  
Purchasing Management Association Act

**HON. JOHN NINGARK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Monday, February 17, 1992, I shall move that Bill 6, Purchasing Management Association Act, be read for the first time.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Notices of motions for first reading of bills.

Item 14, motions.

Item 15, first reading of bills.

Item 16, second reading of bills.

Item 17, consideration in committee of the whole of bills and other matters.

Item 18, report of committee of the whole.

Item 19, third reading of bills. Item 20, Mr. Clerk, orders of the day.

**CLERK OF THE HOUSE** (Mr. Hamilton): Mr. Speaker, there will be a meeting of the full caucus immediately after adjournment today. There will be a meeting of the ordinary Members' caucus at 9:00 a.m. tomorrow morning.

**ITEM 20: ORDERS OF THE DAY**

Orders of the day for Friday, February 14, 1992.

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**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you, Mr. Clerk. This House stands adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Friday, February 14, 1992.

**---ADJOURNMENT**