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

ITEM 1: PRAYER

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SPEAKER (Hon. Michael Ballantyne): Good morning. Orders of the day for Friday, February 14, 1992. Item 2, Ministers' statements. Mr. Ningark.

ITEM 2: MINISTERS' STATEMENTS

Ministers' Statement 4-12(2): Fee Increases To Hunting Licences And Tags

HON. JOHN NINGARK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to announce that prices for all hunting licences and tags will increase in July 1993. This price increase will be the first overall adjustment since 1978. During the past two years department officials have conducted an extensive review and compared our prices with other jurisdictions. The findings indicate that in general our fees are lower and certainly do not reflect the uniqueness of some of the species of big game that are hunted in the Northwest Territories.

The new prices will bring our fee schedule in line with other jurisdictions. Furthermore, the new fees will better reflect the value we place on our wildlife resource. By announcing our intention now, the outfitting industry will have 18 months to review their operations plans and modify their marketing brochures. Mr. Speaker, I will be tabling a list of the increases today. Thank you.

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

Ministers' Statement 5-12(2): Survey To Look At Attitudes About Health

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, a student's success in school depends on many factors. One of the most important of these factors is good health. Young people cannot

concentrate on their studies if their basic health needs are not being met; for instance, if they are not eating nutritious food, or if they have not had enough sleep. There are also more serious threats to the health of our young people, including high-risk behaviours such as substance abuse.

In order to teach children good health practices, the Departments of Education, Health and Social Services jointly developed the NWT school health program, which became mandatory in all schools in 1987.

It is now important to find out what young people in the NWT have learned about health since the program was introduced. I am pleased to announce that Health and Welfare Canada has given the Department of Education a grant of \$125,000 to conduct the first phase of such a study. The Department of Health and a group from Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario will assist with the study.

Students will be surveyed about their attitudes toward health, their knowledge about health, and their actual behaviour. It will also assess the effect the school health program has had on the students, as well as the impact of various community factors.

The survey will ask people in the communities, as well as school staff, about the implementation of the health program in their school. This information will help determine how effective the program has been and will help staff from both the Department of Education and the Department of Health in planning for revised and new programs.

Mr. Speaker, if we are going to develop strategies that will help students improve their health, we must first assess what they have learned from the school health program and how other factors affect choices regarding their health. This project will be the first step toward gaining this information. Qujannamiik.

MR. SPEAKER: Ministers' statements. Ministers' statements. Before I go on to Members' statements I would like to inform the House that later on this morning I will be giving a brief seminar to the teachers' conference. The teachers from across the Territories are here in Yellowknife, and Mr. Pudluk will assume the chair.

Item 3, Members' statements. Mr. Lewis.

ITEM 3: MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Member's Statement On Working For Constituents Of Yellowknife Centre

MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today is Valentine's Day, Mr. Speaker, and I would like to assert today, my love for my fellow man, Members on this side, and even Members whom we have chosen to be our Executive Council. However, I have learned, Mr. Speaker, over the last several months, having gone through an election like everyone else, that the major criticism that was made of me is that my natural good nature has come to the fullest far too much over the last year or two. I have not been as tough as I should be; I have not been as demanding; I have not been as vocal; I have not been as critical, and I have not tried to make this government as accountable as it should be.

Therefore, although I will continue to love my fellow man as I was taught as a young boy in Sunday school and other places, Mr. Speaker, I will continue, to the very best of my ability, to represent the people of Yellowknife Centre so that they feel they have somebody in this House who represents their interests, and I will fight to the very, very last drop of my blood on their behalf. Thank you very much.

MR. SPEAKER: That is very nice Valentine's gift, Mr. Lewis. Members' statements. Mr. Gargan.

Member's Statement On Highway Patrol Law Enforcement

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a speeding ticket worth \$58 which I received on February 1st while I was going to Hay River to attend a bingo with my family.

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Mr. Speaker, I was stopped by the motor vehicles officer of highway patrol on the south side of the Mackenzie River ice crossing. He issued a ticket to me for going 45 miles per hour in a 40 mile an hour speed zone. Mr. Speaker, I had exceeded the speed limit, but I was driving with due care and caution. I did not pass any vehicle on the ice crossing, and I made sure that there was adequate room between my truck and the vehicle in front of me, as well as the vehicle behind me. Mr. Speaker, I was wearing my seat belt.

---Applause

I made sure my passengers were wearing their seat belts as well. But I am upset about the fact that we can have as many as five highway-patrol vehicles stationed at Enterprise. While I have never encountered a patrol vehicle during my frequent travels to Fort Providence, Fort Simpson and Yellowknife, the day I was ticketed I noticed highway patrols on the north and south sides of the Mackenzie River ice crossing.

Mr. Speaker, I have a concern regarding certain communities being ticketed more than others. I have looked into the matter and have discovered that since July of 1991, 26 tickets have been issued in Hay River area, 14 have been issued in the Enterprise area, 11 tickets were issued in the Fort Providence area and one was issued in the Fort Rae/Yellowknife area. There do not seem to be any tickets issued by the motor vehicles officers on the Dempster Highway, the Ingraham Trail, the Fort Liard Highway, the Fort Resolution Highway nor the access roads to Apex and Nanisivik.

As you know, Mr. Speaker, I am a strong critic of the judicial system and its supposedly equal application to our society. I find it quite unacceptable that law enforcement is applied in one area but not in other jurisdictions. I will be pursuing the matter further, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Members' statements. Mr. Arngna'naaq.

Member's Statement On "Walk Of Love" To Raise Money

MR. ARNGNA'NAAQ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This being Valentine's Day, I would like to speak about a very impressive woman in Baker Lake. Her name is Susan Toolooktook. Susan Toolooktook departed this morning for Nauhaaq, which is a hill across from our community, called Sugarloaf Mountain. She left this morning at 8:00 o'clock. There were 50 people who gathered on the ice at 7:30 this morning to wish her good luck. This walk is being called Nauhaaq, walk of love. She is doing this to raise money for local families that are poverty stricken. A committee has been formed to collect and oversee donations. A spokesperson for this committee has been chosen, and this is Tom Kudloo.

The weather in Baker Lake for February 14th is expected to be -38 degrees. Susan has brought an HF radio with her and plans to make contact with the community of Baker Lake to keep them informed of

her progress. The round trip to Nauhaaq is 50 miles. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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MR. SPEAKER: Members' statements. Item 4, returns to oral questions. Mr. Ningark.

ITEM 4: RETURNS TO ORAL QUESTIONS

Return To Question O1-12(2): Pollution From Pulp And Paper Mills

HON. JOHN NINGARK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a return to an oral question asked by Mrs. Jeannie Marie-Jewell on February 12, 1992. The new pulp and paper regulation package that was published in the Canada Gazette had been put together by Environment Canada following extensive public consultation with provincial and territorial governments, the pulp and paper industry and environment groups.

The Department of Renewable Resources participated in the public consultation meeting held in Yellowknife regarding the amendments and prepared a series of questions relating to the concerns of the Northwest Territories. Our major concern was how the regulations would address the cumulative effects of several mills operating on the same river system. Department officials also participated in a workshop in Ottawa regarding the amendments. This was also followed up by correspondence to the federal Minister of the Environment.

The federal Environment Minister responded to our question by stating that cumulative effects could not specifically be dealt with by "end of pipe" regulations. However, our concerns would be addressed by the Northern Rivers Study, and if problems arise once the regulations are in place, then site-specific regulations could be developed. Environmental effects-monitoring studies required by the pulp mills may also lead to more specific site requirements.

Therefore, after reviewing the draft regulations, in conjunction with the Department of Justice, and based on the comments from the federal Minister, the Government of the Northwest Territories' concerns have been addressed. Those regulations call for no detection of dioxins and furons in pulp mill effluent and a ban on defoamers which form dioxins and furons. Once these regulations are implemented, they will virtually eliminate dioxins and furons in pulp mill effluent. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Returns to oral questions. Item 5, oral questions. Mr. Lewis.

ITEM 5: ORAL QUESTIONS

Question O23-12(2): Schools Working To Rule In Inuvik

MR. LEWIS: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Minister responsible for Education whether he is aware that in Inuvik, not only is the SAMS, Sir Alexander Mackenzie School, now working to rule, but the high school there is now considering working to rule because of dissatisfaction with a ruling that they cannot use 1.5 in-service days. I am told also that this is likely going to spread beyond those schools to other ones. Is the Minister aware that this situation is getting worse?

MR. SPEAKER: Minister of Education, Mr. Allooooloo.

Return To Question O23-12(2): Schools Working To Rule In Inuvik

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Mr. Speaker, I am not aware of the other school. The only information I have at this point is that it is teachers who are teaching at the SAM School who are concerned about the situation.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mr. Lewis.

Supplementary To Question O23-12(2): Schools Working To Rule In Inuvik

MR. LEWIS: In light of the fact that we do have a worsening situation -- and I verified this to be the case, Mr. Speaker -- what is the Minister prepared to do in order to cut this off, to prevent it from spreading?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Allooooloo.

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Further Return To Question O23-12(2): Schools Working To Rule In Inuvik

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have asked my department to pay very close attention to this situation. There is a process in place, as I outlined yesterday, for teachers requesting administration days in addition to the professional days that are available to them. I believe professional days are five days a year. I believe the teachers in Inuvik are requesting an additional 2.5 days to do

their administrative work. My deputy minister is working on it to see what we can do. At this point, what I require is a community council supporting the teachers and taking it to the divisional board. It is up to the divisional board, if they approve it, to take the request to me. I am told that my office has the authority to grant the wishes if they are supported by both organizations. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Second supplementary, Mr. Lewis.

Supplementary To Question O23-12(2): Schools Working To Rule In Inuvik

MR. LEWIS: Since the Minister's officials have gone to Inuvik and have told local people that they cannot have -- and it is not just administration days; these are called in-service days, 1.5 in-service days -- since he has already told them that they cannot have this, is he then prepared to be overruled? They have been told they cannot have 1.5 days; the official has already indicated that that cannot happen. So I would like to ask the Minister, if in fact there is a recommendation locally that they do have the 1.5 days, is he prepared to give it?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Alloo.oo.

Further Return To Question O23-12(2): Schools Working To Rule In Inuvik

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My information is that the teachers have not been told that they cannot have it, but they have to use the process. They cannot get the 2.5 days unless the community and the divisional board are supporting them. The education of the kids is very important, and the community should be involved. The Member should know that; he has been in the educational system long enough to know that it is very important for the communities to be involved in the educational system at the community level. I feel very strongly that community members who are sending their kids to school have to be involved in this process. I feel that government cannot unilaterally change the system without community support. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Nerysoo.

Question O24-12(2): Resolving Problem At Inuvik Schools

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If I might pursue the matter that has been raised by the honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre with the Minister of Education. Could the Minister assure me

that he will use his good offices to try to bring some resolution of this particular issue that has been raised at Sir Alexander Mackenzie School and Samuel Hearne School, before it becomes a major problem for students, not only in Inuvik, but for students from the communities?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Alloo.oo.

Return To Question O24-12(2): Resolving Problem At Inuvik Schools

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you. Yes.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Todd.

Question O25-12(2): Keewatin Residents Utilizing Manitoba Hospitals

MR. TODD: I am afraid to ask. My question, Mr. Speaker, is to the Minister of Health, and I do not want him to take offence with it. My question is about the "NWT Way," in terms of health care. In this "NWT Way" model for health care, the model includes a proposal that would require the Keewatin Region to send its patients to Yellowknife rather than to Churchill or Winnipeg. Mr. Speaker, the residents of my constituency have a long-standing association with the health care facilities in Churchill and in Winnipeg, which has proved very satisfactory over the last 10, 15, 20 years. We do not wish to lose, at this time, that association; and we do not want to send our sick people to Yellowknife. Will the Minister of Health now alleviate the concerns of the region by indicating to the House that he plans to reject the proposal where Keewatin patients travel to Yellowknife for health care?

DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr. Ludy Pudluk): Thank you. Mr. Whitford.

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Return To Question O25-12(2): Keewatin Residents Utilizing Manitoba Hospitals

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am not prepared to reject the proposal. I think the proposal has some merits, and I am not prepared to reject it at this time.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Supplementary, Mr. Todd.

Supplementary To Question O25-12(2): Keewatin Residents Utilizing Manitoba Hospitals

MR. TODD: Is the Minister not concerned that critically ill patients from the Keewatin will be placed at risk with respect to medevac charters, because in some cases in the region it will take twice as long to come to Yellowknife than it can to go to Churchill? Is he concerned about that?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. Whitford.

Further Return To Question O25-12(2): Keewatin Residents Utilizing Manitoba Hospitals

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I am very concerned about that, and there is no "yes" or "no" answer to the question. I think it is a judgment call that is made at the time when such decisions need to be made. If there is a health or safety factor to be considered, I think the medical profession there at the time will make that decision as to where the patient would go to receive the best treatment at that specific time. Again, it is a judgment call that will be made by the professionals.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Whitford. Mr. Todd, supplementary.

Supplementary To Question O25-12(2): Keewatin Residents Utilizing Manitoba Hospitals

MR. TODD: Will the Minister stand before the House now and at least partially admit, if nothing else, that one of the reasons for this change in referral process for the patients to come to Yellowknife is because we are trying to justify the utilization of the Stanton Yellowknife Hospital?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. Whitford.

Further Return To Question O25-12(2): Keewatin Residents Utilizing Manitoba Hospitals

HON. TONY WHITFORD: No.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Oral questions. Member for Thebacha.

Question O26-12(2): Absence Of Justice Minister From House

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Would the Government Leader advise this House as to where Mr. Patterson is today? Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Madam Premier.

Return To Question O26-12(2): Absence Of Justice Minister From House

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, Mr. Patterson has travelled to Vancouver to attend the last of the constitutional talks.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Madam Premier. Member for Thebacha, supplementary.

Supplementary To Question O26-12(2): Absence Of Justice Minister From House

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Can we ask the Government Leader, what is the purpose of Mr. Patterson's attendance at these constitutional talks, recognizing that the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs is at the same conference? Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Member for Thebacha. Madam Premier.

Further Return To Question O26-12(2): Absence Of Justice Minister From House

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, Mr. Patterson has a responsibility for legal matters as the Minister of Justice. As we are deliberating on these constitutional issues, the matter of the legalities and the justice part of discussion on constitutional issues are paramount. As Mr. Patterson has not attended any of the other meetings, we felt that it was to his benefit to attend the final one that was taking place in BC. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Madam Premier. Supplementary, the Member for Thebacha.

Supplementary To Question O26-12(2): Absence Of Justice Minister From House

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Recognizing that Mr. Patterson has a department full of legal counsel individuals that can give assistance to the Intergovernmental Affairs Minister at this conference, and recognizing that the session is in place, was it not possible for Mr. Patterson to send either his deputy minister or any of the legal counsel individuals that he has in his department as opposed to his going to give legal advice? Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Madam Premier.

Further Return To Question O26-12(2): Absence Of Justice Minister From House

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I believe that all of us would like to see that the constitutional issue is handled as a purely clinical matter; however, even though you are deliberating the legal part and the legalities of how we evolve as a country and as a territory within Canada, there are a lot of political considerations that are being put forward now. There is the issue of whether the country is going to stay together, and how many of the issues are going to be revolving around the aboriginal rights issues. A lot of the issues that are being discussed are very political and, unfortunately, many times when the political aspirations of people are to be integrated into the overall planning of Canada, there are a lot of borderlines. I believe it is very important for people to know how these political aspirations are being put forward. Oftentimes it is difficult to know, unless you are involved with the discussions. I believe the justice system has an ongoing requirement to track that in terms of what people are saying, how they are saying it and how it is having a total mix on the eventual outcome of those deliberations.

Mr. Speaker, we did consider the working of this House. We took into consideration that the ongoing support of just the legal advisor could be very well accommodating; however, in terms of the overall deliberations that are going on, I believe it is advantageous for Mr. Patterson to be at the meeting at this time since he has the legal responsibility for our system. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Madam Premier. Item 5, oral questions. Member for Deh Cho.

Question O27-12(2): Funding For Teachers' Conferences

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Education. The Minister of Finance indicated in his statement that we are in a time of fiscal restraint. I would like to ask the Minister of Education whether or not it is necessary for the teachers of the Northwest Territories to be spending large amounts of public moneys to have a three-day conference here in Yellowknife. I realize this has been a practice in the past, but do we need to spend that kind of money to have teachers travelling to attend conferences?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Member for Deh Cho. Mr. Alloo.oo.

Return To Question O27-12(2): Funding For Teachers' Conferences

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Mr. Speaker, my information is that the department is contributing a minimal amount of money to this conference. The teachers themselves are contributing to attend this conference. The major contributor is Yellowknife School District No. 1. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Member for Amittuq. Supplementary, Member for Deh Cho.

Supplementary To Question O27-12(2): Funding For Teachers' Conferences

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Minister how much it is costing this government in wages, salaries, accommodation and travel. Which communities are involved? I know the teachers in Providence are here, too; so presumably there are a large number of communities involved.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: I believe there are two questions there. Member for Amittuq.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do not have those figures at this moment. I would have to take the question as notice.

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MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Member for Amittuq is taking the question as notice. Oral questions, Member for Yellowknife Centre.

Question O28-12(2): Attendance Of Minister Of Justice At Constitutional Conference In Vancouver

MR. LEWIS:

Mr. Speaker, I would like to follow up on questions asked by the Member for Slave River to the Government Leader. In light of the fact that in order to qualify to be a participant in the final conference, you have to have attended at least one other, either Halifax, Montreal, Toronto or Calgary, how was the Minister of Justice able to participate in the final conference in Vancouver?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Madam Premier.

Return To Question O28-12(2): Attendance Of Minister Of Justice At Constitutional Conference In Vancouver

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, the Member is right that you had to have attended one previous meeting, to be allowed within the regular assembly. There was some indication that there would be some rules waived to allow the Minister of Justice to attend. I am not sure whether that was done or not. However, in discussion with Mr. Kakfwi, the Minister responsible for Aboriginal Rights and Constitutional Development, he indicated that the process allowed a great deal of opportunity for lobbying and discussion outside the actual assembly, and he felt that there were opportunities there to get to know other people's views, because there were almost as many people outside as inside, in a lot of cases, in particular with certain subject matters.

So with that presentation to myself, I felt that their argument was adequate for me to say that if that was the case and there was an opportunity for that lobbying and getting to know other people and perhaps people who were doing the major part of the work that were not in the assembly itself, and then during breaks of the assembly, that this type of interaction was going to be of benefit to us. But at this point in time I do not know whether those rules would have been waived to allow him in, although Mr. Patterson felt fairly sure that they would be. But I would be prepared to come back and find out if that did happen.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Supplementary, Member for Yellowknife Centre.

Supplementary To Question O28-12(2): Attendance Of Minister Of Justice At Constitutional Conference In Vancouver

MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the same Minister. There are some ordinary Members who are part of our constitutional committee, and we participated in some of these meetings already. I went to Calgary and I went to Toronto. Mr. Bernhardt went to Halifax, and we were not involved, although we were part of our constitutional committee. We were observers because, we were told, you could only have two people that would participate. Since in Vancouver, then, we have Mr. Kakfwi, Mr. Patterson and also Mr. Funston, could the Minister tell me who are the participants and who are the observers among these three people?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Madam Premier.

Further Return To Question O28-12(2): Attendance Of Minister Of Justice At Constitutional Conference In Vancouver

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I would say that the two people who are there, the Minister of Justice and the Minister of Constitutional and Aboriginal Rights, are the participants. I know Mr. Bernhardt was to go to the conference; however, he became ill. My understanding was that he would be attending. But even if he did attend, Mr. Patterson requested that he have the ability to go as well, just to have an opportunity to discuss and talk to people at large. So at this point in time, when people went down there, I would say that Mr. Patterson and Mr. Kakfwi are the official delegates or observers of this conference. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Supplementary, Member for Yellowknife Centre.

Supplementary To Question O28-12(2): Attendance Of Minister Of Justice At Constitutional Conference In Vancouver

MR. LEWIS: This is the ultimate joke then, Mr. Speaker. The only person who has contributed to every one of these constitutional meetings, beginning in Halifax, Montreal, Calgary and Toronto, has been Mr. Funston. He has been a major, lead participant because he has built up a reputation as a constitutional expert. So since he is the only one who has participated -- he knows in great detail what has gone on in every particular part of the country at every one of the conferences -- we now, then, have the only person who has continuity no longer being a participant in the final meeting in Vancouver. Somebody who has had nothing to do with any of them now becomes the leading person.

I would like to ask the Government Leader then, why is it that Mr. Patterson, who has absolutely no clue what went on in all the other ones, is now the official person to replace Mr. Funston, who is the expert?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. I would like to remind the Members here that if you want to make a long preamble on the original question, I do not mind. But please make a short preamble on the supplementary questions. Madam Premier.

Further Return To Question O28-12(2): Attendance Of Minister Of Justice At Constitutional Conference In Vancouver

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I would never presume that any individual sitting in this House, whether it was a Minister or whether an ordinary Member, is totally ignorant of the process and has not kept themselves up to date on the whole constitutional issue. Whether you are attending a conference or not, we all listen, we all read, we all have our updates and we are all painfully aware of the problems and the issues that are being faced by many Canadians. We also keep ourselves up to date because many of the people, particularly the aboriginal people of this Legislative Assembly, are watching and being very aware and concerned about how this country is evolving.

So there will be not one person in this Legislative Assembly that I would say could not go to a constitutional conference and very easily be updated on the very recent events, which are only a tag-on to what has been happening for many, many years in this country at very different levels.

I believe that Mr. Patterson has always been very interested in constitutional issues, and he has been updated on a day-to-day basis on what has been going on. I do not believe that Mr. Funston, who is our ongoing technical person, will be playing less of a role than he has in the past. However, we have duly elected people. Whether you are inside or outside, the effect that you have in representing your country is the work you do in relating to other people and making your cause known.

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I sincerely believe that Mr. Patterson, the Minister of Justice, whether he is inside the meeting or outside the meeting, will use his every ability like anyone else who would have gone down to that conference to talk to other people, to relate to other people who are in that process. I am sure that there are many other people who are doing the same thing, because there is a limitation to the number of people who can sit inside the ropes.

I can assure the honourable Member that the Minister of Justice has diligently and consistently kept himself up to date on all the efforts that other members have made on the whole process that is going on in this country. I have every confidence, wherever he is sitting, wherever he is standing, that he is going to do

the best job that he can, as anyone else would do. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Madam Premier. Item 5, oral questions. Member for Keewatin Central.

Question O29-12(2): Initiatives Set Out By Keewatin Regional Health Board

MR. TODD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do not want to be seen as picking on my colleague, the Minister of Health, but I would like to try to get some answers on some initiatives that the Keewatin Regional Health Board has been trying to put in place in an effort to save this government money.

The Keewatin Regional Health Board recommended an operational review of the Churchill transient centre, with consideration to investigating the possibility of saving money by contracting out the services. I wonder if the Minister would give his approval that this operational review take place.

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MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Member for Keewatin Central. Mr. Whitford.

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Return To Question O29-12(2): Initiatives Set Out By Keewatin Regional Health Board

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, we will take that into consideration. I am addressing that letter from the health board. I am writing a letter to Ms. Palfrey, and it should be delivered shortly.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Item 5, oral questions. Member for Mackenzie Delta.

Question O30-12(2): Concerns With Management Of Inuvik Regional Hospital

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question, Mr. Speaker, to the Minister of Health. I believe that the honourable Member is aware of the concerns with regard to the administration and management of the Inuvik Regional Hospital. I want to know if the honourable Member is conducting a review or has asked for an internal investigation about the matters and the concerns that have been raised.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Member for Mackenzie Delta. Mr. Whitford.

Return To Question O30-12(2): Concerns With Management Of Inuvik Regional Hospital

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I am aware that there are some misunderstandings at the Inuvik hospital, but as far as an investigation is concerned, I am not sure whether or not we need to go that far yet. The department is looking into the concerns of that hospital. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Member for Yellowknife South. Supplementary, the Member for Mackenzie Delta.

Supplementary To Question O30-12(2): Concerns With Management Of Inuvik Regional Hospital

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, supplementary to the Minister of Health. Is the Minister of Health involving the staff when he is conducting the review of the concerns that have been raised about the administration and management of the Inuvik Regional Hospital?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Member for Mackenzie Delta. Member for Yellowknife South.

Further Return To Question O30-12(2): Concerns With Management Of Inuvik Regional Hospital

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do not know how much further I should go in responding to the question dealing with this review. It is under consideration, and I would rather let it go through the normal process before I deal with it here in the House.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Item 5, oral questions. Member for Yellowknife Frame Lake.

Question O31-12(2): Meeting With Federal Government Re Interim Day-Care Policy

MR. DENT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Social Services. Mr. Speaker, in December the Minister advised the House that we would at some time, during the life of this House, be reviewing the interim child day-care policy. He indicated at that time that one of the first steps that would be involved would be the consultation between himself and federal officials to find out what the federal game plan was in terms of a federal policy for

day-care, and only following that would he be able to set a timetable.

My first question to the Minister is, did you, in fact, have that meeting in January that you told us was on the agenda, in December? Also, can we get the results of that?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Member for Yellowknife Frame Lake. Member for Yellowknife South.

Return To Question O31-12(2): Meeting With Federal Government Re Interim Day-Care Policy

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The meeting in Toronto turned out to be not what I had thought it was going to be. In fact, we did not deal with the interim child care question. There were other things on the agenda that Mr. Bouchard did brief us on, other than the fact that the federal government was faced with tough economic times. As far as further initiatives, in many areas the dollars would be very slow in coming, if at all.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Member for Yellowknife South. Supplementary, Member for Yellowknife Frame Lake.

Supplementary To Question O31-12(2): Meeting With Federal Government Re Interim Day-Care Policy

MR. DENT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The response that was given to a timetable was left fairly vague, and it could be anywhere up to three and a half years from now. I was just wondering if the Minister has had a chance to examine the proposed schedule for reviewing the interim day-care policy and can inform the House as to a more precise date that this review might take place.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Member for Yellowknife Frame Lake. Member for Yellowknife South.

Further Return To Question O31-12(2): Meeting With Federal Government Re Interim Day-Care Policy

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. No, I cannot.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Member for Yellowknife South. Item 5, oral questions. Supplementary, Member for Yellowknife Frame Lake.

Supplementary To Question O31-12(2): Meeting With Federal Government Re Interim Day-Care Policy

MR. DENT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Minister agree to provide the House, before the end of this session, with a time line in terms of reviewing this policy?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Member for Yellowknife Frame Lake. Member for Yellowknife South.

Further Return To Question O31-12(2): Meeting With Federal Government Re Interim Day-Care Policy

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will endeavour to do that.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Member for Yellowknife South. Item 5, oral questions. Member for Baffin Central.

Question O32-12(2): Delay Hiring Of Manager Of Medical Travel

MS. MIKE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I listened yesterday to the Minister of Health assuring the House that his department would not begin implementing recommendations in the Strength at Two Levels document until adequate consultation has taken place.

Mr. Speaker, on January 13, 1992, there was a position advertised in News North for a manager of medical travel who will work in Yellowknife to centralize the administration of medical travel throughout the Northwest Territories. This position is one of the new developments proposed in the Beatty report. In fact, this is one of the specific recommendations on page 151 of the Strength at Two Levels document.

Mr. Speaker, it appears that the Minister and his department may have started to implement the recommendation of the Beatty report already. I would like to ask the Minister of Health the following question: Why has the Minister started to staff positions recommended in the Beatty report prior to the consultation process that has been promised?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Member for Baffin Central. Madam Premier, would you like to respond to that question?

Return To Question O32-12(2): Delay Hiring Of Manager Of Medical Travel.

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, as you know, we have a freeze on all new hires. Any requests for new positions to be advertised have to come to me for rationalization. Whether or not that recommendation has been put forward in the Strength at Two Levels report, it is a very badly needed position because the whole medical travel issue has been an ongoing and troubling situation for us. We have to come to some end as to how it is to be handled. It does not matter whether it is in Baffin, Keewatin, Kitikmeot or the Inuvik Regions, the travel policy that we have is being interpreted in different ways whether it is for the patient or for the escort. We really have to do something about that. I felt it was very necessary to begin to rationalize how we are using the medical travel responsibility.

It is skyrocketing. We have all kinds of policies, and I feel that rather than making an overall judgment on who is doing what in various regions, we should decide on how to better deal with the escalating costs of medical travel.

I believe you said "centralized" I think that by using that word it may determine that we are trying to centralize medical travel for any purpose. But the whole idea is to look at travel, the medical travel, the travelling of escorts and how we are using it. The idea is to find out how and what is being abused. At the same time, while there are many accusations out there as well as reports from different people, we have to be fair to people by taking a very aggressive stand on how medical travel is being used. It is an overall problem that we have, whether people go to Churchill or Winnipeg, whether they come here from Kitikmeot or go to Edmonton -- these are the problems we are having which need to be addressed.

We have had many questions raised about people going out just for one visit for five minutes; going, coming back and being referred out again for a visit that was not necessary. These are the types of things we are trying to address with that position. It is an overall position to look at how medical travel is being used, not necessarily trying to look at redirecting traffic at this time. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Madam Premier. Supplementary, Ms. Mike.

Supplementary To Question O32-12(2): Delay Hiring Of Manager Of Medical Travel

MS. MIKE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Minister now agree to delay all hiring activities related

to the manager of medical travel position until the consultation process on the Beatty report has been completed?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Member for Baffin Central. Madam Premier.

Further Return To Question O32-12(2): Delay Hiring Of Manager Of Medical Travel

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, definitely not.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Madam Premier. Item 5, oral questions. Member for Keewatin Central.

Question O33-12(2): Renewal Policy For Leases In Level I And Level II Communities

MR. TODD: I do not want to make Mr. Morin feel he is alone over there, so I thought I would ask him a question. It has been brought to my attention that the government is reassessing its policy for renewing leases on offices and houses in level I and level II communities. The renewal of these leases in these communities is on a one to three-year basis. Can the Minister inform me if the current policy is that, or have there been some changes?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Member for Tu Nedhe.

Return To Question O33-12(2): Renewal Policy For Leases In Level I And Level II Communities

HON. DON MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, it is.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Supplementary, Member for Keewatin Central.

Supplementary To Question O33-12(2): Renewal Policy For Leases In Level I And Level II Communities

MR. TODD: It is my understanding that the government is not putting a policy in place since it is trying to get out of staff housing and is planning to turn this responsibility over to either the individuals or groups that may be interested in purchasing staff housing. However, the problem lies in the benefit of long-term leases for at least 10 years. If this policy is put in place, it will be impossible for any financing of the staff housing turnover if they are not long-term leases. Would the Minister give his commitment to revisit this policy and ensure that some consideration

is given to long-term leasing so that we can finance these things?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Member for Keewatin Central. Member for Tu Nedhe.

Further Return To Question O33-12(2): Renewal Policy For Leases In Level I And Level II Communities

HON. DON MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, we will be looking at the policies. We will consider the financing that people need to build staff housing. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Member for Tu Nedhe. Item 5, oral questions. Member for North Slave.

Question O34-12(2): Government Honouring Capital Commitments

MR. ZOE: Mahsi cho, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Finance. In his speech on Wednesday with regard to capital, the Minister indicated that capital projects were guided by four criteria: firstly, to achieve equality and fairness among communities; secondly, to ensure that vital community infrastructure is put in place; thirdly, to honour commitments to communities; and fourthly, to allocate and deliver capital projects in a manner that maximizes local employment and business opportunities.

Mr. Speaker, I raised a concern yesterday that the honourable Member for Natilikmiot, regarding one of the capital projects his department, is delaying or cancelling. I want to ask the Minister of Finance if our government is going to honour commitments that were made to the communities, as he stated in his speech.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Member for North Slave. Member for Hay River.

Return To Question O34-12(2): Government Honouring Capital Commitments

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Mr. Speaker, I meant what I said in the statement. We will honour our commitments. Mr. Speaker, if I may say, without criticizing too much, perhaps previous governments made too many promises to the communities, and now that we are getting short of money it is difficult to fulfill those promises. I assure the Member that we will honour the commitments that have been made to

communities in previous budgets. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Member for Hay River. Item 5, oral questions. Member for Deh Cho.

Question O35-12(2): Cost Of Operating NWT Housing Corporation Board Of Directors

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Housing. My question is with regard to the board of directors. I would like to ask the Minister what the department's cost is with regard to the operations of the board of directors of the Housing Corporation.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Member for Deh Cho. Member for Tu Nedhe.

Return To Question O35-12(2): Cost Of Operating NWT Housing Corporation Board Of Directors

HON. DON MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The direct cost of the NWT Housing Corporation Board of Directors is approximately \$300,000. The indirect cost is approximately another \$300,000. Because it is a board of directors and is not really tied into this government, they are responsible for paying goods and services taxes on their supplies and materials. That cost is \$775,000. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Member for Tu Nedhe. Oral questions. Member for Thebacha.

Question O36-12(2): Direct And Indirect Costs Accrued By NWT Housing Corporation Board Of Directors

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to follow up on the question by my colleague for Deh Cho to the Minister responsible for the NWT Housing Corporation. First of all, could he explain to this House what he means by direct and indirect costs?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Member for Thebacha. Member for Tu Nedhe.

Return To Question O36-12(2): Direct And Indirect Costs Accrued By NWT Housing Corporation Board Of Directors

HON. DON MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The direct cost of \$300,000 for the board is for honorariums and travel costs of the actual board

members. The indirect cost is for staff, paper shuffle, administration, as well as meeting rooms, et cetera. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Member for Tu Nedhe. Supplementary, Member for Thebacha.

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Supplementary To Question O36-12(2): Direct And Indirect Costs Accrued By NWT Housing Corporation Board Of Directors

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Speaker, can the Minister responsible for the NWT Housing Corporation explain to this House what the difference is between the amount that has been stated in the Strength At Two Levels report and the amount he has just mentioned? The report stated that the operation of the NWT Housing Corporation Board of Directors costs the Government of the Northwest Territories \$100,000. Now the Minister indicates that it is \$300,000. Can the Minister explain this difference?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Member for Thebacha. Member for Tu Nedhe.

Further Return To Question O36-12(2): Direct And Indirect Costs Accrued By NWT Housing Corporation Board Of Directors

HON. DON MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Strength At Two Levels report must have made a mistake, because my numbers are right. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Supplementary, Member for Thebacha.

Supplementary To Question O36-12(2): Direct And Indirect Costs Accrued By NWT Housing Corporation Board Of Directors

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: I, too, have recognized that there are mistakes in the report. Is the Minister of Housing indicating that there are errors in that report that could possibly be pertinent to his department? Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Member for Thebacha. Mr. Minister.

Further Return To Question O36-12(2): Direct And Indirect Costs Accrued By NWT Housing Corporation Board Of Directors

HON. DON MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My numbers are right. I cannot say there are other errors in that report. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Supplementary, Member for Thebacha.

Supplementary To Question O36-12(2): Direct And Indirect Costs Accrued By NWT Housing Corporation Board Of Directors

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I asked the Minister if he recognized whether or not the report possibly had errors with respect to his department. I would like to know whether the Minister recognizes that there are errors in the Strength At Two Levels report that basically pertain to the NWT Housing Corporation.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Member for Thebacha. That was your last supplementary. Mr. Minister.

Further Return To Question O36-12(2): Direct And Indirect Costs Accrued By NWT Housing Corporation Board Of Directors

HON. DON MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There is one error for sure. I will get back to you. Thank you.

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MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Item 5, oral questions. Member for Kivallivik.

Question O37-12(2): Keewatin Patients Continuing To Use Manitoba Hospitals

MR. ARNGNA'NAAQ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to follow up on the questions my colleague for Keewatin Central posed to the Minister of Health. Realizing the longer time that it will take to transport Keewatin patients, which will mean higher costs to this government, will the Minister consider the continued use of the Manitoba hospitals?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Member for Kivallivik. Mr. Minister.

Return To Question O37-12(2): Keewatin Patients Continuing To Use Manitoba Hospitals

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Yes, Mr. Speaker, but there are other factors to consider when making decisions for non-emergency services since we do

have hospitals in the Northwest Territories that are capable of delivering certain types of services now which were not available before. It is more than just a decision on travel costs. If we continue to use facilities outside of the Territories, be they Edmonton or Winnipeg, any money that is spent on patient care in these provinces stays outside the Territories; yet there are facilities in Fort Smith, Hay River, Fort Simpson, Inuvik and Yellowknife where there are beds. Any money we spend outside the Territories is drained away from the Territories, whereas if we care for patients in the Territories, that money stays here. There is more than just travel to consider.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Member for Yellowknife South. Supplementary, Mr. Arngna'naaq.

Supplementary To Question O37-12(2): Keewatin Patients Continuing To Use Manitoba Hospitals

MR. ARNGNA'NAAQ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Is this, then, an admission to the fact that we are trying to justify the use of the Stanton Yellowknife Hospital?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. Minister.

Further Return To Question O37-12(2): Keewatin Patients Continuing To Use Manitoba Hospitals

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. No, it is not a justification for using Stanton Yellowknife Hospital. I think that too much emphasis is being placed on the fact that we are trying to promote Stanton. We are not doing that at all. What we are trying to do is deliver the best service to the people of the Northwest Territories for the least cost, or at least keep the money within the Territories.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Supplementary, Member for Kivallivik.

Supplementary To Question O37-12(2): Keewatin Patients Continuing To Use Manitoba Hospitals

MR. ARNGNA'NAAQ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Since it appears to me that the government is able to make such flagrant use of funds that are not available, would the government consider building a hospital in the Keewatin Region?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. Minister.

Further Return To Question O37-12(2): Keewatin Patients Continuing To Use Manitoba Hospitals

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think, in the long term, consideration will be based on needs and assessments that are being done in the regions. I am going to the Keewatin shortly at the invitation of my honourable friend across the way. I hope at the time I go there, that they will point out some of the needs which may not be evident to me at the moment.

To answer the question, yes, we will be considering all uses of facilities in the Territories in addition to where they may be needed most in the future.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Member for Yellowknife South. Item 5, oral questions. Member for Yellowknife Centre.

Question O38-12(2): Equality Under Affirmative Action Program

MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In the absence of Mr. Kakfwi, who is responsible for Personnel, I would like to address my question to the Government Leader. It relates to the affirmative action policy. I have many constituents who ask me to give them some assistance in writing appeals on jobs they have applied for and have been turned down, even though they have been applying under the affirmative action

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program. We have a whole group of people who are under the affirmative action program. Does this mean that all people within that group are considered equal and that they will get equal treatment when they try to seek employment?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Member for Yellowknife Centre. Madam Premier.

Return To Question O38-12(2): Equality Under Affirmative Action Program

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: By the criteria of the affirmative action program, yes.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Madam Premier. Member for Yellowknife Centre.

Supplementary To Question O38-12(2): Equality Under Affirmative Action Program

MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is not a hypothetical thing but a particular case. Will the Minister confirm, when three or four people who are

all within this affirmative action program apply for a job, maybe a native man or woman, a disabled person, or someone who has spent most of their life in the Territories and so on, although they all meet the basic requirements for that job and meet the standard, when an interview takes place the best candidate for that job will, in fact, get the job and there will be no one of those individuals who would be considered more affirmative than another one of those individuals?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Member for Yellowknife Centre. Madam Premier.

Further Return To Question O38-12(2): Equality Under Affirmative Action Program

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, according to the criteria and the guidelines, that is the case. If there is any particular individual that we are not aware of, or who feels that it has not been applied equally and fairly, I would appreciate knowing about that individual case. To the question, yes, I would expect that the people who are administering the affirmative action program would treat people equally and fairly, and people would get the same shake as the next person according to their abilities. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Madam Premier. Item 5, oral questions. Member for Deh Cho.

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Speaker, I would like to get unanimous consent to extend question period.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Member for Deh Cho. There is a request that we extend question period. Are there any nays? Question period has been extended. Member for Deh Cho.

Question O39-12(2): Cost Of Repairs To Yellowknife Correctional Centre

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Social Services. Last year at the Yellowknife Correctional Centre there was a riot, and I understand that the repairs for the damage that was done are going ahead this week. I heard this on the radio. I would like to ask the Minister how much this is going to cost the government. I realize that there is insurance, but what are the extras that the government has to spend on repairing the damage that was done?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Member for Deh Cho. Member for Yellowknife South.

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I know that the figure was around \$200,000, but I am not sure what percentage of the bill will be carried by the government. There have been some things over and above just repairing the actual damage that we are considering in the repairs. I will take the question as notice, Mr. Speaker, so that I can give him the precise figure as to what the repairs will cost this government above the insurance coverage.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Member for Yellowknife South. The question has been taken as notice. Item 5, oral questions. Member for Thebacha.

Question O40-12(2): Actual Cost For NWT Housing Corporation Board Of Directors

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Housing. Mr. Speaker, since the NWT Housing Corporation Board of Directors consists of 12 members that are to be from all parts of the Territories, to provide advice to the Housing Corporation in developing policies and dealing with issues relating to housing; and since the Strength at Two Levels report indicates that the administrative cost for this corporation to operate is \$100,000, and the Minister indicated to this House that the indirect cost could be \$300,000 and the direct cost is \$300,000, somewhat stating that it can cost up to \$600,000 to operate the Housing Corporation Board of Directors, I would like to ask the Minister if it is possible that his department could have erred in their calculations on advising him as to how much the actual board costs.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Member for Thebacha. Member for Tu Nedhe.

Return to Question O40-12(2): Actual Cost For NWT Housing Corporation Board Of Directors

HON. DON MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to assure the Member that the department did not make an error. They have had plenty of time to work on this issue, because I requested these costs quite some time ago. It is just a matter of pulling them out of a book. It does cost \$775,000 for GST; that is what we are paying; that is the cost. And that is because we are a Northwest Territories Housing Corporation and we are not tied in with government. If we were tied in through the

government, we would save that money; we would not be paying that. There is a \$300,000 direct cost for meetings. They have four board meetings a year, and that is what it costs this government. There is \$300,000 in direct cost, approximately, give or take a few thousand on that last cost. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Member for Tu Nedhe. Supplementary, Member for Thebacha.

Supplementary To Question O40-12(2): Actual Cost For NWT Housing Corporation Board Of Directors

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Speaker, since the Strength at Two Levels report indicates to us that the cost is \$100,000, and the Minister just stated that the cost is about \$600,000 to operate the Housing Corporation Board of Directors, there is a discrepancy of \$500,000, which is of a concern to me. Therefore, will the Minister provide and clarify to this House the difference, in writing, to provide to this House a list of the costs and why it costs \$600,000? Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Member for Thebacha. Member for Tu Nedhe.

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Further Return To Question O40-12(2): Actual Cost For NWT Housing Corporation Board Of Directors

HON. DON MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will prepare that list for this House and I will include all of the costs. The total cost is \$1.375 million, so I will prepare a list for all of that cost. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Member for Tu Nedhe. That last supplementary has been taken as notice. Member for Thebacha, supplementary.

Supplementary To Question O40-12(2): Actual Cost For NWT Housing Corporation Board Of Directors

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In addition, the Minister indicated that the GST cost \$775,000, I believe that was his figure. Does he mean that this GST of \$775,000 is the total of the Housing Corporation's cost, or is it the cost to operate the Housing Corporation through their Board of Directors? Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Member for Thebacha. Member for Tu Nedhe.

Further Return To Question O40-12(2): Actual Cost For NWT Housing Corporation Board Of Directors

HON. DON MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Housing Corporation is not a department of this government. If we change it to a department of this government, then we would save four per cent on the goods and services tax. This is the non-recoverable GST that we do pay, and it represents approximately \$775,000. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Item 5, oral questions. Oral questions. Before we go into item 6, written questions, I would like to thank Members for being patient during question period, even when question period was extended. Thank you.

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Item 6, written questions. Member for Baffin Central.

ITEM 6: WRITTEN QUESTIONS

Question W1-12(2): Manager Of Medical Travel

MS. MIKE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a written question for the Minister of Health. Would the Minister please provide this House with: a) a copy of the job description for the proposed manager of medical travel position advertised on January 13th; b) a copy of the documentation provided when the Department of Health sought approval to waive the hiring freeze provisions of the government's expenditure management program, in order to proceed with this hiring?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Member for Baffin Central. Written questions. Member for Thebacha.

Question W2-12(2): Status Of NWT/Alberta Interim Water Quality Accord

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a written question for the Minister of Renewable Resources. Mr. Speaker, would the Minister of Renewable Resources please prepare a summary of the status of the NWT/Alberta interim water quality accord negotiations, and include the following details: a) the current status of negotiations with the Province of Alberta; b) current and future plans for community consultation; c) a list of all meetings showing the date, location and participants, held during the three months prior to the beginning of formal negotiations in which arrangements to resume bilateral negotiations were discussed; d) a list of all negotiation sessions showing the date, location and participants, held during the 1991 calendar year and to date in 1992?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Member for Thebacha. Item 6, written questions. Written questions.

Item 7, returns to written questions. Returns to written questions.

Item 8, replies to Opening Address. Replies to Opening Address.

Item 9, petitions. Petitions.

Item 10, reports of standing and special committees. Reports of standing and special committees. Item 11, tabling of documents. Member for Natilikmiot.

ITEM 11: TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

HON. JOHN NINGARK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would like to table Tabled Document 6-12(2), a document on hunting licence tag fees.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Member for Natilikmiot. Tabling of documents. Tabling of documents.

Item 12, notices of motions. Notices of motions. Item 13, notices of motions for first reading of bills. Member for Hay River.

ITEM 13: NOTICES OF MOTIONS FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS

Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 12: Tobacco Tax Act

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Monday, February 17, 1992, I shall move that Bill 12, An Act to Amend the Tobacco Tax Act, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Member for Hay River. Notices of motions for first reading of bills.

Item 14, motions. Motions.

Item 15, first reading of bills. First reading of bills.

Item 16, second reading of bills. Second reading of bills.

Item 17, consideration in committee of the whole of bills and other matters. 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 standing committee on finance immediately after adjournment, which will be followed by a meeting of the standing committee on rules, procedures and privileges. Meetings for Monday, February 17, 1992: at 9:00 a.m., the ordinary Members' caucus, and at 10:30 a.m., the standing committee on finance.

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ITEM 20: ORDERS OF THE DAY

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MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Clerk. This House stands adjourned until 1:30 p.m., Monday, February 17, 1992.

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