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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, Hon. Stephen Kakfwi, Mr. Koe, Mr. Lewis, Mrs. Marie-Jewell, Ms. Mike, Hon. Don Morin, Hon. John Ningark, Hon. Dennis Patterson, Hon. John Pollard, Mr. Pudlat, Mr. Pudluk, Mr. Todd, Hon. Tony Whitford

ITEM 1: PRAYER

---Prayer

SPEAKER (Hon. Michael Ballantyne): Good afternoon. I wish to inform the House that I have received the following message 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 9, An Act to Amend the Insurance Act. Yours truly, D.L. Norris, Commissioner."

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize visitors from the Province of Alberta, who are seated in the Speaker's Gallery. First, a friend who has visited us on many occasions, the Hon. Dr. David Carter, Member for Egmont.

---Applause

He is accompanied to Yellowknife by his wife, Mrs. Jean Carter, who is not here in the House today. Also with the Speaker are four interns from the Alberta Legislative Assembly's internship program. They are: Laurie McKay, Jason Foster, Mark Patton, and Greg Moffat.

---Applause

Welcome to our Legislative Assembly. Orders of the day for Tuesday, February 18, 1992. Item 2, Ministers' statements. Mr. Kakfwi.

ITEM 2: MINISTERS' STATEMENTS

Ministers' Statement 7-12(2): Constitutional Conferences

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Major constitutional conferences have taken place

across the country over the past five weekends to examine the federal government's 28 proposals for constitutional and institutional reform.

Each of the first four conferences dealt with a specific part of the federal package. As Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs, and chairman of this Assembly's special committee on constitutional reform, I attended the conferences, in Calgary, Toronto and Vancouver. With me at the concluding conference in Vancouver was the Hon. Dennis Patterson. Other Members of our special committee on constitutional reform attended some of the conferences including Ernie Bernhardt, MLA Kitikmeot; and Brian Lewis, MLA Yellowknife Centre.

Participants at the five events included Ministers and Members of Parliament, aboriginal people, bureaucrats, leaders of business, labour, special interest groups, and the so-called "ordinary Canadians."

Last weekend participants attempted to bring together the conclusions of the previous four conferences. A draft report was circulated and was the subject of discussion for the final day of the conference. This report is presently being redrafted. There are also indications that the federal government is intending to sponsor a sixth conference on aboriginal issues in Ottawa on March 14 to 15.

It is far too early to say exactly what impact this conference process will have on the current round of constitutional negotiations with Quebec, but I believe it could be and will be significant. Although the federal proposals cover far more than just Quebec's demands, the timetable for the current round is governed largely by the legislation in Quebec which requires the Quebec government to call a referendum on sovereignty by October of this year.

Mr. Speaker, your special committee on constitutional reform will table a more detailed report on these conferences and the national constitutional process once it has received the final report of the concluding Vancouver conference.

The five constitutional conferences were designed to blend with the work of the special joint parliamentary committee which will report on February 28th. The tabling of that report in Parliament will lead to a new phase in the constitutional process designed to achieve national agreement on a renewed federation.

No solution can be achieved however, without the involvement and consent of at least seven provinces/territories with 50 per cent of the population. Accordingly, the next round will require a process that will involve the provinces and territories together with the federal government in shaping amendments to our constitution which must have widespread support among citizens and governments. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Ministers' statements. Ministers' statements. Item 3, Members' statements. Mr. Pudluk.

ITEM 3: MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Member's Statement On Fire Safe Houses

MR. PUDLUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There are different styles of houses now being constructed in the Northwest Territories, but the people in the communities are not given the opportunity to choose the kind of house that they would like to occupy. Some of the elderly people occupy two-storey houses with bedrooms upstairs and furnaces and storage areas on the lower level. I am especially concerned about the elderly who occupy those types of houses. If there was a house fire in a lower level they would be trapped upstairs, and the houses are not supplied with folding ladders which they should have in case of an emergency. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Members' statements. Mr. Todd.

Member's Statement On Education System In NWT

MR. TODD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, since I was elected to serve in this House just four short months ago, many important issues have been raised; issues such as the need to maximize northern and local benefits in construction projects, the escalating costs of health and social services, and the possible creation of Nunavut. One issue that has not

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been raised, but which troubles me greatly, is the state of education and the system in the Northwest Territories.

I have been looking at the statistics on enrolment, attendance and graduation rates provided in the Department of Education's annual report and frankly, I find them frightening. I will quote some of the

statistics that particularly frighten me. In 1980-81, 213 students graduated from grade 12 in the Northwest Territories. Ten years later this number had dropped to 162. In the intervening years we have surpassed our 1980-81 graduation totals only once. In my own region, with a population of 5500 people, there were only five high school graduates in 1989-90.

The Department of Education has told us that the education system is improving because we are seeing a steady rise in school enrolment each year. Enrolment is an important measure of the performance of our education system, but of what use is it to us if we are merely producing more drop-outs instead of graduates? It has always been my belief that our education system should focus on producing graduates who can go on to further training in vocational and practical programs, yet the number of students graduating from our system with general diplomas is decreasing while the number of graduates with advanced diplomas is increasing only slightly. It seems to me that something has gone wrong.

Mr. Speaker, the performance of our education system has an impact on most other issues we deal with in this House. I have spoken about the need to implement policies like "buy North" and "tender North" that maximize the benefits to Northerners, local workers and companies; however, we are simply paying lip service to these policies if we cannot train our people to take advantage of them.

For years I have listened to people tell us about the social problems in our society. We have heard in this House frequently...

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Todd, your time has expired.

MR. TODD: Could I have unanimous consent to continue, Mr. Speaker?

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member is seeking unanimous consent. Are there any nays? There being no nays proceed, Mr. Todd.

MR. TODD: For years I have listened to people tell us about the social problems in our society. We hear it in the House all the time --alcoholism, suicide, family violence. To me, these problems stem from a sense of hopelessness that is borne out from a lack of opportunity to advance forward. Education is the key that will open the door to opportunity. Without it the North will be forever saddled with the high costs of

social programs and communities afflicted with despair.

Mr. Speaker, I do not have the answers to the problems I have raised today, but I do know there has to be a comprehensive long-term plan to solve these problems, and frankly, to date I have not seen it. You can be assured in this House that I will be asking the Minister of Education what his department's plan is to improve the education system in the NWT, especially the number of students graduating from our educational program. Thank you.

--Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Members' statements. Mr. Antoine.

Member's Statement On Ministers' Visits To Nahendeh

MR. ANTOINE: Mahsi, Mr. Speaker. (Translation) When we met here last before Christmas, I was then a newly elected member. At the time, I told the Government Leader that I wanted to work with the Government Ministers. The Government Leader told me if I wanted to, I was welcome to work with her and the Ministers. I was thankful for her response. Since Christmas and up to the present time, three Ministers have joined me in visiting my constituency. I want to thank these three Ministers.

On January 17, 18 and 19, one of the Ministers, John Ningark, visited Fort Laird, Nahanni Butte and Fort Simpson. I want to thank him for this visit. The Minister comes from the extreme Arctic, the land where there are no trees. He comes from Pelly Bay. Fort Laird is a land with huge trees, and he was able to see these trees. As well, he mentioned that he had never seen a moose. As we flew around, we must have seen over one hundred moose. I want to thank him for having been to my constituency with me.

Donny Morin, Minister of Housing and Public Works, visited my constituency on January 22, 23 and 24. Housing was discussed in Fort Simpson. We travelled to Jean Marie River and Wrigley. People were able to discuss housing and public works issues, and I want to thank him for the visit.

Tony Whitford, Minister of Health and Social Services, was in Fort Simpson on January 8th. Issues concerning health and hospital were discussed. I would like to thank him for giving us that opportunity.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Members' statements. Returns to oral questions. Mr. Morin.

ITEM 4: RETURNS TO ORAL QUESTIONS

Further Return To Question O55-12(2): Analysis Of Restructuring Of Housing Corporation

HON. DON MORIN: Mr. Speaker, I have a return to a question asked by Mr. Nerysoo on Monday, February 17, 1992, with regard to an analysis of the potential impact of the restructuring of the NWT Housing Corporation which has taken place. Restructuring would entail the present corporation adopting a departmental structure and the elimination of the present board of directors. Our analysis indicates that the restructuring would allow for significant savings to be made in the administration of the board as well as ensuring that the housing policies and housing programs are closely co-ordinated with this government's economic, social, health and education policies.

An important element of this analysis was reviewing the structures and changes which are taking place in the provinces. Several provinces have changed or are in the process of changing to a departmental structure. Provinces which have converted or are soon to be converted are Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick. Our analysis also indicates that it would likely be desirable to maintain some form of corporate structure, operating under the authority of a departmental structure, in order that existing agreements with Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation would be continued and to ensure continued access to all CMHC programs.

Restructuring of the corporation would have no major immediate impact upon employees of the corporation nor upon internal operations and programs. The social housing programs managed by the corporation are vital to many territorial residents, and the delivery of these programs would continue.

Restructuring would eventually require some changes to the

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NWT Housing Corporation Act as well as changes to administration and management policies, directives and procedures. These changes would be required to reflect the closer linkages to the government with

regard to the departmental structure. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Returns to oral questions. Mr. Ningark.

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

HON. JOHN NINGARK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a return to Question O19-12(2), asked by Henry Zoe on February 13, 1992. As the Members are aware, this government implemented an expenditure management program for the 1991-92 fiscal year effective November 25, 1991 which applies to all departments and agencies.

Specifically, all capital projects for which a contract had not been entered into by November 29, 1991 were to be submitted to the Financial Management Board for review, to consider the possibility of cancellation or deferral.

I concurred with the recommendation to delay the facility at Lac la Martre to follow the new airport construction. A heliport is planned as part of the station, and this should be located at the airport. The current site that is proposed for the Lac la Martre base is in the middle of town. This is not a good site for the heliport. Other communities who have heliports in the middle of town are also requesting relocation of the offices. We expect this would happen in Lac la Martre and prefer not to have to move the facility once it is constructed.

The department advised the community of Lac la Martre in the fall of 1991 that the project was under review and there was a possibility of postponing construction of the station to coincide with the reconstruction of the airport.

The chairman of the Financial Management Board met with all deputy ministers on December 20, 1991 to identify potential reductions or deferrals. The actual decision to defer the Lac la Martre project was confirmed by the Financial Management Board on December 24, 1991. We have not formally advised the community of any decision pending the standing committee on finance review and the tabling of the proposed reductions.

MR. SPEAKER: Returns to oral questions. Mr. Morin.

**Return To Question O45-12(2): Southerners
Owning Homes In Both The South And The North**

HON. DON MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a return to Question O45-12(2), with regard to Southerners owning homes in both the South and the North, asked by Mr. Pudluk on Monday, February 17th.

The Housing Corporation approves clients for the home-ownership assistance program, HAP, who have proven that they are in need of assistance. In other words, Mr. Speaker, applicants must be living in a house that is inadequate or unsuitable to their needs and be unable to afford such a house within 30 per cent of their income.

The Housing Corporation has a residency policy which requires applicants to have lived in the Territories for five consecutive years prior to their application. In the case of applicants who currently own a house, whether it is located in the South or here in the North, the key is affordability.

The Housing Corporation will consider applications from people who have homes, because many families in the North live in their own homes but do not have proper facilities or are overcrowded. These families would not be able to afford an adequate and suitable home without government assistance.

MR. SPEAKER: Returns to oral questions. Item 5, oral questions. Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

ITEM 5: ORAL QUESTIONS

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask a question to the Government Leader -- oh, I did not realize she was not in the House, but I believe she has a Deputy Government Leader -- did you get demoted?

MR. SPEAKER: Mrs. Marie-Jewell, the Government Leader is not here. Perhaps you would like to pose your question to a specific Minister or wait until the Government Leader comes back.

**Question O58-12(2): Review Of Fish
Sampling Methods**

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will ask my question to the Minister of Renewable Resources. In regard to the question to the Minister of Renewable Resources about testing procedures used in sampling dioxins and furans in fish as part of efforts to monitor water quality. I am sure that the Minister is aware that during the environmental assessment panel review of the ALPAC proposal way back in December, 1989, data which showed

high levels of dioxins and furans in the liver of fish from the Wapiti River were withheld by the Alberta Forestry Minister. Instead, the samples, at that time, were reanalyzed and only the contaminant levels in the fish fillets were reported to the panel. When they were criticized about this, Mr. Speaker, the Alberta Forestry and Environment Ministers claimed that they were only interested in testing the edible portions of the fish.

Mr. Speaker, I am sure that you are aware that the aboriginal people in the Northwest Territories have long considered the liver of the fish as a delicacy, and since the Minister indicated last week that there were some furans and dioxins in the burbot liver of the fish samples taken from Chitty Lake and Leland Lake, I would like to know: Will the Minister direct his department officials to conduct a review, which can be tabled in this House, of all sampling methods used in the various water quality monitoring programs undertaken by Alberta, the federal government and the Northwest Territories? Thank you.

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

Return To Question O58-12(2): Review Of Fish Sampling Methods

HON. JOHN NINGARK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I agree with the Member, being a native person who lives, most of the time, by eating country foods. Mr. Speaker, yes, I will expect my department to get a report. Thank you.

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

Supplementary To Question O58-12(2): Review Of Fish Sampling Methods

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Minister if he would be willing to communicate with the Alberta Minister of Environment to request that all future test data showing dioxin and furan concentration in fish be reported in

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their entirety and made available for public review in the future. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Ningark.

Further Return To Question O58-12(2): Review Of Fish Sampling Methods

HON. JOHN NINGARK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We will be contacting our counterpart on this, yes.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Gargan.

Question O59-12(2): Highway Patrol Restricted To Certain Areas

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I made a Member's statement on Friday regarding the highway patrol in my constituency. One of the purposes of the highway patrol, created by the Department of Transportation, is to patrol on all-weather highways and winter roads for the purpose of enforcing the applicable acts and regulations, operating weigh scales at site locations, preparing for court appearances, and preparing enforcement statistical reports.

Mr. Speaker, there are eight highway patrols in my area, but I do not see any other patrol vehicles in any other constituencies. I would like to ask the Minister of Transportation, why is it that the highways within my constituency, for example, are the only areas where the highway patrols are? I have, Mr. Speaker, been travelling to two places, Yellowknife and Fort Simpson, and I have not had the opportunity to run into them so I would like to ask the Minister why it is only restricted to certain portions of the Northwest Territories.

MR. SPEAKER: Minister of Transportation, Mr. Alloo.oo.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The highway patrol is not restricted to this one particular area of the NWT highways. I would like to take the question as notice and get back to the Member with a detailed report of highway patrols.

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

Question O60-12(2): Written Return To Question Re Southerners Owning Homes In Both The South And The North

MR. PUDLUK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I indicated yesterday to the Minister of Housing that on Monday, December 16, 1991, the question I asked was a written question. Could the Minister take a little time and give me a written reply?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Morin, Minister of Housing.

Return To Question O60-12(2): Written Return To Question Re Southerners Owning Homes In Both The South And The North

HON. DON MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. He will have it today.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Dent.

Question O61-12(2): Timing Of Workers' Compensation Assessment Notices

MR. DENT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question today is for the Minister responsible for the Workers' Compensation Board. As the Minister is aware, the economy in the NWT is very slow; businesses across the NWT have been feeling the effect of the recession in Canada and especially the freeze on government spending, which has really hurt a lot of businesses this year. It has been a tough winter. It has been a tough year for businesses in the NWT.

At this time of year in the construction industry it is generally very slow. There is not much going on, and cash flow is generally at its slowest right now. In spite of that, the Workers' Compensation Board assessment notices are being sent out, and in some cases construction firms are being required to come up with fees in excess of \$100,000, all of which must be paid before the end of June.

As the Minister is aware, most construction only starts in many communities in the NWT in June. This means there are very few construction firms with any cash coming in from this year's work right now to pay this year's fees to the Workers' Compensation Board, and some may have a problem staying in operation and complying with the WCB payment schedules.

Will the Minister ask the Workers' Compensation Board to revise their fee payment structure to spread fees out over a longer period of time and ensure some recognition that seasonal businesses face a problem in meeting the present WCB payment structure?

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

Return To Question O61-12(2): Timing Of Workers' Compensation Assessment Notices

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think the honourable Member has made a

very good case for reviewing that matter, and I will be very pleased to do so. In answer to his question, I will ask the WCB to look into this matter and see whether we could have a timetable that better suits the realities of that particular industry. So the answer is yes.

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

Question O62-12(2): Communication From Communities To Housing Corporation

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister of Housing. Yesterday the Minister of Housing indicated to this House that one of the first things he would like to do is to get rid of the Housing Corporation Board of Directors. He feels it would save a lot of money. I would like to ask the Minister, since the Housing Corporation Board of Directors was initially created to develop policy for program delivery to the community levels, and if the communities currently do not feel those programs are appropriate, I would imagine that they indicate their concern to the board of directors. How does the Minister intend to address this concern in the event that he basically does away with the Housing Corporation Board of Directors and places it in with his department? Can he explain to this House how he is going to allow for that communication from the communities?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Morin.

Return To Question O62-12(2): Communication From Communities To Housing Corporation

HON. DON MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the existing Board of Directors of the Housing Corporation provide only one avenue through which communities have

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input into the housing policies and programs. The most important one is through MLAs through this House, with their direct access to the Minister. Direct approaches from citizens to the Ministers' offices is a common occurrence. So that approach is taken as well. The community level housing associations and authorities also provide important policy and program delivery input, as do the local community councils and other organizations.

The needs survey that is going to be done -- and it happens once every three years -- is also an important way of developing policy and programs. So

there is a broad range of avenues open to the public to address policy and program issues, other than the board of directors.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Todd.

Question O63-12(2): Enrolment In NWT Schools Versus Graduates

MR. TODD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Education. I have had an opportunity to look at the Department of Education's 1990 annual report. This report makes several references to the success we have had in improving enrolment rates in our schools, but I could find little or no information on our success in graduating students from our school system. Perhaps the Minister of Education can inform this House whether his department measures the success of his system on the number of students enrolled in the system or the number of graduates the system produces every year?

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

Return To Question O63-12(2): Enrolment In NWT Schools Versus Graduates

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The measure we use to determine the success of the education system in the NWT is partly determined by the graduating students every year and also graduating students from Arctic College.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Todd, supplementary.

Supplementary To Question O63-12(2): Enrolment In NWT Schools Versus Graduates

MR. TODD: The department's own statistics show that the number of high school graduates has dropped from 213 in 1980-81 to 162 in 1989-90. Based on those figures, would the Minister say that the current education system is working?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Alloo.oo.

Further Return To Question O63-12(2): Enrolment In NWT Schools Versus Graduates

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The educational system in the NWT is a relatively new system, especially to the Eastern Arctic communities. The students entering into the system are currently levelling off, whereas in the past there were very large increases every year of students

entering into the system. I could show the Member the statistics to show him why there is a drop in students in the last three years.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Todd, second supplementary.

Supplementary To Question O63-12(2): Enrolment In NWT Schools Versus Graduates

MR. TODD: In my Member's statement today I listed some of the problems that I see with the education system in the North. The fact is that we seem to be getting our kids into the system but we cannot get them in or out of the system with a good basic education. Does the Department of Education have a comprehensive, long-term plan for the NWT education system, especially to improve the number of students that graduate from the system?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Alloo.oo.

Further Return To Question O63-12(2): Enrolment In NWT Schools Versus Graduates

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Mr. Speaker, yes.

MR. SPEAKER: Last supplementary, Mr. Todd.

Supplementary To Question O63-12(2): Enrolment In NWT Schools Versus Graduates

MR. TODD: Is the Minister prepared to table a copy of this comprehensive plan in the House this week?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Alloo.oo.

Further Return To Question O63-12(2): Enrolment In NWT Schools Versus Graduates

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will provide the Member with our comprehensive plan. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Lewis.

Question O64-12(2): Wording Of Plebiscite Question

MR. LEWIS: I was asked by a constituent to raise this question today, Mr. Speaker, but the Minister to whom I would like to address the question is not here, so I would like to address it to Mr. Kakfwi as the Minister responsible for constitutional development. This is a big issue in my constituency, Mr. Speaker.

Has the plebiscite question, which we are expected to vote on sometime in the summer, been written?

MR. SPEAKER: Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs, Mr. Kakfwi.

Return To Question O64-12(2): Wording Of Plebiscite Question

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, I am aware that a question to be placed on the plebiscite had been drafted some time ago. I am not certain that it has met with the approval of all people concerned. I would have to confirm that later. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Lewis.

Supplementary To Question O64-12(2): Wording Of Plebiscite Question

MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Could the Minister for constitutional development explain to the House what the process is, since it seems to be a complex one? Exactly what is the process that arrives eventually at a completed plebiscite question?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Kakfwi.

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Further Return To Question O64-12(2): Wording Of Plebiscite Question

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, I believe that the question is going to be one that is put forward by the government. There will be some consultation - - but I am not certain what form -- with MLAs regarding the wording, and of course some input from the TFN as the organization in the Eastern Arctic that is promoting the plebiscite. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mr. Lewis.

Supplementary To Question O64-12(2): Wording Of Plebiscite Question

MR. LEWIS: What I meant to confirm, then, is that before the plebiscite question is put, it has to have the approval of this Legislature and not simply the rubber stamp of the government.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Kakfwi.

Further Return To Question O64-12(2): Wording Of Plebiscite Question

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, I believe that it would be advisable for us politically to get the full involvement of all the MLAs on this exercise. I believe we would be trying to get the MLAs involved in this exercise through the formulation of it, but through legislation it is not required because it is done under regulation of the Elections Act. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Arvaluk.

Question O65-12(2): Philosophy Of Education System In Teaching Survival

MR. ARVALUK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Education. Traditionally the education system of the Inuit has been very aggressive and very thorough to ensure that the young adults become knowledgeable of the environment, the climate, the marine mammals, the land mammals, and everything else that survival requires when you become an adult; and not only survival but livelihood, happiness and security. Otherwise I think we would have all perished. My question to the Minister is, in his report to the Member for Keewatin Central, would he include how aggressively the Department of Education is also pursuing that type of principle?

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

Return To Question O65-12(2): Philosophy Of Education System In Teaching Survival

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the Member knows, we use the Alberta system in our schools. Also, I believe we exceed the Alberta standard by adding to the design of the curriculum that is used by Albertans. We include northern studies that the students have to take, starting in grade 10 and up to grade 12, in order to pass their grade 12.

At this moment we are using testing of other provinces to determine how ready these students might be when they get out of the school system after completing grade 12. We also offer college through our college system in the NWT; as well, if they want to attend universities in other parts of the country, they can request assistance from our department to go into those institutions.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Arvaluk, supplementary.

Supplementary To Question O65-12(2): Philosophy Of Education System In Teaching Survival

MR. ARVALUK: My question is not what curriculum is being used in the school system, whether in the high school or Arctic College. My question is the philosophy of the Education department in regard to the survival of the society with dignity and pride. The survival with dignity and pride means that you have become a success independent from assistance required from the government or any other means. Can he include that philosophy of education, and how they could make it successful, in the report asked for by the Member for Keewatin Central?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Allooloo.

Further Return To Question O65-12(2): Philosophy Of Education System In Teaching Survival

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Member knows it is only within the last few years that the communities have been getting involved in the educational system; I mean the aboriginal people in the communities as well as other people who are living in the communities. They can get involved through education authorities, through divisional boards of education in the regions. That has been happening only within the last two years. What we have here in the NWT is a system borrowed from the southern system that southern Canada uses.

I hope to see that sort of development taking place while we include the community members who know their principles in terms of life and what sort of things we should get our kids ready for after completing grade 12. So far the communities that I know of in the whole NWT have not been developing curriculums; they have not got that far.

Also, I would like to give the Member assurance that we will try to pursue in that light, once we take control of the educational system at the community and regional level. At this moment the department has no measure of how ready these students are after they graduate from the school system. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mr. Arvaluk.

Supplementary To Question O65-12(2): Philosophy Of Education System In Teaching Survival

MR. ARVALUK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A few years back the government introduced a \$10 per day fine for a child not attending school who was under the age of 16. Looking through the books of CEC, otherwise known as the community education council,

I have never seen a receipt that indicates a \$10 fine to the parent whose child is not attending.

How can you introduce anything like that? There are two ways you can do it. One is campaigning very aggressively for the children to succeed. The other one is, that you can use the form of punishment which has been introduced in legislation, to have a fine of \$10 per day for a student who is not attending. I have never seen anything like that yet. Will the department, when reporting to the Member for Keewatin Central, include how aggressively they are pursuing that?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Allooloo.

Further Return To Question O65-12(2): Philosophy Of Education System In Teaching Survival

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As a department, we have not been pursuing this aggressively, I agree. What we try to do is to get the CEC, community education council, in each community -- if they want us to

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pursue that particular area we can, otherwise we will not pursue it until we are asked by the community. Thank you.

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

Question O66-12(2): Use Of Chemicals On Access Road To Fort Providence

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, during the first week of February in Fort Providence we had a very beautiful day and the snow -- I thought the snow was melting but we had a bit of rain. Mr. Speaker, the Department of Transportation decided to put sodium chloride on the access road to the community, and this made a mess of our vehicles. I was getting calls from my constituents inquiring as to why they were doing that. Mr. Speaker, up to that time people were driving at the normal speed and there did not seem to be anything hazardous about the situation before or after. I would like to ask the Minister; why would the department spend, on my access road into Fort Providence, \$218,000 on the chemicals that they used for the access road since nobody was complaining about the road? There was no accident to indicate that there was a problem with the road. What was the justification for the department's putting this stuff on the road?

MR. SPEAKER: Minister of Transportation, Mr. Allooloo.

Return To Question O66-12(2): Use Of Chemicals On Access Road To Fort Providence

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do not know of the situation that the Member is referring to. I was not briefed on the Fort Providence access road. What I can only guess is that the department did that for safety reasons. I can assure the Member that next time we do the project we will consult with the community.

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

Supplementary To Question O66-12(2): Use Of Chemicals On Access Road To Fort Providence

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The research that was done is that salt surfacing is done wherever needed. The concept of application is the right amount of chemical is in the right place at the right time. I do not know what that means, but for me it looks like it is in the wrong place at the wrong time. If there was an accident I would understand that, but nobody in my constituency complained about the access road until they applied this sodium chloride or else calcium chloride. I would like to know if it was a nice day so they decided to apply it. Is that the philosophy behind it?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Allooloo.

Further Return To Question O66-12(2): Use Of Chemicals On Access Road To Fort Providence

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We will consult with the community next time my department feels it needs to be done.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mr. Gargan.

Supplementary To Question O66-12(2): Use Of Chemicals On Access Road To Fort Providence

MR. GARGAN: I appreciate the Minister will be consulting my community if they decide to do it on another nice day, but my concern is, is it necessary? If there is no dangerous situation, then I do not think it should be applied. I appreciate his saying he will consult the community, but can he go beyond that and see whether or not there is a need to do that?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Allooloo.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Mr. Speaker, I will have to take the question under advisement.

MR. SPEAKER: The question is taken as notice. Mr. Antoine.

Question O67-12(2): Study Of Hospital In Fort Simpson

MR. ANTOINE: Mahsi, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Health, Hon. Tony Whitford. Yesterday I asked a question. I wanted an indication of how you would deal with a situation like the hospital in Simpson. I just want to recap and say that when you were in Simpson, the community people and the leaders of the region expressed their concern that the hospital should be upgraded rather than downgraded so that more of the beds could be better utilized with new equipment and required staff. In fact, you know there was not even one computer in the whole hospital when you were there.

Yesterday in answer to my question you stated that the consultation team went into Fort Simpson to touch base with the people of that area. You also indicated that there was already some in-house work done to look at some statistics from the hospital itself. You went on to indicate that a timetable has already been drafted. Has a decision already been made on the status of the hospital in Fort Simpson?

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

Return To Question O67-12(2): Study Of Hospital In Fort Simpson

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. No, the end result of the study has not been determined. The Member is correct that we wanted to set up this consultation process, and I believe that that is what is in place. When I referred to a timetable, I was simply meaning that we had several stages or phases that we wanted to go through. Phase one certainly must be the initial contact, the establishment of who -- once you talk to and do some-in house stuff that the Department of Health should be doing on a normal basis or ongoing basis -- and that is, I think, what it was that we were attempting to do. But we do not have a predetermined result -- not yet; that is still to come.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary. Mr. Antoine.

Supplementary To Question O67-12(2): Study Of Hospital In Fort Simpson

MR. ANTOINE: Okay, I want to make sure that the needs and concerns of the people of the region are taken seriously into consideration, so I just wanted to know, will the needs and concerns of the people in that area be seriously taken into consideration when you decide to make your decision? Mahsi.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Whitford.

Further Return To Question O67-12(2): Study Of Hospital In Fort Simpson

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, by all means, the needs and the concerns of the people in that region will be taken into consideration.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Ms. Mike. Sorry, did you have a supplementary, Mr. Antoine?

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Supplementary To Question O67-12(2): Study Of Hospital In Fort Simpson

MR. ANTOINE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A last supplementary. I would like to ask the Minister of Health if he has any internal reports. Is it possible to have copies of any reports from discussion, including your in-house reports? I would like to see your statistic numbers, because I think we have our own numbers from Simpson. I would like to see if we are using the same numbers; so if it is possible to get reports, I would appreciate that. Mahsi.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Whitford.

Further Return To Question O67-12(2): Study Of Hospital In Fort Simpson

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Mr. Speaker, I think that a protocol will be established as to how to best deal with this. I certainly hope that there are not two sets of numbers, ours and theirs, and I hate to begin a consultation process with that in mind. Be assured there will be one set of numbers and that we will consult, and we will let people know what we are doing, but I do not think that we have two sets of numbers.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Ms. Mike.

Question O68-12(2): Fisheries Licences

MS. MIKE: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question to the Minister of Renewable Resources. As he knows well, in Baffin South and

Central the fisheries are a very important economic base for that region. I would like to ask if he knows if Mr. Crosbie's office will issue a licence in regard to zones 2G and 2H.

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

Return To Question O68-12(2): Fisheries Licences

HON. JOHN NINGARK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do not know when exactly, maybe in the near future, the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, John Crosbie, will be announcing his licence requirements. We do not know exactly when.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Ms. Mike.

Supplementary To Question O68-12(2): Fisheries Licences

MS. MIKE: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to know if the Department of Renewable Resources has been involved with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans in the allocation of fishery licences?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Ningark.

Further Return To Question O68-12(2): Fisheries Licences

HON. JOHN NINGARK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I know you were involved in the Iqaluit conference. Up to this time I wanted to meet with the Minister of Fisheries, as you well know. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Ms. Mike, your second supplementary.

Supplementary To Question O68-12(2): Fisheries Licences

MS. MIKE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Is your department pursuing aggressively to get involved in the decision-making with Mr. Crosbie's office? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Ningark.

Further Return To Question O68-12(2): Fisheries Licences

HON. JOHN NINGARK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Since I came back from the trip to Iqaluit, we had a meeting with the honourable Member and with some

of the people from Iqaluit, Dennis Patterson and a renewable resource officer, if my memory serves me right. Since I came back from Iqaluit, we have contacted the federal Minister's office on a number of occasions and we also have written a letter to him asking that we be brought up to date with the process. We would like our interest to be considered in the allocations of the fishery licences.

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

Question O69-12(2): Tax Exemption On Fuel And Tobacco, Salt River Reserve

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister of Finance. I posed this question the last day of our last session in December, and at that time the Minister of Finance was out of the House on business and so was the Government Leader, so I had asked the acting Government Leader to pass on this question. But to date I have not had a reply. So I would like to ask the Minister of Finance. I have a constituent in Fort Smith who has been asking the Department of Finance for quite some time for an exemption to the tax on fuel and tobacco to be served on the Salt River Reserve. I am aware that they have not been advised of a reply. Will the Minister of Finance be able to reply to my constituent as to whether or not they will give this exemption to both tax on fuel and tobacco?

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

Return To Question O69-12(2): Tax Exemption On Fuel And Tobacco, Salt River Reserve

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

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

Supplementary To Question O69-12(2): Tax Exemption On Fuel And Tobacco, Salt River Reserve

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Can I ask the Minister of Finance to advise as to in what time frame my constituents can anticipate a reply?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Pollard.

Further Return To Question O69-12(2): Tax Exemption On Fuel And Tobacco, Salt River Reserve

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Mr. Speaker, I think the letter may have already been sent, but certainly if it has not, it will be this week.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Arvaluk.

Question O70-12(2): Fishing In The Cumberland Sound Area

MR. ARVALUK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Renewable Resources. You probably know about the request for fishing licences in the Cumberland Sound. I do not know the exact zone numbers, but the Makivik Corporation and Qikiqtaaluk Corporation jointly are planning to use the bottom-scraping method. Something is

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apparently quite environmentally dangerous. But I have not yet received anything, and being from the Eastern Arctic, being community-based, I have not received any information from the Minister's office as to what the federal department's intentions are in that respect. We have not received anything on how we might participate in the hearing or any other forum. Will the Minister be supplying us, from the federal government, information as to how we will be able to participate in that decision-making?

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

Return To Question O70-12(2): Fishing In The Cumberland Sound Area

HON. JOHN NINGARK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the Minister responsible for Renewable Resources -- our department is part of the Atlantic Council of Fisheries.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions, supplementary, Mr. Arvaluk.

Supplementary To Question O70-12(2): Fishing In The Cumberland Sound Area

MR. ARVALUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The eastern people are going to be fishing in the near future. Are we going to be involved in the hearings regarding this fishery? While they are requesting the licences in the Eastern Arctic, are we going to be involved in this process? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Ningark.

Further Return To Question O70-12(2): Fishing In The Cumberland Sound Area

HON. JOHN NINGARK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Previously I mentioned that we were involved in a meeting on the fisheries in the Eastern Arctic, in Cumberland Sound and some other areas which I am not certain of. During the meeting I emphasized that I would like to meet with the Minister Hon. John Crosbie regarding the concerns of the people of the Eastern Arctic. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Second supplementary, Mr. Arvaluk.

Supplementary To Question O70-12(2): Fishing In The Cumberland Sound Area

MR. ARVALUK: Mr. Speaker, there is a great concern. There was a report yesterday about the problem in the Newfoundland cod fisheries and, here we go again, we are planning to do exactly the same thing in the Arctic. In Pangnirtung the fishing is very small and the individual groups are depending on the fish in that very ocean. Cumberland Sound is not very large, and if we are going to have the same practice which they have in the Atlantic Ocean, for the cod fisheries off Newfoundland, would the Minister have a long-term, futuristic attitude toward the issuing of the licences? We are hoping that there will be other considerations made and that he will participate fully in that, other than waiting for the federal government to decide unilaterally.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Ningark.

Further Return To Question O70-12(2): Fishing In The Cumberland Sound Area

HON. JOHN NINGARK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The multi-year licensing is in the process -- that is what the Minister responsible for Fisheries is trying to do. If we are not part of the process now, we are going to have to wait another five years to be part of the process. That is what we are trying to do right now, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Todd.

Question O71-12(2): GNWT Endorsement Of "NWT Way" As Health Care Model

MR. TODD: My question is to the Minister of Health. There has been a great deal of concern expressed in this House over the last two weeks with respect to the NWT health care. I am told, in my discussions with people, that the department officials are, in fact, taking steps to develop an implementation strategy with respect to this policy. Will the Minister confirm

today that the GNWT has endorsed the "NWT Way" as a model for health care?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Whitford.

Return To Question O71-12(2): GNWT Endorsement Of "NWT Way" As Health Care Model

HON. TONY WHITFORD: The answer is, no.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. Todd.

Supplementary To Question O71-12(2): GNWT Endorsement Of "NWT Way" As Health Care Model

MR. TODD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. "No" to the adoption, or "no" to the fact that steps are being taken to provide a document to implement this policy?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Whitford.

Further Return To Question O71-12(2): GNWT Endorsement Of "NWT Way" As Health Care Model

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes.

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MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Lewis.

Question O72-12(2): Status Of Beatty Report

MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask the Government Leader, now that she is in the House, what exactly is the status of the famous Beatty report? Is this a document that has been adopted by our government?

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

Return To Question O72-12(2): Status Of Beatty Report

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, the Strength at Two Levels report is a working report.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary. Mr. Lewis.

Supplementary To Question O72-12(2): Status Of Beatty Report

MR. LEWIS: That is refreshing, Mr. Speaker, to hear that it is not a shelved report. I would like to ask the Government Leader, since work is involved, then, and

three ordinary Members have, in fact, been chosen by a motion of this House to do this work, when do they get involved? The three people I am talking about are Mr. Antoine, Mr. Koe and Mr. Arvaluk. When do they get involved, if this is a working report?

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MR. SPEAKER: Ms. Cournoyea.

Further Return To Question O72-12(2): Status Of Beatty Report

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I had indicated that I would be tabling an implementation plan, and as the honourable Member is aware, once that implementation plan is tabled, as Government of the Northwest Territories' cabinet Ministers, we have not actually sat down and begun implementing the working report per se, although we are trying to put together a plan where we can move into place some of the recommendations that are put forward. As the honourable Member is aware and I have stated before, many of the recommendations in the Strength at Two Levels report are very appropriate and some we should be taking in terms of streamlining this government. Mr. Speaker, I intend to table the implementation plan as soon as possible. Hopefully it will be available for tomorrow. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary. Mr. Lewis.

Supplementary To Question O72-12(2): Status Of Beatty Report

MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Usually before you implement something you translate it into a policy that would be approved by the cabinet, so I would like to ask, even though we have not got to the implementation stage yet, has any part of this report now been adopted by government as government policy in any written form?

MR. SPEAKER: Ms. Cournoyea.

Further Return To Question O72-12(2): Status Of Beatty Report

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, no, not in any policy. What we are doing is putting together a process so that we can work together to find ways and means to take in the best part of Strength at Two Levels to be incorporated. We have not developed a policy to actually put anything in place, but we are developing the process to do so.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Pudluk.

Question O73-12(2): Housing For Hamlet Staff, Resolute Bay

MR. PUDLUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of MACA. Resolute Bay became a hamlet in 1987. There was a resolution passed that the hamlet have housing available for its staff. In October 1991, the Department of Personnel informed the hamlet office that they had to upgrade and renovate the house that will be available for the hamlet office. However, the Department of MACA informed the hamlet that this has not gone through. It was declined. For that reason they will be hiring a mechanic and this mechanic will need housing. I am not sure why this agreement was declined. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Minister for Municipal and Community Affairs, Mr. Patterson.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, I understand the situation the Member has described and the need to resolve this matter in light of the hamlet's desire to hire a mechanic, and I will look into it and get back to him as soon as I can. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Arvaluk.

Question O74-12(2): Elimination Of NWT Housing Corporation Board Of Directors

MR. ARVALUK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister responsible for the Housing Corporation. He recommended that the Housing Corporation Board be eliminated to save the government some money. However, the Housing Corporation Board of Directors was formed to protect the interest of the people, especially in the Eastern Arctic, which is very far from government headquarters, so that we would have an independent board and have delivery of housing programs more equitable everywhere. In order to eliminate the Housing Corporation Board, there will be a requirement for an amendment to the NWT Housing Corporation Act. Will he be putting an amendment forward to protect the small communities who will have to deal, once again, with a housing corporation which is very far from their communities?

MR. SPEAKER: Minister responsible for the Housing Corporation, Mr. Morin.

Return To Question O74-12(2): Elimination Of NWT Housing Corporation Board Of Directors

HON. DON MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When I became the Minister of Housing, one of the things which I noticed right away was the high cost of running the NWT Housing Corporation Board of Directors. It is a duplication of services. We have 11 Members in this House from the Eastern Arctic who can represent their areas quite well. I do not believe we need a board to have that input into the policy.

There are a lot of other avenues as well. There is a needs survey that is going to be done this year, which is done every three years. That needs survey is what drives your housing programs. Your communities are going to be responsible for doing it, and they are going to have input into doing it. They are going to be assisted by the NWT Housing Corporation. The communities will do the needs survey, and in that needs survey they will basically tell the Housing Corporation what types of houses they want; what types of designs they want; and how many bedrooms they need and when they need them. Everything is supposed to be delivered in a fair way to all of the communities in the Northwest Territories, whether you are in the East or the West. Everything is judged on need.

I can assure the Member that the smaller communities will get their housing, because the needs survey will indicate that they are in need of so many houses, whether it is 100 or 10, and they will get their fair share.

The amendment to legislation to protect the small communities will be done through the needs survey, because all of the communities will be treated equally. The Housing Corporation Board of Directors, right now, costs us \$1.3 million, I believe, and it is a duplication of services. You have your housing authorities; housing associations that provide input at their level, up to our level; the MLAs; and the citizen who can pick up a phone and call the Minister's office. The MLAs can all call the Minister's office or walk across the street and visit the Minister and have their concerns expressed that way. I believe it is a duplication of service, and I would prefer to have the \$1.3 million in my budget to deliver housing programs rather than continue to fund the board. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Question period has expired. Item 6, written questions. Mr. Antoine.

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ITEM 6: WRITTEN QUESTIONS

Question W4-12(2): Supervision Procedures At Akaitcho Hall

MR. ANTOINE: I have a written question for the Minister of Education. Would the Minister please outline all procedures regularly used by the Akaitcho Hall management and supervisors respecting:

- a) the approval and follow-up supervision of students' requests for special leave or other extended absence from the residence;
- b) the training and evaluation of dormitory supervisors at Akaitcho Hall;
- c) informing parents when students are unexpectedly absent from the residence or are experiencing difficulties;
- d) contacting other authorities when students are unexpectedly absent from the residence. Mahsi cho, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Written questions. Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

Question W5-12(2): Meeting To Establish Formal Negotiations Of An NWT/Alberta Interim Water Quality Accord

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciated the comprehensive return which the Minister of Renewable Resources provided to my written question about the status of the NWT/Alberta interim water quality accord.

I have a further written question for the Minister of Renewable Resources. Will the Minister provide a list of the government officials from both the Government of the NWT and the Province of Alberta who attended the meeting on February 12, 1991, to establish the arrangements for negotiating the NWT/Alberta interim water quality accord?

MR. SPEAKER: Written questions.

Item 7, returns to written questions. Item 8, replies to Opening Address. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Speaker, I am seeking unanimous consent to return to Item 5, oral questions.

MR. SPEAKER: Unanimous consent has been requested to return to Item 5, oral questions. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Proceed, Mr. Gargan.

REVERT TO ITEM 5: ORAL QUESTIONS

Question O75-12(2): Timing Of Ministers' Statement On Workers' Compensation Coverage For Hunters And Trappers

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Speaker, on Thursday the Minister responsible for the Workers' Compensation Board responded with regard to the definition of "principally engaged" and has indicated that he will be presenting in the House, early this week, a comprehensive statement on the background to the hunters' and trappers' coverage. I would like to ask the Minister if he is prepared to do it and when he will be doing it this week.

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

Return To Question O75-12(2): Timing Of Ministers' Statement On Workers' Compensation Coverage For Hunters And Trappers

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This has taken a little longer than I expected because it involves co-ordination with the Minister of Renewable Resources and his department. But I would like to assure the honourable Member that we are working hard on that, and I expect to be able to make that comprehensive statement tomorrow or the next day at the latest.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Dent.

Question O76-12(2): Definition Of "Working Report"

MR. DENT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Government Leader. I just need some clarification on an answer that she provided earlier. Maybe it is because I am new and do not know all the terms of government, but could I get a definition of what a "working report" is? Is that a blueprint for action, or is that just a discussion paper?

MR. SPEAKER: Madam Government Leader.

Return To Question O76-12(2): Definition Of "Working Report"

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, not to sound facetious or anything, it is a document and a paper which we work from. There are many recommendations in there that make a lot of common sense. This government is being pressured from a lot of avenues, that we are running a government that is

very luxurious, that the government is not consolidating its efforts to provide more streamlined service so people can access the government. So it is a working document.

It was commissioned to take a look at those areas that people have presented long-outstanding concerns about, and it has made some fairly significant recommendations, some good ones, and we are using it as a working document so that we can plan how we are going to operate as a government.

It is not a document set in stone, but it is a document that was requested to respond to the many concerns and issues that were brought forward over the years in terms of how we operate as a government.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Arvaluk.

Question O77-12(2): Participation Of Communities In Housing Issues

MR. ARVALUK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When I was ready for my supplementary question, question period was over. My question is going to be to the Minister of the Housing Corporation. I appreciated his response; however, it was approximately six minutes ago that the government made an indication to my colleague for High Arctic that they are liable to make an agreement and withdraw it at their own will. Will the Housing Minister ensure to the communities that because we do not have a Board of Directors of the Housing Corporation, we are politically liable -- we have to appear half intelligent when we come to the communities, and I will not be able to tell them that the government has changed its mind after they signed the agreement. Will there be some sort of protection for the communities in the amendment that the type of thing that my friend here is talking about will not occur when the amendment to the Housing Corporation Act is made to eliminate the board of directors?

MR. SPEAKER: Could I ask honourable Members if they could try to keep the preamble as short and succinct as possible. Minister responsible for Housing Corporation, Mr. Morin.

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Return To Question O77-12(2): Participation Of Communities In Housing Issues

HON. DON MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Any change to the legislation will be brought forward in this House, and all Members will have a chance to

debate it and understand it. I think that should satisfy the Member.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Koe.

Question O78-12(2): Committee To Develop Strategy To Implement Beatty Report

MR. KOE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Now that the government has a working report, a question to the Government Leader. Has the government established a committee to develop the strategy for implementing the recommendations of the Beatty report?

MR. SPEAKER: Madam Government Leader.

Return To Question O78-12(2): Committee To Develop Strategy To Implement Beatty Report

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, we have an internal working committee to attempt to put the policy together. But in terms of the whole strategy on the implementation, we have not done that yet.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mr. Koe.

Supplementary To Question O78-12(2): Committee To Develop Strategy To Implement Beatty Report

MR. KOE: Mahsi, Mr. Speaker. Since I was one of the Members who was chosen to work on the strategy for implementing the recommendations, when will we start working?

MR. SPEAKER: Madam Government Leader.

Further Return To Question O78-12(2): Committee To Develop Strategy To Implement Beatty Report

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I believe that as we are sitting in the Legislative Assembly there are a lot of tasks we have, and as soon as I table the implementation plan, I hope before the session recesses, we will have our structure put together. We have not determined how best that can work, and I would like to sit down with the three Members that have been put forward as people who are interested in taking on this very huge task. It is a fact that I do not have the implementation plan, but I expect before the session is over we would sit down and discuss the best way of setting up a committee that would be functional and would be able to accommodate the working group. So, Mr. Speaker, I apologize; but I just have not gotten down to that. But I would expect that we would have to have that

concluded by the time the session concludes here. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Before we proceed, I would like to welcome Mr. Gary Bohnet to the Legislative Assembly. Mr. Bohnet, as we know, is the President of the Metis Nation.

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Oral questions.

Item 6, written questions.

Item 7, returns to written questions.

Item 8, replies to Opening Address. Item 9, petitions. Mr. Pudluk.

ITEM 9: PETITIONS

MR. PUDLUK: Mr. Speaker, at this time I would like to table Petition 1-12(2), from Grise Fiord, with 35 signatures, concerning the lack of satisfaction with nursing in Grise Fiord.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Pudluk. Petitions.

Item 10, reports of standing and special committees.

Item 11, reports of committees on the review of bills. Item 12, tabling of documents. Mr. Pudluk.

ITEM 12: TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

MR. PUDLUK: Mr. Speaker, at this time I would like to table Tabled Document 8-12(2), a document concerning the hamlet staff housing in Resolute Bay. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Tabling of documents.

Item 13, notices of motions. Item 14, notices of motions for first reading of bills. Mr. Pollard.

ITEM 14: NOTICES OF MOTIONS FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS

Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 8: Elections Act

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Thursday, February 20, 1992, I shall move that Bill 8, An Act to Amend the Elections Act, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 11:
Plebiscite Act**

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Thursday, February 20, 1992, I shall move that Bill 11, An Act to Amend the Plebiscite Act, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 10:
Local Authorities Elections Act**

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to give notice that on Thursday, February 20, 1992, I shall move that Bill 10, An Act to Amend the Local Authorities Elections Act, be read for the first time.

**Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 15:
Official Languages Act**

And if I may I would also like to give notice that on Thursday, February 20, 1992, I shall move that Bill 15, An Act to Amend the Official Languages Act, be read for the first time. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Notices of motions for the first reading of bills. Item 15, motions. Item 16, first reading of bills. Mr. Pollard.

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ITEM 16: FIRST READING OF BILLS

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to proceed with first reading of Bill 8, An Act to Amend the Elections Act. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The Minister is requesting unanimous consent to give first reading to Bill 8 today. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Proceed, Mr. Minister. You have unanimous consent.

First Reading Of Bill 8: Elections Act

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Nunakput, that Bill 8, An Act to Amend

the Elections Act, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is in order. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 8 has had first reading. First reading of bills. Mr. Pollard.

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to go to first reading of Bill 11, An Act to Amend the Plebiscite Act. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The Minister has requested unanimous consent to give first reading to Bill 11. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Proceed, Mr. Minister.

First Reading Of Bill 11: Plebiscite Act

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Natilikmiot, that Bill 11, An Act to Amend the Plebiscite Act, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is in order. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 11 has had first reading. First reading of bills. Mr. Patterson.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would seek unanimous consent to proceed with first reading of Bill 10, An Act to Amend the Local Authorities Elections Act.

MR. SPEAKER: The Minister has requested unanimous consent to give first reading to Bill 10. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Proceed, Mr. Minister.

**First Reading Of Bill 10: Local Authorities
Elections Act**

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Yellowknife South, that Bill 10, An Act to Amend the Local Authorities Elections Act, be read for the first time. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is in order. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 10 has had first reading. First reading of bills. Item 17, second reading of bills. Mr. Pollard.

ITEM 17: SECOND READING OF BILLS

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Mr. Speaker, I seek the consent of the House to proceed to second reading of Bill 8, An Act to Amend the Elections Act. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The Minister is requesting consent to give second reading to Bill 8 today. Are there any nays?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Nay.

MR. SPEAKER: There are two nays. Permission is denied. Second reading of bills. Mr. Patterson.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to seek consent to give second reading to the Bill 10, An Act to Amend the Local Authorities Elections Act.

MR. SPEAKER: The Minister has requested consent to give second reading to Bill 10 today. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Proceed, Mr. Minister.

Second Reading Of Bill 10: Local Authorities Elections Act

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Yellowknife South, that Bill 10, An Act to Amend the Local Authorities Elections Act, be read for the second time. Mr. Speaker, this bill would amend the Local Authorities Elections Act to permit persons who have attained the age of 18 years to vote and to be candidates at an election.

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is in order. To the principle of the bill.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 10 has had second reading. Second reading of bills. Mr. Patterson.

Second Reading Of Bill 2: Engineering, Geological And Geophysical Professions Act

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Yes, thank you Mr. Speaker. I would move, seconded by the honourable Member for Yellowknife South, that Bill 2, An Act to Amend the Engineering, Geological and Geophysical Professions Act, be read for the second time. Mr. Speaker, this bill would simply remove the requirement that by-laws of the Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists be approved by the Minister. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: To the principle of the bill.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question has been called. All those in favour? Opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 2 has had second reading. Second reading of bills. Mr. Pollard.

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Mr. Speaker, I would seek consent of the House to go to second reading of Bill 11, An Act to Amend the Plebiscite Act. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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MR. SPEAKER: The Minister has requested consent to give second reading to Bill 11. Are there any nays?

AN HON. MEMBER: Nay.

MR. SPEAKER: I hear one nay. Are there any nays? I hear two nays. Your request has been denied, Mr. Minister. Second reading of bills. Mr. Pollard.

Second Reading Of Bill 5: Neptune Resources Corporation Loan Guarantee Act

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Nunakput, that Bill 5, An Act to Repeal the Neptune Resources Corporation Loan Guarantee Act, be read for the second time. Mr. Speaker, this bill would repeal the Neptune Resources Corporation Loan Guarantee Act. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is in order. To the principle of the bill.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? The Motion is carried.

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---Carried

Bill 5 has had second reading. Second reading of bills. Mr. Pollard.

Second Reading Of Bill 12: Tobacco Tax Act

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Natilikmiot, that Bill 12, An Act to Amend the Tobacco Tax Act, be read for the second time. Mr. Speaker, this bill would amend the Tobacco Tax Act to deem a certain amendment to the tobacco tax regulations to have come into force before the amendment came into force under the Tobacco Tax Act and the Statutory Instruments Act. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is in order. To the principle of the bill.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 12 has had second reading. Second reading of bills. Mr. Whitford.

Second Reading Of Bill 3: Medical Care Act

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Tu Nedhe, that Bill 3, An Act to Amend the Medical Care Act, be read for the second time. Mr. Speaker, this bill would amend the Medical Care Act to allow the director of medical insurance to enter into agreements for the provision of services on an other than fee-for-service basis.

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is in order. To the principle of the bill.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion has carried.

---Carried

Bill 3 has had second reading. Second reading of bills. Mr. Patterson.

Second Reading Of Bill 4: Mining Safety Act

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Yellowknife South, that Bill 4, An Act To Amend the Mining Safety Act, be read for the second time. Mr. Speaker, this bill would amend the Mining Safety Act to provide that a worker at a mine must be trained in a worker training program and instructed in the hazards associated with his or her employment; to ensure that a worker is trained in mine emergency survival; to require the owner of a mine to maintain prescribed equipment and provisions at a mine refuge station; to provide for the appointment of training co-ordinators; to provide for offences; and to increase penalties for contravention of the Mining Safety Act and the regulations. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is in order. To the principle of the bill.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 4 has had second reading. Second reading of bills. Mr. Ningark.

Second Reading Of Bill 6: Purchasing Management Association Act

HON. JOHN NINGARK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Amittuq, that Bill 6, Purchasing Management Association Act, be read for the second time. Mr. Speaker, this bill recognizes the designation for "certified professional purchaser" and creates an offence for misuse of the designation. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is in order. To the principle of the bill.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 6 has received second reading. Second reading of bills. Mr. Alloo.oo.

Second Reading Of Bill 1: Education Act

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Sahtu, that Bill 1, An Act to Amend the Education Act, be read for the second time. Mr. Speaker, this bill would amend the Education Act to set the fiscal year of boards of education and divisional boards of education and to change the fiscal year of boards of secondary education.

MR. SPEAKER: Your motion is in order. To the principle of the bill.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 1 has received second reading. Second reading of bills. Bills 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10 and 12, pursuant to Rule 65(2), stand ordered to the appropriate standing and special committees. That is the new rule.

Item 18, consideration in committee of the whole of bills and other matters.

Item 19, report of committee of the whole.

Item 20, third reading of bills. Item 21, orders of the day. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Mr. Speaker, there will be a meeting of the standing committee on finance immediately after adjournment; there will also be a meeting of the standing committee on finance at 9:00 a.m. tomorrow morning; and of the ordinary Members' caucus at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow morning.

ITEM 21: ORDERS OF THE DAY

Orders of the day for Wednesday, February 19, 1992.

1. Prayer
2. Ministers' Statements
3. Members' Statements
4. Returns to Oral Questions

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7. Returns to Written Questions
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10. Reports of Standing and Special Committees
11. Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills
12. Tabling of Documents
13. Notices of Motions
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15. Motions
16. First Reading of Bills: Bills 9 and 13
17. Second Reading of Bills: Bills 8 and 11
18. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters
19. Report of Committee of the Whole
20. Third Reading of Bills
21. Orders of the Day

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. This House stands adjourned until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 19, 1992.

---ADJOURNMENT