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**The Honourable Michael Ballantyne, Speaker**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Hon. Titus Alooloo, Mr. Antoine, Mr. Arngha'naaq, Mr. Arvaluk, Mr. Gargan, Mr. Koe, Mr. Lewis, Hon. Don Morin, Mr. Nerysoo, Hon. Pudlat, Mr. Pudluk, Mr. Todd, Hon. Tony Whitford

**ITEM 1: PRAYER**

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**SPEAKER** (Hon. Michael Ballantyne): Good afternoon. Orders of the day. Item 2, Ministers' Statements. Ministers' statements. Ms. Cournoyea.

**ITEM 2: MINISTERS' STATEMENTS**

**Ministers' Statement 34-12(2): Minister's Absence From The House**

**HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA:** Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Stephen Kakfwi will be absent from March 11th to the 15th. Mr. Kakfwi will be attending a meeting of federal, provincial, and aboriginal representatives in Ottawa on March 12, to do a preliminary assessment of the Report of the Special Joint Committee on a Renewed Canada. The meeting will be chaired by the Hon. Joe Clark, Minister responsible for Constitutional Affairs.

Mr. Kakfwi will also be attending the sixth National Unity Conference, which will deal with first peoples and the Constitution on March 13, 14, and 15. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Ministers' Statement 35-12(2): Federal Grants In Lieu Of Taxes**

**HON. DENNIS PATTERSON:** Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to advise this House that Bill C-35, the Miscellaneous Statute Law Amendments Act 1990, was given Royal Assent on February 28, 1992. Included in this act is an amendment to the Municipal Grants Act (Canada) which will provide the authority for Public Works Canada to pay grants in lieu of property taxes for certain federal property.

This amendment will provide partial relief to tax-based municipalities and this government on the long-

standing issue of unpaid federal grants in lieu of taxes. Since 1986, the Department of Public Works Canada had suspended payment of grants in lieu of taxes on certain federal properties, pending amendment of the Municipal Grants Act.

Mr. Speaker, while the payment of grants in lieu is at the discretion of the Government of Canada, we do expect payments will be made now that the amendment is law. The Department of Municipal and Community Affairs has estimated, based on the applications submitted to Public Works Canada for grants in lieu, that the municipalities will receive a total of approximately \$2.7 million. These payments will be for vacant federal lands reserved for Indian use and for federal lands and improvements reserved for other federal departments.

Unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, the federal government's opinion is that this amendment does not authorize the payment of grants in lieu of taxes on federal lands reserved for Indian use that contain improvements, and therefore they will not pay on these lands and improvements. The Government of Canada

Hon. Michael Ballantyne, Hon. Nellie Cournoyea, Mr. Dent, Mr. John Ningark, Hon. Dennis Patterson, Hon. John Pollard, Mr.

is of the opinion that these improved properties reserved for Indian use no longer fall under their management and control and therefore are not subject to the payment of federal grants in lieu. The Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development claim that federal funding for the payment of grants in lieu was earmarked and transferred to the Government of the Northwest Territories as part of the 1969 agreement for the transfer of housing.

In the opinion of this government's legal counsel, the amendment to the Municipal Grants Act (Canada) gives the Government of Canada the authority to pay all of the outstanding grants in lieu of taxes, including those lands with improvements for which the Government of Canada has stated they will not pay.

The position of the Government of the Northwest Territories, Mr. Speaker, is that grants in lieu were clearly not part of the housing transfer agreement entered into between the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories in 1969. The fact the federal government continued to make payments on these properties from 1969 to 1985 supports this view. In

addition, while management responsibilities for the lands were transferred to the Government of the Northwest Territories, legal land title transfer did not occur, showing continued federal interest in the land. The fact, the federal government specifically states, in the agreement, their continued ownership of the properties. In the opinion of the Government of the Northwest Territories, this ownership indicates that the federal government continues to have a degree of management and control interest in the properties.

Mr. Speaker, we understand that Public Works Canada, western region, will be issuing cheques to the tax-based municipalities to cover grants in lieu of taxes that have been held back since 1985 pending amendment of the Municipal Grants Act. It has been estimated that Fort Simpson will receive \$37,000; Fort Smith \$136,000; Hay River \$176,000; Inuvik, \$825,00; Iqaluit, \$697,000; Norman Wells, \$100,000; and Yellowknife, \$785,000. The amounts are to cover those federal grants held back during the period 1985 to 1991, pending the approval of the amendment to the Municipal Grants Act (Canada). These amounts are estimates only, as Public Works Canada, western region, is still in the process of reviewing the assessments done on these eligible federal properties, and these amounts do not include still-disputed payments on certain federal properties or payments made in the normal manner by Public Works Canada.

While this is no doubt welcome news, Mr. Speaker, it is, unfortunately, not a total solution to this long-outstanding issue. These payments will cover only a portion of what we believe is owed to the tax-based municipalities and this government. While these payments will alleviate some of the problems that are being experienced due to the failure of the Government of Canada to meet its obligations, it will not result in municipalities getting all that is owed.

Mr. Speaker, your government fully intends to vigorously pursue this issue until the Government of Canada accepts its full responsibility to pay grants in lieu on those properties still in dispute. Thank you.

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

**Minister's Statement 36-12(2): Project Arctic Ice Skates**

**HON. DENNIS PATTERSON:** If I may, Mr. Speaker, today I would like to take the opportunity to pay tribute to Mr. Shorty Brown of Yellowknife and publicly express our gratitude for his outstanding efforts in conceiving, implementing, and successfully completing "Project Arctic Ice Skates."

Mr. Brown and many others began the crusade to provide every child in the Northwest Territories with a pair of hockey skates in November, 1990. At the time, Mr. Brown, who has over 45 years of personal involvement in ice hockey in the Northwest Territories, observed that over the past few years opportunities to participate have grown rapidly as ice rinks have been completed in many of our communities, but that many young people were prevented from fully using these facilities because they did not have equipment.

Through Mr. Brown's efforts, Mr. Speaker, this is no longer the case today. I am pleased to report that Shorty Brown and his many tireless volunteers have reached their goal of providing over 4800 pairs of new and used skates and more than eight tons of hockey equipment to our youth throughout the Northwest Territories.

It is this type of vision and ambition, Mr. Speaker, that makes the Northwest Territories the special place it is to live and raise a family. Volunteers like Mr. Brown serve our youth, our communities, and our Territories unselfishly and tirelessly.

Nothing short of the highest praise is due to Shorty Brown and his group of volunteers for "Project Arctic Ice Skates." Mr. Speaker, I am sure Members will join me in offering Mr. Brown, and the host of volunteers and companies who worked with him, our grateful appreciation for "Project Arctic Ice Skates." Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**ITEM 3: MEMBERS' STATEMENTS**

**Member's Statement On Our Lady Of Fort Providence Catholic Church**

**MR. GARGAN:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to give a statement on Our Lady of Fort Providence Catholic Church in my home constituency. As all Members are aware, the church has been shut down since the fall of 1989. Since that time, I have asked the Department of Culture and Communications to

provide the funding necessary to stabilize and restore this historic property.

During the first session of this Assembly, I lobbied aggressively to have this funding made available so that the church could be open in time for the Christmas holidays. Unfortunately, I was not successful in my attempt. I would like all Members to know that the stabilization and restoration of this church remains a priority of mine. It remains of great historic and cultural significance to the people of Fort Providence.

I know that the 1992-93 capital budget contains funding of \$251,000 for Our Lady of Fort Good Hope Church in Fort Good Hope. I understand that this church is recognized as a national historic property and the funding for its restoration is cost-shared with the federal government. Mr. Speaker, I have

I would ask the cabinet to develop a consistent policy that sets out the priorities and requirements for funding historic property so that the rules are known by all. In the meantime, our church at Fort Providence continues to sit empty. I will continue to lobby to ensure that this does not continue. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

#### **Member's Statement On Importance Of Education In The NWT**

**MR. TODD:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to make another statement on education and its importance in the NWT. I made a statement two weeks ago on what I see as one of the failures of our education system -- the lack of graduates. I said at the time that education, especially kindergarten to grade 12, should be one of, if not the top priority of the Legislative Assembly. Since that time the standing committee on finance, of which I am chairman, has set kindergarten to grade 12 as one of its priorities over the next four years.

Mr. Speaker, last week one of the Members on the other side of the House, who will remain anonymous, approached me about this issue. That Member stated, among other things, that I should not be so critical of the education system and the teachers in that system -- an education basher, I believe was the term used. I think some Members seem to have misunderstood what I am trying to say, so I will try to clarify it today.

First of all, I have never criticized the teachers in our system, nor would I ever. I know that in my own region, our teachers are very dedicated and hard-working. They deserve nothing but praise. However, the fact remains that there is something fundamentally wrong with the system when we cannot get our kids through kindergarten to grade 12. It is our responsibility -- Members of the Legislative Assembly, cabinet and the Minister of Education -- to ensure that this system is improved. To do this we have to pay more than lip service to the problem. We have to develop both short and long-term plans. I do not believe that this is education-bashing. On the contrary, I think it is simply being prudent.

Mr. Speaker, sometimes I am told that I wear my emotions on my sleeve. But to me, education of my children and your children is an emotional issue. It is about kids; it is about their future. It is not a philosophical issue that we sometimes debate in this House. It is a real issue. It is about developing concrete strategies to get our kids through kindergarten to grade 12 and into post-secondary studies. It is about developing leaders of tomorrow. It is about ensuring that the quality of education is the same in Pangnirtung, Rankin Inlet, Inuvik and Yellowknife. It is about ensuring that our kids can get jobs and that they have some hope for the future.

Mr. Speaker, I do not believe I am an education-basher. What I am is afraid....

**MR. SPEAKER:** Mr. Todd, your time has expired. Members' statements. Mr. Arngna'naaq.

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#### **Member's Statement On Something Lacking In Mode Of Transportation Used For Postal Service**

**MR. ARNGNA'NAAQ:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mode of transportation has traditionally been a slow process. Inuit travel by dog teams in the winter and travel with kayaks and umiaks in the summertime. Some even walk, both in the winter and during the summer. My father has told me stories of when he was a boy, how they would walk to Baker Lake from their camp to trade for tobacco and other necessities for their camp. These trips would take him a week to two weeks. When the traders first started coming north, mail had to be delivered to Churchill, Manitoba, at least in the Keewatin Region. A person would go down to Churchill by dog team, and this would take anywhere from four to six weeks, depending on weather, dogs, food, et cetera.

However, Mr. Speaker, in this day and age, not only do we have dog teams and umiaks, but we have snowmobiles, boats and motors, cars, trains, and airplanes. These modes of transportation could take us thousands of miles in a matter of hours, and what concerns me is to go to the post office and find out that something that I or my wife had ordered two weeks ago is still not in.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Pudluk made a statement regarding this same subject during this session, and I am merely trying to make it apparent that in the East we still have some basic infrastructure problems, and this is one of them. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

#### **Member's Statement On Rescue Boat For Sanikiluaq**

**MR. PUDLAT:** (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I am going to direct my question to the Minister of Transportation in regards to a rescue boat that they need in Sanikiluaq. In Sanikiluaq, when there is an emergency, they do not have any rescue boats that would be appropriate to use during an emergency, so I would like to ask the Minister if they could put this project into the capital estimates. This is a question to the Minister of Transportation and the Minister of MACA. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Mr. Pudlat, that was your Member's statement, and you can pose your question when we get to Item 5, oral questions. Members' statements. Item 4, returns to oral questions. Mr. Ningark.

#### **ITEM 4: RETURNS TO ORAL QUESTIONS**

##### **Return To Question O285-12(2): Local Input In Study Of Peary Caribou**

**HON. JOHN NINGARK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a return to an oral question, Question O285-12(2), asked by Mr. Pudluk on March 9, 1992, on local input in study of Peary caribou. The survey of the Peary caribou in the High Arctic is being conducted by Dr. Frank Miller from the Canadian Wildlife Service. The study is part of a federal/territorial research program organized under the RENEW, recovery of nationally endangered wildlife, program. A biologist from the Department of Renewable Resources is the chairman of the Peary caribou RENEW program.

The communities are aware of this research program and know Dr. Miller, who has done research on Peary

caribou in the High Arctic for many years. However, to ensure that Dr. Miller is aware of the concerns raised by Mr. Pudluk, the Department of Renewable Resources is writing a letter to Dr. Miller. The department will ask him to contact the communities before the survey is conducted to discuss their concerns. The Department of Renewable Resources is as concerned as the residents of the High Arctic about the future of the Peary caribou. I would like to commend the communities for their conservation efforts and for their interest and support in the RENEW research program. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** I would like to recognize in the gallery today Mr. George Diveky and his grade 10 northern studies class from Sir John Franklin High School.

#### **--- Applause**

Returns to oral questions. Mr. Patterson.

##### **Return To Question O228-12(2): Contribution Agreements To Communities**

**HON. DENNIS PATTERSON:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a return to an oral question, Question O228-12(2), asked by Mr. Gargan on March 2, 1992, regarding contribution agreements to communities. The arrangements that this department has with municipal corporations on their quarterly operating contributions are the same as they have been for some time.

As hamlets are a separate, distinct level of public government, unconditional hamlet funding is provided to the municipal corporations on a quarterly contribution basis. This procedure allows the hamlets to anticipate their revenue on a regular basis and to more accurately project their cash flow requirements.

However, special circumstances prevail for the 1992-93 fiscal year. Because the 1992-93 main estimates will not be introduced to the Legislative Assembly until June 1992, the government will operate on an approved interim appropriation from April until July. This interim appropriation will not allow us to provide a full second quarter contribution; so payments for July through September will be paid to hamlets on a monthly basis. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Returns to oral questions. Mr. Allooloo.

##### **Further Return To Question O170-12(2): Funding Provided For High School Students In The South;**

**And Return To Question O171-12(2): Details Of Students Attending High School In The South**

**HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a return to oral questions, Questions 0170-12(2) and 0171-12(2), asked by Mr. Lewis and Mr. Todd on February 26, 1992, concerning students. The Department of Education is currently providing funding for two students from the Northwest Territories to attend high school in southern Canada. Both students have exceptional emotional needs. One is attending school in British Columbia, and the other is attending in Alberta. A few other students of high school age are also supported by the Department of Social Services for treatment in residential facilities in southern Canada.

The Education Act provides the general authority for the delivery of education programs and services. A directive on special needs education was developed in 1986. In 1991, the department published 'Our Students, Our Future - An Educational Framework,' which provides the philosophical direction guiding all education programs and services. Respecting that philosophy, a new policy on special needs education is being drafted.

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

**Return To Question O273-12(2): Optional Years For Evergreen Forestry**

**HON. JOHN NINGARK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a return to an oral question, Question O273-12(2), asked by Mr. Gargan on March 6, 1992 regarding optional years for Evergreen Forestry. The department has been pleased with the services provided by Evergreen Forestry during the forest fire season. I would like to assure Mr. Gargan that the Department of Renewable Resources will be contacting Evergreen Forestry to discuss arrangements for the upcoming fire season. Existing levels of service will be maintained. Thank you.

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

**ITEM 5: ORAL QUESTIONS**

**Question O298-12(2): Date That Government Leader Will Respond To Question Re GNWT Tendering Process**

**MR. NERYSOO:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask the Government Leader the following question: On February 20, I asked a written question regarding the tendering processes of this government. To date, I have not received a response to that particular question. I would like to ask the Government Leader what time she intends to respond to that particular question.

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

Return To Question O298-12(2): Date That Government Leader Will Respond To Question Re GNWT Tendering Process

**HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA:** Mr. Speaker, I will ensure that the honourable Member has a response on Friday morning.

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

**Question O299-12(2): Abbott Report Re NWT Participation At Expo '92**

**MR. DENT:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism. It relates to the report done for the Minister by Mr. Abbott regarding the Northwest Territories Canada Pavilion at Expo '92. Could the Minister advise the House if he agrees with the recommendations in the report on NWT participation at Expo '92, as proposed by Mr. Abbott?

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Member is asking not for his opinion but the government's position through the Minister. Mr. Pollard.

Return To Question O299-12(2): Abbott Report Re NWT Participation At Expo '92

**HON. JOHN POLLARD:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have accepted Mr. Abbott's report and I have taken note of his recommendations and we will continue with the operation, taking into consideration those recommendations made by Mr. Abbott.

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

Supplementary To Question O299-12(2): Abbott Report Re NWT Participation At Expo '92

**MR. DENT:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Can the Minister advise whether he has selected an on-site director for the NWT operations at Expo '92?

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

Further Return To Question O299-12(2): Abbott Report Re NWT Participation At Expo '92

**HON. JOHN POLLARD:** Mr. Speaker, I believe the contract was signed on Monday, and I have hired Mr. Robert Ward to be our on-site director in Seville.

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

Supplementary To Question O299-12(2): Abbott Report Re NWT Participation At Expo '92

**MR. DENT:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will this director have direct access to the Minister when Expo is on?

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

Further Return To Question O299-12(2): Abbott Report Re NWT Participation At Expo '92

**HON. JOHN POLLARD:** Mr. Speaker, yes. Because of the distance that Seville is from Yellowknife, because of the logistics, a great deal of responsibility has been placed upon the supervisory staff at Expo. They have to be able to make those decisions on site. Any other decisions will come through my office, Mr. Speaker.

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

Supplementary To Question O299-12(2): Abbott Report Re NWT Participation At Expo '92

**MR. DENT:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Minister advise this director of NWT operations to close the restaurant and retail operation at Expo '92, if within the first 30 days these operations do not achieve a positive cash flow?

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

Further Return To Question O299-12(2): Abbott Report Re NWT Participation At Expo '92

**HON. JOHN POLLARD:** Mr. Speaker, that is one of the recommendations in Mr. Abbott's report. I think I am going to have to wait for Mr. Ward's assessment and also the assessment of the other supervisors on staff before I would be able to make such a decision. If we were to attempt to close our operation in the Canadian Pavilion, it would be a blow against the Northwest Territories and we would also be letting Canada down, Mr. Speaker, and I really must take those things into consideration. I will however, take into account any recommendations from the on-site

staff who may wish to change some of the activities in that particular operation for the better of the NWT. But as far as making a decision and saying, "Yes, I will close it," or recommending to cabinet that we close it, I cannot say that without knowing all of the circumstances.

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

#### **Question O300-12(2): Search And Rescue Boat For Sanikiluaq**

**MR. PUDLAT:** (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I began talking about this during Members' statements. I was confused on whether I should direct my question to the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs or the Minister of Transportation. There has been a request for a big rescue boat in

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Sanikiluaq, because they live out in the sea and there are big waves. When there are emergencies they cannot really fall back on anything because they do not have a big boat. I would like to ask the two Ministers about this request for Sanikiluaq. It may be through Renewable Resources. I would like to know if this could be put into the capital estimates for this year. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Minister for Municipal and Community Affairs.

Return To Question O300-12(2): Search And Rescue Boat For Sanikiluaq

**HON. DENNIS PATTERSON:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am responsible for emergency measures in the NWT and I can tell the honourable Member that it is possible for a community to apply for funding for a search and rescue vessel under a Government of Canada program. My department would be very happy to assist the honourable Member and his community to find out what is required and to make the necessary application.

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

#### **Question O301-12(2):Emergency Communication Equipment For Hay River Reserve**

**MR. GARGAN:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Safety and Public Services, and it is with regard to flood alert. I received a fax today with regard to the Hay River Reserve requesting the department to provide them

with emergency radios while the ice is breaking up in that area. I understand that Fort Liard and Fort Simpson are also in the high risk area and they have been provided with radios for that. Can the Minister assist the community of the Hay River Reserve to obtain communication in the event of a flood?

**MR. SPEAKER:** Minister of Safety and Public Services, Mr. Patterson.

Return To Question O301-12(2): Emergency Communication Equipment For Hay River Reserve

**HON. DENNIS PATTERSON:** Mr. Speaker, the Member's request makes sense. I can inform the Member that there is a program under which an application can be made for funds to provide the reserve with the emergency radio equipment that he is describing. That program would take some time, but I would be very happy to assist the Member to help his community to make the application under that program which is called the JEPP, joint emergency preparedness program.

In the meantime, Mr. Speaker, I can assure the honourable Member that as we have done for the past number of years, the equipment can be loaned through my department to the reserve and we will hope that through the JEPP program we can arrange for permanent equipment upon application.

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

**Question O302-12(2): Study To Determine Location Of Water Bomber Base**

**MR. ANTOINE:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister responsible for Renewable Resources. I understand that a feasibility study was carried out for the Department of Renewable Resources with the incentive for a 'tender North" decision. It has to do with the water bombers. I understand this feasibility study was to evaluate the feasibility of building bases for water bombers. Will the Minister inform the House about the status of this feasibility study? Thank you.

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

Return To Question O302-12(2): Study To Determine Location Of Water Bomber Base

**HON. JOHN NINGARK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, a study was done to determine the location for the hangar to house the firefighting aircraft

equipment. According to the report Fort Smith was considered as a logical location, but this is a preliminary report and no decision has been made by my department or by cabinet. Thank you,

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

Supplementary To Question O302-12(2): Study To Determine Location Of Water Bomber Base

**MR. ANTOINE:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Can the Minister state whether his department is committed to the establishment of northern maintenance and storage space for air tankers which could be used during the winter months?

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

Further Return To Question O302-12(2): Study To Determine Location Of Water Bomber Base

**HON. JOHN NINGARK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Because we are spending about \$1.5 million to house this aircraft firefighting equipment, our goal is to see that this money stays within the Territories. Mr. Speaker, that is our goal and objective. Thank you.

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

Supplementary To Question O302-12(2): Study To Determine Location Of Water Bomber Base

**MR. ANTOINE:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Has any criteria been proposed by the Minister to use in evaluating potential sites, for the maintenance and storage space of water bombers? Thank you.

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

Further Return To Question O302-12(2): Study To Determine Location Of Water Bomber Base

**HON. JOHN NINGARK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. According to the report the potential location was based on a number of criteria. That is what we are looking at. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Supplementary To Question O302-12(2): Study To Determine Location Of Water Bomber Base

**MR. ANTOINE:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Can the Minister advise the House as to when his department



will be making the recommendations on the establishment of a maintenance and storage space for water bombers? Thank you.

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

Further Return To Question O302-12(2): Study To Determine Location Of Water Bomber Base

**HON. JOHN NINGARK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Once I review the report with cabinet, we will be making a statement on it. Thank you.

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

**Question O303-12(2): Cost Estimates On Quarterly Versus Monthly Funding**

**MR. GARGAN:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Finance. The Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs responded to my question regarding the funding arrangement for hamlets being on a quarterly basis. Funding for the education boards is on a monthly basis. Has the Minister done any cost estimates on whether or not it is more effective doing it quarterly, or on a monthly basis? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Return To Question O303-12(2): Cost Estimates On Quarterly Versus Monthly Funding

**HON. JOHN POLLARD:** Mr. Speaker, it is much better for the Government of the Northwest Territories, if it is done on a monthly basis. I have asked the Department of Finance, Comptroller General, to get a hold of the Auditor General for Canada, because the Auditor General did not mention specifically municipalities or hamlets when he made the report with regard to health boards and education boards. I have asked to get an opinion from the Auditor General whether they fall into the same category, because it would not seem fair to be handling one board in a particular manner and another hamlet in a different manner. It is much better, financially, for us on a monthly basis, but also I think we have to be consistent, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

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

Supplementary To Question O303-12(2): Cost Estimates On Quarterly Versus Monthly Funding

**MR. GARGAN:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Minister of Finance -- I know it is a lot better to do it on a monthly basis, but cost-wise what is better? We are, as the Minister of Finance is aware, in restraint, so having it done on a monthly basis would mean that you would have to have a fair sized staff. I am just wondering whether or not, for cost saving measures, doing it on a quarterly basis would be better than doing it on a monthly basis.

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

Further Return To Question O303-12(2): Cost Estimates On Quarterly Versus Monthly Funding

**HON. JOHN POLLARD:** Mr. Speaker, I asked the same question to the Department of Finance this morning, and although they did not give me any details, Mr. Speaker, they did tell me that it was more cost effective for the government overall to do it on a monthly basis. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Question O304-12(2): Including Dene Art In Japanese Promotion**

**MR. ANTOINE:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to address the Minister of Economic Development. Last Friday, in the discussion about sending the Hon. Titus Allooloo to Japan to promote Inuit art, the discussion was about that, and Mr. Pollard made a statement saying that we are talking art; he said we are not talking crafts or handicrafts in this instance. Later on in the discussion on Economic Development, he indicated that the Japanese market was targeted for true Inuit sculpture and art, and that handicrafts and crafts were targeted for Toronto, I believe.

You know, after talking to a lot of Dene people, it is like an insult, that the decision is already made by somebody on your side to market only Inuit art. We have Dene art too, birch bark, moose hair tufting. We have art, too, on our side, and if the government is going to be spending money to send a delegation to Japan, they should also include Dene art in this situation. So I want to know if this could be done; if Dene art could be included with Inuit art when you go to Japan. Thank you.

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

Return To Question O304-12(2): Including Dene Art In Japanese Promotion

**HON. JOHN POLLARD:** Mr. Speaker, I did not mean to insult anybody. What has happened is that the Japanese people seem to have taken great interest in Inuit people, their culture and their art, particularly in the soapstone, Mr. Speaker. Also in prints to a certain extent, and wall hangings. So when we get a person from Japan who comes to us and says, "We are very interested in this form of art that you have in the Northwest Territories," then we are going to supply that person with the product that he or she is requesting. When the market opens up and it is there, it is our job to do everything we can to promote that particular product that the Japanese have indicated to us that they are interested in.

So it is not as if we selectively took something there and said, "Look, this is all we have got." The approach was made to us when Mr. Mulroney was there last year. I think Mr. Patterson was there as well. Amway had taken a display over there and met with great success, and we are merely following up on that success, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

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

Supplementary To Question O304-12(2): Including Dene Art In Japanese Promotion

**MR. ANTOINE:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Like I said, we are going to be spending money sending people there, and a certain portion of the Northwest Territories are Dene. Is there a possibility to include Dene art work in this display or whatever is going to happen over there? Thank you.

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

Further Return To Question O304-12(2): Including Dene Art In Japanese Promotion

**HON. JOHN POLLARD:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Niimi San came to Canada, purchased \$70,000 worth of carvings and also a number of wall hangings, and that is the inventory that is going to Japan, that which he owns, that he is going to put on display. We are not taking things over there. He is going to be having an art exhibition. He has purchased that stuff from the co-op already, and I was

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asked to attend on behalf of the Northwest Territories. I felt it would be much better if Mr. Allooloo was there, because it is an Inuit art collection that is going to be on display and for sale, and that is our part in it. We are not putting on the display ourselves. We are

merely participating as representatives of the government. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Supplementary To Question O304-12(2): Including Dene Art In Japanese Promotion

**MR. ANTOINE:** Mr. Speaker, some of the people from here came with me to play hockey in Liard, and had an opportunity to visit the craft shop there, and you could see that the craft shop was full of art work from the Dene in that area. It is not the only community that provides art work, and there needs to be an opportunity like this, a world market, to have that type of art work exposed, and that is the opportunity I am looking for. That is what I am asking. Is there a possibility at all to have something included in there that says that we have something other than Inuit carvings in the Northwest Territories, like Dene art? Thank you.

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

Further Return To Question O304-12(2): Including Dene Art In Japanese Promotion

**HON. JOHN POLLARD:** Mr. Speaker, I will make sure that Niimi San is made aware of what else is available in the Northwest Territories. He has been around to all the stores. He has seen what we have available. I will reiterate that to him, Mr. Speaker. I would also remind the Member that we are sending a considerable amount of Dene art and handicrafts to Seville, and also to the store in Toronto. In Toronto, although there will be some carvings on display, that will not be the main feature. We will be looking more at Dene arts and crafts. As I say, I will make him aware of the availability and we will see what he says. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Mr. Todd.

#### **Question O305-12(2): Cost Of Marketing Strategy In Japan**

**MR. TODD:** My question is to the Minister of Economic Development. While I can appreciate that this is an entrepreneurial initiative in Japan, there is a cost attached to the territorial government. I wonder if the Minister can provide us with the anticipated costs of this joint marketing strategy of Inuit art in Japan.

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

Return To Question O305-12(2): Cost Of Marketing Strategy In Japan

**HON. JOHN POLLARD:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I know that one staff member from of my department is going to travel with Mr. Allooloo. Mr. Allooloo, of course, will be going. It has not been decided yet if there will be other people. As soon as we have the itinerary worked out and the budget, I will gladly provide it to the Member. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Supplementary To Question O305-12(2): Cost Of Marketing Strategy In Japan

**MR. TODD:** Thank you. Can the Minister also monitor or provide us with the projected sales on an ongoing basis? In other words, we are paying a price to go there. What are we getting back in return? What we need to know is, what kind of anticipated sales are we expecting for this venture into the East.

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

Further Return To Question O305-12(2): Cost Of Marketing Strategy In Japan

**HON. JOHN POLLARD:** I think there has been \$70,000 spent already at Arctic Co-operatives, Mr. Speaker, so I will start out with that number. I will commit to keep the House updated on how sales are going in the Japanese market. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Supplementary To Question O305-12(2): Cost Of Marketing Strategy In Japan

**MR. TODD:** Last but not least, considering that we are selling Inuit art and we understand it is prestigious to send Mr. Allooloo to Japan, would we be sending an Inuit delegate from the department, or would it be someone who is not Inuit; somebody who speaks Japanese, perhaps?

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

Further Return To Question O305-12(2): Cost Of Marketing Strategy In Japan

**HON. JOHN POLLARD:** Mr. Speaker, we are sending our director of arts and crafts along with Mr. Allooloo. I said before that we had not completely decided on who else would go. There has been a

request from the Japanese that we provide two throat singers and a drummer, and I think Mr. Allooloo is working on that at the present time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

#### **Question O306-12(2): Exhibiting Dene Arts And Crafts In Japan**

**MR. NERYSOO:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If I could ask the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism if he has, in fact, requested or sought the advice of staff or any Japanese entrepreneurs that might be interested in addressing the matter of exhibiting Dene arts or crafts.

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

Return To Question O306-12(2): Exhibiting Dene Arts And Crafts In Japan

**HON. JOHN POLLARD:** Mr. Speaker, we have been dealing through -- you must forgive me, I forget the gentleman's name. He is a Japanese Canadian from Toronto who resides in Canada, and he is very familiar with Canada. What we have been doing is responding to their request from us for assistance in this particular regard. As I say, when these two gentlemen were here they were taken to all of the outlets in Yellowknife, and to the museum, to see what exactly was available to them.

I might add, Mr. Speaker, it is traditional for the Japanese to exchange gifts when they come here. It is ironic that the gift that I gave to Mr. Niimi was a birchbark basket made in Liard. Thank you.

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

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Supplementary To Question O306-12(2): Exhibiting Dene Arts And Crafts In Japan

**MR. NERYSOO:** Mr. Speaker, again, if I could ask the honourable Member, if he has sought the advice of whether or not there could be a major Dene exhibit of arts and crafts in Japan.

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

Further Return To Question O306-12(2): Exhibiting Dene Arts And Crafts In Japan

**HON. JOHN POLLARD:** Mr. Speaker, I hate to keep saying this, but I am responding to the Japanese who came to us and said, 'We are particularly interested in this product.' We have taken them around and shown them what else is available in the Northwest Territories. We talked about muskox, we talked about arctic char, we talked about whitefish. We talked about everything that is available in the Northwest Territories and that is as much as I can do. Did I specifically say, "Could we bring an exhibition of Dene art to Japan?" No, sir, I did not.

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

Supplementary To Question O306-12(2): Exhibiting Dena Arts And Crafts In Japan

**MR. NERYSOO:** Maybe it is an indication, Mr. Speaker, of how much this Minister really cares about Dene art. I want to ask the honourable Member again: Has he even indicated to the director of arts and crafts in the department, that one of the responsibilities that he could consider is, in fact, considering whether or not Dene arts or crafts could be exhibited in -even in the Embassy of Canada in Tokyo?

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

Further Return To Question O306-12(2): Exhibiting Dena Arts And Crafts In Japan

**HON. JOHN POLLARD:** Mr. Speaker, late last year the department and I sat down and we went over all the things that we were doing to market products in the Northwest Territories. We tried to come up with a strategy where there would be the line of least resistance, as far as sales were concerned. I have reported to this House that when the Japanese showed extreme interest in Inuit art, that is the market that we have been trying to fulfill for them. When it came down to what we were going to try and sell at Expo, then we went over that and decided it would be a range of arts and handicrafts from the Northwest Territories, including Dene arts and handicrafts. In the store in Toronto, that store will be featuring Dene arts and handicrafts. I would repeat, again: Have I approached the Embassy in Japan about displaying Dene arts and handicrafts? I have not, sir.

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

**Question O307-12(2): Cost Of Monthly Payments To Hamlets And Municipalities**

**MR. GARGAN:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Finance with regard to the funding arrangements to municipalities, as opposed to the boards of education. One of the things that was in the Beatty report, Mr. Speaker, stated that most experts around the world agree a quality improvement would result from simplification, and streamlining often leads to large cost reductions. It also says that some people have trouble accepting this, especially in the Northwest Territories.

My question is, Mr. Speaker, in his response the Minister of Finance indicated that doing it on a monthly basis saves money. I just cannot accept that either; that is what I am saying. The point is that if you have 12 pay cheques you need someone to make those 12 cheques, as opposed to making four cheques. You use more paper, and you use more time to do the cheques, if we do 12 as opposed to four. I do not know what the Minister means when he says that doing it on a 12-month basis is a lot cheaper than doing it on a quarterly basis. I would think that doing it on a quarterly basis saves more money, but I stand to be corrected. I would like to ask the Minister exactly how, in his opinion, delivering 12 pay cheques, as opposed to four, is saving money.

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

Return To Question O307-12(2): Cost Of Monthly Payments To Hamlets And Municipalities

**HON. JOHN POLLARD:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, perhaps I did not make myself clear enough. The reason is, Mr. Speaker, that we have to borrow, at the present time, that money to give to the hamlets, or to the municipalities. We have to borrow money for three months, for that payment to them, and pay it out in one month, whereas our funding is coming monthly. So the cost is in the borrowing cost, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

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

**Question O308-12(2): Accomplishments Of Government Leader Over Last Five Months**

**MR. LEWIS:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We have had our government for five months, and I know that people have been very busy. Could the Government Leader indicate to this House what she has accomplished over this five months, in terms of programs and policies? Because I have not seen any evidence, it is just like looking at a blank wall. Could she give us some indication of anything that we

should know about in the House, in terms of new policies in the book, new directives, and new programs? What has she done over the last five months?

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

**HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA:** Mr. Speaker, I will come back with a response tomorrow, as the question that has been posed to me is to look at policies and several other issues that I feel I would be just stumbling over today. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Government Leader is taking the question as notice. Oral questions. Mr. Antoine.

**Question O309-12(2): Discussion Of Pollution From Daishowa Dam When Minister Visits Japan**

**MR. ANTOINE:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The trip to Japan is very interesting for me. The reason why I am saying that is because, as my colleague here has said, the government has been in for five months, and this will be the first time for me, as an MLA, as a Member of this House, that someone like the Hon. Titus Allooloo will travel to a foreign country on our behalf, to represent us. This is the first time for me.

I have been thinking about that, and I think what I would like him to say for me over there is that we have a concern with Japanese companies polluting our river, the Daishowa in Alberta. He is going to be in Japan where the company is owned. I wonder if it is possible for the Minister to make a statement on my behalf, explaining the situation to them on my behalf. Thank you.

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

Return To Question O309-12(2): Discussion Of Pollution From Daishowa Dam When Minister Visits Japan

**HON. JOHN POLLARD:** Mr. Speaker, I understand what the Member is saying, but there are ways and means and there are channels through which this kind of thing should be addressed, and from having had some dealings in the past and quite recently with the Japanese, Mr. Speaker, they are a very reserved kind of people. They are a people of great faith in face, and I would say that they would be not prepared for that kind of response from a Minister of this government, for the reason that he will be there for a

particular reason, which is to do a job on behalf of this government and on behalf of Economic Development and Tourism in regard to this art.

I understand what the Member is saying, and I would respectfully suggest that perhaps it would not be the right time or place to make that approach. Perhaps that should be done through the Minister of Renewable Resources. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Supplementary To Question O309-12(2): Discussion Of Pollution From Daishowa Dam When Minister Visits Japan

**MR. ANTOINE:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have always felt, whenever I had the opportunity to make a point on behalf of the people I represent, that I would do it. The reason I say it is because, when the Minister, the Hon. Titus Allooloo, is going to be in Japan on our behalf, I think it would be a good time to make a point while you are over there. I would like to ask the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism, when would be a good time to give them such a message? Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Mr. Pollard

Further Return To Question O309-12(2): Discussion Of Pollution From Daishowa Dam When Minister Visits Japan

**HON. JOHN POLLARD:** Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Renewable Resources and I met with Pauline Browes. She is responsible for the environment, along with Jean Jacques Charest, and I would say that perhaps the best way to handle this would be for Mr. Antoine to sit down with Mr. Ningark and draft a letter to Pauline Browes, asking if she would pass on to the Japanese Embassy in Ottawa those concerns, to be forwarded on to the Government of Japan. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Question O310-12(2): Two-Year Optional Contract With Evergreen Forestry**

**MR. GARGAN:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Renewable Resources. The Minister indicated in his reply to the oral question that he will be contacting Evergreen Forestry to discuss arrangements for the coming fire season. Mr. Speaker, there was a five year contract

agreed to, in which two years were definite, and then two optional years. The contact with Evergreen Forestry, is that to discuss the negotiated two-year optional contract?

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

Return To Question O310-12(2): Two-Year Optional Contract With Evergreen Forestry

**HON. JOHN NINGARK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Because of the possibility of the privatization study that is being done at this point in time, my department is very reluctant to go into a long-term contract. Thank you.

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

Supplementary To Question O310-12(2): Two-Year Optional Contract With Evergreen Forestry

**MR. GARGAN:** Mr. Speaker, fire season is going to be starting in about two months. We have a situation where the government is initiating a privatization policy, and if it is approved and supported by the Executive, it will be implemented, but by then the fire season could be over. We could have half our area burning without any real answers. I would like to ask the Minister whether or not, for this year, they would extend the contract with Evergreen Forestry, to ensure that we are not in a situation where there may be danger.

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

Further Return To Question O310-12(2): Two-Year Optional Contract With Evergreen Forestry

**HON. JOHN NINGARK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to assure the Member that the contract for one year is going to be re-instated for that purpose. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Oral questions.

Item 6, written questions. Written questions. Item 7, returns to written questions. Mr. Clerk.

#### **ITEM 7: RETURNS TO WRITTEN QUESTIONS**

**CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton):** Mr. Speaker, return to Question W3-12(2), asked by Mr. Todd to the Minister responsible for the Workers' Compensation Board concerning community visitations by WCB officials; return to Question

W6-12(2) asked by Mr. Pudlat to the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism concerning the Katannilik Territorial Park; return to Question W10-12(2), asked by Nerysoo to the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism concerning Government of the Northwest Territories guidelines for northern-owned NWT sawmills.

#### **W3-12(2): Community Visitation By WCB Officials**

Hon. Dennis Patterson's return to Question W3-12(2), asked by Mr. Todd on February 17, 1992. The honourable Member requested information on duty travel by each individual board member and staff. I am providing this information to the Member under separate cover. The information covers the period January 1, 1987 to December 31, 1991 and shows the date, destinations, purpose, costs, and per diems. The sheets that apply to the board of directors have their resident community following their name.

#### **W6-12(2): Katannilik Territorial Park**

Hon. John Pollard's return to Question W6-12(2), asked by Mr. Pudlat on February 19, 1992: In response to the first part of your question, I would like to confirm to you that I am aware of the strong community support for the establishment of Katannilik Territorial Park. I am also aware of the significant economic opportunity created by this and other tourism and park initiatives.

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In response to the second part of your question, I would like to confirm that Katannilik Park will be a priority initiative for the department in the Baffin Region. For your information, Katannilik Park projects have been included in this 1992-93 budget submission. The 1992-93 proposed budget for this park is \$165,000. I would like to thank Mr. Pudlat for his support of this project, and I will ensure that you are kept informed of development activities at Katannilik.

#### **Return To Question W10-12(2): GNWT Guidelines For Northern-Owned Sawmills**

Hon. John Pollard's return to Question W10-12(2), asked by Mr. Nerysoo on February 27, 1992: The following is offered in response to the questions raised concerning the purchase of the Hay River Sawmill by the Northwest Territories Development Corporation:

1) The government has not issued any instructions to departments regarding the purchase of lumber products from the Hay River Sawmill that was recently purchased by the NWT Development Corporation. The sawmill has submitted bids to supply lumber to several NWT companies that have submitted tenders for supplying lumber to government departments, and it is expected that the sawmill will continue to work with northern lumber yards in developing the tenders for lumber supply;

2) the same GNWT purchasing rules and guidelines will apply to all northern-owned sawmills in the NWT;

3) the NWT Development Corporation will consider financial investment in other sawmills in the NWT on receipt of a request for investment from the owners of the other sawmills;

4) no government tender requirements will be waived for the Hay River Sawmill, including those associated with moisture content of the lumber -- levels of moisture content can be achieved through air drying or kiln drying. The sawmill has historically supplied lumber that has met the moisture content required to meet existing government, contractor and lumber yard standards.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you, Mr. Clerk. 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.

Item 11, reports of committees on the review of bills.

Item 12, tabling of documents. Mr. Pudlat.

#### **ITEM 12: TABLING OF DOCUMENTS**

**MR. PUDLAT:** (Translation) Mr. Speaker, I would like to table Tabled Document 24-12(2), a letter from the community education council, Lake Harbour, with regard to monthly funding to divisional boards of education. They were given quarterly funding but now monthly funding is proposed.

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

**HON. DON MORIN:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I have Tabled Document 25-12(2), a letter from the Fort Norman Band Council requesting that

the senior citizens' home not be cancelled or postponed.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Tabling of documents. Item 13, notices of motions. Mr. Todd.

#### **ITEM 13: NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

##### **Notice of Motion 7-12(2): Tabling Of The "NWT Way"**

**MR. TODD:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Friday, March 13, I will move the following motion: I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Mackenzie Delta, that the Minister of Health table in this House documents on the NWT Way and the Department of Health's planning for the future of the NWT health care system.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Notices of motions. Item 14, notices of motions for first reading of bills. Mr. Lewis.

#### **ITEM 14: NOTICES OF MOTIONS FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS**

##### **Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 26 Liquor Act**

**MR. LEWIS:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I will take my chances on this date. I would like to give notice that on Friday, March 13, I shall move that Bill 26, An Act to Amend the Liquor Act, be read for the first time.

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

Item 16, first reading of bills. First reading of bills. Mr. Pollard.

#### **ITEM 16: FIRST READING OF BILLS**

##### **First Reading Of Bill 24: Financial Administration Act, No. 2**

**HON. JOHN POLLARD:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Nunakput, that Bill 24, An Act to Amend the Financial Administration Act, No. 2, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:** The motion is in order. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

**--- Carried**

Bill 24 has had first reading. First reading of bills.

Item 17, second reading of bills, Item 18, consideration in committee of the whole of bills and other matters: Tabled Document 9-12(2), Strength at Two Levels; Tabled Document 10-12(2), Shaping Northern Government; Tabled Document 12-12(2) Plebiscite Direction; Bill 14, Appropriation Act, No. 1, 1992-93; Committee Report 3-12(2), Standing Committee on Finance Review of the 1992-93 Capital Estimates; Motion 6-12(2) Discussion on Sobriety Clause in Contribution Agreements; Bill 21, Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 3, 1990-91, with Mr. Arvaluk in the chair.

**ITEM 18: CONSIDERATION IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF BILLS AND OTHER MATTERS**

**Bill 14, Appropriation Act, No. 1, 1992-93 And Committee Report 3-12(2)**

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): The committee will come to order. The last time we were here we were on capital estimates, Department of Social Services, detail of capital, page 15-10, Does the committee wish to continue that? Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

**---Agreed**

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**Department Of Social Services**

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Would the Minister wish to bring in his witnesses? Would the Minister like to introduce his, witness please?

**HON. TONY WHITFORD:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to introduce Bernard Doyle, deputy minister, Department of Social Services, and David Tyler, who is the director of finance for the Department of Social Services.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Before we proceed, we will take a 15 minute break.

**--- SHORT RECESS**

**Family And Children's Services Buildings And Works, Baffin, Total Capital, Agreed**

The committee will come to order. We are on page 15-10, Department of Social Services, Baffin, total region, \$89,000. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

**--- Agreed**

**Buildings And Works, Keewatin, Total Capital, Agreed**

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Keewatin, total region, \$1,158,000. Mr. Todd.

**MR. TODD:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Could somebody give me the square footage of this group home?

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

**HON. TONY WHITFORD:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It is an eight-bed facility. I do not have the square footage of the building in my notes, but it is an eight-bed facility.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Total region, \$1,158,000. Mr. Gargan.

**MR. GARGAN:** What is the purpose of group homes?

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

**HON. TONY WHITFORD:** Mr. Chairman, it is for children in care under the Child Welfare Act.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Total region, \$1,158,000. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

**--- Agreed**

**Buildings And Works, Total Capital**

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Total buildings and works, \$1,377,000. Mr. Nerysoo.

**MR. NERYSOO:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Could I ask the Minister to provide Members of this House with the criteria and terms and conditions of establishing group homes and family violence shelters?

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

**HON. TONY WHITFORD:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We can provide that within a couple of days.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Nerysoo.



**MR. NERYSOO:** Could I also ask the Minister to provide how the particular projects all fit within that particular criteria?

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

**HON. TONY WHITFORD:** Yes, Mr. Chairman.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Total buildings and works, \$1,377,000. Mr. Gargan.

**MR. GARGAN:** Mr. Chairman, with regard to last year's estimates, there was no indication on that group home for Baker Lake. Can I ask how this got in?

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Whitford.

**HON. TONY WHITFORD:** Mr. Chairman, the prior years column indicates that we spent \$75,000. The construction is to begin in 1992-93.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Koe.

**MR. KOE:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We are under family and children's services, and one of the activities under this category is family violence protection. In reading through Hansard on Monday, there was some discussion about criteria and where units or family violence shelters are built, how they are built, and how they get on the priority list. There was considerable discussion on the Nutaraq's Place extension in Iqaluit. I am just wondering about the money that was allocated, or spent, in prior year's cost, \$446,000. How is that approved? Is that a ministerial discretion or cabinet discretion, or was there just a pot of money somewhere that you found and spent?

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

**HON. TONY WHITFORD:** I will ask Mr. Doyle to respond to that.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Doyle.

**MR. DOYLE:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Because of the emergency that we saw with the overcrowding in the Nutaraq's building, we did look at where we could find some money that may lapse. We did develop a Financial Management Board submission, which was signed off by the Minister and put before the Financial Management Board for approval.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Mr. Koe.

### **Shelter For Family Violence Victims, Inuvik**

**MR. KOE:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There was also some discussion on the proposed shelter for the Inuvik Region, specifically for Inuvik, and there was a society that was formed. Can you advise me as to where the department is in dealing with this society and trying to get them a shelter for family violence victims?

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

**HON. TONY WHITFORD:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes. It is a fairly complex matter, and it is still being worked on between the co-ordinator and the department. We are trying to find money to assist them. It is not something I think we can give an easy 'Yes' answer to.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Koe.

**MR. KOE:** My concern is, if there are going to be

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capital moneys allocated for this project, and here we are dealing with capital estimates for 1992-93 and there is no allocation in this book for that project in Inuvik, when will we see moneys allocated to it? This \$130,000 that we see in headquarters, renovations to buildings, is that \$130,000 already earmarked for other projects?

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

**HON. TONY WHITFORD:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will ask Mr. Doyle to respond to that.

**MR. DOYLE:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The co-ordinator of the family violence program works with the societies and the organizations in communities, along with our regional superintendents. We do not have very much capital money for family violence shelters, but we do work with the societies in directing them toward possible federal money under Project Haven. We have been working with the society in Inuvik to attempt to get a proposal put forward to the federal government to get some capital funding, and we would continue the operation and maintenance funding.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Mr. Koe.

**MR. KOE:** I am looking at Hansard again. The Minister stated, "We are looking to assist Inuvik, and I will continue to look at that project and assist them in

every way that we can, given the resources, if we can find the money and the need is there.\* In one of our sessions here in this House I tabled a document, the proposed work plan for the shelter in Inuvik, for the society. I think the material that was presented clearly demonstrated that there is a need, and a very urgent one, and that there are in the works, now, certain plans, and certain government houses have been identified as available to use as a shelter. The group is caught up in the bureaucracy system in trying to get O and M funding. Somewhere down the line they have to get a capital transfer and renovations. My concern is, when will this happen? If it is going to happen this year, how does it get reflected in the budget we are dealing with? I am not sure. Or do we end up with another project like Iqaluit, and there is a pot of money that is all of a sudden identified? That would be nice.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

**HON. TONY WHITFORD:** Was there a question there?

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Koe.

**MR. KOE:** If there are plans and there is some kind of approval given to go ahead with this project, how does this get reflected in the budget process that we are trying to deal with today?

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

#### **Help In Accessing Federal Money For Shelters**

**HON. TONY WHITFORD:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Any moneys that we could have identified for that project would have been in here. I think I was, perhaps, being kind in saying that we are still working with the group. I sincerely meant that. We are not turning down the proposal because we do not have any money, which is true; we do not have any. We are helping as much as we can to access money from any federal programs that may be available for projects of that nature. If something should come up that would be unexpected -- and there are situations in past budgets where moneys lapse for one reason or another -- we could free up that money to assist in another area that we consider needs it. But at this point in time we have no money to put forward for it, and as I stated. we will continue to work with the group to keep the project alive rather than just give a flat "No, we have no money." I think that is what I was trying to say in a nice way.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Koe.

**MR. KOE:** Thank you. So am I led to believe, then, that if it is not identified here, there is no money available and the society will not be getting any capital money for renovating their building?

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

**HON. TONY WHITFORD:** That is correct, Mr. Chairman. Unless we can spring some money through the federal program Project Haven.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Mr. Koe.

**MR. KOE:** Am I also led to believe, then, that if there is any money freed up from the department, that the priority will be for the Inuvik shelter?

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

**HON. TONY WHITFORD:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There are other projects; however, the Inuvik project is a high priority.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Total buildings and works. Mr. Nerysoo.

**MR. NERYSOO:** Mr. Chairman, if I could ask the Minister, was there, prior to the expenditures that are being made under family shelters here, a specific project in the Baffin, any capital funds in the department on a regular basis for this type of project?

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

**HON. TONY WHITFORD:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think the department has been relying heavily on the federal government for capital funding, and there have been very minimum amounts in capital.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Nerysoo

**MR. NERYSOO:** Mr. Chairman, could I ask the Minister if he could provide me with the previous year's expenditure for family violence shelters in the Northwest Territories, and where those expenditures were made? Also, could he provide the policy for capital works as it relates to family violence shelters?

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

**HON. TONY WHITFORD:** Yes, Mr. Chairman, we will.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Antoine.

**MR. ANTOINE:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to ask the Minister about shelters for family violence. How is it determined where such a building would be built in a community? Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

**HON. TONY WHITFORD:** Yes, thank you, Mr. Chairman. There is generally a society in the community that works fairly closely with the coordinator in that community, and determinations like that are done on the basis of some discussion.

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**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Mr. Koe.

**MR. KOE:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Under this category of family and children's services that we are dealing with, I see that one of the categories looked after are child welfare facilities. I ask the Minister, how many facilities does the department or the government own and operate in the various regions?

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

**HON. TONY WHITFORD:** Mr. Chairman, perhaps rather than go through them here, I could provide the Member with a list and locations.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Mr. Koe.

#### **Change Of Philosophy Regarding Child Care**

**MR. KOE:** Thank you, That would be satisfactory. I guess the point I would like to raise is, over the years there have been changes in philosophy and policy in dealing with government buildings, especially as they relate to child welfare. There was a whole range of group homes, child care homes for various categories of children, and a lot of them have been shut down, and whatever has been done with them I am not sure. There is also a change in the policy to utilize more private homes for foster care or for kids with specific problems. What is the current policy on this type of care for these foster care children?

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

**HON. TONY WHITFORD:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, the Member is quite right. There has been a change in philosophy over the years, and the large institutional group homes have indeed been disbanded as far as a group home is concerned. They have been converted into other uses. I think the

movement is toward smaller homes, a little bit more intimate than the large institutional facilities.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Mr. Koe.

**MR. KOE:** If that is the case, then can the Minister advise me what is the current status? Are they still contracting the building in Inuvik? There is a large building on Centennial Street, I think, that is being used as a child care facility or a group home, and I understand there is a tremendous cost to maintaining this building, and that a lot of private operators over the years had renovated their homes to look after children, wards of the government, and they are not being used today. Can you tell me if there has been a change in the policy, or how these things are done in Inuvik?

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

**HON. TONY WHITFORD:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will ask Mr. Doyle if he would respond to that.

**MR. DOYLE:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Over the past several years, we have been trying to move away from as many institutional group homes as possible. However, in each of the regions we have established one or two group homes for children that require a more structured setting than simply a family dwelling. So we do have that group home in Inuvik; we do have the one we are going to build in Baker Lake; and we have several others throughout the Territories. Otherwise, with children who require more structure, we would have to be sending them south. We do not want to do that.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Koe.

**MR. KOE:** One last point, then. Under buildings and works, under headquarters, renovations for regions various, is this money already earmarked for specific projects, or is this a slush fund, or what is it?

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

**HON. TONY WHITFORD:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It is based on last year's allocation. It is not a large amount. It is a little bit here and a little bit there.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Koe.

**MR. KOE:** I hope a little bit of that, then, can be directed toward Inuvik for their shelter. They are in dire need.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

**HON. TONY WHITFORD:** Mr. Chairman, I did not mean to cause such merriment over there, but what I was saying is that it is based on previous year's expenditures; and what I meant by a little here and a little there -- well, it is done to maintain existing facilities, and some receive more wear and tear than others. Depending on the year of construction and different climates, there are a number of expenditures that vary anywhere from \$20,000 to \$10,000. That is what I meant. We do have a list of where we spent previous moneys, and it is based on that.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Koe.

**MR. KOE:** There is an old receiving home in Inuvik that is vacant and has been vacant for quite a while, in downtown Inuvik, across from the current ball park. What are the plans for that building? Will it come up for Crown asset disposal or something? It is just sitting there now.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

**HON. TONY WHITFORD:** I am informed we do not have any immediate plans for it. It may be up for assets.

**Buildings And Works, Total Capital, Agreed**

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Total buildings and works, \$1,377,000. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

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**Contributions, Headquarters, Total Capital, Agreed**

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Contributions, headquarters, total region, \$200,000. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

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**Total Contributions, Agreed**

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Total contributions, \$200,000. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

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**Family And Children's Services, Total Capital, Agreed**

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Page 15-11, total activity, \$1,577,000. Agreed?

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**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

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**Corrections Services Buildings And Works, Headquarters, Total Capital, Agreed**

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Page 15-13, corrections services, buildings and works, headquarters, total region, \$276,000. Mr. Nerysoo.

**MR. NERYSOO:** Could I ask the Minister whether or not the department is considering establishing other regional correctional centres or community correctional centres?

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

**HON. TONY WHITFORD:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, we are in the process of doing a master development plan for corrections.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Nerysoo.

**MR. NERYSOO:** Could the Minister indicate if there is present overcrowding at our correctional centres?

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

**HON. TONY WHITFORD:** The three major facilities are operating at or near capacity.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Nerysoo.

**MR. NERYSOO:** Are there any institutions that are over capacity?

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

**HON. TONY WHITFORD:** Mr. Chairman, yes there are two; the Baffin Correctional Centre and the Yellowknife Correctional Centre.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Total region, \$276,000. Mr. Koe.

**MR. KOE:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In reading the papers and following the news, I understand there are plans for consideration of renovations to Yellowknife Correctional Centre, due to the damage that was done in the riot a few years ago. Where is that reflected in this budget, or is this O and M?

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

**HON. TONY WHITFORD:** The moneys were allocated last year, and the renovations will be completed by the end of this fiscal year.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Koe.

**MR. KOE:** Can you give me the cost of those renovations?

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

**HON. TONY WHITFORD:** Mr. Chairman, it is around \$200,000.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Koe.

**MR. KOE:** So all that \$200,000 in the project will be done by March 31 st?

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

**HON. TONY WHITFORD:** We anticipate that. The contractors are at work already, and it was a fairly straightforward repair job, and I am informed that the project is on schedule.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Total region, \$276,000. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

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**Buildings And Works, Total Capital, Agreed**

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Total buildings and works, \$276,000. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

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**Equipment Acquisition, Headquarters, Total Capital, Agreed**

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Equipment acquisition, headquarters, total region, \$58,000. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

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**Equipment Acquisition, Baffin, Total Capital, Agreed**

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Baffin, total region, \$23,000. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

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**Equipment Acquisition, Total Capital, Agreed**

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Total acquisition of equipment, \$81,000. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

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**Contributions, Headquarters, Total Capital**

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Page 15-14. Contributions, headquarters, total region, \$65,000. Mr. Koe.

**MR. KOE:** Do you have current policies or programs as to how these wilderness camps work and how the money gets allocated to what camp and where and how they access this kind of money?

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

**HON. TONY WHITFORD:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It is allocated on application and it is based, somewhat, on past historical data.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Mr. Koe.

**MR. KOE:** Mr. Chairman, is there a specific program or policy that deals with these types of camps?

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

**HON. TONY WHITFORD:** Mr. Chairman, yes. It comes under corrections services. It deals with wilderness camps and it is under the young offenders program, open custody.

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**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Koe.

**MR. KOE:** If someone is contracted or certified by the corrections group, or the department, to be a wilderness camp, and they have access to some of this capital money, do they then deal through the regional superintendents to access it, or do they deal through headquarters?

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

**HON. TONY WHITFORD:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I believe they would go through the regional superintendent.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Mr. Gargan.

**MR. GARGAN:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. During the Christmas holidays I had some people from the East visit my community. One of the things that came up was the ratio between what they had at the Baffin Correctional Centre and the young offender's facility in Iqaluit. The facility itself was under-utilized. The Baffin Correctional Centre had about 60 inmates and they had I thought it was, 3-3-2. It is 3-4-2 for day shift, afternoon shift, and then night shift. Right across from that is the young offender's facility which had three young offenders there at that time. They had three people in daytime, four in the afternoon, and two in the evening.

With regard to the young offender's facility, is it really necessary to have those capital expenditures, first of all? I realize that it is going to be under O and M, Mr. Chairman, but is it justified to have three people taking care of three young offenders? On the other hand, I see that there may be a shortage of staff for handling the mature inmates. My difficulty is that the ratio does not seem quite right in the sense that even though we do have the possibility of a riot for the larger group, the ratio is not consistent.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

**HON. TONY WHITFORD:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, I suppose at a glance it may appear that the facilities are under-utilized. Perhaps it is a good sign that they are. However, they are needed, unfortunately, for secure custody. The numbers fluctuate depending on the courts. Some young offenders are not sentenced to do time and others are, so the numbers do fluctuate considerably.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. Nerysoo.

**MR. NERYSOO:** Mr. Chairman, could I ask the Minister if he could provide a list of all of the camps and communities, and the regions in which they are located? Also, who is responsible for managing or administering those particular camps?

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

**MR. NERYSOO:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, we will provide that.

#### **Contributions, Headquarters, Total Capital, Agreed**

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Total region, \$65,000. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

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#### **Contributions, Total Capital, Agreed**

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Total contributions, \$65,000. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

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#### **Corrections Services, Total Capital, Agreed**

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Total activity, \$422,000. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

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#### **Alcohol, Drugs And Community Mental Health Buildings And Works, Headquarters, Total Capital**

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Page 15-16. Alcohol, drugs and community mental health, buildings and work, headquarters, total region, \$145,000. Mr. Nerysoo.

**MR. NERYSOO:** Mr. Chairman, could I ask the Minister if they have developed a long-term plan for other treatment centres in other regions, other than the treatment centre in Hay River or Iqaluit?

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

**HON. TONY WHITFORD:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It is a subject that is of interest to me, and I am going to be reviewing the present policy and guidelines criteria for facilities. We only have, at the present time, two on the books for any kind of work. That one is in Hay River. I will be reviewing this to see what direction they should be going.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Total region, \$145,000. Mr. Nerysoo.

**MR. NERYSOO:** I just want to ask the Minister, are these projects that have been proposed, or that have

been constructed, cost-shared with the Government of Canada?

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

**HON. TONY WHITFORD:** Mr. Chairman, can I just get a clarification from the Member? Is he referring to the alcohol and drug treatment centres?

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Nerysoo.

**MR. NERYSOO:** Yes, Mr. Chairman.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

**HON. TONY WHITFORD:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It has been a mixture of both federal and territorial capital dollars, wherever it is possible to access through CMHC. In some instances, in the past, it has been territorial capital dollars going into the projects.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Nerysoo.

**MR. NERYSOO:** Mr. Chairman, could I ask the Minister to provide the criteria by which this government funds totally the construction of a treatment centre? Could I also ask what criteria are used to address the matter of cost-sharing with the federal government on particular projects?

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

**HON. TONY WHITFORD:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will ask Mr. Doyle to respond to that.

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**MR. DOYLE:** The reason it is a mixture of funding for the alcohol and drug treatment centres is that we did have an agreement to transfer capital money for the Baffin treatment centre. We got \$1.556 million transferred from the federal government from NNADAP, National Native Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program, for that particular treatment centre. For the NAS treatment centre, the NAS Society, Northern Addiction Services Society, worked with CMHC and got mortgage funding; and for the territorial treatment centre in Hay River, that is territorial funding. The federal government does not have any specific funding available, other than what we got transferred as a result of the NNADAP transfer.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Mr. Nerysoo.

**MR. NERYSOO:** Mr. Chairman, I am not going to be critical of the Hay River Reserve program, but I am

kind of curious as to why we were unable to access the NNADAP funding to build that particular project, yet we were able to do it in another community.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

**HON. TONY WHITFORD:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think we may have been just a little too late on that. I think the department did try to access federal funding; however, the funding for the program did cease. The moneys that are allocated for future development were already earmarked while the program was still operating.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Mr. Nerysoo.

**MR. NERYSOO:** Mr. Chairman, could I ask the Minister to indicate why the NNADAP fundings were cut off for the Territories? Was it because of the health transfer matter? If so, what criteria are now being used to fund programs for aboriginal people in the Northwest Territories?

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Mr. Minister.

**HON. TONY WHITFORD:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, the transfer did affect to some degree the program as well. I think that any future dollars for the construction of centres will have to come from territorial moneys. It is something we will have to look at very carefully.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Nerysoo.

**MR. NERYSOO:** Mr. Chairman, could I ask the Minister if he could seek a legal opinion on whether or not funds for aboriginal people, or jurisdiction for aboriginal people, could be transferred to this government to assume that responsibility?

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

**HON. TONY WHITFORD:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, we will endeavour to do that.

#### **Buildings And Works, Headquarters, Total Capital, Agreed**

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Total region, \$145,000. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

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**Buildings And Works, Fort Smith, Total Capital,  
Agreed**

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Fort Smith, total region, \$2,602,000. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

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**Buildings And Works, Baffin, Total Capital,  
Agreed**

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Baffin, total region, \$1,840,000. Mr. Todd.

**MR. TODD:** I wonder, do we have the problem solved with respect to who is going to run this, Mr. Whitford, with respect to the treatment centre? I am just curious.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

**HON. TONY WHITFORD:** Thank you, Mr. Minister. Yes, there has been, in the recent past, some problem as to who would be operating the centre. We are in the process of talks with the Baffin Regional Health Board and the Town of Iqaluit.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Mr. Todd.

**MR. TODD:** I just want to be sure we are not putting the cart before the horse; that we have someone to run this thing while it is being constructed. That is the only point I was trying to make.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

**HON. TONY WHITFORD:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There is a steering committee that has been attempting to keep this project on track. There have been a number of problems in the past with it as far as the design and a number of other things, and it just kept getting set back because of those reasons, I guess one of which would have been the sobriety clause in the future of Tuvvik, which has now been decided; so the project is again back on track and the steering committee is still very active on this project.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Total region, \$1,840,000. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

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**Buildings And Works, Total Capital**

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Total buildings and works, \$4,587,000. Mr. Koe.

**MR. KOE:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The government has embarked on some major undertakings in the last few years, and in this document there are two of them that are shown, one in Iqaluit and the other on the Hay River Reserve. There was also a major project in Yellowknife. My question is, if there is a group or organization, or a group of communities that wish to establish such a treatment centre, how do they get on the list? Is there a process or some kind of procedure that they follow?

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

**HON. TONY WHITFORD:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would suggest that if there is a group or a group of communities that are prepared to put forward a proposal, it would go forward to the board of management, and this proposal would be weighed against the strategic plan that was tabled in the House in the last Assembly, and there would be a number of considerations.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Mr. Koe.

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**MR. KOE:** In a lot of communities across the North, I am not sure of the number of alcohol and drug treatment centres, or alcohol and drug program centres that exist, but I am aware that and a lot of them are in some really dilapidated quarters with leaking roofs, snow blowing in through the doors, cold and wet, and yet they are trying to do a service for people in need. If a society or a centre needs capital money, is there a provision for this somewhere? Not for minor capital, but for an area of major capital improvements, do they have to go through a process of negotiating some kind of project?

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

**HON. TONY WHITFORD:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, there are a good number of community-based alcohol and drug treatment programs, and the Member is correct that they find whatever accommodations are available in communities and oftentimes they are fairly scarce, and it is too bad they are in locations as described by the Member. There is some money set aside for maintenance to repair these units. The program is a contributory program, where moneys are submitted to these groups through proposals received from them to operate the program.



Not very much is allocated for the repair. In some cases, they are acquired under charity leases and leases of that nature. They are housed in buildings that are looked after. In most cases, unfortunately, they are in need of repair and there are only a few dollars to look after it.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Mr. Koe.

**MR. KOE:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. How many such groups or centres are there across the Northwest Territories?

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

**HON. TONY WHITFORD:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There are currently 40.

#### **Buildings And Works, Total Capital, Agreed**

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Total buildings and works, \$4,587,000. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

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#### **Contributions, Headquarters, Total Capital**

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Total contributions, headquarters, total region, \$150,000. Mr. Koe.

**MR. KOE:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I assume this is the item that is available to these 40 alcohol and drug centres. I presume that not every one of the 40 every year gets a piece of this little bit of money that is available. How do you make the allocations to different centres?

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

**HON. TONY WHITFORD:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, the Member is correct. It is a small amount of money with a large number of facilities seeking those dollars. The applications generally come in to the board of management who prioritize the request that comes through. Those deemed to be most urgent are given some, if not all, the funding being sought, it is primarily for safety, fire, electrical, repairs, to make sure the furnaces are running properly, et cetera.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Koe.

**MR. KOE:** Has this amount changed over the years, or has this \$150,000 been there since time immemorial?

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

**HON. TONY WHITFORD:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Last year, it was a little higher, but for future years we have anticipated a relatively stable number of dollars, with slight increases each year.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Koe.

**MR. KOE:** I have a real concern in terms of the centre in my constituency where they have requested small amounts of money over the years and never seem to get on the priority list to be able to access capital funds. I know there are 40 other such groups, but does the priority list change over the years so that each centre has some access to it one year, and others in other years?

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

**HON. TONY WHITFORD:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am not currently aware of the requests that the Member speaks about, but I will endeavour to inform myself as to how long these denials have been going on. Some of the things they take into consideration is the location of the facility in the community it is in, and the ability for the local group to raise funds privately. In some communities, the solicitation for extra funding to do special projects and things within the community for that centre or that program is greater because the community is larger and they can access other sources of money to do the work. Sometimes they volunteer to do the work or get contributions privately. Some of the things we look at is the availability of other sources of resources for making repairs or enhancement of the program.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Koe.

**MR. KOE:** This is my last comment. If that is the case, I hope this is documented in some kind of policy so that you have criteria when requests come in. It seems as if you penalize a group or community for being effective and efficient in raising money, and they are, then, not eligible to receive some of these dollars that should be available to them on top of money they do raise. I assume you have a rating sheet that says that this project or this centre is requesting a certain amount of money, and that "Yes, it is a priority,\* and "Yes, they need it, and in year one or two they will get a piece of it."

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

**HON. TONY WHITFORD:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I hope we do not penalize anybody for

resourcefulness. I think the board of management does receive the applications and takes them very seriously. They make the best judgment they can on it, and we do have representatives in most of the areas. They are keenly aware of needs. We applaud the people that are energetic and are able to assist this area through their own initiatives as much as possible. We applaud them for their efforts in that area, and we help those who are in need the most and less able to help themselves.

**Contributions, Headquarters, Total Capital, Agreed**

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Total region, \$150,000. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

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**Contributions, Total Capital, Agreed**

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Total contributions, \$150,000 Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

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**Alcohol And Drugs And Community Mental Health, Total Capital, Agreed**

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Total activity, \$4,737,000. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

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**Community And Family Support Services Buildings And Works, Headquarters, Total Capital, Agreed**

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Page 15-19, community and family support services, buildings and works, headquarters, total region, \$39,000. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

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**Buildings And Works, Fort Smith, Total Capital, Agreed**

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Fort Smith, total region, \$3000. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

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**Buildings And Works, Keewatin, Total Capital, Agreed**

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Keewatin, total region, \$125,000. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

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**Buildings And Works, Total Capital, Agreed**

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Total buildings and works, \$167,000. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

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**Equipment Acquisition, Headquarters, Total Capital, Agreed**

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Equipment acquisition, headquarters, \$51,000. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

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**Equipment Acquisition, Total Capital, Agreed**

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Total acquisition of equipment, \$51,000. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

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**Contributions, Headquarters, Total Capital, Agreed**

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Page 15-20. Contributions, headquarters, total region, \$91,000. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

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**Contributions, Fort Smith, Total Capital, Agreed**

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Fort Smith Region, \$447,000 Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

**--- Agreed**

#### **Contributions, Inuvik, Total Capital**

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Inuvik, total region, \$755,000. Mr. Dent.

**MR. DENT:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. At the standing committee on finance, we had some concern about a senior citizens' facility which is to be completed this year in Fort Franklin, with a second facility being planned for Fort Norman, which is in the same region. It was pointed out that there are numerous regions in the North where there are no senior citizens' facilities. It was not satisfactorily explained at the standing committee on finance how the policy could be applied so that one region would wind up with two facilities when some regions had none. We thought this should be something that was needs-based rather than perhaps a situation that might be politically driven.

Therefore, we wanted to request that, before we were satisfied, if this was something that was really needed we thought that we needed to see a clearly defined policy from the department explaining why this project was needed in this region. In the absence of having seen that, Mr. Chairman, I would like to make a motion.

#### **Motion To Delete Senior Citizen's Facility, Fort Norman, Carried**

I move that the 1992-93 capital estimates for the Department of Social Services, under the activity community and family support services, for the project senior citizen's facility, Fort Norman, in the amount of \$15,000, be deleted.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you, Mr. Dent. Your motion is in order. To the motion.

**AN HON. MEMBER:** Question.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried.

**--- Carried**

In that case, total region, \$740,000. Mr. Koe.

**MR. KOE:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This activity is responsible for services to handicapped persons. Looking at the capital projects and where the projects are being built, it seems like certain preferences have been given to certain communities or regions. My question is, in the future are there needs assessments being done community by community, region by region, to make a determination as to where facilities are needed, not by who dictates or who is in charge?

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**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

**HON. TONY WHITFORD:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, we are working through the regional community and family support groups, in conjunction with other things as well. To some extent we are examining, very closely, the needs that are coming from the other communities or regions. We are also looking at what is available in that community for facilities that are already there, and how these facilities can be better utilized to meet these needs.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Koe.

**MR. KOE:** I note that on page 15-20, for each facility you have in brackets the NWT Housing Corporation. Is that the department that builds the facilities, or are they joint-ventured with your department? How are these facilities planned or constructed?

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

**HON. TONY WHITFORD:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. They are joint-ventured with Public Works for some, the Housing Corporation for some, and the Department of Health in others, depending on the level of care that we are dealing with.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Mr. Koe.

**MR. KOE:** The special homes for handicapped people, do they come under the Housing Corporation's budget, or are they supposed to be in here?

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

**HON. TONY WHITFORD:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I believe they come under ours.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Koe.

**MR. KOE:** Can the Minister identify where, on this page or in this book, specific homes -- for instance, I know in Inuvik there is a two-bedroom home built specifically for handicapped people. It has wheel-chair access, and everything is designed to fit the need of handicapped individuals or people in wheelchairs. Are there other projects of this sort being developed or being constructed? If so, where are they reflected in this budget?

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk):** Mr. Minister.

**HON. TONY WHITFORD:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I do not have any others planned, but we are constantly looking at needs and proposals that are coming forward.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk):** Mr. Koe.

**MR. KOE:** I will be a little more specific. Is there an assessment currently being done in Inuvik proper, to assess the needs of aged and handicapped people for their own accommodations, their own homes?

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk):** Mr. Minister.

**HON. TONY WHITFORD:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I believe our regional superintendent is working with the community and with the family support group in that area to determine any future needs.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk):** Mr. Koe.

**MR. KOE:** My concern is, if they are doing it now and this budget has been dealt with, the next budget is going to happen in the next couple of months. It is going to be another two years before any specific project gets on the paper. I am really concerned because of the time frame that we deal with, or the lack of dealing with it before hand. If there is a need for a project, my concern is that it should be here.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk):** Mr. Minister.

**HON. TONY WHITFORD:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am not aware, at least at the present, of any specific needs that are there; and I think we would certainly not be alarmed by the fact that there are no capital projects for that particular area, in this book, as the Member put it, for next year, because what may come out of our review is that there may be facilities there already that can accommodate any needs that may present themselves, and failing that, of course, we would have to ascertain what resources would be available to meet that specific need that is not already available in that community or that region.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk):** Mr. Koe.

**MR. KOE:** I am aware of five or six specific cases in Inuvik that need special homes and are of concern to all the agencies in Inuvik, and yet there is nothing in this document that reflects future projects to accommodate them.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk):** Mr. Minister.

**HON. TONY WHITFORD:** Yes, we will take that matter under review and ensure that the needs are examined very carefully.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk):** Mr. Pudlat.

**MR. PUDLAT:** (Translation) In Cape Dorset I found out that in the recreation centre the partitions are made out of wood.

#### **Contributions, Inuvik, Total Capital, As Amended, Agreed**

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk):** (Translation) We are under the Inuvik Region, maybe you can raise your question under the Baffin Region. Inuvik, total region, \$740,000. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

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#### **Contributions, Baffin, Total Capital**

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk):** Baffin Region, \$25,000. Mr. Pudlat.

**MR. PUDLAT:** (Translation) I am wondering if there was any request from Cape Dorset because their facility is not very good, especially the counselling office for alcohol and drugs. They are partitioned by pieces of wood and a lot of times what they are dealing with is very confidential, especially the counselling services. They are placed in a big room in the recreation facility. Maybe the Cape Dorset counselling services never requested, better office space before I became a Member. They have said they have requested, and at this time I do not see an estimate for such an office. I would like to ask if there was ever a previous request for this.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk):** Mr. Minister.

**HON. TONY WHITFORD:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am not aware of any proposals coming forward on that matter. However, if the alcohol and drug

treatment committee would submit a proposal to relocate and find other accommodation, we are certainly willing to look at that request.

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**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Pudlat.

**MR. PUDLAT:** (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If they put in a proposal I would want to see it, because apparently they have put in a proposal before I became a Member. So maybe you could give this consideration in the near future, because they are placed in the recreation centre. They are in the same office, but partitioned by only pieces of wood. The drug and alcohol secretary and counsellors are in the same building. Maybe you can look into providing them with funding to get a building. Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

**HON. TONY WHITFORD:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have not been able to ascertain any proposals. We are not aware of any proposals coming from Cape Dorset. It is a concern that the facility is not adequate for privacy arrangements for such a delicate and important subject to be discussed. I think it is incumbent, however, on the committee in that community to put forward a proposal to find other facilities. However, to assuage any fears that the Member may have that there is a proposal here, we will certainly look for it. But the simplest thing would be for the committee to revisit their needs and submit that proposal along with their future contribution agreement that is upcoming.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Pudlat.

**MR. PUDLAT:** (Translation) Mr. Chairman, I was told by the counselling services that they had made proposals to the government and they were not sure what the situation is right now. Before I became a Member, they said, they made proposals; but now I know you have no proposals. I will try and communicate with them as soon as possible for them to put in a proposal.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

**HON. TONY WHITFORD:** Yes, that would be the route to go, and it will be looked at very carefully.

**Contributions, Baffin, Total Capital, Agreed**

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Total region, \$25,000. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

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**Contributions, Total Capital, As Amended, Agreed**

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Total contributions, \$1,303,000. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

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**Community And Family Support Services, Total Capital, As Amended, Agreed**

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Total activity, \$1,521,000. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

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**Department Of Social Services, Total Capital, As Amended, Agreed**

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Page 15-7. Department of Social Services on page 15-7, program summary, capital expenditures, total capital expenditures as amended, \$8,257,000. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

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**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Does this committee agree that the Department of Social Services is concluded? Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Gargan.

**MR. GARGAN:** Yes, just to thank the Minister and the Members for their support for the two facilities that are going on the reserve, but I did make a Member's statement yesterday with regard to the alcohol and drug centre, and I referred specifically to the Department of Public Works. It is not that I do not appreciate your support for those facilities. The reason I did not mention it is that you will have your day when the official opening happens, so hold onto your belt, okay?

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you, Mr. Gargan. Mr. Minister.

**HON. TONY WHITFORD:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We are very humble in the department, and we know where the sentiments lie, and as long as we do a good job we are happy.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Does the committee agree that Social Services is concluded? Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

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**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): I would like to thank the Minister and witnesses for appearing before us. Thank you very much. Before we proceed with the other departments, we will take a five minute break.

--- **SHORT RECESS**

**Will we now go to the next department? Agreed?**

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

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**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): The Department of Government Services. Mr. Ningark, would you like to make your opening remarks?

#### **Department Of Government Services Minister's Opening Remarks**

**HON. JOHN NINGARK:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I am pleased to present the 1992-93 capital estimates for the Department of Government Services. The requirement for the department is \$4,790,000. It represents a 39 per cent decrease over the 1991-92 revised forecast of \$7,835,000.

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The department mandate is to provide specific services to government departments, boards and agencies, and to make an inventory of specific products available for sale to the public where these cannot be provided by the private sector without adversely affecting equitable distribution or pricing. The capital program of the Department of Government Services funds the infrastructure required in the provision of these services.

The system and computer services activity delivers specialized services related to the development, support and operation of government's computer-based information processing systems. Capital

funding of \$100,000 will be used to purchase and install data communications equipment.

The supply services activity provides storage and distribution centres for departments in Yellowknife and five regions. Capital funding of \$50,000 will purchase a replacement forklift for Rankin Inlet warehouse. The petroleum products activity provides heating oil, gasoline, naphtha, and aviation fuel to 44 communities not served by the private sector. The capital requirement of \$4,640,000 includes the planning and construction of new bulk fuel storage tanks, upgrades to existing storage facilities, and the purchase of fuel delivery trucks.

Mr. Chairman, this completes my opening remarks. Mr. Chairman, I will be pleased to respond to your questions. Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Would you like to bring in your witnesses?

**HON. JOHN NINGARK:** Yes, Mr. Chairman.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): You may proceed. General comments? Mr. Todd.

**MR. TODD:** Maybe I will wait, Mr. Chairman, until Mr. Ningark brings forward his witnesses and introduces them. Would that be okay?

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Say it again, Mr. Todd.

**MR. TODD:** I will wait to make some general comments until after Mr. Ningark has introduced his witnesses.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Mr. Ningark, I would like you to introduce your witnesses.

**HON. JOHN NINGARK:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. To my right is my deputy minister for Government Services, Lee Horn. To my left is Susan Cunningham, director of finance and administration.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. General comments. Mr. Todd.

#### **Comments From The Standing Committee On Finance**

**MR. TODD:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. When the standing committee on finance reviewed Government Services' budget, simply put, we felt that we are paying too much money for things. We are paying too much money for computers, furniture and vehicles. It

seems that the government consistently wants to buy the top of the line, and, in fact, the perception in the communities, rightly or wrongly, is that the standards for purchasing things are too high. We feel that government should be setting an example by putting up with less. The Government Leader said we have to put up with less, and we all should put up with less. We have to take a closer look at the kinds of standards we are setting when it comes to the supply of government furniture, when it comes to computerization and a whole variety of services and purchases the government makes.

We do recognize that Government Services is the service department; however, nobody can abdicate their responsibilities in analyzing and looking at the kinds of standards and the kinds of buying, and the way in which we are doing things. It is our contention that Government Services is the department responsible for government buying, and their purchasing policy should be re-evaluated to see if, in fact, the current standards and qualities that we are purchasing are really required. Is it required to have top of the line furniture in some of the staff houses? Is it required to buy the best computers? Is it required to have vehicles that are, in our opinion, perhaps somewhat luxurious? It is these kinds of issues that we think have got to be addressed.

I am not sure it is acceptable that everybody needs a computer. I am not sure it is acceptable that we need top of the line computers. I think it was proven by some Members of the standing committee on finance that you can get the same results -- and I use computers as an example -- with buying a lesser quality computer.

I find it interesting that in Keewatin Region we are buying \$20,000 or \$30,000 vehicles, and the private sector is buying \$10,000 vehicles. They do the same function. They have four wheels, an engine and doors. So I think that we have got to take a hard look at that. We feel that that is essential. It really should be the responsibility of Government Services to do that.

The other area of concern we had when we looked at the budget, and it was a large concern because there are large dollars involved, was fuel tank construction. There are enormous amounts of money with respect to this. For example, the fuel tank construction was totalling over six million dollars, and this was seriously questioned by Mr. Bernhardt, who is not here today, as to the justification and the kind of community consultation that took place with respect to it. There

was some concern that perhaps this thing may have been, historically, politically driven, not necessarily a requirement in the community. However, we can debate that as we get on with the budget.

In Gjoa Haven, the relocation of the fuel tank construction totalling \$5.2 million. We were told that it is driven solely at the community's request to move it outside of the community. In these difficult financial times -- and it has been there for this long -- can we really afford these kinds of luxuries at this particular time? We felt, at the time, that it was not as financially justified as it should be.

There was some concern expressed by our good friend, Mr. Zoe, who is not here, with respect to Snare Lake. It does not have the bulk fuel storage and it was in the plan for 1993-94; however, it was our understanding that it was in previous budgets. We would like the department to take a hard look at that.

The committee asked the Minister for more information on these two significant tank constructions in Coppermine and Gjoa Haven. We have received some information on that, and we asked for further justification on the expenditure, which we have received.

The committee will be recommending through motion and discussion on the budget that all vehicle purchasing and leasing be deferred until a plan is developed on general purchasing and a leasing strategy is in place and approved by the Assembly, reflecting the current fiscal realities. I find it somewhat ironic that we are buying people top of the line furniture, and yet some of our people in the communities do not have running water. To me, this is an appalling waste of money.

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Cabinet must review all the government standards for purchasing and leasing of all goods and services to ensure there will be no spending where no fundamental needs exist. Clearly, there has to be a second look taken at purchasing by Government Services. We have to ask ourselves if we need it. Can we afford it? Can we do without it? It is our contention, in a number of cases, that that is exactly what we believe should happen. If we do not need it and cannot afford it, then we should do without it. Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you, Mr. Todd. General comments. Do you want to go line by line?

Okay. Department of Government Services, equipment acquisition, headquarters, total region, \$100,000. Mr. Todd.

**MR. TODD:** I wonder if we could be permitted to make some general motions prior to our proceeding with line by line expenditures?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

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**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. There seems to be general agreement. Please proceed, Mr. Todd.

**Motion To Defer Vehicle Purchase And Leasing Until Plan Is Developed, Carried**

**MR. TODD:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move that the committee recommends to cabinet that all vehicle purchasing and leasing be deferred until a plan is developed and a general purchasing and leasing strategy is approved by the Legislative Assembly.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Your motion is in order and is being distributed. To the motion, Mr. Todd.

**MR. TODD:** Mr. Chairman, the motion is in keeping with the concern we have about the type of vehicle and other purchasing we are doing. Can we, in fact, afford to purchase at the standards that are being set? It seems to me, and to us, that the standards are far too high and we have to take a hard look at it. If we do not take a hard look at it, this standing committee, in future, will have to determine whether it is going to recommend or suggest changes in the purchasing. Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): To the motion. Mr. Lewis.

**MR. LEWIS:** I would like to speak to this motion, Mr. Chairman. Although I do not buy lots of vehicles, there are not that many choices when it comes right down to it about where you can purchase vehicles in the Northwest Territories. It has always been my policy to try to buy a vehicle at the closest possible place in the support of local business. I do not drive out a thousand miles to buy something just to save a few bucks.

The concern I have is this, Mr. Chairman. A local contractor, and someone who supplies vehicles, told me in no uncertain terms that it would be far simpler for him and save him an awful lot of time if instead of simply writing a tender asking for people to bid on the supply of vehicles to the Government of the

Northwest Territories, to simply put down that they want a Ford truck, The only place you are going to get that is from Hay River. Instead of simply saying this is the kind of general vehicle we want, it is pretty clear that what they want is a Ford truck. So, why not put on there that you want a Ford truck of this kind, and this is where you get it from?

I get this every year from local suppliers who do not sell Ford trucks. That is why I support this particular motion. Make it quite clear what the rules are so that people do not waste their time bidding on things which they know they are not going to get even though, on many occasions, they may be the low bidder. Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): To the motion.

**AN HON. MEMBER:** Question.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Question has been called. All those in favour of the motion? Those opposed? The motion is carried.

--- Carried

Can we now go to line by line?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

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**Systems And Computer Services Equipment Acquisition, Headquarters, Total Capital, Agreed**

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Page 09-9, Government Services, detail of capital. Headquarters, total region, \$100,000. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

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**Equipment Acquisition, Total Capital, Agreed**

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Total acquisition of equipment, \$100,000. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

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**Systems And Computer Services, Total Capital, Agreed**

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Total activity, \$100,000. Agreed?



**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

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**Supply Services Equipment Acquisition,  
Keewatin, Total Capital, Agreed**

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Page 09-10, supply services. Equipment acquisition, Keewatin, total region, \$50,000. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

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**Equipment Acquisition, Total Capital, Agreed**

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Total acquisition of equipment, \$50,000. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

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**Supply Services, Total Capital, Agreed**

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Total activity, \$50,000. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

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**Petroleum Products Buildings And Works, Fort  
Smith, Total Capital, Agreed**

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Page 09.13, petroleum products, buildings and works, Fort Smith. Total region, \$15,000. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

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**Buildings And Works, Inuvik, Total Capital**

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Inuvik, total region. Mr. Dent

**MR. DENT:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. When the standing committee on finance was reviewing this, there was an indication of concern that the community of Snare Lake might have to be resupplied with drums because of a lack of fuel tank capacity. The Minister advised us that Snare Lake was supposed to be on

line for fuel tank construction in the previous budgets, but it is not shown in this one. Could the Minister advise how they are intending to handle the fuel supply in Snare Lake?

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

**HON. JOHN NINGARK:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The design will be completed by March 31, 1992. The size of the facility has been established using an alternating year resupply, allowing for the impact of capital infrastructure arising from other departments and providing for additional growth for 10 years into the future. The project plan outlined is consistent with the previous return of an oral question involving construction of this new facility. On November 2, 1990 the honourable Tom Butters stated that the construction of the tank farm in Snare Lake is scheduled in 1993-94 and painting and inspection in 1994-95. Mr. Butters also indicated that there are a number of capital projects planned for Snare Lake over the next two years and it may be more than appropriate to spread the work out to maximize job opportunities for community residents and permit time to build up a supply of gravel needed for the construction. These arguments are still valid and support the present schedule for completing this project.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Dent.

**MR. DENT:** Will we actually be forced to fly in drums in the next year if we do not do something about the situation soon?

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

**HON. JOHN NINGARK:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, we will have to fly in the fuel, and the total cost of flying in the drums is \$29,000.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Dent.

**MR. DENT:** In the standing committee of finance that was our understanding. It was our concern that it might not make a lot of sense to wait. We think it would really be a justified expense to proceed as quickly as possible with the construction of this facility.

**Motion To Move Snare Lake Fuel Tank  
Construction To 1992-93, Carried**

Therefore, I move that the committee recommends that the Snare Lake fuel tank construction be

advanced to 1992-93, as previously committed by the government.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): The motion is in order. To the motion. Mr. Dent.

**MR. DENT:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In last year's capital budget this was shown as a project scheduled for this year, and I think in line with previous comments that you heard from the standing committee on finance that we think the government should proceed with filling those commitments when they are made to those communities. And also, in light of the fact that waiting to install the fuel tank in Snare Lake is going to cost this government money because we will have to start flying in fuel, I think it is very important that we proceed to build this facility as soon as possible. We are trying to recommend that the government speed the process up.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): To the motion.

**AN HON. MEMBER:** Question.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Question is being called. All in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

--Carried

**Buildings And Works, Inuvik, Total Capital,  
Agreed**

Inuvik, total region, \$1,260,000. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

--Agreed.

**Buildings And Works, Baffin, Total Capital,  
Agreed**

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Baffin, total region, \$80,000. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

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**Buildings And Works, Kitikmeot, Total Capital**

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Kitikmeot, total region, \$2,915,000. Mr. Todd.

**MR. TODD:** When the standing committee on finance met, there was some concern with respect to the fuel tank construction planned for prior years in Coppermine. The concern at the time was that

perhaps this project may have been, to put it in blunt terms, politically motivated and unnecessarily required in the community. Since the report, the government stated they will revisit the project, which we appreciate, but they are going to go ahead with the \$500,000 this year to construct a gas dispenser at the airport, we understand.

**Motion To Defer Coppermine Fuel Tank  
Construction Pending Financial Justification,  
Carried**

With that in mind, Mr. Chairman, I would like to move that this committee recommends that the Coppermine fuel tank construction be deferred, pending financial justification and consultation with the local Member of the Legislative Assembly.

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**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you, Mr. Todd. Your motion is in order. It is being distributed. To the motion. Mr Pudluk.

**MR. PUDLUK:** Mr. Chairman, the Inuktitut version -- I just want my colleague from Baffin South to understand -- the local Member for Gjoa Haven instead of local Member of the Legislative Assembly. There was a little confusion in the Inuktitut. I just want to make it clear so that my colleague here understands. Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. The Inuktitut version has been corrected. It will just read Member of the Legislative Assembly, To the motion.

**AN HON. MEMBER:** Question.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Question is being called. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

**Total region, \$2,915,000. Agreed? Mr. Todd.**

**MR. TODD:** Mr. Chairman, I wonder if the Minister could just reconfirm again the relocation of fuel tank construction. We are talking significant dollars; close to six million dollars' worth of expenditures. How long have the fuel tanks been located in the spot that they are in? Is this a relocation or is this a requirement for additional space? If it is additional space, that was never brought up and the department should have brought that up. It was explained to us that they were relocating the tanks for six million dollars. I remember

that clearly. Now I am told, off the record, that it is a requirement for additional capacity. Is that correct? Or is it just a relocation?

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

**HON. JOHN NINGARK:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It is an additional requirement. Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Todd.

**MR. TODD:** Are we relocating the tanks, or we adding an addition to the tanks?

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

**HON. JOHN NINGARK:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We are doing both. We are relocating the tanks and putting an additional tank into the community.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Todd.

**MR. TODD:** Do we have an approximate capital breakdown of the cost to build a new tank, and the cost to move the tanks?

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

**HON. JOHN NINGARK:** Mr. Chairman, I will let my deputy minister respond to that. Thank you.

**MR. HORN:** Mr. Chairman, I do not have a breakdown of exactly what it would cost to build a new facility without the movement of the old tanks to the new facility. However, what we are doing is a massive upgrade. The community of Gjoa Haven is currently in a shortfall position for P-50 heating fuel, and over the last five years it has been rising at an 8.5 per cent rate. We are increasing tankage from 985,000 litres to 3,900,000 litres. What we are proposing is to essentially build a new, very large tank, and then dismantle the old tank. It is not just so much a movement of the existing tank. We may use the existing tank. The existing P-50 tank will become the motor gasoline tank in the new tank farm.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Todd.

**MR. TODD:** The point I am making here, and we are not just trying to be awkward, we are saying, what is the cost attached to moving the tanks? If it is exorbitantly high, then why move the tanks? That is what we are trying to get at here. You must have some indication of what new tanks will cost. You build new tanks all the time. You have built them all over the place. You have got to have some indication of

what the costs are going to be for new construction as it relates to the increased capacity you require. Based on that, what is the dollar value of relocating the existing tanks? That is the point I am trying to make here. Is it \$500,000, or is it two million dollars?

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Mr. Minister.

**HON. JOHN NINGARK:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. To build a new tank farm in Gjoa Haven would be in the neighbourhood of three million dollars. To relocate the existing tanks would be around two million dollars.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Mr. Todd.

**MR. TODD:** Again we are talking approximate figures. Three million dollars -- is that one new tank, and \$2.5 million to move two tanks? Would it not be better to build one three million dollar tank in the existing location, or is that impossible? It seems like one hell of a lot of money to move some tanks.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

**HON. JOHN NINGARK:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We are building one new tank and we are relocating two existing tanks.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Ms. Cournoyea.

**HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA:** Mr. Chairman, just to put this in perspective, the previous Member of the Legislative Assembly did have this deferred once before. The reason for that was, there is anticipation of development of the Coppermine River for hydro, and I believe that perhaps the community themselves, with that potential being there, probably would, if they had the opportunity, say to delay that until we conclude the studies on the hydro development. Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Mr. Todd.

**MR. TODD:** I am not arguing about the necessity for this fuel. That is the last thing I am arguing about. The concern that was addressed in SCOF was the cost of moving the tanks, and the justification of moving them. Are we moving the tanks because they are unsafe? That is all we are asking.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

**HON. JOHN NINGARK:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to go back to a few years ago. I do not recall what year it was. The person who was looking

after the fuel delivery in Gjoa Haven, and his son, were cleaning the tank, which is right in the community. There was a fatal accident that caused the man and his son to die in that accident. After this, the community of Gjoa Haven has been complaining about the tanks because of the environmental and safety aspects. They are right in town, and that is one of the reasons why we are prepared to move the tanks, to relocate them to a new site. Thank you.

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**Buildings And Works, Kitikmeot, Total Capital, Agreed**

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Total region, \$2,915,000. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

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**Buildings And Works, Total Capital, Agreed**

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Total buildings and works, \$4,270,000. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

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**Equipment Acquisition, Inuvik, Total Capital**

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Equipment acquisition, Inuvik, total region, \$87,000. Mr. Nerysoo.

**MR. NERYSOO:** I would like to ask the Minister if he could provide the specific details on the community, and the type of equipment that is going to be provided into the communities.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Mr. Minister.

**HON. JOHN NINGARK:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The unit that we are providing for Sachs Harbour is a fuel truck. The cost of this fuel truck is \$78,000, and the estimated freight cost is \$9000. To replace the existing vehicle, number 85-3976, which has a depreciated value of \$9360, the estimated operations and maintenance which is required on the old vehicle is \$13,000. Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Nerysoo.

**MR. NERYSOO:** Mr. Chairman, I wonder if the department has considered the utilization of private equipment at all.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

**HON. JOHN NINGARK:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We have not, but the reason is that a fuel truck has to meet some safety requirements because we are delivering the flammable materials into the communities. Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Nerysoo.

**MR. NERYSOO:** Mr. Chairman, I know that some private businesses provide the same kind of equipment that meets the standards. You have many companies and distributors of fuel and gas who provide the same kind of equipment that meets the standards of government, so all I was asking was whether or not consideration had been given to someone getting into private business. That is all I wanted to ask.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Mr. Pudlat.

**MR. PUDLAT:** (Translation) Mr. Chairman, can I ask a question for the Baffin Region?

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you, Mr. Pudlat. You can ask a question when we get to the Baffin Region. Thank you. Inuvik region, \$87,000. Mr. Minister, you had your hand up?

**HON. JOHN NINGARK:** Thank you. Mr. Chairman. I thought we could respond to the honourable Richard Nerysoo, but in that case...

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister, I did not hear a question from Mr. Nerysoo. If you want to respond, you can proceed. Okay then. Thank you.

**Equipment Acquisition, Inuvik, Total Capital, Agreed**

**Inuvik, total region, \$87,000. Agreed?**

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

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**Equipment Acquisition, Baffin, Total Capital, Agreed**

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Baffin, total region, \$195,000. Mr. Pudlat.

**MR. PUDLAT:** (Translation) Mr. Chairman, this \$195,000, in which part of Baffin will it be useful for the mobile equipment? Is it for the whole Baffin

Region? Will all the Baffin communities be getting this mobile equipment in this section? What specific areas does this pertain to? Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Ningark.

**HON. JOHN NINGARK:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (Translation) It is for Resolute Bay for a fuel truck, and another one for Lake Harbour. Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Baffin, Total region, \$195,000. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

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**Equipment Acquisition, Kitikmeot Total Capital, Agreed**

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Kitikmeot total region, \$88,000. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

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**Equipment Acquisition, Total Capital, Agreed**

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Total acquisition of equipment, \$370,000. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

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**Petroleum Products, Total Capital, Agreed**

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Total activity, \$4,640,000. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

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**Department Of Government Services, Total Capital, Agreed**

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Now we go back to 09-7, program summary, capital expenditures, buildings and works, acquisition of equipment, contributions, total capital expenditures, \$4,790,000. Agreed?

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**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

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**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Do you agree that this concludes the Department of Government Services?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

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**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. I would like to thank the Minister and his witness. What is the committee's wish now? Mr. Todd.

**MR. TODD:** I would like to proceed, Mr. Chairman, with the Department of Culture and Communications, please.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Does the committee agree?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

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**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Allooooloo, would you like to make your opening remarks?

**Department Of Culture And Communications Minister's Opening Remarks**

**HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO:** Thank you. Mr. Chairman, I am pleased to have the opportunity to introduce the capital budget for the Department of Culture and Communications for 1992-93. The Department of Culture and Communications is mandated to preserve, promote and develop northern culture and arts, to improve broadcast communications and availability of information, and to strengthen national and international understanding of the Northwest Territories. Projects that are being put forward for 1992-93 are only the crucial items important to the fulfilment of the department's mandate.

The total capital shown in the estimates is \$2.3 million. Based upon the standing committee on finance's review and its recommendations, I will be introducing motions to reduce the capital estimates of the department by \$1,002,000, resulting in a reduced total of \$1,302,000. The approved estimates for 1991-92 totalled \$2,112,000. The revised 1992-93 estimates show an \$810,000, or 38 per cent, reduction from 1991-92.

Projects included in the estimates for 1992-93 include planning money for the Cape Dorset community

museum; artifacts and archival materials purchases; contributions to historic building projects in Fort Good Hope and Pelly Bay, and community museums contributions.

Library activity projects planned for 1992-93 include renovation of the Baker Lake library; furniture purchases to complete the Iqaluit public library project: minor renovations to the

government library; and community consultation regarding future Cambridge Bay regional library plans that properly address the integration of public and school libraries. A major public library expansion is being undertaken in Arviat.

Improved access to the library catalogue will be provided to 23 libraries during 1992-93, and microform readers will be placed in communities to enhance study and research opportunities of library patrons. Contributions will be provided to communities for renovations and to assess community library needs.

In the television and radio services activity, funding is included for the purchase of replacement community radio and television satellite receiving and retransmission facilities, and for broadcast equipment to support northern television producers, including aboriginal broadcasters.

At this time, Mr. Chairman, I would be pleased to answer any questions that the committee may have. Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. General comments. Mr. Todd.

#### **Comments From The Standing Committee On Finance**

**MR. TODD:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. When the standing committee on finance looked at Culture and Communications, we were somewhat concerned about the approach that was taken with some of its capital expenditures; in particular, the library facilities. It appeared there was little discussion that went on, certainly at the bureaucratic level, between the bureaucracy of Culture and Communications and schools or the Department of Economic Development visitors' centres.

It appeared to us that little or no consideration was given by the department to plan the integration of community libraries with other facilities, such as schools. We have a library facility in Rankin Inlet that

works very well within the Maani Ulujuk High School, and functions very well. It seems to us that there was little or no discussion with respect to that.

We were going to be looking at building a high school in Pond Inlet, and separate libraries there. We have built the high school expansion in Arviat, and now we are doing a stand-alone building, a library, in Arviat. Yet, we had a visitors' centre going in there last year.

It was the contention of the standing committee on finance that the cost of stand-alone facilities not only affects the capital cost, but it also affects the ongoing operation and maintenance costs. Clearly there has to be a better integration in getting better value for money with respect to library services. We all recognize library services as an essential service both for our children and for our adults in the communities.

Given these difficult times, as we have consistently been told by the Minister of Finance and the government, we were also somewhat concerned about a \$2.4 million renovation and expansion to the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre. We were told that the requirement for this renovation/expansion was Fire Marshal-driven and that this was required because there were artifacts stored in trailers. We were not sure, and still are not sure at this particular time, given other priorities, that this, in fact, was money well spent.

The committee will recommend, through resolution, that all free-standing libraries be deferred until a policy is in place to integrate them with schools or other suitable facilities. It will also recommend that further renovations to the heritage centre be put on hold, pending development of a policy integrating museum development in the NWT, as was recommended in the 1991-92 standing committee on finance report. I love that. It is always a delight to know that I am consistent with my good friend, Mr. Pollard, on these issues.

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#### **Motion To Defer Construction Of Free-Standing Libraries Until Policy Is In Place To Integrate Them With Schools, Carried**

Therefore, Mr. Chairman, if I may: I move that the committee recommends to the Department of Culture and Communications that the construction of all free-standing libraries be deferred until a policy is in place to integrate them with schools or other suitable facilities.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Your motion is in order. To the motion. Mr. Lewis.

**MR. LEWIS:** Not only was the standing committee last year aware that we could have a more efficient operation if we integrated some of the services that were being delivered by different departments, but there had been an experiment 12 years ago, in fact, where the library services out of Hay River, on an experimental basis, handled the budget for school library books, to see how that would work, and there were no real hitches in it; but because at that time we had an even more solidified, unchanging, very difficult-to-move departmental structure, it was very difficult to get some agreement on who should do what to whom. So now that we have a real intention to act more like an integrated government across departmental lines, and so on, and since there is already a recommendation to look at amalgamating Culture with Education, this seems to me to make sense and takes us on from what we tried to do 12 years ago but for various reasons were not able to accomplish. So I very much support the motion. Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Mr. Todd.

**MR. TODD:** Just one final point. The resolution was passed last year by the standing committee on finance. Somebody chose to ignore it. I want to put the government on notice, this year they had better not ignore the recommendations that we bring forward with respect to this particular issue and other issues.

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Order please. Mr. Gargan.

**MR. GARGAN:** Thank you. Mr. Chairman, one of the things that I have concern about with regard to the motion is that in some of the communities where those facilities, libraries, are in the school, you do not ever see people in communities going into a school to go to the library. Whether it is a separate facility or part of the school facility, it would be difficult for even the schools to volunteer to stay until nine o'clock or something like that to operate the library. In a lot of cases, most of the education areas of a school get shut down. They have these big steel sliding doors that cut off the community from certain areas of the school.

I just wanted to say that in a community like Fort Providence, for example, the community people have a very difficult time going to the schools as it is, and

the only time that you see them is when they have teachers' day or report card day. That is the only time, I know the intent of the motion is that all libraries should be integrated with schools or suitable facilities. I have problems with that, so I am not going to vote against the motion, Mr. Chairman, but I am not going to support it, either.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Mr. Nerysoo.

**MR. NERYSOO:** Mr. Chairman, I am going to take a different position than my colleague from Deh Cho. I think it is important that we make some decisions about policy matters in this particular area. If, for instance, we are developing cultural centres in communities and address the matter of language development or teaching centres, then we should try to consider the relationship of good research materials and good information in those areas. We should allow for access by communities and those people involved in those kinds of institutions.

The other point I want to make is that unless it is clear about how this government is going to deal with libraries generally, then it makes it very difficult for people in the communities to approach government to address their needs in terms of libraries, information or research material. I support the motion in that it is requesting this government to develop a clear policy as to how we are going to deal with this particular matter.

I agree with one point that Mr. Gargan made; that is, if it is our intention to allow the public to have access to library services and library material, then it should be based on the co-operation and the ability of the communities to have access. At the moment, that is not the case and should be made clear.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. To the motion,

**AN HON. MEMBER:** Question.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried.

--- Carried

Mr. Todd.

#### **Motion To Develop Policy To Integrate Museum Development In The NWT, Carried**

**MR. TODD:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move that this committee recommends that further renovations

to the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre be put on hold pending the development of a policy integrating museum development in the NWT.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Your motion is in order and is being distributed.

**AN HON. MEMBER:** Question.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Question has been called. All those in favour? Opposed? The motion is carried.

--- Carried

#### **General Comments. Mr. Arngna'naaq.**

**MR. ARNGNA'NAAQ:** I just wanted to make a general comment on the way historic buildings and museums have been handled. In the case of Baker Lake, we had an organization which was developing an historic area using the mission house. In the last couple of years, the government went ahead and put together a visitors' centre which is very similar to what is being built or renovated in Baker Lake. Somehow the two groups -- the government being one of the groups -- have not worked together, thereby making it more costly for the groups involved to build or renovate the buildings that are being put in place in Baker Lake. I think that when such buildings or renovations are being done, a policy has to also be looked at whereby the communities are consulted before any move is made as far as historical buildings are concerned. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): General comments. Does the committee agree to go line by line?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

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**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Page 05-12, Department of Culture and Communications, details of capital. Museums/heritage, buildings and works, total region, \$502,000. Agreed? Ms. Cournoyea.

**HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA:** Mr. Chairman, I move that we extend hours to complete the department.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): The motion is not debatable. All those in favour? All those opposed? The vote is tied, seven, seven. The Chair moves against the motion. The motion is defeated.

--- Defeated

#### **Museums/Heritage Buildings And Works, Headquarters, Total Capital**

Line by line. Headquarters, buildings and works, \$502,000. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Pollard.

**HON. JOHN POLLARD:** Mr. Chairman, the standing committee on finance has recommended that the GNWT delay further renovations to the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre pending the development of a policy integrating museum development in the NWT. It was also recommended in the 1991-92 standing committee on finance report.

#### **Motion To Delete Building Expansion, Prince Of Wales Northern Heritage Centre, Carried**

Therefore, pursuant to that recommendation, Mr. Chairman, I move that the 1992-93 capital estimates for the Department of Culture and Communications under the activity museums/heritage, for the project building expansion to the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre, Yellowknife, in the amount of \$502,000 be deleted. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Your motion is in order, Mr. Pollard, and is being distributed. To the motion.

**AN HON. MEMBER:** Question.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Arngna'naaq.

**MR. ARNGNA'NAAQ:** I do not have a copy of the motion.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Okay, we will wait until you have a copy. To the motion.

**AN HON. MEMBER:** Question.

**CHAIRMAN** (Mr. Arvaluk): Question has been called. All those in favour of the motion? Opposed? The motion is carried.

--- Carried

It is now 6:00 o'clock and I will rise and report progress.

#### **ITEM 19: REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**



**MR. SPEAKER:** Item 19, report of committee of the whole. Mr. Arvaluk.

**MR. ARVALUK:** Mr. Speaker, your committee has been considering Bill 14 and Committee Report 3-12(2) and wishes to report progress, with seven motions being adopted. Mr. Speaker, I move that the report of the chairman of committee of the whole be concurred with.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Secunder to the motion? Mr. Dent. The motion is in order. All those in favour? Opposed? The motion is carried.

**---Carried**

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

**CLERK OF THE HOUSE:** Mr. Speaker, there will be a meeting of the standing committee on public accounts after adjournment today. At 9:00 a.m. tomorrow morning a meeting of the standing committee on legislation; at 10:30 of the ordinary Members' caucus; and at 11:45 of the full caucus

#### **ITEM 21: ORDERS OF THE DAY**

Orders of the day for Thursday, March 12, 1992.

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**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Clerk. This House stands adjourned until 1:30 p.m., Thursday, March 12, 1992.

**--- ADJOURNMENT**