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MEMBERS PRESENT

Hon. Titus Allooooloo, Mr. Antoine, Mr. Arnngna'naaq, Mr. Arvaluk, Hon. Michael Ballantyne, Mr. Bernhardt, Hon. Nellie Cournoyea,

Mr. Dent, Mr. Gargan, Hon. Stephen Kakfwi, Mr. Koe, Mr. Lewis, Mrs. Marie-Jewell, Ms. Mike, Hon. Don Morin, Mr. Nerysoo,

Hon. John Ningark, Hon. Dennis Patterson, Hon. John Pollard, Mr. Pudlat, Mr. Pudluk, Mr. Todd, Hon. Tony Whitford

ITEM 1: PRAYER

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SPEAKER (Hon. Michael Ballantyne): Good afternoon. Orders of the day for Thursday, April 2, 1992. Item 2, Ministers' statements. Mr. Ningark.

ITEM 2: MINISTERS' STATEMENTS

Ministers' Statement 58-12(2): Persistence Of The Drug Telazol In Polar Bears

HON. JOHN NINGARK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In the spring of 1992, the Department of Renewable Resources will carry out a research project on the persistence of the immobilizing drug, Telazol, in the tissue of polar bears. This project will be carried out in co-operation with the Resolute Bay Hunters' and Trappers' Association and the University of Saskatchewan.

For many years, people who live in the communities in the Northwest Territories have asked if meat from polar bears that have been drugged is safe to eat. To answer this question, the hunters' and trappers' association of Resolute Bay has agreed to allocate up to six of their regular polar bear hunting tags in a way that will allow this important research to proceed.

The primary research objective is to find out how long the drug, Telazol, remains in polar bear tissue after an immobilized bear has been released back into the wild. Research scientists generally believe that there is probably no cause for concern for human health for any bear four days after it has been released back to the wild. It is essential that this research hypothesis be verified with actual case studies.

This project will occur in the High Arctic region of Canada during the spring of 1992 and possibly in the fall of 1992 as well. Bears will be immobilized using conventional techniques. At two subsequent intervals of approximately three and four days, these same bears will be relocated by the radio signal coming from their radio collars. The bears will be shot, and samples will be taken. The hides will be taken by the Inuit member of the research team and sold with the same hunting tag that would have been used in a conventional hunt. Up to six polar bears that would have been taken as part of the regular hunt will be killed as part of this research project. Hunters throughout northern Canada will then have a reliable understanding of any human health risks that may be associated with marked bears.

Drugging of polar bears, in general, is a necessary part of research that is required to support responsible conservation of polar bears. Hunting of polar bears continue to be an important element of traditional Inuit culture. This hunting must occur within the framework of a sound management program.

The Government of the Northwest Territories is in the process of developing co-management agreements for polar bears on a population-by-population basis. The government recently signed a management agreement with the communities of Resolute Bay, Grise Fiord, Arctic Bay and Pond Inlet for the polar bears in this region. (Translation ends)

The Department of Renewable Resources, the Government of the Northwest Territories and communities believe that this project is necessary and worthwhile. The department will work carefully with the other co-operators to ensure that the bears will be treated in the most humane way possible. The results of this work will be of value for many years to come, and, hopefully, alleviate concerns Inuit have about eating polar bear meat. Thank you.

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

Ministers' Statement 59-12(2): Senior Management Appointments

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, as Members may be aware, Mr. Dwight Noseworthy, after four years as deputy minister for the Department of Economic Development and Tourism and chairman of the Northwest Territories Development Corporation, has left the Government of the Northwest Territories to pursue other interests. Mr. Noseworthy brought considerable expertise to

both of these positions, and I am sure that Members join me in wishing him all the best in his future pursuits.

Mr. Speaker, there will be a public competition for the position of deputy minister of the Department of Economic Development and Tourism. However, in the meantime, Mr. Alan Vaughan has agreed to act as deputy minister until the position is permanently filled.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to announce that cabinet has appointed Mr. Alan Vaughan to the position of president of the Northwest Territories Development Corporation. Mr. Vaughan brings several years of experience in the field of northern economic development, and I am confident that he will successfully lead the development corporation management team.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, over the coming weeks, I will be writing to Members requesting their suggestions for the chairman of the board of the Northwest Territories Development Corporation. In addition, I will be soliciting recommendations for new board members, as five of the current eight public members have terms of office that expire this year. Until such time as a chairman is selected, the vice-chairman will chair board meetings. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Ministers' Statement 60-12(2): Arctic Winter Games, Political Leaders' Meeting

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, today, I would like to advise Members of the results of a meeting I attended as Minister responsible for the Arctic Winter Games while in Whitehorse recently with the political leaders of the other participating jurisdictions and the Arctic Winter Games Corporation Board members. The purpose of this meeting was

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to discuss the future of the games and various issues surrounding the current games' format, and to give political direction to the Arctic Winter Games Corporation Board. As Members may be aware, the Arctic Winter Games Corporation acts as guardian of the general philosophy and intent of the games on behalf of the governments involved.

At this meeting, the corporation was looking for direction on the formal admission of Greenland to the games and the involvement of our other circumpolar

neighbours in the event, the cultural aspect of the games, and the size and composition of the units involved.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to report on the first two issues that the Greenland minister, the Hon. Marianne Jensen, has committed to send a team to the next games in Slave Lake in Northern Alberta and that the commitment of Greenland over the longer term looks quite positive.

I am also pleased to report that the other ministers and the Lieutenant Governor of Alaska have given general support for a gradual expansion of the games to include possibly Northern Quebec, Labrador and other circumpolar jurisdictions.

On the issue of the cultural element of the games, the assembled leaders also agreed that the corporation should develop a permanent policy for the inclusion of a cultural element in each Arctic Winter Games. As Yellowknife and Whitehorse have shown, this component of the Arctic Winter Games adds to the unique flavour of the event and provides an opportunity for the social interchange that is so important among the circumpolar community.

Mr. Speaker, the question of the overall size of the Arctic Winter Games and the size and composition of the participating units is somewhat more complex and certainly of central importance to all governments involved in the Arctic Winter Games. The Northwest Territories has always considered the Arctic Winter Games as a mass participation event designed to involve as many people as possible, within reasonable limits. While the other units do not disagree with this philosophy, there are different opinions on how to achieve the goals of the Arctic Winter Games, given the current constraints under which we live.

As a result of the discussion on this issue, it became apparent that there was a need for further research by the Arctic Winter Games Corporation and further discussion by the governments involved. It was agreed that the political leaders, at the invitation of the Lieutenant Governor of Alaska, will meet again in August or September in Eagle River, Alaska to further discuss and resolve this and other outstanding issues related to the future direction of the Arctic Winter Games,

Mr. Speaker, the Government of the Northwest Territories remains strongly committed to the Arctic Winter Games and the philosophy behind it. I look

forward to Members' continued support for the pre-eminent sporting, social and cultural event. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Ministers' statements. Item 3, Members' statements. Ms. Mike.

ITEM 3: MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Member's Statement On Dog-Team Expedition From Pangnirtung To Lake Harbour

MS. MIKE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to tell the House, with pride, of an important occurrence which is happening in the Central Baffin region as we speak. Two Pangnirtung residents have mounted an expedition in which they will travel by dog-team from Pangnirtung to Lake Harbour, following the traditional routes used by Inuit for many years. The two travellers are Rene Wissink and Alan Kilabuk, my cousin.

Honourable Members may recall that Mr. Wissink, who works for the park service, was earlier an organizer of the 1987 Qitluarsuaq expedition, which travelled by dog-team from Igloolik to Qanaaq, Greenland. Mr. Kilabuk lives in Pangnirtung and is well known for the work he has done in raising and training his dogs. He is the grandson of the late Jim Kilabuk, who worked for 45 years for the Hudson's Bay Company and was an early ambassador for Inuit in the national business community.

Alan and Rene will be travelling from Pangnirtung through Nettilling Lake and then through the Amadjuak Lake area en route to Lake Harbour. From Lake Harbour they will continue on to Iqaluit and then back to Pangnirtung. They have combined their teams and are travelling with 19 dogs. They were reached by radio last night and reported that the dogs are strong and the weather has been good, although they encountered some soft snow yesterday that slowed their progress slightly. As of last night, they had travelled about 190 kilometres.

Mr. Speaker, this expedition is a significant accomplishment in itself, but I think it also symbolizes something personal that means much more to the Inuit of Pangnirtung.

Alan and Rene will be following a traditional route that was regularly used by Inuit throughout our history as people. I know that this was the same route used by my own great grandfather, Veevee, in travelling to Igloolik area from Pangnirtung. For many years Baffin

people have been quietly fearful that our culture might pass away with the passage of time, that we might forget the knowledge and traditions that have sustained us as Inuit for centuries.

By travelling this route, Alan and Rene have kept a link with our past and have ensured that the landforms and guideposts of this traditional pathway to the west coast of Baffin Island will remain fresh in the mind of another generation.

I am very proud of their effort and trust that all honourable Members will join me in wishing them the best. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Member's Statement On State Of Collective Bargaining

MR. LEWIS: Mr. Speaker, many Members will have received in the mail, over the last few days, letters from constituents who work for government and are concerned about the state of collective bargaining. The letter points out that in mid-March the government and the Union of Northern Workers commenced renegotiations for the renewal of a collective agreement. This agreement expired on March 31, 1992, and yet negotiations did not begin until March 16, 1992.

The point in this letter is that all people who are Members of this House as legislators are being reminded of the tremendous power they have to pass laws, and in a democratic society where you have systems in place which have been developed over a long period of time, many people considered it to be a very, very wrong use of your power simply to use a piece of legislation in order to achieve a result that you cannot achieve through the normal process of bargaining, which is well established in this part of the world. Therefore, everybody has been told that as a

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representative of those people in this Legislative Assembly, that they are asked to vote against this kind of legislation.

So I would like to point out, Mr. Speaker, that since I have had, and am likely to get many more, letters of this kind -- in fact I have already had over a dozen -- that I will be forced to vote against this legislation if it

comes into the House, because I expect many, many people to direct me to do so. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Nerysoo.

Member's Statement On Report Of The Special Committee On Constitutional Development

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to speak on a matter of most importance to most Members in this House. Yesterday the chairman of the special committee on constitutional reform tabled in this House an interim report that provided certain direction and recommendations that required the support of the Members of this House. I believe, Mr. Speaker, that the special committee has an obligation to report properly to this Assembly and to all its Members, and in doing such, requires each Member to make comments on the recommendations that a special committee that represents our interests is to take and show to the public as a representation of Members of this House.

Mr. Speaker, that opportunity was not given to us. In fact in many instances the report deals with recommendations to the government, not recommendations to this Assembly, to which the special committee reports. At no time, Mr. Speaker, have Members been given an opportunity to deal with this particular report. The reality is, I introduced a motion yesterday and probably will be ruled out of order because this particular matter has been resolved, without discussion, without comment and without any constructive ideas as to the direction that this special committee, that represents my interests, my constituency, and the people of the NWT, should take. I think that is appalling; appalling because one of the very fundamental privileges that Members have in this House is the freedom of speech and the freedom of expression. And I think it is wrong for any chairperson of a special committee that represents our interest to do the thing that the chairman, Mr. Kakfwi, did to this Assembly yesterday.

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

ITEM 4: RETURNS TO ORAL QUESTIONS

Return To Question O347-12(2): Polar Bear Quota, Pangnirtung

HON. JOHN NINGARK: I have a return to Question O34712(2), asked by Ms. Mike on March 25, 1992. In the spring of 1991 my predecessor, Mr. Allooloo,

visited the Baffin communities with officials of the Department of Renewable Resources to discuss polar bear management. The people of Pangnirtung hunt bears from the southeast Baffin and Labrador population of polar bears. This population is also hunted by Broughton Island, Iqaluit and Lake Harbour, as well as by people from Greenland, Labrador and Quebec. The population is estimated at approximately 1,000 bears.

Pangnirtung currently has a quota of 14 bears, and this quota cannot be changed until all the communities that hunt from this population have reached an agreement on how the population should be managed in the future. We hope that the communities that share the population hunted by Pangnirtung can develop a management agreement that is acceptable to all concerned. The Department of Renewable Resources, Government of the Northwest Territories, will be meeting with these communities to do everything it can to assist in the development of a management agreement. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Return To Question O463-12(2): Number Of Students Enroled In Eastern Arctic Teacher Education Program

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a return to Question O463-12(2), asked by Mr. Arngna'naaq on April 3, 1992, regarding the number of students enroled in the Eastern Arctic teacher education program. As of January, 1992, there were 47 full-time students attending the Eastern Arctic teacher education program. Also, from July 1, 1991 to April 1, 1992, there have been a total of 119 part-time students taking courses in this program. Thank you.

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

Further Return To Question O316-12(2): Proposal For Management Of Open Custody Group Home, Inuvik

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have three returns. Mr. Speaker, I have a return for Mr. Koe, Question O316-12(2) was asked by Mr. Koe on March 12, regarding proposals for open custody facilities. Mr. Koe asked if there is some form of deal making that can take place once a proposal has been

submitted. In forming this question, he quoted from an advertisement that stated, "Following a final evaluation the selected contractor will be required to negotiate a contractual agreement with the Government of the Northwest Territories...."

I would like to advise that the word "negotiate" was intended to mean 'arrange' or 'complete' a contractual agreement. That said, some elements of a contract may be negotiated. In a proposal for the operation of a group home, the bidder may suggest a monthly visit with department officials and upon negotiation, agree to change the term to a weekly visit. Several such examples could be found.

There can, however, be no alterations to our requirement for insurance in agreements for services of this type. The potential liability is obvious, and the manager, risk management and insurance through the office of the Comptroller General, insists that both contractors and this government be adequately protected.

Return To Question O395-12(2): Regional Superintendent, Baffin

The second return is to a question asked by Ms. Mike on March 26, 1992, regarding the vacancy of the regional superintendent's position in Baffin. Mr. Speaker, on March 26, 1992, Ms. Mike asked a question with regard to the regional superintendent's position in the Baffin and indicated that there was no acting regional superintendent in place. She also asked when I was planning to fill the vacant position.

I would like to advise Ms. Mike that the regional superintendent's position has been to competition twice and is being currently advertised again. In the first competition, the department was not able to attract qualified candidates, and in the second competition, the successful candidate did not accept the offer of employment.

The current and third competition will close April 17, 1992. There have been acting superintendents in place since the position became vacant in July, 1991.

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Return To Question O418-12(2): Minister's Relationship To Work Of Youth Justice Committee

The third return is to a question that was asked by Mr. Lewis on March 27, 1992, regarding the Minister's relationship to the work of the youth justice committee. The Young Offenders Act, section 91 (1),

states, "The Minister or delegate of the Minister may establish one or more committees of citizens, to be known as youth justice committees, to assist in any aspect of the administration of this act or in any programs or services for young offenders."

The Minister appoints a person to be a member of the committee and has the power to revoke that appointment. In most instances, the Minister receives recommendations from the community on whom to appoint. The process of establishing a committee is flexible so that the committee structure can adapt to the needs of the community.

The Minister is kept in touch with day-to-day operations of the committees through community social service workers and community corrections specialists. These workers may act as advisors with the youth justice committees, who also receive help from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

It should be noted that the Department of Social Services operates at an arm's length distance from the youth justice committee, thus allowing an appropriate degree of autonomy of decision-making, as is the intent of the legislation.

MR. SPEAKER: Ms. Cournoyea.

Return To Question O430-12(2): Lack Of Aboriginal Senior Management In The Department Of Health

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: This is a reply to a question asked by Mr. Zoe on March 27, 1992. The numbers of applicants for the Department of Health headquarters positions who are of aboriginal descent and who have the skills and knowledge about health care issues required for department positions have been limited. When aboriginal applicants with the required knowledge and skills are identified, the affirmative action criteria for hiring are applied. Since transfer, no aboriginal applicants have had the skills and knowledge required for appointment to the senior management positions that have been open for hiring.

Because the number of aboriginal students choosing health care studies is limited, health career promotion activities are being developed and made available for all communities, targeting elementary and secondary schools. This program includes a health career information package, other promotional material, involvement at career fairs, science fairs, and other suitable events, career counselling on request and media presentations.

Return To Question O375-12(2): Availability Of Abortion Questionnaire In Aboriginal Languages

This is a reply to a question asked by Ms. Mike on March 26, 1992. The Stanton Yellowknife Hospital routinely asks all patients, including therapeutic abortion patients, to complete a questionnaire on the services and procedures they received.

The questionnaire is currently administered through Dogrib, Chipewyan, Inuktitut and French-speaking interpreters on a one-on-one basis. If translations are required in other aboriginal languages, the hospital requests the services of the Department of Culture and Communications language bureau. They had advised that the one-on-one system be maintained for the Dene patients.

The quality assurance committee of the Stanton Yellowknife

Hospital is currently reviewing its patient satisfaction questionnaire. As soon as this is completed, the questionnaire will be translated into Inuktitut and French.

Return To Question O322-12(2): Minister Meet With Daishowa Officials In Japan

This is a reply to a question asked by Mrs. Marie-Jewell on March 12, 1992. The Minister of Renewable Resources is writing a letter to Diashowa to inform the company of the concerns of the people of the NWT over pulp mill pollution. He will request that company officials meet with the Minister of Culture and Communications when Mr. Allooloo travels to Japan in early May. In the letter, Mr. Ningark will also extend an invitation to Diashowa to visit the Northwest Territories.

Further Return To Question O361-12(2): Expenses Of Minister Travelling To Pond Inlet

This is a reply to a question asked by Mr. Nerysoo on March 25, 1992. On Monday, March 23rd the Hon. Titus Allooloo travelled by scheduled flights from Yellowknife to Pond Inlet. While in Pond Inlet Monday night, Tuesday and Wednesday, he conducted constituency work related to the upcoming plebiscite and other matters. Along with representatives of the TFN, they had phone-in radio shows and public meetings.

Travel to Igloodik and Hall Beach was not possible at this time due to scheduling difficulties. Mr. Allooloo also travelled to Iqaluit, representing the Minister of

Economic Development and Tourism and the MLA for Iqaluit at the annual meeting of the Baffin Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Allooloo's travel to Pond Inlet was paid by the Executive as part of the Minister's approved home travel budget. His living allowance while travelling was paid by the Legislative Assembly.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Pollard.

Further Return To Question O319-12(2): GNWT Promotion Of Dens Arts And Crafts

HON. JOHN POLLARD: I have three returns, Mr. Speaker. The first is a return to a question asked by Mr. Nerysoo on March 12, 1992. To capitalize on promotional opportunities offered by the GNWT's participation at Expo '92, a service contract of \$29,300 was awarded to Mr. Angel Cosmos to provide planning assistance for the delivery of an export strategy for Northwest Territories arts and crafts products in the European marketplace. Mr. Cosmos developed a series of exhibitions in Spain to be held from April to October 1992, entitled ART/ico, a play on Spanish words meaning art and arctic.

In February 1992, to introduce the upcoming exhibitions, Mr. Cosmos, representing the GNWT, participated in Arco '92, an International Art Trade Fair in Madrid. An EDA, Economic Development Agreement, contribution of \$14,000 was provided to Arctic Co-operatives Ltd. to produce a catalogue to accompany the series of ART/ico exhibitions.

The scheduled exhibitions are as follows: April to May 1992, Galeria D'Kada in Madrid; April to May 1992, Galeria Dube in Barcelona; April to May 1992, Galeria El Barco in Seville; summer 1992, Galeria Amboan in Valencia; July to August 1992, Galeria Dube in Barcelona, during the Olympics.

Furthermore, a new import company for all NWT arts and crafts has also been formed, based in Pamplona and headed by Mr. Joaquin Ariz with seed capital of \$50,000 provided by five Spanish investors. Currently, a wide selection of Dene and Inuit arts and crafts are being sent to Mr. Ariz for review.

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Based on the interest shown by this new company, further exporting of Dene products in Europe may be expected.

In May 1991, the Canadian Embassy in Tokyo opened with the Amway Environmental Foundation's "Masters of the Arctic" non-commercial exhibit of sculpture, tapestries and prints. Funding of approximately \$30,000 was provided to the Amway Environmental Foundation to assist with the exhibition and their March to May 1992 exhibition in Mexico.

Seizing on this promotional opportunity, in June 1991, Arctic Co-operatives Ltd., ACL, organized a commercial exhibit at the Kurasheno Teccho Gallery, a privately run gallery in Tokyo. A BDF, business development fund, contribution of \$15,000 was provided to ACL to assist the company in establishing a Japanese market for Inuit arts and crafts through this exhibition.

In May 1991, a service contract of \$15,200 was also provided to ACL to contract the services of a Japanese-speaking agent for introductions to Japanese companies and counselling in Japanese business practices.

With the goal of developing new customers among Tokyo art galleries, dealers and corporate collectors, the department also provided a service contract in September 1991 of \$56,500 to Mr. T. Iwasaki for project management of a trade show at the Canadian Embassy in Tokyo. This contract provided for Iwasaki's fees and expenses as well as costs associated with display and promotion.

In October 1991, an Inuit art trade show was held with three BDF contributions each valued at \$15,000 provided to Iqaluit Fine Arts Studio, West Baffin Eskimo Co-operative and Arctic Co-operatives Ltd. to assist with their attendance.

In November 1991, a service contract of \$19,500 was provided to Mr. T. Iwasaki to produce a written document outlining planning arrangements for commercial exhibitions in other venues in Japan. Four exhibitions are planned: March 1992, Pan Gallery in Tokyo; April 3-23, 1992, Kirin-Seagram Gallery in Osaka; May 9-24, 1992, Yokohama Museum of Art in Yokohama, to coincide with the Canada-Japan Business Conference; and fall 1992, Marui Imai Department Store in Sapporo.

To complete marketing activities in support of introducing NWT products to Japan, the department provided a service contract in December of 1991 of \$33,600 to Mr. T. Iwasaki, a consultant based in Toronto who specializes in Canada/Japan trade relations.

As in Europe, the Japanese marketing initiatives have been built on the current awareness in Japan of NWT arts and crafts. This has been mainly that of Inuit art. Plans are to broaden the awareness to include Dene arts and crafts, and a wide selection of Dene and Inuit arts and crafts will be sent to the Marui Imai Department Store for their review in preparation for the October exhibit.

A briefing on the department's marketing plans was recently provided to Mr. John Treleaven, Minister-Counsellor, commercial, with the Canadian Embassy in Tokyo. Mr. Treleaven's letter of March 11, 1992 gives a message of strong support to the department for its ongoing trade missions to Japan.

A service contract of \$10,000 to Lexken Communications was provided to market NWT arts and crafts in a series of exhibitions in Korea. Also, a service contract of \$10,000 was provided to the West Baffin Eskimo Co-operative to enable Inuit artist Kenoujuak Ashevak of Cape Dorset to attend the opening of a commercial exhibition in Seoul, Korea. We are contacting Mr. and Mrs. Robertson to pursue the promotion of Dene arts and crafts as well.

In the United States, our department co-ordinated with the Department of External Affairs to mount a trade mission to Santa Fe, New Mexico, in March 1992. Of the several businesses approached, only Arctic Co-operatives Ltd. and Treeline Trappings expressed any interest. Recently, unfortunately, Treeline Trappings withdrew from the mission.

Return To Question O290-12(2): Regional Advisory Boards Under NWT Business Credit Corporation Act

The second one, Mr. Speaker, is a reply to a question asked by Mr. Todd on March 9, 1992 concerning regional advisory boards under the NWT Business Credit Corporation Act. The NWT Business Credit Corporation Act provides for regional loan boards to be established by regulation. The regional boards have only advisory authority, as all recommendations must be authorized by the territorial board. In the meantime, nominations have been solicited for regional boards, and appointments will be made where warranted.

Under the new Business Credit Corporation Act, a new option is available to speed up processing of applications. Specifically, the act allows for the appoint of credit officers with lending authority up to \$50,000. It is expected that, shortly, a proposal will be

presented to the Business Credit Corporation Board for approval to designate regional superintendents as credit officers. Should this option be successful, the need for regional boards will be diminished.

In the meantime, it is our intention to decentralize decision making by designating regional departmental officials as credit officers to speed up the approval process.

Return To Question O292-12(2): GNWT Employees At Expo

It is not intended at this time that any additional department staff travel to Expo to participate or assist in on-site promotions during the life of the fair. Further, I have recently instructed that all staff requests to travel to Expo, for any purpose be directed to my office. I expect very little, if any, further department staff travel over the life of the fair.

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

Further Return To Question O415-12(2): Response To Question Re Actual Cost For Housing Corporation Board Of Directors

HON. DON MORIN: This is a reply to a question asked by Mrs. Marie-Jewell on March 27, 1992. Further to the supplementary to Question O415-12(2) on the actual costs for the Housing Corporation Board of Directors, I wish to provide the following information.

In my previous responses on this matter, estimated direct costs, based on 1991-92 year-to-date expenditures, were \$276,000. To this amount, an inflationary factor of \$13,800, equal to five per cent, was added to come to the approximate figure for

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1992-93 of \$290,000. The actual expenditures for 1991-92, now that the fiscal year is over, are \$277,614. Therefore, the estimate of \$290,000 for 1992-93 is valid.

Unfortunately, providing actual costs in relation to the indirect board costs is not possible because the government does not track actual expenses in such great detail as to record the hours spent by senior managers at annual board meetings, time spent developing new policies, programs and procedures for board review. The approximate costs mentioned for direct board expenses were based on estimates of

management and staff time during 1991-92. The estimated value was \$330,000 for 1991-92, to which a five per cent inflationary adjustment of \$16,000 was added to come to the 1992-93 approximate value of \$346,000.

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

Further Return To Question O289-12(2): Use Of Affirmative Action Policy In Workers' Compensation Board

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have three returns. First a reply to Mr. Gargan to a question asked March 9, 1992. The Workers' Compensation Board follows the same criteria as the GNWT with regard to affirmative action consideration under the priority classification of resident disabled persons. All of the board's employment advertising states that it is an affirmative action employer.

In the past, three disabled persons have been employed at the board, one of whom had been injured in an industrial accident. During the last six months, the board knows of only one disabled person who applied on a competition. Currently there is an injured worker being sponsored through the rehabilitation division on a work experience program of 12 weeks' duration within the board's safety education division. This is providing on-the-job training to augment this individual's safety career program training from the Alberta Safety Institute.

Further Return To Question O156-12(2): Status Of Family Law Review Committee

This is a reply to a question asked by Mrs. Marie-Jewell on February 25, 1992. I will be happy to share the report of the family law review with Members when I receive it. The family law review working group has not yet reported, though progress has been made since I last addressed this issue.

There have been a number of factors which have contributed to delay in reporting. When the original contractor did not finish the work as expected, the working group met a year ago and decided to complete the work by having individual members of the working group assume responsibility for writing portions of the material. All reports on issues have been submitted. This represents the completion of the bulk of the work, and that was the stage which the

project was at when I responded to questions in November.

Since then, the chairperson, who is currently with the Department of Social Services, has reviewed the material and has completed a draft of recommendations. The recommendations have to be properly edited before they can be distributed to members of the working group for comments and revision. We expected that this would have been done by now, but I am advised that conflicting job-related obligations have prevented the completion of this material. I understand that a full three weeks of work is still required before the recommendations can be distributed for review by the other working group members.

Because of my concern with this delay, I have requested and received a confirmation from the Department of Social Services

that the chairperson will be freed of other responsibilities for a period of time sufficient to complete a draft of recommendations which can be distributed to working group members. Given that commitment, I can outline for you a revised timetable. It is estimated that the work on the first draft of recommendations to be distributed to working group members will be completed by the end of April. It will be distributed to members with a request to respond by the end of May.

As significant work may be involved for the working group in reaching agreement on the recommendations, it is estimated that one month should be set aside for redrafting the report and distributing it to the members for final review. Final revisions should be accomplished and the report made to myself and the Minister of Social Services by the end of July. The Minister of Social Services and I have instructed our officials to do everything possible to facilitate the completion of the project within this time frame.

**Further Return To Question O348-12(2):
Licensing Of Bingos**

This is a reply to a question asked by Mr. Koe on March 25, 1992. From information made available to me, it would appear that the Uqurmiut Inuit Artists Association of Pangnirtung is a non-profit corporation administered by a volunteer board of directors representing a variety of different types of artists. I understand that the funds raised from lotteries is intended to be used for the next phase of their capital

project, which includes the expansion of the print shop.

Although all charitable organizations could be described as non-profit organizations, the opposite is not necessarily true. The constitution and by-laws of a corporation set out its objects and purposes. One of the objects of Uqurmiut Inuit Artists Association specifically relates to the purchase and marketing of fine arts. As well, under the by-laws, the association has the ability to employ salaried employees and the right to issue shares for sale.

The association, as it is presently constituted, cannot be considered a charitable organization and therefore is not eligible for lottery licences. Further, the stated purpose of expanding their capital projects, which includes the business of a print shop, does not meet the criteria set down for charitable purposes. Accordingly, I have no option but to support the decision made by the regional director of the Baffin Region to deny the lottery licence application of the Uqurmiut Inuit Artists Association.

Finally, let me assure the honourable Member for Inuvik that the government certainly supports this type of community venture in the promotion of Inuit art and culture and would recommend that Uqurmiut Inuit Artists Association consider the establishment of a separate organization or society that would qualify for lottery licences to be used for acceptable charitable purposes.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Allooloo.

**Further Return To Question O152-12(2): Chloride
On Fort Providence Access Road**

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: This is a reply to a question asked by Mr. Gargan on February 25, 1992. On February 25 the member from Deh Cho asked me, in which other areas in the Northwest Territories, besides the Fort Providence access road, does the Department of Transportation use sodium chloride to remove ice from highway surfaces.

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When required for reasons of safety, the Department of Transportation uses road salt to remove ice on all paved sections of the territorial highway system. These are:

Highway No. 1: NWT/Alberta border to Enterprise, 84 km; approaches to Kakisa River bridge, 3 km; junction of Highway No. 3 south of Fort Providence, 5 km.

Highway No. 2: Enterprise to Hay River, 43 km.
Highway No. 3: junction with Highway No. 1 south of Fort Providence, 1 km; west of Edzo to east of Fort Rae, 7 km; junction of Highway No. 4 to 3 km north of the Yellowknife airport, 6 km. Highway No. 4: Yellowknife to Dettah access road, 10 km. Highway No. 5: junction Highway No. 2 to 30 km south of junction Highway No. 6, 92 km; Fort Smith west to the Salt River bridge, 15 km. Highway No. 6: junction Highway No. 5 to 24 km east, 24 km. Highway No. 8: Inuvik airport road, 10 km.

MR. SPEAKER: Ms. Cournoyea.

Further Return To Question O259-12(2): Human Rights Code Re Health Status; And Return To Question O261-12(2) Obligation To Reveal Personal Health Status

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: This is a reply to a question asked by Mr. Gargan on March 4, 1992 on the Human Rights Code and obligations to reveal personal health status. There are three pieces of legislation related to human rights which are relevant in these circumstances. Two are federal and one is territorial.

The first is the Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms. This applies to all NWT legislation and GNWT policies. Reporting requirements for communicable diseases in public health legislation and employment policies and practices of the GNWT must comply with the charter. Legislation and policy must attempt to balance private rights with the public interest. Examples of rights that may be violated include those rights protected by section 7, the right to life, liberty and security of the person; the right to privacy; and section 15, which prohibits discrimination based on disability.

The second is the federal Human Rights Act. This statute applies to the GNWT and the federal government in their capacity as employers and landlords. Among other things, it prohibits discrimination based on disability in employment and the provision of services, such as accommodation.

It is important to note that the effect of human rights legislation is to prohibit discrimination to all stages of the employment process, advertising the position, application forms, interviewing, hiring, promotion and dismissal, not just termination of employment.

Were the GNWT to require that health professionals indicate their HIV status, if known, on applications for

licensing or employment in the NWT, or that health professionals disclose this information if they learn they are HIV positive after they are licensed or employed, it is probable that the courts and/or Canadian Human Rights Commission would find this to be discriminatory.

Based on the current medical knowledge of HIV transmission, the risk of HIV transmission from health care workers to patients is extremely rare where universal precautions are used. Consequently, it is doubtful that the courts would find the public interest to outbalance individual rights.

Return To Question O393-12(2): Invitation To Have Dr. Andre Lalonde Appear As Witness

This is a reply to a question asked by Mr. Nerysoo on March 27, 1992. It would defeat the purpose of the proposed review if it were predetermined who should be asked for alternative advice and expertise. The Stanton Yellowknife Hospital Board is aware of the Member's interest in inviting Mr. Lalonde to appear during the review.

Further Return To Question O374-12(2): Pain Relieving Medication And Anesthetic Compounds; And Further Return To Question O450-12(2): Patients Who Do Not Want Pain Relief; And Further Return To Question O451-12(2) Quick Solutions Derived From Independent Review On Abortions

This is a reply to questions asked by Mrs. Marie-Jewell on March 25th, Mr. Gargan on March 30th and Mr. Nerysoo on March 30th. Mr. Speaker, the former Minister of Health was asked a number of questions concerning pain relief for abortion procedures. In order to deal with these, an explanation of some technical terms may be helpful to a better understanding of the current concerns regarding adequacy of pain control for abortions performed at the Stanton Yellowknife Hospital.

Confusion has arisen from use of the words 'anesthesia' and 'analgesia' in relation to pain control. Therefore, I would like to provide definitions of these terms and relate each of them to pain control:

'Anesthesia' is the loss of all feeling or sensation including, but not limited to, the sensation of pain. With general anesthesia, the patient is unconscious. Local anesthesia reduces or abolishes sensation, including some sensations of pain in a restricted part, while the patient remains conscious.

'Analgesia*' refers specifically to reducing the sensation of pain; some analgesics also alter consciousness, to produce a 'floating' sensation.

The selection of what method is used to control pain depends on balancing the risk and benefits through a decision which is made between the patient and the attending physician. The selection is made taking into account the following:

- a) General anesthesia produces full control of pain but commonly produces unpleasant side effects and, rarely, some serious complications; when used for abortion, it has been found to increase complications such as bleeding.
- b) Local anesthesia has fewer complications than general anesthesia, but injections into the cervix are painful and local anesthesia of the cervix does not control pain arising from the body of the uterus.
- c) Analgesics produce the fewest complications and provide a broad range of pain control, but there is variation from person to person in the degree of pain control achieved; other drugs may be given to reduce anxiety, because anxiety can reduce the effectiveness of analgesics.

Pain during an abortion procedure arises from dilation of the cervix, or neck of the uterus; from evacuation, emptying, of the uterus; and from cramping of the uterus after the procedure.

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Further Return To Question O449-12(2): Number Of Abortions Performed In NWT

This is a reply to a question asked by Mr. Gargan on March 30th. The former Minister of Health was asked the number of abortions performed per year in the NWT and whether the NWT abortion rate is the highest in Canada.

The number of abortions reported for NWT women during 1990 was 335; 255 of these procedures were performed in the NWT, all of them at Stanton Yellowknife Hospital. The most current available data for other Canadian jurisdictions are for calendar year 1989. During 1989, 261 abortions were performed for NWT women. This represents 17.6 per cent of the number of NWT live births during 1989. The comparable figure for Canada as a whole is 18 per cent. Rates higher than those in the NWT were: Yukon, 28.3 per cent; British Columbia, 25.4 per cent; Ontario, 21.8 per cent.

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

ITEM 5: ORAL QUESTIONS

Question O466-12(2): Government Leader Allowing Mr. Allooloo To Travel While Assembly In Session

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Government Leader. In one response today the Government Leader indicated that Mr. Allooloo had left Yellowknife on March 23rd. Recognizing that the session began March 24th, I would like to ask the Government Leader why Mr. Allooloo was allowed to go to his constituency on March 23rd when the session began on March 24th. Is it not the Minister's first responsibility of priority to be in this House, to be answerable to the Members in this House?

MR. SPEAKER: Ms. Cournoyea.

Return To Question O466-12(2): Government Leader Allowing Mr. Allooloo To Travel While Assembly In Session

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I know there has been a lot of business and a lot of changes in schedule, but the honourable Member was perhaps not in attendance at a meeting in which I did warn the Members, when the new dates were set as to when we were coming back, that Mr. Allooloo had previous commitments on the beginning of that week if we were going to come back.

Other cabinet Members readjusted their schedules. Mr. Allooloo did make that commitment to his constituents, and the information was given to the caucus.

MR. SPEAKER: Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

Supplementary To Question O466-12(2): Government Leader Allowing Mr. Allooloo To Travel While Assembly In Session

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Can the Government Leader tell me whether it was the Minister's commitment to his constituents or the Minister's commitment to TFN?

MR. SPEAKER: Ms. Cournoyea.

Further Return To Question O466-12(2): Government Leader Allowing Mr. Allooloo To Travel While Assembly In Session

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, the meetings took place in Mr. Allooloo's constituency.

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

Supplementary To Question O466-12(2): Government Leader Allowing Mr. Allooloo To Travel While Assembly In Session

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Speaker, is it basically recognized that if a Member of the cabinet has a prior commitment with their constituency that it is acceptable for the Government Leader to allow this, especially when the session is taking place?

MR. SPEAKER: Ms. Cournoyea.

Further Return To Question O466-12(2): Government Leader Allowing Mr. Allooloo To Travel While Assembly In Session

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I think that when we had our meetings, many of the cabinet Ministers readjusted their schedules because of the changes to when we were to reconvene. It was my decision to allow Mr. Allooloo to travel because the rest of us had made a commitment to be here. So it is not the cabinet or the government's practice to have anyone gone during the session. However, in this circumstance, he had made these prior commitments, and I felt he was committed at that time. As well, when he was going over there, we did extend the responsibility so he could go to Iqaluit to attend the chamber of commerce meeting at that time. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Your last supplementary, Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

Supplementary To Question O466-12(2): Government Leader Allowing Mr. Allooloo To Travel While Assembly In Session

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask the Government Leader, in the future, when Legislative Assembly sessions are going on, will she ensure to take every step to advise her Ministers that their first priority, Mr. Speaker, in my opinion as a Member, is to be in this House and to be accountable to the Members of this House? Will she ensure that future absentee requirements of the Ministers to go to their constituencies will not be acceptable, and advise the Ministers accordingly? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Ms. Cournoyea.

Further Return To Question O466-12(2): Government Leader Allowing Mr. Allooloo To Travel While Assembly In Session

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, that is normal practice. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Todd.

Question O467-12(2): Methodology For Sale 01 NWT Power Corporation

MR. TODD: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I have a question to the Government Leader in one of her many capacities, this time as the Minister responsible for the NWT Power Corporation. Mr. Speaker, there has been some discussion during this session regarding the possible sale of the Power Corporation to private interests. However, besides general statements that it would be looked at by the cabinet, we have yet to hear of any concrete plans regarding this matter. My question to the Minister is, has the Government Leader taken any action to begin the process and develop a methodology for the eventual sale of the corporation?

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MR. SPEAKER: Government Leader.

Return To Question O467-12(2): Methodology For Sale Of NWT Power Corporation

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I am afraid to say we have had preliminary discussions on how we are going to do that. Hopefully, in January we can present a plan of action on how we will proceed. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mr. Todd.

Supplementary To Question O467-12(2): Methodology For Sale Of NWT Power Corporation

MR. TODD: Last week we passed a motion calling for the development of a report on the feasibility and the merits of the privatization of the corporation and that it be presented to the House in the September or October session. Would the Government Leader inform this House who is going to develop this report? Who is going to put it together? Is it going to be done in-house? Or is it going to be done by external expertise in the utilities field?

MR. SPEAKER: Ms. Cournoyea.

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I will take that as notice.

MR. SPEAKER: Question has been taken as notice. Oral questions. Mr. Lewis.

Question O468-12(2): Problems With Yellowknife Youth Justice Committee

MR. LEWIS: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask the Minister for Social Services -- and I do not want to prolong this issue, Mr. Speaker -- I would like to ask the Minister for Social Services whether he is aware that the Yellowknife youth justice committee does not appear to be working very well. Is he aware that there are problems there?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Whitford.

Return To Question O468-12(2): Problems With Yellowknife Youth Justice Committee

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Yes, I am aware.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mr. Lewis.

Supplementary To Question O468-12(2): Problems With Yellowknife Youth Justice Committee

MR. LEWIS: Again, since I do not want to prolong this issue, Mr. Speaker -- but it is a local issue, and the Minister is aware of it, then would he undertake to examine this issue to see if, in fact, things are working properly? In other words, would he review it to make sure that the work that that committee was set up to do has been done properly?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Whitford.

Further Return To Question O468-12(2): Problems With Yellowknife Youth Justice Committee

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Yes, Mr. Speaker, the honourable Member is quite correct, and I have undertaken already to begin that review, and I will see it through.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Ms. Mike.

Question O469-12(2): Inuit Art Collection Entered Into Prince Of Wales Northern Heritage Centre Data Base

MS. MIKE: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I have a question to the Minister of Culture and Communications.

Mr. Speaker, in 1989, an agreement was signed by several southern Canadian museums, the Inuit Cultural Institute, the GNWT and DIAND. Under the terms of this agreement, DIAND has transferred ownership of 1668 pieces of fine Inuit art to ICI to be held and cared for by the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre. Mr. Speaker, I have strong concern for the way these items from our cultural history have been treated since they came into the hands of the Northwest Territories. My question is, will the Minister of Culture and Communications confirm that none of the records of the ICI collection have been entered into the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre's computer data base?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Allooooloo.

Return To Question O469-12(2): Inuit Art Collection Entered Into Prince Of Wales Northern Heritage Centre Data Base

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I know that these pieces that our government was able to negotiate with the federal government to take, these artifacts, from Ottawa to the Northwest Territories, because of the lack of space that we have in the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre, are housed in the trailer. Subsequently, after the artifacts arrived at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre, the catalogue was taken, and it was documented in the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre for those pieces.

I asked my department, about two years ago, to see if they could plan to properly house these artifacts. As a result, the department came back with the proposal to put some resources into the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre to properly house the artifacts. As the Member knows, this Legislature did not agree with the department, and it was ultimately voted down. At this moment, Mr. Speaker, I do not know where these artifacts could properly be housed in the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre. I have asked my department what we should do with these artifacts that are currently housed in the trailer beside the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre, and they are reviewing what we should do with them. There is no adequate housing available, either in the ICI region or any other region at this moment, but my department is looking into it to see what we should do with them. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Ms. Mike.

Supplementary To Question O469-12(2): Inuit Art Collection Entered Into Prince Of Wales Northern Heritage Centre Data Base

MS. MIKE: Mr. Speaker, he did not answer the question I asked. My question was, the records that ICI has on the Inuit art collection that was acquired from DIAND - are they entered into computer data base at Northern Heritage Centre?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Alloo.oo.

Further Return To Question O469-12(2): Inuit Art Collection Entered Into Prince Of Wales Northern Heritage Centre Data Base

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you Mr. Speaker. That information is available. I do not know if they are entered into the main computer of the government or of the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre, but we have a list of artifacts that were given to us at the Northern Heritage Centre. We have that information. Thank you.

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MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Ms. Mike.

Supplementary To Question O469-12(2): Inuit Art Collection Entered Into Prince Of Wales Northern Heritage Centre Data Base

MS. MIKE: Mr. Speaker, I have other supplementaries on this same question. I am not talking about artifacts. Artifacts are the ones that are dug up from historic sites. I am talking about the Inuit art collection that was acquired from the federal government in 1987. My supplementary, Mr. Speaker, to the Minister of Culture and Communications, is that I understand that a small selection of ICI collection sculptures is currently on exhibit at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre in Yellowknife. But there is neither a plan nor the money to produce other exhibits of this collection in the future. Can the Minister tell the House, what is the benefit of this government's acquisition of these materials, since most are locked away where no one can see them and research activities are hampered by the absence of a computerized data base?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Alloo.oo.

Further Return To Question O469-12(2): Inuit Art Collection Entered Into Prince Of Wales Northern Heritage Centre Data Base.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: As the Minister responsible for Culture and Communications, I am questioning that myself. As you know, we had plans to properly house these carvings and artifacts that we got from the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs. This Legislature did not see fit to spend the money to properly house these artifacts and carvings that we got from the Government of Canada. Mr. Speaker, as I said, I have asked my department what we should do with this artifacts and carvings that are historically important to the Inuit. It was an initiative of this government and the ICI people and the former Deputy Commissioner to get the artifacts and the carvings from the Government of Canada, to properly put them into the hands of the NWT people.

My department will come back, hopefully in the near future, to give me a plan as to what we should do with these carvings. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Your last supplementary, Ms. Mike.

Supplementary To Question O469-12(2): Inuit An Collection Entered Into Prince Of Wales Northern Heritage Centre Data Base

MS. MIKE: I did not realize I have used up my supps on the same question, Mr. Speaker. I am not talking about housing these Inuit art collections. I am asking the Minister if the records kept by the Inuit Cultural Institute on this Inuit art collection that was acquired from the federal government -- is he aware whether or not they are entered into computer data base at the Northern Heritage Centre?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Alloo.oo.

Further Return To Question O469-12(2): Inuit Art Collection Entered Into Prince Of Wales Northern Heritage Centre Data Base

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I said, Mr. Speaker, I do not know if that information is entered into the main computer, but we have the information as to what kinds of artifacts and carvings we got from the government; we have a list. Thank you.

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

Question O470-12(2): Comprehensive Review Of Inuit Art Collection

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In followup to the question by my colleague from Pangnirtung, I would like to ask the Minister of Culture

and Communications an additional question. I believe my colleague is indicating a concern of what the Minister is going to be doing with respect to the artifacts. The Minister indicates that he would like to see what the department decides. I believe the Minister should make a decision as to what should be done. Recognizing the concern of my colleague, that this collection not only represents an asset of approximately five million dollars, but that these pieces have been crafted by Inuit people and that they are an important part of your Inuit history, will the Minister advise this House and undertake a comprehensive review of all aspects of storage, security, research and exhibit practices relative to this collection that is done at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Allooloo.

Return To Question O470-12(2): Comprehensive Review Of Inuit Art Collection

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you. Yes.

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to recognize in the gallery, Mr. Gary Bohnet, the president of the Metis Nation, and a former colleague and former Member of Parliament and the present chairman of the NWT Water Board, Mr. Dave Nickerson.

--- Applause

Oral questions. Mr. Dent.

Question O471-12(2): Contracting With Community Businesses To Provide Computer-Aided Design/Drafting Services

MR. DENT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister of Public Works. I understand there have been great advances made in the area of computer-aided design and drafting technology in recent years. Recently I was glad to learn that the private sector in Yellowknife has kept stride with these developments and is able to provide a range of services in this area. However, I want to make sure the Department of Public Works is placing a sufficient priority on supporting this growing services area, since there are many engineering and architectural applications that can be met through the use of computer-aided drafting. My question to the Minister is this: Has he given any consideration to contracting with community businesses to provide computer-aided drafting and design services?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Morin.

Return To Question O471-12(2): Contracting With Community Businesses To Provide Computer-Aided Design/Drafting Services

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

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mr. Dent.

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MR. DENT: Supplementary. I understand that presently the substantial computer-aided drafting and design requirements for road site and lands planning are met by in-house personnel. I have also heard suggestions around town that the department may be taking on some third-party work for the federal Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, including, perhaps, some computer-aided drafting of tailings pond configurations. Will the Minister indicate if this project will be undertaken by in house government employees or privatized for private sector service delivery?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Morin.

HON. DON MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will take that as notice.

MR. SPEAKER: The question has been taken as notice. Oral questions. Mr. Arvaluk,

Question O472-12(2): Edible Polar Bear Meat

MR. ARVALUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question to the Minister of Renewable Resources. The Minister stated earlier, with regard to the survey on tranquillizing polar bears, that this type of survey has been going on for quite some time now and there was a concern whether the meat was consumable. Is this true?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Ningark.

Return To Question O472-12(2): Edible Polar Bear Meat

HON. JOHN NINGARK: (Translation) They use them for studies, but we will be studying some areas in the Eastern Arctic where they want to know if polar bear meat is safe to eat or not. There are several questions that I have received, even from the Kitikmeot, as to

whether or not after they are put to sleep they are edible. They will be studying that.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mr. Arvaluk.

Supplementary To Question O472-12(2): Edible Polar Bear Meat

MR. ARVALUK: (Translation) Why were the conclusions of previous studies not revealed when they were using these types of tranquillizers to put polar bears to sleep?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Further Return To Question O472-12(2): Edible Polar Bear Meat

HON. JOHN NINGARK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The doctors revealed that tranquillizers used in putting polar bears to sleep were safe. The scientists will be taking the Inuit people along with them to assist with the studies.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Arvaluk.

Supplementary To Question O472-12(2): Edible Polar Bear Meat

MR. ARVALUK: On the second page, in the middle of the paragraph, it states that the hunters throughout northern Canada will then have a reliable understanding of any human health risks that may be associated with the marked bears, or in this case I guess it will be drugged bears. What will be the method of finding out whether they are acceptable for human consumption?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Ningark.

Further Return To Question O472-12(2): Edible Polar Bear Meat

HON. JOHN NINGARK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In the advanced technology of today, I am quite confident we will be able to find out, after three or four days, whether or not there is telazol still in the tissue of the polar bears. I think we have very capable technology to determine whether or not there are drugs still in the polar bear meat.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Pudluk.

Question O473-12(2): Danger In Eating Meat Of Drugged Polar Bears

MR. PUDLUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will support my friend's question. There have been some recent studies using this type of drug to put them to sleep. This has been a concern by Inuit people for quite a long time. In addition to what he had already stated, is this a hazard to the health of the people if they consume it after three or four days? There has never been a study as to whether they are a health hazard after they have had this type of drug. After this study is concluded, will we be able to inform the people of the communities how dangerous the drug is to the people who consume the polar bears?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Ningark.

Return To Question O473-12(2): Danger In Eating Meat Of Drugged Polar Bears

HON. JOHN NINGARK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The people in communities have been concerned, and we would like to assure them that they will be informed about the drug that is used to put the polar bears to sleep after the conclusion of the study. There will be some Inuit people who go along with the scientists to study the polar bears.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Pudluk.

Supplementary To Question O473-12(2): Danger In Eating Meat Of Drugged Polar Bears

MR. PUDLUK: (Translation) There will be further studies this spring with polar bears being put to sleep. Last year there were studies on dogs in Arctic Bay. They said the study results were quite favourable. They have been using this type of drug and helicopters to study the polar bears. It is easier to go along with dog-teams to study the polar bears and bring Inuit along with them. Will the 1992 study results be revealed to us?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Ningark.

Further Return To Question O473-12(2): Danger In Eating Meat Of Drugged Polar Bears

HON. JOHN NINGARK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. They are operating with helicopters now.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Pudluk.

Supplementary To Question O473-12(2): Danger In Eating Meat Of Drugged Polar Bears

MR. PUDLUK: (Translation) Using the dogs for the studies are easier and they are not noisy.. It costs

less too. How come they are still using helicopters for surveying?

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MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Ningark.

Further Return To Question O473-12(2): Danger In Eating Meat Drugged Polar Bears

HON. JOHN NINGARK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It seems it is better to use this type of study method. I will inform the people who are going to be doing the studies this spring that using dog-teams would be better than helicopters.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Gargan.

Question O474-12(2): Telephone Services To Kakisa Lake

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Government Services. I wrote the Minister with regard to telephone services. Members have indicated the advance in computer technology, but we still have the situation in Kakisa where they do not have the luxury of that advanced technology. They still have communications by old mobile radios. The Minister indicated to me that this government is not responsible for the telecommunication services to communities, that only where there are government services provided are they responsible. So where there are no government services, is it true that the government will not assume responsibility to ensure that telecommunication services are provided?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Ningark.

Return To Question O474-12(2): Telephone Services To Kakisa Lake

HON. JOHN NINGARK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I believe that where the community wants to get a utility, I believe this is the responsibility that should be directed to NorthwesTel.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Gargan.

Supplementary To Question O474-12(2): Telephone Services To Kakisa Lake

MR. GARGAN: The Minister is also aware that in order to install telecommunication services or telephone lines to the community of Kakisa, it would require about \$89,000. For a community that size, it is

money they cannot raise or afford to put into the capital costs of such a project. Is the government looking into assisting those communities where there is no telecommunication services?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Ningark.

Further Return To Question O474-12(2): Telephone Services To Kakisa Lake

HON. JOHN NINGARK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think this is something we can review. I received a letter some time ago, and I will be talking to NorthwesTel and my cabinet colleagues on this.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Koe.

Question O475-12(2): Aboriginal Organizations' Review Of Northern Accord Agreement

MR. KOE: Mahsi, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. On April 1, 1992, the Minister stated in a response to a question asked that the Northern Accord agreement will be signed by the territorial and federal governments by the end of May. Have aboriginal organizations been given an opportunity to review and suggest changes to this agreement?

MR. SPEAKER: Ms. Cournoyea.

Return To Question O475-12(2): Aboriginal Organizations' Review Of Northern Accord Agreement

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I will just make a correction. I did not say that we would be signing a Northern Accord by the end of May. I said there were some issues that were fairly clear and outstanding to the GNWT and that Mr. Siddon was hoping and was trying to have the deal concluded by the end of May. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mr. Koe.

Supplementary To Question O475-12(2): Aboriginal Organizations' Review Of Northern Accord Agreement

MR. KOE: Have aboriginal organizations been given an opportunity to review and suggest changes to the new agreement?

MR. SPEAKER: Ms. Cournoyea.

Further Return To Question O475-12(2): Aboriginal Organizations' Review Of Northern Accord Agreement

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Just to clear up my response. This has not been concluded yet, and the changes have not been made substantially to what the aboriginal groups know already. Certainly if there is any move that we feel has any significance, that changes the present document, yes, they will be involved and will be given the opportunity. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mr. Koe.

Supplementary To Question O475-12(2): Aboriginal Organizations' Review Of Northern Accord Agreement

MR. KOE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Gwich'in Tribal Council and the Sahtu Dene/Metis Council have concerns about benefits agreements included in these proposed acts. Have their specific concerns been addressed? How will the department be dealing with these two groups?

MR. SPEAKER: Ms. Cournoyea.

Further Return To Question O475-12(2): Aboriginal Organizations' Review Of Northern Accord Agreement

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I do not know the exact date, but not too long ago, I think before the session, we did have a meeting with the Gwich'in and I certainly realize that according to the Gwich'in claim they would like to see some elements, particularly on community benefits, confirmed and concluded. We will continue to work with the Gwich'in and the Sahtu in regard to developing the community benefits package.

MR. SPEAKER: Last supplementary, Mr. Koe.

Supplementary To Question O475-12(2): Aboriginal Organizations' Review Of Northern Accord Agreement

MR. KOE: When will the Minister or her senior staff be meeting with the Gwich'in Tribal Council to discuss community benefits?

MR. SPEAKER: Ms. Cournoyea.

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HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: As you well know, most of us have been tied up in the Legislative Assembly for the last while. Once we conclude, we will be redoing our schedule to see how we can deal with those issues. So I have not remade the schedule

yet because I do not know at this time when the Legislative Assembly is going to conclude. But as soon as it is concluded, we plan to sit down along with the list of the schedule that has been provided yesterday. We have to work around that. At the earliest opportunity we will be sifting down and trying to work around the schedule that confines us to the responsibility of the House. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Todd.

Question O476-12(2): Delivery Of Eye Team Services To Keewatin

MR. TODD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Health, Every time I deal with this department, frankly, Mr. Speaker, I get more and more annoyed every day. Mr. Speaker, I was astounded today to learn that the Department of Health has once again mismanaged an agreement to fund the delivery of eye team services to aboriginal people in the Keewatin Region. The terms of this service were discussed earlier with the Keewatin Regional Health Board, and there was an agreement reached about the number of community visits and days of service to be provided. At the very last moment, just before the funding agreement with the federal government was to be finalized, the board has learned that the department has once again stabbed the region in the back. Without giving the board proper notification, it has effectively reduced the level of service by 31 per cent and plans to limit the service to Keewatin communities to one three-day visit, one visit, a year.

Mr. Speaker, I wonder who is in charge of this department. I wonder if they even care what is going on outside of Yellowknife. I am, frankly, personally, fed up with it.

Will the Minister put an immediate halt to the negotiation of the contract related to the delivery of eye team services in the Keewatin, until proper and appropriate consultation takes place with the Keewatin regional board?

MR. SPEAKER: Ms. Cournoyea.

Return To Question O476-12(2): Delivery Of Eye Team Services To Keewatin

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, the issue was brought to my attention this morning. We have invited the executive director over to meet with

myself and officials to deal with this issue. Yes. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Dent.

Question O477-12(2): Assurance That DPW Will Not Expand Computer-Aided Design Section

MR. DENT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have another question to the Minister of Public Works, which also relates to the computer-aided design and drafting. I understand at the present time the one station in the department which is extensively used for road site and lands planning is extremely busy. Will the Minister assure this House that his department will not expand to add another CAD, computer-aided design and drafting, station while there are private sector businesses capable of taking on this work?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Morin.

HON. DON MORIN: I am not aware of all the facts of this issue. I have talked to the department about it this week, and they are going to get back to me. As soon as I am aware of all the facts, then I can make a decision. I will take the question as notice for now. And even if the House is not sifting, I guarantee to the Member I will get back to him.

MR. SPEAKER: The question has been taken as notice. Mr. Gargan.

Question O478-12(2): Business Plan For Patterson Sawmill

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister responsible for the NWT Development Corporation, Mr. Pollard. Recently the corporation announced that they had purchased Patterson Sawmill in Hay River for \$1.7 million. Since that time, the Minister has told this House that although the venture has not been earning a profit, the corporation has developed a business plan that projects a profit in three to four years. Will the Minister provide me with a copy of the business plan for the Patterson Sawmill?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Pollard.

Return To Question O478-12(2): Business Plan For Patterson Sawmill

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Yes, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Ms. Mike.

Question O479-12(2): Responsibility For Inuit Art Exhibit, Japan

MS. MIKE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Department of Economic Development and Tourism has announced plans to assist with the Inuit art exhibition in Japan in May. As part of this assistance, the Hon. Titus Allooosoo will be travelling to Japan in May, as the representative of this government. Could the Minister tell me who is responsible for putting on this exhibit, the department or someone else?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Pollard.

Return To Question O479-12(2): Responsibility For Inuit Art Exhibit, Japan

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Niimi San, a private businessman from Japan, is responsible for putting on the exhibition. We are co-operating in every way that we can. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Ms. Mike.

Supplementary To Question O479-12(2): Responsibility For Inuit Art Exhibit, Japan

MS. MIKE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Could the Minister tell me if his department is paying any of the costs for this exhibit'?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Pollard.

Further Return To Question O479-12(2): Responsibility For Inuit Art Exhibit, Japan

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Not to my knowledge, Mr. Speaker, although as I said earlier today, we do have a consultant working on it as well. But obviously we will be paying for Mr. Allooosoo's way over there.

MR. SPEAKER: Ms. Mike.

Supplementary To Question O479-12(2): Responsibility For Inuit Art Exhibit, Japan

MS. MIKE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Could the Minister tell me if our representatives will be taking any Inuit art for display or sale with them to Japan?

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MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Pollard.

Further Return To Question O479-12(2): Responsibility For Inuit Art Exhibit, Japan

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Mr. Speaker, I do not believe that Mr. Allooloo is going to be taking anything with him. As far as I know, the carvings are already on their way to Japan or else they are there already, and they are owned by Mr. Niimi.

MR. SPEAKER: Ms. Mike.

Supplementary To Question O479-12(2):
Responsibility For Inuit Art Exhibit, Japan

MS. MIKE: Mr. Speaker, Arctic Co-operatives Ltd. have a policy that carvings not exceed 12 inches in height. Do the carvings being displayed or sold in Japan conform to ACL's policies?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Pollard.

Further Return To Question O479-12(2):
Responsibility For Inuit Art Exhibit, Japan

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Mr. Speaker, \$70,000 of these carvings were purchased from ACL, so I imagine they conform to the policy of ACL.

MR. SPEAKER: Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

**Question O480-12(2): Acting Deputy Minister,
Social Services**

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask the Government Leader or the Minister of Social Services, I do not know which one, recognizing that Mr. Doyle will be completing his responsibilities as deputy minister of Social Services, effective tomorrow, can the Government Leader or the Minister indicate to this House who will be acting deputy minister for Social Services?.

MR. SPEAKER: Ms. Cournoyea.

Return To Question O480-12(2): Acting Deputy
Minister, Social Services

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, at this time the decision has not been made.

MR. SPEAKER: Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

Supplementary To Question O480-12(2): Acting
Deputy Minister, Social Services

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Does the Government Leader know when this decision will be made to appoint an acting deputy minister for that department?

MR. SPEAKER: Ms. Cournoyea.

Further Return To Question O480-12(2): Acting
Deputy Minister, Social Services

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, Monday.

MR. SPEAKER: Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

Supplementary To Question O480-12(2): Acting
Deputy Minister, Social Services

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Recognizing that the Government Leader said Monday, is there a possibility of asking the Government Leader to reconsider and to advise this House before it adjourns as to who will be the acting deputy minister for the department?

MR. SPEAKER: Ms. Cournoyea.

Further Return To Question O480-12(2): Acting
Deputy Minister, Social Services

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I do not know when the House is going to adjourn, and I will be just predetermining it. If the question is: Will I do it by today? I can ask for a few minutes and see if I can find out if some of the deliberations that have been going on have come to a conclusion. We have been talking about it, and a few options have been put out. I will try to do that before the end of the day to see if I can come forward with who will be the acting deputy minister.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Dent.

**Question O481-12(2): Government's Commitment
To Expansion Of Private Sector**

MR. DENT: I believe my question is for the Government Leader. I recently had an opportunity to review the government's privatization policy. The underlying principle of that policy is stated as follows: "The GNWT supports and encourages the expansion of a strong northern private sector." I understand that each department is responsible for making its own decisions about the privatization of programs and services, but I believe that the Executive co-ordination of this government's approach to privatization is a responsibility for which the Government Leader should have the authority under this policy. Is this government committed to encouraging the expansion of our northern private sector through the expanded use of private sector resources?

MR. SPEAKER: Ms. Cournoyea.

Return To Question O481-12(2): Government's Commitment To Expansion Of Private Sector

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, yes.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Dent.

Supplementary To Question O481-12(2): Government's Commitment To Expansion Of Private Sector

MR. DENT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. According to the policy, each public service department and agency is supposed to develop and update a privatization plan annually, to show which programs are being privatized and the implementation schedules involved. Can the Government Leader advise the House whether this activity was successfully completed by all departments in time for the annual deadline, which I believe is November 30, 1991?

MR. SPEAKER: Ms. Cournoyea.

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: I will have to take that question as notice.

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MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Pudlat.

Question O482-12(2): Sale Of Polar Bear Skins Shot From Helicopters

MR. PUDLAT: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister of Renewable Resources. In his statement he said they will be selling polar bear skins from the polar bears that are caught by helicopter. Are they to be sold?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Ningark.

Return To Question O482-12(2): Sale Of Polar Bears Skins Shot From Helicopters

HON. JOHN NINGARK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was asked earlier by Mr. Pudluk about this. I will be seeking answers for this. I do not think there is such a policy for people who are hunting polar bears by helicopter. And for polar bears that are to be caught, the quota will be removed.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Koe.

Question O483-12(2): Teacher Education Program At Aurora Campus

MR. KOE: Mahsi, Mr. Speaker. I have a question to the Minister of Education. Recently an application was submitted by the Beaufort-Delta Divisional Board of Education jointly with the Aurora Campus of Arctic College, proposing that a teacher education program be established in Inuvik. What is the status of this proposal?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Allooooloo.

Return To Question O483-12(2): Teacher Education Program At Aurora Campus

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I believe that my department is reviewing the proposal at this point, and they have not made a recommendation to me yet. As soon as they make some recommendations to me or develop some options to deal with this, I could let the Member know.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Koe.

Supplementary To Question O483-12(2): Teacher Education Program At Aurora Campus

MR. KOE: Due to the timing of our budgets and the reviews of our proposed budgets, this has been an item which we were hoping would be established and up and running by next September. Can the Minister advise me how quickly his department is going to do this work?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Allooooloo.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Mr. Speaker, I would have to take that question as notice. As you probably know, after the options are developed I will have to consult with cabinet if it requires money to establish programs. It will take some time. As to the precise time I will take to develop this project, I will have to take the question as notice.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Gargan.

Question O484-12(2): Replacement For Bobbie Bulmer On Family Law Review Committee

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Justice. I understand that Ms. Bobbie Bulmer has resigned her position with the Status of Women Council. Is there going to be a replacement for her on the family law review committee?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Patterson.

Return To Question O484-12(2): Replacement For Bobbie Bulmer On Family Law Review Committee

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, as I stated earlier today, the family law review work is, hopefully, in its final stages before the report is submitted. But since the Native Women's Association is an important participant in the family law review, I will certainly ensure that in Ms. Bulmer's absence that organization is invited to nominate someone to participate in the last round of consultations while the report is being prepared. Yes.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Ms. Mike.

Question O485-12(2): Guidelines For Privatization Of Government Programs And Services

MS. MIKE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question to the Minister of Economic Development. Sometime last year there was a tender put out by Economic Development to lease the Qamaq Hotel option to purchase. The person who bid on the tender is waiting to hear so he can go ahead with the renovations and purchase new furniture. What is the status of the guidelines of the financial administration directive on privatization of government programs, services and enterprises?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Pollard.

Return To Question O485-12(2): Guidelines For Privatization Of Government Programs And Services

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Mr. Speaker, with regard to the hotel in Clyde River, the gentleman who has the lease at the present time -- his lease is running out. The department would like to sell that particular hotel. There seems to be a dispute between the gentleman who has the lease and the department, and that arose because in the original ad that was placed it did say, "for the lease and option to purchase" of that hotel. When the gentleman and the department entered into a lease agreement, the lease did not contain the option to purchase. The reason for that is because it was not known at that time if the hotel would be economic. Consequently, there are two parties who are interested in purchasing the hotel at the present time, Mr. Speaker: Mr. Arreak and the co-operative in Clyde River. We have looked at it and provided information to both parties, and it would be our intention to go to proposal call and select the best of the two proposals. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Supplementary, Ms. Mike.

Supplementary To Question O485-12(2): Guidelines For Privatization Of Government Programs And Services

MS. MIKE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I did not realize that the lease that he has is about to expire. When would it expire?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Pollard.

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MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Oral questions. Mr. Pudluk.

MR. PUDLUK: (Translation) Before I ask my question, I would like to extend question period.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member is seeking unanimous consent to extend question period. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Proceed, Mr. Pudluk.

Question O486-12(2): Hunting Polar Bears By Helicopter

MR. PUDLUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister of Renewable Resources. You said you are not aware of any acts that would prohibit the hunting of polar bears by helicopter. If I have a tag I can hunt polar bears and sell the skins. Can the Minister investigate to see if there is such an act or law prohibiting the hunting of polar bears by helicopter?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Ningark.

Return To Question O486-12(2): Hunting Polar Bears By Helicopter

HON. JOHN NINGARK: (Translation) They are going to do the survey once. It is impossible at this point to foresee how they are going to conduct the survey; whether it is going to be by dog-team or by other means. Yes, I will investigate this and get back to you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Oral questions. Mr. Arvaluk.

Question O487-12(2): Legality Of Hunting Polar Bears From The Air

MR. ARVALUK: Mr. Speaker, to supplement my friend's question here. Can the Minister of Renewable Resources assure this House that if he finds out it is illegal to hunt -- I know it is legal for scientific purposes to do scientific research by helicopter; that is not in dispute. But in his statement he stated that these bears will be hunted and after that will be given to the participating Inuit, and they will have the right to sell them by using regular tags. If that turns out to be illegal, as we were told many times not to use airplanes and helicopters to hunt such species, if he finds out that it is illegal, will he have no option but to go by dog-team?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Ningark.

Return To Question O487-12(2): Legality Of Hunting Polar Bears From The Air

HON. JOHN NINGARK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is my intention to do all things within the law, and I will get back to the House on this. Thank you.

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

Question O488-12(2): Relocation Of Fort Smith Municipal Planning Engineer Position

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Speaker, I had a question for the Minister of Public Works, but he is not in the House, so I will ask a question to the Minister of MACA. Since yesterday he has indicated in the House that the position of municipal planning engineer, which is located in Fort Smith, is being transferred, and that a technical officer position will be in place on an interim basis. I know that all other regions in the NWT have the privilege of enjoying a municipal planning engineer position. Why is the Minister taking out the position in the Fort Smith Region? Because that is exactly what he is doing.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question O488-12(2): Relocation Of Fort Smith Municipal Planning Engineer Position

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, I believe I advised the House and the honourable Member earlier that there were operational reasons for this relocation. I am not sure if it is appropriate for me to get into more detail on a matter that has to do with an employee's job performance and supervision, but there are reasons, I am informed, for this move, Mr.

Speaker, and I believe I have emphasized to the Member that we see this arrangement as an interim arrangement, that there is no intention to deprive the region in the long term of the engineering position, that we are backfilling the position on a temporary basis while the position and the incumbent are being moved to headquarters, and that it is not, as the Member describes, depriving the region of the position. It is an arrangement made for operational reasons, which I see as an interim arrangement. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

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

Supplementary To Question O488-12(2): Relocation Of Fort Smith Municipal Planning Engineer Position

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Speaker, the Minister indicated that they would place in a technical officer position. A technical officer position, in my opinion, is quite different from a municipal planning engineer position. And he would place this technical officer position on an interim basis. He has never made no commitment in this House to indicate that that municipal planning engineer position will be returned to the Fort Smith Region. I would like to ask the Minister, and particularly since he stated that it is for operation purposes that he is taking this position out, when other regions are allowed to maintain the position, will he make a commitment in this House to indicate that the position of municipal planning engineer will return to Fort Smith when they address the operational concerns they have with the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Patterson.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: I will take the question as notice, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Bernhardt.

AN HON. MEMBER: Finally!

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Question O489-12(2): Employment With GNWT For Kitikmeot Resident

MR. BERNHARDT: Thank you Mr. Speaker, after 20 minutes.

Mr. Speaker, I have a question to the Minister of Personnel regarding a constituent whom I represent. Since February 13, 1985 to March 4, 1992, this person has applied for over 50 government positions.

He is an aboriginal person with a family, yet on every occasion he has been refused employment. He graduated in 1974 from Sir John Franklin High School and has attended NAIT in Edmonton. Can the Minister tell me what advice can I give this aboriginal person who has failed on over 55 jobs in applying for employment with this government? What am I going to tell him, please?

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MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

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HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, I have no comforting words to offer, other than that I could take some personal interest in it; and if the MLA would advise me later on how I could make contact with the individual, I could be in a better position, I think, to provide some advice and maybe some positive remedies to the rather unfortunate record. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Todd.

Question O490-12(2): Time Line For Department Of Health Review

MR. TODD: Thank you Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Health. I was pleased yesterday with the Minister's response to my questions -- more than pleased. I asked her about the need for a review, which is sadly needed, in the way the senior officials in the Department of Health responded to the issues with respect to the surgical procedures at the Stanton hospital. Can the Minister advise the House of the time line of the procedure she will be using as she undertakes this review of the department's senior officials' performance?

MR. SPEAKER: Ms. Cournoyea.

Return To Question O490-12(2): Time Line For Department Of Health Review

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I started yesterday.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Todd.

Supplementary To Question O490-12(2): Time Line For Department Of Health Review

MR. TODD: I am pleased. Would the Minister be prepared to provide this House with the results of that review once it is completed?

MR. SPEAKER: Ms. Cournoyea.

Further Return To Question O490-12(2): Time Line For Department Of Health Review

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Antoine.

Question O491-12(2): Quality Of Student Care Services At Akaitcho Hall

MR. ANTOINE: Mahsi, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister of Education regarding the quality of student care service at Akaitcho Hall. In November 1990 an interim proposal was prepared by staff at Akaitcho Hall regarding care of students with problems. It is one of the documents that I tabled yesterday in the House. It is my understanding that this proposal was forwarded to the administrator of Akaitcho Hall. Apparently it was never acted on by the administrator nor the board of management. Mr. Speaker, a policy for counselling students with dependency problems should be one of the priorities of Akaitcho Hall. Could the Minister please inform this House why the interim proposal submitted by the Akaitcho Hall staff was not given serious consideration by the administrator and the board of management and acted upon promptly? Mahsi.

MR. SPEAKER: Minister of Education.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I would have to take the question as notice.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Nerysoo.

Question O492-12(2): Consideration Of Public Review Of Medical Services

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you. I would like to ask the Minister of Health the following: In requests by the women who have concerns with regard to medical services, I believe that the Minister has indicated the independent review. However, the women have requested that a public review take place, and I am wondering if the Minister would give that matter consideration.

MR. SPEAKER: Ms. Cournoyea.

Return To Question O492-12(2): Consideration Of Public Review Of Medical Services

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I will give it consideration.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Koe.

Question O493-12(2): Term Of Appointment For President Of NWT Development Corporation

MR. KOE: Mahsi Mr. Speaker. A question to the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism. It is with great interest that I read the Minister's statement today about the appointment of a new or acting deputy minister, and the individual has been appointed to the position of president of the NWT Development Corporation. Is this appointment a permanent appointment or is it an interim appointment?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Pollard.

Return To Question O493-12(2): Term Of Appointment For President Of NWT Development Corporation

HON. JOHN POLLARD: It is a permanent appointment, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

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

Supplementary To Question O493-12(2): Term Of Appointment For President Of NWT Development Corporation

MR. KOE: Who is the vice-chairman of the Northwest Territories Development Corporation?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Pollard.

Further Return To Question O493-12(2): Term Of Appointment For President Of NWT Development Corporation

HON. JOHN POLLARD: I do not know, Mr. Speaker, but I will endeavour to find out.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Pudlat.

Question O494-12(2): Housing Needs Study, Sanikiluaq

MR. PUDLAT: Mr. Speaker, this is in regard to the 1992 housing needs study, and it is to the Minister responsible for the Housing Corporation. Sanikiluaq

has a concern that the housing study is a bit too early. They would like to have some more time to do their own study before the Housing Corporation does their housing needs study. They would like the Minister to talk to them before doing the study for that community. Could the housing needs study for 1992 be deferred for Sanikiluaq until they have time to do their own study?

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MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Morin.

Return To Question O494-12(2): Housing Needs Study, Sanikiluaq

HON. DON MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We are trying to go to every household in the NWT in the housing needs study. But I will take the time to get in touch with the housing authority in Sanikiluaq to find out what problems they have with the needs study and see if I can address it.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Pudlat.

Supplementary To Question O494-12(2): Housing Needs Study, Sanikiluaq

MR. PUDLAT: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The people of Sanikiluaq are requesting the Minister's support to communicate with them and to work together with them to find out the housing needs of that community. I would appreciate very much if you could work with them on that. I would like to get word from you when you have contacted the housing authority of Sanikiluaq.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Morin.

Further Return To Question O494-12(2): Housing Needs Study, Sanikiluaq

HON. DON MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We are committed to working with all the communities, and I will personally phone Sanikiluaq and get in touch with the housing authority to find out their problem, and I will get back to the Member.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Antoine.

Question O495-12(2): Strategy To Assist Students With Problems At Akaitcho Hall

MR. ANTOINE: Mahsi, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Education. At the beginning of this session I asked the Minister to review all procedures

and policies of Akaitcho Hall to ensure that a tragedy such as the death of Thad Holman never occurs again. I have no doubt the Minister is well acquainted with Akaitcho Hall's policies by now. Could the Minister inform the House what, if any, strategy or policy is in place at Akaitcho Hall to counsel or assist students with problems, especially with alcohol and substance abuse problems? Mahsi.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Allooloo.

Return To Question O495-12(2): Strategy To Assist Students With Problems At Akaitcho Hall

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Since the accident last winter, I have asked my department to review all policies pertaining to Akaitcho Hall in terms of student care, student counselling, and I have asked my department to review the job descriptions of those people who supervise students in Akaitcho Hall. Their job descriptions will be reviewed, and the policies that govern students in Akaitcho Hall, as well as counselling, will be reviewed as well.

Mr. Speaker, I had responded to the Member earlier this session in respect to his question. But that will be done once the review is done. I will have to take the concerns to cabinet and once they are approved I will consult with the Members as to what changes will take place.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Arngna'naaq.

Question O496-12(2): Eye Team Visits In Keewatin Region

MR. ARNGNA'NAAQ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Health. Having heard the responses that she gave to the question asked by Mr. Todd, I would like to know if she could possibly explain the rationale for the department's decision to contract for only one visit of the eye team per year to the three smaller communities in the Keewatin, including Sanikiluaq.

MR. SPEAKER: Ms. Cournoyea.

Return To Question O496-12(2): Eye Team Visits In Keewatin Region

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, at this time I do not have that information.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Arngna'naaq.

Supplementary To Question O496-12(2): Eye Team Visits In Keewatin Region

MR. ARNGNA'NAAQ: When she gets that rationale, will we hear of the rationale?

MR. SPEAKER: Ms. Cournoyea.

Further Return To Question O496-12(2): Eye Team Visits In Keewatin Region

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

Question O497-12(2): Meeting With Diashowa In Japan

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Government Leader. Earlier today the Government Leader indicated that Mr. Allooloo, the Minister of Culture and Communications, will be going to Japan in early May. Did she indicate that he may attempt to meet with the Diashowa company in Japan?

MR. SPEAKER: Ms. Cournoyea.

Return To Question O497-12(2): Meeting With Diashowa In Japan

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I believe I said that a letter will be written to set the meeting up. We will attempt to do so. I did not say "may"! I hope we will be successful.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Todd.

Question O498-12(2): Reduction Of Eye Team Specialist Visits

MR. TODD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister responsible for Health. The Minister understands the vital service the eye team supplies, both to our elders and our children. Lengthy discussions between the Department of Health and the regional board led to a compromise that will reduce the number of service days funded under the noninsured agreement from 103 days to 78 days. Without further consultation the department is in the process of signing an agreement for 54 days. Can the Minister inform the House why officials reduced the eye team specialist days to 54 when they reached a compromise with the health board in the Keewatin for 78?

MR. SPEAKER: Ms. Cournoyea.

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I attempted to deal with that today. The day starts very early, and I did not get all that information. So I cannot answer the Member's question at this time. However, perhaps tonight when we get back to it, I can provide the update to the honourable Member.

MR. SPEAKER: Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

Question O499-12(2): Testing Of Children With Learning Disabilities

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask a question to the Minister of Education. I have been advised that the Glenrose Hospital in Edmonton is no longer willing to test children with learning disabilities from the NWT. I would like to know if the Minister will be able to consider forming an educational assessment team for the NWT.

MR. SPEAKER: Minister of Education.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will have to take that question as notice.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Todd.

Question O500-12(2): Cabinet Approval Of Business Incentive Policy

MR. TODD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Public Works. I am wondering if he could advise the House today whether the business incentive policy has been through cabinet, and is it now in force?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Morin.

Return To Question O500-12(2): Cabinet Review Of Business Incentive Policy

HON. DON MORIN: No, Mr. Speaker, it has not been through cabinet yet.

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

Supplementary To Question O500-12(2): Cabinet Review Of Business Incentive Policy

MR. TODD: Given the fact that GNWT contracts are now up for tender, when will it go through cabinet, and when will it be in force?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Morin.

Further Return To Question O500-12(2): Cabinet Review Of Business Incentive Policy .

HON. DON MORIN: Hopefully, it will get to cabinet tomorrow. It is on the agenda. Thank you.

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

Question O501-12(2): Reduction In Office Renovations, DPW Budget

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Public Works. Mr. Speaker, on March 24th in committee of the whole when we discussed the Minister's budget, we had asked that all office renovations be deferred until a plan was developed. To date, I recognize in our mail box a reply from the Minister of Public Works who indicated this particular activity was reduced by \$780,000. Can he indicate to this House who reduced this activity by \$780,000? I know it was not at the Legislative Assembly.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Morin.

Return To Question O501-12(2): Reduction In Office Renovations, DPW Budget

HON. DON MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We reduced this activity by \$780,000.

MR. SPEAKER: Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

Supplementary To Question O501-12(2): Reduction In Office Renovations, DPW Budget

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: May I ask for clarification from the Minister? When he said, 'we' reduced it, does he mean the cabinet reduced it, or that he reduced it, or that the standing committee on finance reduced it?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Morin.

Further Return To Question O501-12(2): Reduction In Office Renovations, DPW Budget

HON. DON MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When I say, 'we,' I mean the Department of Public Works.

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

Supplementary To Question O501-12(2): Reduction In Office Renovations, DPW Budget

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Public Works indicates in his letter that an office plan was developed in response to the needs of the department. He is indicating that since the department reduced it by \$780,000, and this motion of his reducing \$200,000 in Yellowknife for office renovations, by this letter sent to Members -- I would like to ask the Minister if this is his justification for his office plan in order to proceed by his department?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Morin.

Further Return To Question O501-12(2): Reduction In Office Renovations, DPW Budget

HON. DON MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My understanding of the motion in committee of the whole is that it was recommended that all office accommodation be deferred until a plan is developed and a strategy is approved by the Assembly reflected in the current fiscal reality. There is an office plan that had been developed and, with my letter, I was forwarding it to Members,

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

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Speaker, this is not a supplementary, but I did not hear the Minister's answer?

MR. SPEAKER: I was having a little trouble hearing your answer as well, Mr. Morin. Would you please repeat your answer?

HON. DON MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Maybe she could repeat the question.

MR. SPEAKER: Mrs. Marie-Jewell, could you please repeat your question?

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MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Speaker, since his department has reduced this particular activity by \$980,000, and since the Legislative Assembly has asked him to develop a strategy to address office renovations, is this letter that he sent out to the Members justifying his strategy?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Morin.

Further Return To Question O501-12(2): Reduction In Office Renovations, DPW Budget

HON. DON MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The office plan was developed to address the needs of all departments. This is the letter I sent to Members. I am not saying it is a strategy, but my understanding was that the motion in committee of the whole recommended that all office accommodation be deferred until a plan is developed. After that, the same committee passed the budget. I was wondering if they still wanted to defer it. If they do not defer it, can we go ahead and do the office renovations and accommodations that we have to do as a department? I was sending a letter to all Members saying this is the plan that was developed by DPW, and that this is the plan I am going to follow. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mrs. Marie-Jewell, you still have one more supplementary.

Supplementary To Question O501-12(2): Reduction In Office Renovations, DPW Budget

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Minister of DPW is indicating to me that he does not have to develop a plan and a strategy which should be approved by the Legislative Assembly for office renovations; therefore, he is not complying to the committee's motion. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Morin.

Further Return To Question O501-12(2): Reduction In Office Renovations, DPW Budget

HON. DON MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. No, I did not say that,

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Koe.

Question O502-12(2): Restrictions On Government Spending Lifted

MR. KOE: I have a question for the Government Leader. When cabinet was appointed, and once the magnitude of the government's finances -- especially the deficit -- was realized, restrictions were placed on government spending, government travel and hiring. Now that we are into a new fiscal year, have these spending restrictions been lifted?

MR. SPEAKER: Ms. Cournoyea.

Return To Question O502-12(2): Restrictions On Government Spending Lifted

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, the restrictions have been lifted as of April 1, 1992. The deputy ministers have been asked to be responsible and take heed in the funding that they are allocating and the money that is being expended. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Todd.

Question O503-12(2): Contribution Payments To Boards Of Education

MR. TODD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Education. Mr. Speaker, the matter of quarterly payments to boards of education has been discussed at some length in this House. The department has also been dispersing contributions to Arctic College on a quarterly basis. Like the school boards, the college has been using investment dollars from these lump sum payments to support programs and services. My question to the Minister is this: What communications has he received from the of Arctic College Board of Governors regarding the quarterly or monthly payments from the contributions schedule for the 1992-93 fiscal year?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Allooloo.

Return To Question O503-12(2): Contribution Payments To Boards Of Education

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr' Speaker, I have had private meetings with the Arctic College Board of Governors as well as with the chairman with respect to their funding. I have received some letters from communities explaining that quarterly funding is very important to the college. Also, the board has written a letter to me, stating that they would prefer to see quarterly funding rather than monthly funding.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Todd.

Supplementary To Question O503-12(2): Contribution Payments To Boards Of Education

MR. TODD: Is it the department's position that there are reasons why Arctic College funding should be disbursed on a different basis than to schools? Is there going to be any difference in the way in which we fund Arctic College from the way in which we fund schools? Given that both utilize the funds for extraordinary services.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Allooloo.

Further Return To Question O503-12(2):Contribution Payments To Boards Of Education

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: No, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Todd.

Supplementary To Question O503-12(2): Contribution Payments To Boards Of Education

MR. TODD: Will the Minister assure this House that any decision to change to a monthly system of contribution payments for school boards will also apply to the way funding is delivered to Arctic College?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Allooloo.

Further Return To Question O503-12(2): Contribution Payments To Boards Of Education

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Ms. Mike.

Question O504-12(2): Position Of GNWT On International Whaling Commission

MS. MIKE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Government Leader. This Legislature has now passed a formal motion indicating that Canada should not resume its membership in the International Whaling Commission. Will the Government Leader outline the procedures and time lines she will be following the advice of the GNWT position?

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MR. SPEAKER: Ms. Cournoyea.

Return To Question O504-12(2): Position Of GNWT On International Whaling Commission

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, in regard to the question and who does what, I believe normally when there is a totally Legislative Assembly motion, the Speaker of the House immediately informs the federal government in behalf of all MLAs that this motion has been passed, and the wishes of the Legislative Assembly are defined in the motion. Immediately the Government Leader will also send correspondence to the appropriate federal departments, which will be followed up by the Department of Renewable Resources on an ongoing basis.

MR. SPEAKER: For clarification, in this case the government specifically asked to do this. Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

Question O505-12(2): Purpose Of Correspondence On Office Plans

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: I have a question for the Minister of Public Works. On April 2nd I received correspondence from the Minister of Public Works in respect to office plans. What is the purpose of this correspondence?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Morin.

Return To Question O505-12(2): Purpose Of Correspondence On Office Plans

HON. DON MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is to make Members aware of an office plan.

MR. SPEAKER: Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

Supplementary To Question O505-12(2): Purpose Of Correspondence On Office Plans

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Speaker, does the Minister intend to proceed with the office plan which was outlined in accordance to his capital budget?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Morin.

Further Return To Question O505-12(2): Purpose Of Correspondence On Office Plans

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

MR. SPEAKER: Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

Supplementary To Question O505-12(2): Purpose Of Correspondence On Office Plans

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: The Minister just advised us in this House a few minutes ago that he does intend to adhere to the standing committee on finance's motion with respect to developing a plan, a strategy. Now he is telling us he intends to proceed with this office plan in accordance to his budget. Why is he giving us conflicting comments on this issue?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Morin.

Further Return To Question O505-12(2): Purpose Of Correspondence On Office Plans

HON. DON MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do not think they are conflicting. You asked for a plan,

and you have the plan. The budget has been passed by this House, and once the budget is passed by the House, are you not supposed to go ahead with it?

MR. SPEAKER: Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

Supplementary To Question O505-12(2): Purpose Of Correspondence On Office Plans

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Is the Minister indicating to this House that this plan justifies renovations and is a strategy that has been approved by the Legislative Assembly?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Morin.

Further Return To Question O505-12(2): Purpose Of Correspondence On Office Plans

HON. DON MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The document the Member is referring to is a plan; it is not a strategy.

MR. SPEAKER: Ms. Mike.

Question O506-12(2): Regional Superintendent, Baffin Region

MS. MIKE: My question is to the Minister of Social Services. In response to my Question O395-12(2), he indicated the regional superintendent's position has been to competition twice and is being currently advertised. Would the Minister consider placing an aboriginal trainee to fill this position?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Whitford.

Return To Question O506-12(2): Regional Superintendent, Baffin Region

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Yes, I will.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Pudlat.

Question O507-12(2): Translation Of Report Of Special Committee On Constitutional Reform

MR. PUDLAT: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the chairman of the special committee on constitutional reform. This is very important. When will this report be translated into Inuktitut? I will be consulting with my constituency prior to the plebiscite. Could it be translated before that?

MR. SPEAKER: Question period is to pose questions of Ministers and not to pose questions to

MLAs in their capacity of chairpersons of committees. If the Minister wants to try to answer that in his ministerial capacity, we will allow him to. Mr. Kakfwi.

Return To Question O507-12(2): Translation Of Report Of Special Committee On Constitutional Reform

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, I understand it is going to be translated. As to exactly when it will be completed, I do not have the answer. It should be done as a priority by staff.

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Point Of Order

MR. SPEAKER: Point of order. Ms. Mike.

MS. MIKE: Mr. Speaker, does this House not rule that any documents coming into this House have to be translated prior?

MR. SPEAKER: My understanding, Ms. Mike, under a point of order, is that there is not a firm rule to that effect; however, it has been the practice in the majority of cases, and where possible, that documents are indeed translated before they come into the House.

Oral questions. Mr. Antoine.

Question O508-12(2): Community Health Services And Facilities Review

MR. ANTOINE: Mahsi, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister responsible for Health. Yesterday, the honourable Nellie Cournoyea responded to two questions. She stated that a community health services and facilities review is under way. I want to know if this review is for the whole of the Northwest Territories, or is it specifically for Fort Simpson? I was not too clear on this. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Ms. Cournoyea.

Return To Question O508-12(2): Community Health Services And Facilities Review

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, to my knowledge, almost every region is going under review. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Todd.

Question O509-12(2): Hiring Of Independent Expert To Review Privatizing NWT Power Corporation

MR. TODD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Government Leader, who is responsible for the NWT Power Corporation. Mr. Speaker, I am concerned that in developing the privatization thrust of the NWT Power Corporation that we ensure that there be some independent, unbiased component to the evaluation. Would the Government Leader give consideration to hiring or recruiting an independent utilities expert to prepare the report on the feasibility and the merits of privatizing the corporation?

MR. SPEAKER: Ms. Cournoyea.

Return To Question O509-12(2): Hiring Of Independent -Expert To Review Privatizing NWT Power Corporation

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, yes, we will consider that.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mr. Todd.

Supplementary To Question O509-12(2): Hiring Of Independent Expert To Review Privatizing NWT Power Corporation

MR. TODD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, Madam Government Leader. Would the Government Leader give us her assurances that this report will be prepared and presented to the House at the fall session as outlined in the motion that was passed earlier last week?

MR. SPEAKER: Ms. Cournoyea.

Further Return To Question O509-12(2): Hiring Of Independent Expert To Review Privatizing NWT Power Corporation

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, if it could be completed, I will assure it will be here at the fall session.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Ms. Mike.

Question O510-12(2): Status Of Polar Bear, Pangnirtung

MS. MIKE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Renewable Resources, and it concerns polar bear. The Minister indicated in his response to my earlier question that there will not be

any increase in the polar bear quota for Pangnirtung. Could the Minister provide a report of the status of polar bear in that area? Because he had mentioned the population is the same as in Broughton Island and southeast Baffin, including Labrador. Will you provide a report of the baseline studies?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Ningark.

Return To Question O510-12(2): Status Of Polar Bear, Pangnirtung

HON. JOHN NINGARK: Thank you. I will provide the Member with the report as soon as I can. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Pudlat.

Question O511-12(2): Establishment Of Park, Cape Dorset

MR. PUDLAT: (Translation) Mr. Speaker, I have already asked this question to the Minister responsible for Economic Development and Tourism. I have been trying to establish a park in the Cape Dorset area. Even though they have been trying to establish a park there, it has not been progressing. There are trainees. I wonder if the Minister has consulted with the economic development officer in Cape Dorset to try to solve this. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Pollard.

Return To Question O511-12(2): Establishment Of Park, Cape Dorset

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Yes, I will, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

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

Question O512-12(2): Funding For Fort Smith Hunters' And Trappers' Association

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question to the Minister responsible for Renewable Resources. Mr. Speaker, I want to indicate to the Minister of Renewable Resources that the Fort Smith Hunters' and Trappers' Association has not had a meeting for their members for the past three or four years, I believe. It would seem that they are not even in compliance with the Societies Act. They are not in good standing. I would like to ask the Minister of Renewable Resources if his department has given any funding in 1992 to the Fort Smith Hunters' and Trappers' Association.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Ningark.

Return To Question O512-12(2): Funding For Fort Smith Hunters' And Trappers' Association

HON. JOHN NINGARK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. No, not to my knowledge.

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MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Todd.

Question O513-12(2): Business Incentive Policy As It Relates To NWT Power Corporation

MR. TODD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, My question is to the Minister responsible for the NWT Power Corporation. The NWT Construction Association, earlier today, expressed concerns with respect to the business incentive policy as it relates to the Power Corporation. There seem to be some inconsistencies. Does the NWT Power Corporation operate under the same conditions as the GNWT business incentive policy?

MR. SPEAKER: Ms. Cournoyea.

Return To Question O513-12(2): Business Incentive Policy As It Relates To NWT Power Corporation

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I do not believe the Power Corporation operates under the same guidelines. The Power Corporation comes under the Public Utilities Board, but, as such, I believe they have exercised a 10 per cent preference for northern businesses.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Pudlat.

Question O514-12(21): Request For Inuktitut Translation Of Report Of Special Committee On Constitutional Reform

MR. PUDLAT: (Translation) Mr. Speaker, since I am a Member of the House, I have to understand constitutional reform. I wonder if I could be given more information so that it could be translated into Inuktitut since I have to consult with my constituents. I am like a blind man when it comes to written English; the report is in English. I wonder if I could be given more consideration, and given more information with regard to the constitutional reform.

MR. SPEAKER: This is a legitimate concern. My understanding is that a copy is being delivered to the

Member in Inuktitut. We apologize for any inconvenience to the Member. Mr. Nerysoo.

MR. NERYSOO: I have a point of order, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the matter of the special committee on constitutional reform dealt with recommendations that were voted in this House when the Member was not even knowledgeable of what those recommendations were.

MR. SPEAKER: I am sorry. I do not see the point of order, Mr. Nerysoo, but you did make a point. Oral questions. Mr. Lewis.

Question O515-12(2): Delay In Undated Letters Of Resignation From Ministers

MR. LEWIS: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask the Government Leader, following the direction by motion of this House that all cabinet Ministers give her signed but undated letters of resignation and the copies of those be tabled in this House, why is it taking so long to accomplish such a simple task?

MR. SPEAKER: Ms. Cournoyea. It is asking an opinion of the Government Leader. Ms. Cournoyea.

Return To Question O515-12(2): Delay In Undated Letters Of Resignation From Ministers

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, all cabinet Ministers have provided me with an undated letter of resignation. The last one received was today. This is why I did not bring forward the letters, because I just received them today. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Oral questions. Item 6, written questions. Written questions. Ms. Mike.

ITEM 6: WRITTEN QUESTIONS

Question W33-12(2): Location Of Inuit Cultural Institute Collection Of Inuit Fine Art

MS. MIKE: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I have a written question for the Minister of Culture and Communications regarding the ICI collection of Inuit fine art housed at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre. Pursuant to the 1989 agreement regarding the disposition and dispersal of the Inuit art collection of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, will the Minister indicate whether any parts of this collection were in any locations outside the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre as of March 31, 1992?

MR. SPEAKER: Written questions. Before we go to the next item, I have been advised that His Honour, the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories, is prepared to assent to bills. Because of illness in his family, he will be available for only a short time this afternoon. Mr. Clerk, would you ascertain if His Honour, the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories, is prepared to enter the House and assent to bills?

ASSENT TO BILLS

COMMISSIONER NORRIS: Please be seated. Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly, as Commissioner of the Northwest Territories, I hereby assent to Bill 1, An Act to Amend the Education Act; Bill 13, An Act to Amend the Financial Administration Act; Bill 17, An Act to Amend the Child Day Care Act; Bill 24, An Act to Amend the Financial Administration Act, No. 2. Thank you very much.

--- Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Please be seated. I think we will take a short break.

--- SHORT RECESS

The House will come to order please. We are on Item 7, returns to written questions. Mr. Clerk.

ITEM 7: RETURNS TO WRITTEN QUESTIONS

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Mr. Speaker, we have the following returns to written questions:

W12-12(2): Costs For Chairpersons Of Boards, Agencies And Committees

Hon. Nellie Cournoyea's return to Question W12-12(2), asked by Mrs. Marie-Jewell on February 27, 1992: A list of the honoraria paid to the chairpersons and members of selected boards, agencies and committees has been circulated to all Members. It would take a considerable amount of time to compile the costs associated with all 800 boards, agencies and committees. However, if the Member is interested in the costs of a particular chairperson not on the list, efforts will be made to supply that information as soon as possible.

The total amount paid to all chairpersons in 1991-92 is not readily available because board costs depend on numbers of meetings and are covered by many different departments and several governments.

W20-12(2): Concerns Over Administration And Management Of Inuvik Regional Hospital

Hon. Nellie Cournoyea's return to Question W20-12(2), asked by Mr. Nerysoo on March 2, 1992:

1) Has any Member in this House criticized or questioned the services that are being offered by the medical professionals or nursing staff? As of March 2, 1992, the department was not aware of any criticism of the services being offered by medical professionals or nursing staff at the Inuvik Regional Health Board. The concerns that had been raised to that point dealt with administration and management of Inuvik Regional Hospital. Most recently, March 25 and March 26, there have been several questions concerning the absences of physicians.

2) Have any Members in this House criticized or questioned the services that are being provided by the administrative staff? The Department of Health is aware of some concerns about Inuvik Regional Hospital operations brought to the attention of the MLA for Inuvik and the MLA for Mackenzie Delta by their constituents. Subsequently, the specific concerns were brought to the attention of the Minister of Health by MLAs through correspondence and tabling of letters of concern and a petition in the Legislative Assembly.

3) Would the Minister indicate if any meetings have taken place at, or in the Inuvik Regional Hospital, where such concerns were raised by the staff or expressed by the management of the Inuvik Regional Health Board? The following items have been brought to the attention of the Inuvik Regional Health Board and administrative staff, to advise them of concerns raised in the Assembly: a) copies of the honourable Member for Inuvik's statements made during the second session of the 12th Assembly on February 17 and 20, 1992; b) the letters of concern regarding Inuvik Regional Hospital, tabled in the House on February 20, 1992; and c) Petition 2-12(2) presented by the MLA from Inuvik on February 25, 1992.

The trustees of Inuvik Regional Health Board met in full session on March 11 and 12, 1992. At that meeting the board members discussed in detail the current state of employee management relations at the hospital in Inuvik. On the instructions of the board, senior management implemented discussions between employees and their immediate supervisors. The purpose of these meetings was to encourage

staff to discuss their concerns with their immediate supervisors and to help identify potential solutions. The board has written to all staff assuring them that the problems that are identified, and more importantly their solutions, will be given serious consideration by both senior management and the board.

The executive committee of the board will be meeting in the near future, and the department will be obtaining a further report on the matter.

W21-12(2): Fort Simpson Health Care

Hon. Nellie Cournoyea's return to Question W21-12(2), asked by Mr. Antoine on March 2, 1992:

a) The purpose of the community health services and facilities review is to identify options for the provision of services and improve the quality of these services. The review consists of three phases: Phase 1, information and data collection/verification and development of the health services profile, by April 30, 1992; Phase 11, review of health services profile, identification of opportunities and development of service delivery options, by May 31, 1992; Phase 111, development of an action plan and implementation plan, by June 30, 1992. A team of two persons headed by a consultant from the hospital and health facilities division of the department is collecting community information and data.

b) It would be premature for the department to summarize plans for the continued delivery of services by a qualified medical practitioner at the Fort Simpson Hospital. No decisions can be made on this matter until the community profile is completed and further discussions with key respondents in Fort Simpson have taken place.

c) The Department of Health's position on evacuation of obstetrical patients recommends that pregnant women be transferred to the nearest hospital for the safe delivery of their infants. The Department of Health also has a directive whereby the regional health/hospital board may consider elective community birthing if there is a registered nurse, midwife with lots of experience working in a specific community health centre. The directive outlines, in detail, specific conditions in which the competent nurse-midwife may elect to deliver in the community. A physician associated with the specific health board would also be consulted if an elective community birth were to be considered.

d) The department does not have a strategy for the delivery of long-term care services through a home care model. Strategic planning will be based on the results of the current review.

e) A copy of the 1985-86 document titled "Aged, Disabled, and Chronically III" report has already been provided to you under separate cover.

f) The department is unable to provide you with a summary of public discussions on the development and implementation of a model for home care delivery in small communities, as per recommendation 22 in the "Aged, Disabled, and Chronically III" report completed seven years ago.

W25-12(2): Non-Recovery Of Aboriginal Health Care Expenses From DIAND

Hon. Nellie Cournoyea's return to Question W25-12(2), asked by Mr. Gargan on March 9, 1992: The Department of Health has two agreements with the Department of Indian and Northern Development for the cost sharing of hospital services related to status Indians and Inuit and the recovery of payments made for medical services related to status Indians and Inuit. These agreements have been in effect since the 1960s, with the wording very similar to what is in existence today. The agreements were in place both prior to, and renewed subsequent to, the 1988 health services transfer.

The Department of Health's understanding of the DIAND position is that the latter feel the Government of the Northwest Territories is totally responsible for the costs of delivering hospital services to status Indian and Inuit in the Northwest Territories. The GNWT position is that DIAND is still responsible for hospital services provided to status Indian and Inuit residents that exceed the transferred amount. Put simply, DIAND's responsibility under the cost sharing agreements did not change with the 1988 agreement with Health and Welfare.

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This financial dispute is viewed very seriously and is now being pursued at a senior political level. For the benefit of the Members of this House, I would be prepared to have my officials provide a briefing on the issue to the standing committee on finance, or if you wish, to the entire caucus.

W28-12(2): Victim Impact Statement Pilot Project

Hon. Dennis Patterson's return to Question W28-12(2), asked by Mr. Dent on March 24, 1992: The following is a list of the number of victim impact statements which have been completed, pursuant to the victim impact statement pilot project, from July 1991, when it started, to the end of February, 1992: Rae, 16; Coppermine, 35; Hay River, four; Fort Resolution, 11; Aklavik, two; Rankin Inlet, eight; Norman Wells, four; Pond Inlet, nine; Sanikiluaq, three; for a total of 92.

W29-12(2): Tendering Process For Ice Roads From Inuvik To Aklavik/Tuktoyaktuk

Hon. Titus Allooos's return to Question W29-12(2), asked by Mr. Nerysoo on March 25, 1992: The following response is provided to the questions asked by Mr. Nerysoo concerning the awarding of ice road contracts in the Mackenzie Delta and the provision of permits required for government contracts.

1) A tender call was not issued for construction and maintenance of this year's ice roads between Inuvik, Aklavik and Tuktoyaktuk.

2) Executive Council approval was given to waive tendering and to negotiate this year's contract for construction of the Mackenzie Delta ice roads directly with the Inuvialuit Development Corporation. By combining the previous three contracts, the Department of Transportation was able to achieve more efficient use of equipment and to consolidate its contract administration. The single contract for the winter roads in the Mackenzie Delta reduced the department's costs.

3) Under the terms of the Department of Transportation contracts, provision of permits and licences is generally the responsibility of the successful contractor. This includes business licences, Workers' Compensation Board registration, highway operating authorities and vehicle licences.

Some permits, such as federal land use permits, are obtained by the department on behalf of the contractor to avoid delaying the project because of lengthy application processing time. In this case, the contractors competing for work are advised of the terms and conditions of the permit as part of their tender package. Upon award of the contract, the successful contractor is authorized by the department to operate under the authority of the permit.

W31-12(2): Aboriginal Representation In Department Of Health

Hon. Nellie Cournoyea's return to Question W31-12(2), asked by Mr. Zoe on March 27, 1992:

1) The Department of Health currently has 10.25 per cent of employees at headquarters who qualify as aboriginal employees under the affirmative action program. The number of people who have both training and experience in the health care system is very limited. In order to increase the number of aboriginal employees in the Department of Health, the number of aboriginal people taking health care studies needs to increase significantly.

2) Because of fiscal restraint there are currently no training positions within the Department of Health to prepare aboriginal people for management positions in the department.

3) The Department of Health in headquarters hired two aboriginal employees on a casual basis during 1991-92. The affirmative action criteria for hiring are applied to applicants for departmental positions. One of these employees is in the process of completing a course in health administration. The number of aboriginal post-secondary school students in health care studies who are receiving Department of Education funds for 1991-92 is 20. All resident aboriginal students qualify for Department of Education funds. All of these students are studying in health practice areas. There are two students receiving health bursary assistance during 1991-92; one in the health practice field and one in diploma studies in health administration. All aboriginal students who applied for the health bursary funds received bursaries.

W32-12(2): Discussions With Arctic Red River Band Council Concerning Ferry Operations

Hon. Titus Allooloo's return to Question W32-12(2), asked by Mr. Nerysoo on April 1, 1992: On February 21, 1992, the Department of Transportation received a request from the Arctic Red River Band Council to negotiate a contract to operate the Mackenzie River ferry crossing. A meeting was held on March 2, 1991, with representatives from the Arctic Red River Band and the Departments of Economic Development and Tourism, Education, and Transportation. As a result of the discussions, the Department of Transportation agreed to reduce the term of the pending Mackenzie River ferry crossing contract from five years to one. The ferry contract will terminate in October, 1992. During this period, planning for a negotiated contract will be undertaken between the Arctic Red River Band Council and the Department of Transportation.

The former Chief, Peter Ross, and the Arctic Red River Band were pleased with the department's efforts to include the community in the operations of its ferry.

Further meetings will take place over the next year to prepare training plans and to negotiate a contract with the Arctic Red River Board to commence operations of the M.V. Louis Cardinal Mackenzie River ferry crossing in May 1993.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Item 8, replies to Opening Address.

Item 9, 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. Clerk.

ITEM 12: TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

CLERK OF THE HOUSE: Mr. Clerk, pursuant to Rule 57(10), I wish to table the following responses to petitions: Tabled Document 45-12(2), Response to Petition 1-12(2), tabled by Mr. Pudluk and responded to by the Minister of Health; Tabled Document 46-12(2), tabled by Mr. Koe and responded to by the Minister of Health.

MR. SPEAKER: Item 13, notices of motions. Mr. Koe.

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ITEM 13: NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Notice Of Motion 14-12(2): Provision Of Medical Services To Metis And Non-Status Dene

MR. KOE: Mahsi, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Monday, April 6th, I will move the following motion: I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Thebacha, that the Minister of Health take appropriate measures to provide medical services to the Metis people and non-status Dene of the NWT on the same basis as that provided to status Dene and Inuit under the Indian Health Policy. At the appropriate time I will be seeking unanimous consent to proceed with this motion today.

MR. SPEAKER: Notices of motions. Mr. Koe.

Notice Of Motion 15-12(2): Extended Adjournment Of The House

MR. KOE: Mahsi, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Monday, April 6th, I will move the following motion: I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Keewatin Central, that when the House adjourns on April 3, 1992, it shall stand adjourned until June 16, 1992; and further, that at any time prior to June 16, 1992, the Speaker is satisfied, after consultation with the Executive Council and Members of the Assembly, that the public interest requires that the House should meet at an earlier time during the adjournment, the Speaker may give notice and thereupon the House shall meet at the time stated in such notice and shall transact its business as it has been duly adjourned to that time. Mahsi.

MR. SPEAKER: Notices of motions.

Item 14, notices of motions for first reading of bills.

Item 15, motions. Mr. Patterson.

ITEM 15: MOTIONS

Motion 11-12(2): Legislative Access Paper Referred To The Standing Committee On Legislation, Carried

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

WHEREAS the Minister of Justice has tabled a legislative action paper on access to government;

AND WHEREAS the terms of reference of the standing committee on legislation permits it to review matters referred to it by the House;

AND WHEREAS the legislative process permits the standing committee to consider legislative action matters;

NOW THEREFORE, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Deh Cho, that Tabled Document 33-12(2), Legislative Action Paper on Access To Government, be referred to the standing committee on legislation.

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is in order.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question is being called. The mover of the motion has an opportunity to conclude debate.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question is being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried

--- Carried

Motions. Mr. Koe.

MR. KOE: Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to proceed with my motion today regarding provision of medical services to Metis and non-status Dene.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member is seeking unanimous consent to proceed with Motion 14-12(2). Are there any nays? There are no nays. Proceed, Mr. Koe.

Motion 14-12(2): Provision Of Medical Services To Metis And Non-Status Dene, Carried

MR. KOE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I **MOVE**, seconded by the honourable Member for Mackenzie Delta, that the Minister of Health take appropriate measures to provide medical services to the Metis people and non-status Dene of the NWT on the same basis as that provided to status Dene and Inuit under the Indian Health Policy.

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is in order. To the motion. Mr. Koe.

MR. KOE: Mahsi, Mr. Speaker. The Metis and non-status Dene people of the NWT have long believed in their aboriginal rights, that they are aboriginal people with rights equal to those of the Dene and Inuit. In Canada it is recognized that the Metis people are aboriginal people with the same rights that Dene and Inuit people have. Although Metis are included in section 35 of Canada's constitution as one of three aboriginal peoples having existing aboriginal and treaty rights, the Metis people are not clearly recognized in law.

Metis and non-status Dene are living together under the same economic conditions in northern communities, with their Dene and in some cases Inuit and Inuvialuit relatives but are not treated as having equal aboriginal rights, especially in relation to health benefits. In October 1990 the Legislative Assembly of the NWT accepted Motion 70-90(2), "That the Minister of Health make renewed attempts at finding a solution and funds to provide medical services to the Metis people of the NWT on the same basis as that provided the status Dene and Inuit people under the Indian Health Policy.'

Mr. Speaker, I would like all Members to support this motion, as potential beneficiaries are deeply concerned with the timing of the present budgeting process in relationship to implementing Metis health benefits in the near future. I realize the financial restraints the government is experiencing, but in determining priorities, the health of all people must come first. On behalf of the Metis and non-status Dene of the NWT, I urge each of you to support this request for those same health benefits as our Dene and Inuit friends receive.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Nerysoo.

MR. NERYSOO: Mr. Speaker, I believe the Member for Inuvik has articulated my concerns and my position quite well.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: I, too, would like to support the motion. There was a motion passed in 1983, which I introduced, to have the health benefits extended to the Metis population of the NWT, and there was again a motion done a second time by myself and followed by Mr. Morin. This will be the fourth motion that has requested this government to support the Metis people in achieving that. But also the population of the native people are now at an age in that their

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health is a problem, and they do not have the income to subsidize their health. So we have a situation where we do have a group of people that are now demanding to have their health taken care of, but they cannot afford to take care of their own health financially. I think that is that category we really should be concerned about. In my own community we are starting to have a large Metis population that are getting old and would require assistance in maintaining their health. I do have concern for them. I will be supporting the motion.

MR. SPEAKER: To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question is being called. Mr. Koe, if you could conclude debate.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

Motion 14-12(2), Carried

MR. SPEAKER: Question is being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

--- Carried

Motions. Mr. Nerysoo.

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to seek unanimous consent to deal with the motion I introduced yesterday regarding moving the interim report of the special committee on constitutional reform into committee of the whole.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member is seeking unanimous consent to deal with his motion. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Proceed, Mr. Nerysoo.

Motion 12-12(2): Interim Report Of The Special Committee On Constitutional Reform Moved Into Committee Of The Whole, Ruled Out Of Order

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I **MOVE**, seconded by the honourable Member for Inuvik, that the Assembly recommends that the interim report of the special committee on constitutional reform be moved into committee of the whole for discussion.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Nerysoo, I have reviewed this motion and I find your motion out of order. Motions. Mr. Lewis.

MR. LEWIS: Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to proceed with my motion today regarding appointment of alternates to the special committee on constitutional reform.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member is seeking unanimous consent to proceed with his motion. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Proceed, Mr. Lewis.

Motion 13-12(2): Appointment Of Alternates To The Special Committee On Constitutional Reform, Carried

MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

WHEREAS the special committee on constitutional reform has requested that consideration be given to adding two Members as alternates to the special committee;

AND WHEREAS the work of the special committee is sufficient to require the appointment of two alternate Members;

AND WHEREAS the striking committee has considered this matter,,

NOW THEREFORE, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for High Arctic, that not withstanding Rule 89(2), that Mr. Arngna'naaq and Mrs. Marie-Jewell be named as alternate Members to the special committee on constitutional reform.

MR. SPEAKER: Your motion is in order, Mr. Lewis. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

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

--- Carried

Motions.

Item 16, 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), Reshaping Northern Government; Tabled Document 12-12(2), Plebiscite Direction; Motion 6-12(2), Discussion on Sobriety Clause in Contribution Agreements, with Mr. Nerysoo in the chair.

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

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo): I would like to call the committee to order. There are four items: Tabled Document 9-12(1), Strength at Two Levels; Tabled Document 10-12(2), Reshaping Northern Government; Tabled Document 12-12(2), Plebiscite Direction; and Motion 6-12(2), Discussion on Sobriety Clause in Contribution Agreements. What is the wish of the committee? The Chair needs direction. Mr. Pollard.

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Mr. Chairman, I move that we report progress.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo): Thank you. The motion is not debatable. All those in favour? All those opposed?

Mr. Morin, you cannot be voting out of that chair. The motion is defeated.

--- Defeated

Mr. Koe.

MR. KOE: I would like to recommend that we take a five minute recess.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo): We will take a short recess.

--- SHORT RECESS

The committee will come to order. What is the wish of the committee? Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Chairman, the committee wishes to proceed with Tabled Document 12-12(2), Plebiscite Direction.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo): Is it the wish of the committee that we deal with Tabled Document 12-12(2), Plebiscite

Direction? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

--- Agreed

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Tabled Document 12-12(2), Plebiscite Direction

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo): We will now deal with Tabled Document 12-12(2), Plebiscite Direction. Are there any general comments? Mr. Arvaluk.

MR. ARVALUK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There have been some comments regarding that the western part of the NWT has not been well informed of this. I am sorry that is the case. The previous plebiscite vote in 1982 was carried out and there was a majority of residents who voted in favour of splitting the NWT. From there on we have been rather active in determining where is the most fair boundary that both East and West can agree on. We came up with different ideas, but eventually through an arbitrator -- there is so much overlapping interest from the aboriginal standpoint, there has to be a compromise made. So we have now been informing our constituents in Nunavut that this is the boundary that is the most fair, although we informed the communities closest to the boundary, i.e. Arviat,

Baker Lake, Coppermine and other places, that the boundary itself will not necessarily represent their traditional interests.

However, in the TFN land claims agreement, the traditional hunting and camping areas and also the landmarks will not be jeopardized by this boundary. In fact, if we can remember, the jurisdictional boundary lines between Saskatchewan, Manitoba and the NWT have never stopped any Saskatchewan or Manitoba people from hunting and trapping in their traditional areas within Nunavut, inside the proposed Nunavut boundary. We strongly feel that will not change, because we, too, as Nunavut members, also have interests that will be inside the western side of the boundary. We hope, too, very strongly, that we will not be jeopardized from going in that area pursuing our traditional hunting, trapping and other aboriginal practices.

So with that, we have been consulting with our communities, and we are active in trying to make our communities understand the pros and cons of the situation and give them absolute freedom to vote on the May 4th plebiscite.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo): Thank you. Mr. Koe.

MR. KOE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to make some comments on the plebiscite direction, particularly the public campaign that should be going on in the western communities. We are all aware that currently eastern MLAs are actively travelling to their communities, meeting with constituents and discussing the upcoming plebiscite.

In the West, as far as I know, very few of the western MLAs have had an opportunity to visit their constituencies and talk to the various groups in their communities regarding this plebiscite.

My concern is that the territorial government has provided funding to TFN to carry on the plebiscite and do a community information campaign, and a secretariat has been established to do a numeration process and do an information campaign for the whole territory. However, as a western MLA I feel that I may not have the same opportunity as eastern Members or receive the same type of information that they have in doing the work that they are doing.

We are about 32 days away from a vote, and many people in the West are just recently getting public information on what we are to vote about, but no public meetings or public discussions on what the

issues are. I feel as a western MLA that I am in a very difficult position to provide information or advice to my constituents on which way to vote. As a person I am going to vote the way I feel best, but as a public figure and a leader -- people have a tendency to ask, and I really am in no position today to sway them one way or another. That is a real concern.

I raised some of these issues during question period, and I am just not sure as a western MLA how we provide adequate factual information to people in the Western Arctic on how to vote on the upcoming plebiscite.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo): Mr. Bernhardt.

Constituents' Concerns Relative To Boundary

MR. BERNHARDT: I had an opportunity to talk to some of the people I represent in Coppermine before we reconvened, and I was not too amazed that some of the elders who I spoke to did not agree to going with Nunavut. They told me, "How can Nunavut provide the services that we already have provided by the government? How can they better our services?" I never questioned them; I just sat there and had more tea and let them do all the talking.

When I talked to hunters and trappers that use the region that I represent that is supposed to be divided, they said that many of the Coppermine people still go close to Great Bear Lake to hunt for wolverines, wolves or whatever, or just go to places where their forefathers have gone. They do not want to lose that opportunity to continue going there.

In my opinion, before this division thing or plebiscite thing came up, we were always in the Central Arctic, and now all of a sudden we are going to be moved into a new direction which is the Eastern Arctic. History indicates that we have always been part of the Western Arctic, and the government gave us disk numbers that we still use. I know my disk number is W3668, because I am from the West. People in Coppermine and Cambridge are "W" too, so that is an indication that the government gave them a number saying they are from the Western Arctic. But now that we have something that we are going to have to live by, I really do not know what kind of direction our younger people want to take on this matter.

We have to look at our resources. What can we offer them? What can division offer our young people? What can division offer our elderly people? What kind of security can we be guaranteed, that we already

have, that we may lose? Land claims, in my opinion, is not a solution. Land claims money can take you only so far. Once your investments are bad, what are you left with?

I may sound as though I am against division, but I have to speak for the people I represent. I am Inuvialuit. I might not speak my language, but, son of a gun, it is hard being brought up in a convent and losing what you were born with. But what costs will people pay in the Kitikmeot? Will we really be happy? Will we have decent representation? Will we have equal representation as the people who are living in the Baffin? We would like to see these written down so we have no more fear or uncertainties. The Territories is already unique enough.

We look at this side of the House. There are whole bunch of us who were born and raised in the Territories, and went to residential schools. Some of them are traditional people. They still uphold their values, but the world is changing. The Ministers across there are in the same boat. But why are we spoiling something we already try to make better? We want to create something that some people might not like.

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Money can take people only so far, but it is the resources we have, if we do not have renewable resources, things that you can grow and reproduce -- why are we going after the gold and silver? That is non-renewable. I understand where the Baffin people are coming from. They have renewable resources, because they are so close to the ocean. They have shrimp. I have tasted their beautiful shrimp. But what we people in the Kitikmeot have, gold and silver, is not renewable. These are the things we have to tell our people about.

So I do not know if I can be a super salesman, but I will sure try. I do not work for Simpson Sears or Eatons. We all go to the Hudson's Bay store -- I do not call it Northern, I just call it The Bay. But I guess we will find out fairly shortly, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo): Mr. Lewis.

History Of Division Issue

MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I wanted to have this document, which included the plebiscite question and the preamble to the question, brought into the House for discussion. If you recall, we did

have the opportunity some weeks ago to suspend the rules of the House so that people could come in from various places, and for some reason chose not to come, but there was an opportunity to discuss the whole plebiscite issue, and it was televised. So people are aware that we are on the threshold -- just a month away -- of making one of the big decisions that has been on hold for 25 years now, as to what we are going to do.

In those early days what happened was that the decision was made that although the West wanted to go its own way and accept the straight up and down boundary from the Manitoba/Saskatchewan boundary, along the line of longitude, the decision was made that it was a bit soon and it could wait because there was so much work that had to be done.

Anyway, the feeling was at that time that it was a bit early to begin talking about all this stuff, "but we know you guys in the West want to go your own way, but it is a bit early. We should take our time and make sure that there is a decent level of government on the ground, that we do have people in the NWT that really want to take over control of their business and a manner has to be found to express that. So let us wait a while, and do not worry about it."

But it seems that for the last 10 years the momentum has been gathering to do what people wanted to do in the early 1960s, which was to divide and get on with it. But, of course, since that time, people are changing their minds and wonder why we have to do it any more, and that certainly is the case in my own community. The people I represent feel very strongly, many of them, that there is no need to divide, that we have a long way to go yet, that we do not have any kind of economy, it is all government. We do not have a real economy where you can say we create wealth. All we do is spend money. So many people say we are just not ready to make this big move toward dividing and going our own way and weakening our position.

However, my problem as an individual, and it is a problem that every MLA has to face, is to do what they think is best. Sometimes you are in conflict with your constituents and sometimes you are very much supported by them. But I know that in 1965 I felt very strongly that even then we should be dividing, because I did not live here then; I lived in the East. And the feeling was very strong to divide very soon; it could happen tomorrow. But in the wisdom of the people who made decisions at that time, then was not

the time, there was so much that had to be done. But we are at the stage now when this major decision just cannot be put off any more.

Boundary Will Divide Political Jurisdictions

The issue simply is this, that we are talking now about a line-which is not only a claim line which divides people's claims areas -- we are just talking about aboriginal people's claims areas -- but we are also talking about a political line which could divide political jurisdictions. So though non-native people have not expressed themselves that vocally over the last 10 years on this issue, because they always saw it as simply a land claims business among the various aboriginal organizations, some now are beginning to realize that we are talking about a constitutional issue of two political jurisdictions in which they could either be in the East or the West, or whatever jurisdictions are created. That is where the emotion will begin to come in, because things have changed an awful lot over the last 25 years.

I have thought a lot about this issue of where we should go, and I know if you look at cases all over the world - and I will not bore Members with examples of it - but there have been some boundary arguments that have gone on for the last few hundred years, and they are still arguing about a boundary. It could go on and on and on, about where a boundary should be, and until you get a boundary nothing much can happen. Everybody knows that Unless you have got a definite boundary that people can agree on, and you are going to proceed from there, then you are going to really jeopardize any further development.

I think we should simply take it as that, as a boundary, that we are talking about a boundary and not confuse it with anything else. The plebiscite preamble questions, in my opinion, confuse the issue. It is a simple matter of 'Do you agree or not with this boundary?' Try to forget all that preamble stuff. That is what we are trying to do, because without that boundary there is no claim for the Inuit, and they would like to get on with it, and God bless the people that really want to push that.

So the position that I am taking with anybody that asks me is that we are talking about a boundary. We would have had a different boundary, perhaps, if we had done it a long time ago, and there would have been more of it, I suppose, in the West. But that is history now. The boundary that seems to be the one that will find greatest support among the greatest number of people is the boundary that was the

compromise boundary which was proposed by Mr. Parker and seems to have been accepted as the one that we will use.

I have in front of me a map which was drawn in 1717. I have taken a tremendous interest in the Barren Lands and what went on in the Barren Lands from 1717 until the end of the 18th century. There are an incredible number of names, all the way through that area of lakes and different geographical features, which are Chipewyan names. I have taken an interest in it and begun to develop some ideas as to how all this happened. I was impressed when I was listening at our presentation here some weeks ago by the people from Snowdrift. Their issue was that; they were really looking at that time.

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As an individual I have no great problem with the line myself, But I could understand the people who have lived in that area and who have a sense of history that is passed down from generation to generation about the land they have always occupied. I was impressed by that. I thought, "Well, yes, that group of people, I can see, have got some argument to vote in a certain way." But for the people I represent, that is not an issue for them, and that should not be an issue for them. The issue is really whether you can live with this line or not.

I know that as far as I am concerned I will personally support the line. I am not going to go out and push and tell people what they should do, but as an individual, I am prepared to vote, even though it is a secret ballot, "Yes, that is a line that I can live with," even though I know it is no longer a land claim line, it is a political line. And when everything is said and done, I will be living in the western territory or whatever you want to call it, and I am prepared to accept that because we could, in fact, have this process dragged on forever, simply because you cannot agree on a line. I think it is a sad thing that all over the world we find people impeding progress simply because of a line, although I do sympathize with the Chipewyan people, who have a point to make and will have an opportunity to express their opinion when there is a plebiscite. But I shall not be going out among people in Yellowknife to tell them what I think should happen. They have to make up their own minds on the basis of the information that they get; and I share Mr. Koe's concern that they are not getting the information the same way in the West that they are in the East.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo): Mr. Gargan.

**Communities Affected By Boundary Line
Must Be Satisfied**

MR. GARGAN: One of the things that happened as a result of this plebiscite was a 1982 vote in which there was a "Yes" vote for division, but also I believe the Dene population barely supported the division issue. But one of the principles with regard to the support of the division issue at that time was to make it clear, based on the principle that the Inuit would have a homeland and the Dene would have a homeland. That was a dream that both the Inuit and the Dens people have wanted for a long time.

But this time around again, it is a boundary line the plebiscite is going to be on, and I think the people in my constituency are not going to be affected by the boundary. But the people of Deh Cho also will not support the line if the communities affected by the line are not satisfied. So that is the position the Deh Cho Regional Council has taken with regard to the boundary issue. We are going to be supporting the way they want to vote with regard to the line.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo): Mr. Arngna'naaq.

MR. ARNGNA'NAAQ: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I had not really thought of anything to say, but just hearing the comments that are being made, and because I am affected, as a representative of people who are close to the boundary line, and realizing the history that Mr. Lewis has just given us, that there is general support for division, Whether the boundary is here or there is a question that will affect the native people more than it will affect any other people. And again, because this is a political boundary line, I had tried to say in the discussions we had a couple of weeks ago that the only reason why there is a boundary being created is because governments that do exist live by boundaries. Aboriginal people have never really lived by boundaries before, and now they are being forced to decide on a boundary line which they cannot agree on. Because it is a boundary line that the government has to live by.

I do not know what the solution would be to this, because we are in general agreement that there should be division of the Territories. Maybe there could be a sub-agreement the aboriginal people could live by, indicating to each other that this boundary is a boundary set by the government but that it is not necessarily a boundary that we, as aboriginal people, will live by. Whether that is a solution, I do not know.

Because whether we divide or not and use this boundary or another boundary, it is still a boundary that is set by the federal government and is followed by political groups. But I believe for native people, I do not think they have to live by a boundary. They could live traditionally with their inherent right to live as they have lived before, within a public government system, with their own agreement.

There are various comments being made on how Nunavut Members are doing their constituency work in regard to the plebiscite. I think it was an agreement because we were able to work together on what we would be doing as far as our constituents are concerned. Basically, for me it is just an information process. My stance on this will be to inform the people that basically the plebiscite is on the boundary, and whether you vote "Yes" or "No" to that is entirely up to you. How Members, as Ernie just stated, will be affected by the boundary and on which side they will be going on -- I think we could say that you are only going to be as strong or as good as the people who are elected.

It was also stated that we still have a long way to go. I think the people in the East are beginning to realize that we do have a long way to go, but what we want to do is to be able to decide which direction we in the East are going to take without having to think about the West. The West can decide on the direction they would like to go, without the interference of the people from the East.

I do not know how we could solve the problem of the boundary. I think the way around that is for the aboriginal groups who live close to the boundary line to agree to say that they will not live by the boundary line, that they will live their traditional lives the way they always have; and the line that has been created is merely a line which the two governments of the East and the West will live by. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo): Any other general comments? Is it the wish of the committee that this particular item is concluded? Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: I wanted to make a general comment, but I will let it pass. I will move that we report progress.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo): The motion is not debatable. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

--- Carried

I will now rise and report progress.

**ITEM 19: REPORT OF COMMITTEE
OF THE WHOLE**

MR. SPEAKER: Good afternoon everybody. Item 19, report of committee of the whole. Mr. Chairman.

MR. NERYSOO: Mr. Speaker, your committee has been considering Tabled Document 12-12(2) and wishes to report progress. Mr. Speaker, I move that the report of the chairman of the committee of the whole be concurred with.

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MR. SPEAKER: Secunder to the motion? Mr. Koe. The motion is in order. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? 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 ordinary Members' caucus immediately after adjournment and again at 9:00 a.m. tomorrow morning.

ITEM 21: ORDERS OF THE DAY

Orders of the day for Friday, April 3, 1992.

1. Prayer
2. Ministers' Statements
3. Members' Statements
4. Returns to Oral Questions
5. Oral Questions
6. Written Questions
7. Returns to Written Questions
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9. Petitions
10. Reports of Standing and Special Committees
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12. Tabling of Documents
13. Notices of Motions
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15. Motions
16. First Reading of Bills
17. Second Reading of Bills
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19. Report of Committee of the Whole
20. Third Reading of Bills
21. Orders of the Day

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. This House stands adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Friday, April 3, 1992.

ADJOURNMENT