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ITEM 1: PRAYER

--Prayer

SPEAKER (Hon. Michael Ballantyne): Good morning. Before proceeding with orders of the day I would like to recognize in the gallery, students from two grade eight classes from William McDonald Junior High School, accompanied by their teachers, Mr. Webster and Mr. Sutherland.

-Applause

Orders of the day for Monday, June 22, 1992. Item 2, Ministers' statements. Ms. Cournoyea.

ITEM 2: MINISTERS' STATEMENTS

**Ministers' Statement 69-12(2): Resignation Of
Hon. John Ningark**

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I am rising to announce, with deep regret, that effective today at 5:00 p.m. I will be accepting the resignation from cabinet of the Member for Natilikmiot. I understand that he will be making a statement, but until his replacement is selected the following acting Ministers will be in place: for Renewable Resources, Steve Kakfwi; Government Services, Don Morin; Status of Women, Dennis Patterson.

I would like at this time to ask the Members to join me in sharing your appreciation for the hard work that this Minister has done. Thank you.

--- Applause

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

**Ministers' Statement 70-12(2): Implementation Of
The Business Incentive Policy**

HON. DON MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to announce that the review of the government's business incentive policy, BIP, is now complete. The BIP is one of numerous business incentive initiatives and is intended to ensure the provision of goods and services to the government, the private sector and the general public at a reasonable price, while compensating northern business for the higher cost of operating a business in the North, and to provide financial support to the northern economy through the reinvestment of corporate earnings.

Key points of the revision to the policy are: Previously the BIP excluded various types of contracts such as legal and engineering consulting contracts. The policy will now apply on all GNWT purchasing and contracts, including consulting contracts. 2) The revised policy will apply to all contracting authorities whenever 51 per cent or more of the funding is received from the territorial government. This includes boards, agencies and municipal authorities in addition to all GNWT departments. 3) Companies will be considered northern-based on their compliance with the spirit and intent of the business incentive policy. This will be administered by a senior committee of deputy ministers and should result in a reduction of storefront businesses. 4) On projects that are competitively tendered, the following tender adjustments will be made at the time of tender evaluation: preference increased from 10 to 15 per cent for northern businesses; an additional five per cent preference will be given to local businesses.

I am also pleased to announce today, Mr. Speaker, that the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation has recently agreed to allow the application of the business incentive policy on all future projects cost-shared between CMHC and the NWT Housing Corporation.

AN HON. MEMBER: Hear, hear!

HON. DON MORIN: CMHC's agreement is significant because it means that northern and local contractors will now receive preference, through the BIP, on housing contracts in their own communities.

The NWT Housing Corporation will be carefully monitoring the implementation of the BIP on its projects, and I look forward to reporting to this House in the future about the increased participation of Northerners in housing construction. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

-Applause

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

**Minister's Statement 71-12(2): Federal Funding,
Social Housing, NWT**

HON. DON MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As Members are aware, I was absent from this House on Wednesday, June 17, and Thursday, June 18, for the purpose of a meeting in Ottawa with the Hon. Elmer MacKay, Minister responsible for CMHC. Last February, the federal government announced that the federal funding for social housing in Canada was being reduced. Although the first indication was that only the rate of growth was being reduced, the true impact became evident later when all provinces and territories were advised that the provision of new housing units would have to be reduced substantially and that most of the available funding must go toward operating and maintaining existing housing in Canada. The impact on the NWT would be to reduce the number of new units we could provide by 59 per cent for the 1993-94 construction year.

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As we still have a major shortfall of housing in the NWT, of approximately 3100 units, the effect of these reductions would be to eliminate the possibility of providing adequate, reasonable and affordable housing to NWT residents for the foreseeable future. As this clearly is not an acceptable situation, we have been working extensively with both the federal government and the provinces to restore funding to the 1991-92 levels.

In my recent meeting with Elmer MacKay, I was able to present to him the facts of our unique circumstances in the NWT that would justify and support the restoring of the funding levels. I am pleased to advise you that Mr. MacKay understood our needs and our unique circumstances. He indicated his intention to work with his colleagues, the Hon. Tom Siddon, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, and the Minister of Finance, the Hon. Don Mazankowski, to pursue ways and means of allocating significant federal funding for northern housing.

I will be meeting with the Hon. Elmer MacKay and the provincial and territorial Ministers of Housing on June 29 to address the planned federal funding reductions. I will report further progress to the House and to the standing committee on finance in early July following

the ministerial meeting at the end of June. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

ITEM 3: MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

**Member's Statement On Resignation
From Cabinet**

HON. JOHN NINGARK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and my colleagues. Having been pressured to sign my undated letter by the other side of the House, my resignation, at the beginning of a four-year journey; having been unable to balance the boat because of the unstable waves of events; having had to defend underfunded vessels across the Arctic Ocean not able to deliver goods at every port in my designated area, Mr. Speaker; and having seen my fellow cabinet Members not being given a chance to complete one-quarter of the four-year journey; knowing that people of Gjoa Haven, Spence Bay and Pelly Bay, and I am sure the public, want direction, construction jobs and business development, not uncertainties, delays and destruction of the centre machinery, I have tendered my resignation from cabinet as of 5:00 o'clock today, June 22, 1992.

Madam Government Leader has accepted my resignation from cabinet accordingly, and now I will devote my time to my family and the people of Gjoa Haven, Spence Bay and Pelly Bay. They need attention, not ignoring. Thank you.

--Applause

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

**Member's Statement On Appreciation Of
Hon. John Ningark**

MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to express my appreciation to John Ningark. He has been a model, in my opinion, a person who listens to people and spends a lot of time thinking about what he has to do so that he does the right thing. It is one of the unfortunate things in public life, Mr. Speaker, that it is very, very difficult to make a lot of people happy when we have a consensus kind of government or when that is the aim. I think that perhaps it gives all Members a chance to reflect on the kinds of pressures that we put ourselves under in trying to solve the problems of a vast area; on the incredible problems that we have to resolve, and the fact that among the Members that we chose last fall to

serve on our Executive Council, probably John was one of the people who got the most votes.

So since that kind of appreciation and confidence drove us in the first place to do what we did, we should recognize the kind of pressures that we operate under and contemplate that when we make our next big decision. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Members' statements. Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

Motion To Move Ministers' Statement 71-12(2): To Committee Of The Whole, Carried

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I did want to do two things. One is with regard to Rule 21(5): I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Keewatin Central, that Ministers' Statement 71-12(2), entitled, Federal Funding, Social Housing, NWT, be moved into committee of the whole.

MR. SPEAKER: Your motion is in order. There is no debate on the motion. All those in favour? Opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

The item will be moved into committee of the whole. Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

Member's Statement On Resignation Of Hon. John Ningark From Cabinet

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just wanted to make a brief Member's statement with respect to the recent announcement by the Hon. John Ningark resigning from his ministerial portfolio. I do want to tell him that, as a Member of this Assembly, I certainly have appreciated his efforts and his work that he has put into his responsibilities that have been placed on him. I know that he feels the pressure and the criticism may have been directed at him, and it is unfortunate that he felt that way. However, it is unfortunate at times that criticism has to be granted in order to get our points across.

I do know that Mr. Ningark, within time, if he would have allowed time, would have made an excellent Minister because of the fact that he is a very honest man; he is a very open man; and that is one of the fundamental things that you need to become a Minister. It is unfortunate that he did not allow for time to develop because I know he would have developed to be an excellent Minister representing all the people in the Territories.

With that, I wish you the very best with your family. I know it has been very difficult for you to be here in Yellowknife without your family at your side, and it has made it extremely difficult for you to continue with your work and the demands placed upon you and your office. But I thank you very much personally, for the work that you have given and shown to this Assembly.

-Applause

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

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MR. ZOE: Point of privilege.

MR. SPEAKER: Point of privilege, Mr. Zoe.

Point Of Privilege

MR. ZOE: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of privilege today concerning a CBC; news report that was aired this morning at 8:30. Mr. Speaker, the news report in question concerned the resignation of my colleague, Hon. John Ningark, from cabinet and the process to be used for his replacement. Mr. Speaker, the reporter involved here, Suzanne Morphet, used a quote of mine taken on Friday for the story, and used it in a way to create a media-generated controversy between Western and Eastern Arctic Members over how cabinet Ministers are chosen.

Mr. Speaker, I am on record in support of a particular process that would see puffing the best people forward for cabinet positions, rather than the present system we have now with an equal number chosen from the East and the West. However, in saying this, whatever process we use must be arrived at in a democratic fashion, and to attempt to create a controversy by implying that the East and West are already fighting over the method to be used to choose cabinet Ministers, even before the full caucus has had the opportunity to discuss it, helps no one.

The general public has not been given a true reflection of what is going on, and CBC, Mr. Speaker, should behave in a more honest and responsible fashion. Mahsi cho.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. Zoe filed his concern within the guidelines set out by the rules. Members' statements. Mr. Todd.

Member's Statement On Comprehensive Import Subsidy Strategy

MR. TODD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A sound and effective northern preference policy is only one stop along the journey toward economic viability in the North. An issue that must be addressed by this government, and now, is the fact that millions of dollars' worth of goods and services are imported into the Territories from southern Canada each year because they are not produced here. That is millions of dollars that could be invested in our northern economy. Obviously, the government must move now to help northern businesses expand the range of goods produced and services provided in the Northwest Territories. A comprehensive import substitute strategy is sorely needed.

Mr. Speaker, this is not a new issue. In October of 1990, the 11th Assembly's special committee on the northern economy, co-chaired by the honourable colleagues for Yellowknife Centre and Tu Nedhe, recommended that a comprehensive import substitute strategy be developed and implemented to stop the flow of money south. To quote the SCONE report, Mr. Speaker, the government should take the concept of import substitution seriously. It should target particular areas of the economy where import substitution has the best chance of success. It should then develop a long-term strategy to make import substitution a reality.

SCONE knows that our government always seems to be having difficulty getting beyond the idea stage. It is time to get beyond the idea stage. We must put principles into practice. Much more must be done to encourage regional industry development, and growth in the service sector. We need a strategic plan that will allow our money to stay home in the North.

There are many areas that the government could look at as a starting point. The items that we import from the South are many and varied: lumber, food, furniture, housing materials, at cetera. The list goes on. For example, Mr. Speaker, the NWT Housing Corporation imports fibreglass; tanks every year that are built in Manitoba. There is no reason why these tanks could not be built in the North.

--- Applause

I realize that implementing a substitute strategy cannot be done by one department alone. This means that Ministers will have to talk to each other about the policy. It means that the Government Leader will need to co-ordinate interdepartmental initiatives and provide the leadership we require to test out new prospects for production and supply. There must be a

long-term focus which compares the reality of high production costs in the North to the overall benefit that will be realized in the North. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Todd. You exceeded your time limit. Members' statements. Mr. Arvaluk.

Member's Statement On Development Of Limestone Deposits In NWT

MR. ARVALUK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today I would like to make my statement that will help not only government in developing a sustainable economy but also, more importantly, the people of Coral Harbour, Repulse Bay and other surrounding communities. There is potential to develop the best known source of limestone in North America, which occurs in large deposits across the south end of Southampton Island. It has been documented that a large deposit of oilbearing shale is located on the island as well. This oil deposit has potential for use in the local power plant and export revenues for Coral Harbour. At the north end of the island, there is a commercial fish quota of 30,000 pounds and a narwhal quota as well. Neither quota has been filled for many years because of the inaccessibility of this area.

Mr. Speaker, in light of high unemployment and lack of sustainable economy in the region, I will be requesting this government to create an action plan to build a substandard road to Tikiraq Bay. Building a substandard road all the way to Tikiraq Bay, with good gravel which does not need to be hauled or crushed readily available, would make it cost effective. There is locally available equipment, business companies and qualified manpower.

Mr. Speaker, later today I will be asking the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism if he has already made some preliminary feasibility studies of those economic potentials. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Members' statements. Ms. Mike.

Member's Statement On Successful Cumberland Sound Fish Harvest

MS. MIKE: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I am going to be talking about the Cumberland Sound fish harvest. The fishing industry is becoming an area of great economic importance for the Baffin Region. There are two fisheries in Pangnirtung which launch their winter fish harvest

from Cumberland Sound. I am very pleased to inform the House that the harvest this winter was a successful one overall. As of early June, P and L Services had reported a harvest of 475,000 pounds of fish from Cumberland Sound, and the Cumberland Sound Fisheries had reported 504,000 pounds. This is a total catch of 979,000 pounds. The large majority of the fish harvest was turbot or Greenland halibut, although there was some char caught as well. This is over 600,000 pounds more fish than was caught last year, and we are still below our quota.

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Mr. Speaker, this catch means that approximately \$550,000 was paid to 115 fishermen for their labour in Cumberland Sound. This is employment for local people that did not exist six years ago. Virtually all the turbot was shipped to markets in southern Canada and the United States. Industry-related income to the Pangnirtung area, including prices paid to fishermen, wages and use of local aircraft services, has been estimated in a range of \$800,000.

Mr. Speaker, this is money that is now in Pangnirtung that was not there six years ago, and this is money that is coming from the South because of the vision and hard work of Pangnirtung residents. Mr. Speaker, I am proud of the efforts and achievements of the people of Baffin Island.

MR. SPEAKER: Ms. Mike.

MS. MIKE: Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to complete my Member's statement.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member is seeking unanimous consent. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Please proceed, Ms. Mike.

MS. MIKE: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am proud of the efforts and achievements of the people of Baffin Island. I also feel that the fisheries industry is one that has great potential for our region. It has not been many years since we first took a look at the commercial fishing possibilities, and there is still room for unbelievable growth. The government must ensure that our efforts to expand this productive industry are supported in every way possible. Thank you.

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

Member's Statement On Quebec Commitment To Great Whale River Hydro Project

MR. PUDLAT: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would like to rise today and make my Member's statement. Mr. Speaker, I would like to make the Members of the Legislative Assembly aware that the Bourassa government and Quebec Hydro remain committed to the construction of a massive hydro power project near Great Whale River. The scope of this project is overwhelming, Mr. Speaker. The airstrip, the roadway to be built, and miles and miles of territory to be flooded, will affect the land, animals, birds and fish of the region forever. Mr. Speaker, if they are going to be building roads, the roadways in Northern Quebec will undoubtedly lead to the introduction of unwanted social influences. I would like the Members to be aware that the environment and the way of life of the people will be destroyed forever. I think all the Members are aware that we should not be destroying our environment, and there might be some diseases that are coming up our food chain if there is going to be a massive project of this kind. If Hydro Quebec goes ahead, the bird sanctuaries and all the wildlife habitats will be destroyed, and I know there are going to be a lot of contaminants that flow through this river and...

MR. SPEAKER: Your allotted time has expired. Mr. Pudlat.

MR. PUDLAT: (Translation) Mr. Speaker, I would like unanimous consent to proceed with my Member's statement.

MR. SPEAKER: There is a request for consent. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Proceed, Mr. Pudlat.

MR. PUDLAT: (Translation) Thank you, Members and Mr. Speaker. Some of the committees I represent could not get a representation in the assessment panels. We have not been allowed sufficient time to do technical submissions. More funding is required to allow NWT committees to prepare presentations to the environment assessment committees. It is not just Sanikiluaq people; it is also the people from the other areas of Nunavut that have to be involved in the assessment review panels.

There could be diseases that come from contaminants in this area, and also there are going to be a lot of social problems that are going to be coming to the North if this project goes ahead. There are many things that could be damaged permanently,

and I would like the Members of the Assembly to be aware of them. Thank you for letting me finish my Member's statement.

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

Member's Statement On NWT Literacy Council

MR. KOE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to take this opportunity to say a few words about literacy and the Northwest Territories Literacy Council. Many people in the Northwest Territories cannot read and write. Statistics show that illiteracy rates are highest in the smaller communities, and especially among the aboriginal people.

As we move to develop institutions that would give people greater control over their communities, it is critical to have a literate population. We need literate people to work for local governments and the justice system and to administer land claims. We also need people who can read and write about what is going on, so they can participate in and influence decision-making. Achieving a literate society is a tremendous task.

In 1990, the NWT Literacy Council was established to promote literacy in the Northwest Territories in all aboriginal and official languages. In May, I had the pleasure of attending the conference and annual general meeting of the council, which was held in Inuvik. For the past two years, the council has been funding community-based literacy projects. It has also produced several promotional items, including brochures, T-shirts, posters and a display stand. In the coming year, the council will continue to produce promotional items, publish a newsletter, and put together a resource kit to assist organizations in implementing community literacy projects.

The council has declared October 9 as NWT Literacy Day. The council will be organizing a reading challenge and a writing contest for this event. The work of the council has been done primarily on a voluntary basis. A part-time worker has assisted with the administration of the council's business. The literacy office of advanced education has also provided administrative assistance. I understand the council will be submitting a proposal for funding for staff positions, and I hope this is supported. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for giving me the opportunity to recognize the valuable contribution the literacy council is making to the Northwest Territories. Mahsi.

--- Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Koe. That was one of the closest ones we had to two and a half minutes today. Members' statements. Item 4, returns to oral questions. Ms. Cournoyea.

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ITEM 4: RETURNS TO ORAL QUESTIONS

Further Return To Question O531-12(2): Executive Secretary For Inuvik Regional Health Board

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I have a return to an oral question asked by Mr. Nerysoo on June 16 regarding the executive secretary at the Inuvik Regional Health Board. An advertisement had been placed in a southern Canadian newspaper in an effort to recruit an executive secretary for the Inuvik Regional Health Board.

The chief executive officer of the board advises that before seeking candidates from outside the Northwest Territories, two attempts were made through local advertising to recruit an executive secretary. A renewed effort will be made to find a qualified local candidate, or one who might, through on-the-job training, acquire the necessary skills.

The department supports the decision of the board's chief executive officer to recruit or train a local NWT resident for the executive secretary position.

Further Return To Question O574-12(2): Number Of Abortions Performed In NWT

I also have a reply to an oral question asked by Mr. Gargan on June 18 regarding the number of abortions performed in the Northwest Territories. In response to this question by Mr. Gargan on March 30, 1992, I gave the following return on April 2, 1992: 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 the 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 Thank you.

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

**Further Return To Question O575-12(2):
Difference Between Proposal Call And Tender Call**

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a return to an oral question asked by Mrs. Marie-Jewell on June 19, 1992, concerning the difference between proposal call and tender call. The advertisement in News North on Monday, May 25, 1992, was a notice of an invitation to tender. On June 2, 1992, when the bid documents were opened, there was some confusion as to the best process to use to evaluate the bids, the procedures for a request for proposals or the procedures for a tender. On the advice of the Government Services officer prior to the opening of the bids, Arctic College decided that the bids should be treated as requests for proposals. Requests for proposals are evaluated on a number of criteria, whereas tenders are evaluated on overall price.

When one of the bidders later complained that all bidders should be informed of the bid prices, Arctic College staff consulted with Government Services and Justice. On the advice they had received, Arctic College decided that tender procedures which would make the bid prices public would be more appropriate. A letter announcing the per-meal bid prices was sent to all bidders on June 19, 1992.

Although there was confusion as to whether or not the bid prices should be made public, contract regulations were not violated, and all bidders received the same information. The bids received on the cafeteria food services contract for Thebacha Campus are to be evaluated at the end of June. Thank you.

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

**Further Return To Question O584-12(2): Levels Of
Financial Assistance To Post-Secondary Students**

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a return to an oral question asked by Mr. Koe on June 19, 1992, concerning student financial assistance for postsecondary studies. No changes to the NWT student financial assistance program are being implemented at this time. The department is

presently reviewing and assessing applications for assistance for the 1992-93 academic year. Residents meeting the eligibility criteria will not be denied assistance under the regulations of the Student Financial Assistance Act. However, the Department of Education is considering the possibility of making changes to this program. These changes will be presented and reviewed during the standing committee on finance review of the Department of Education budget this summer.

**Further Return To Question O582-12(2): Denial Of
Educational Leave**

I have another return, Mr. Speaker, if I may. I have a return to an oral question asked by Mrs. Marie-Jewell on June 19, 1992, concerning denial of educational leave. The only GNWT employees who have been granted education leave for the 1992-93 academic year are those who are currently studying and are in the middle of their education programs. Due to fiscal restraint, education leave funding was not available for any employees who applied to begin a new program of studies or to continue in a second degree program in the 1992-93 academic year. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

ITEM 5: ORAL QUESTIONS

Question O589-12(2): Import Substitution Policy

MR. TODD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism. Mr. Speaker, millions of dollars are leaving the Northwest Territories every year to purchase goods and services from the South. My question to the Minister is, will the Minister inform the House whether this government, in keeping with the SCONE report and some of the economic initiatives that have been put in place, has, as of yet, embraced an overall import substitution policy?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Pollard.

**Return To Question O589-12(2): Import Substitution
Policy**

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Government Services did a graphic report that outlined where the different regions of the Northwest Territories were purchasing their supplies. We have some idea now about regional purchases. There has been some progress made with regard to

manufacturing in the Northwest Territories. To that end, Mr. Morin has asked Economic Development and Tourism to come forward with a paper that he can attach to the business incentive policy that will give an increased advantage for goods manufactured in the Northwest Territories.

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There has been quite a resurgence of agriculture in the Northwest Territories in the last little while, and I think Mr. Todd's group from Rankin Inlet is involved in a hog operation in Hay River, so we expect to see that expanding. Obviously it will not go in the whole of the Northwest Territories, but we expect to see an egg operation in Inuvik very shortly because it seems that one of the biggest areas that we can reduce import substitution is in the food area.

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

Supplementary To Question O589-12(2): Import Substitution Policy

MR. TODD: I appreciate the Minister's comments. Are we saying that we have the GNWT embracing an import substitute policy? Is there a policy in place now that says, aside from what we have already said, that this will be a priority of the government in keeping with the BIP, business incentive policy, and everything else? Is there a policy in place?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Pollard.

Further Return To Question O589-12(2): Import Substitution Policy

HON. JOHN POLLARD: There is not a policy in place, My Speaker, but as Mr. Todd mentioned, the business incentive policy does a whole lot toward purchasing more goods and services from the Northwest Territories. We figure that by adding a manufacturing component to that policy, we will increase northern participation in supplies to the government, but I will endeavour to bring forward a policy of import substitution for the Government of the Northwest Territories. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Ms. Mike.

Question O590-12(2): Exploring Potential For Harvesting Whelk

MS. MIKE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question will be to the Minister of Economic Development and

Tourism. The Minister may be aware that there are edible marine snails called whelk in the Baffin Region. They are found of depths to about 20 fathoms, and they are mainly on sandy bottoms. Recently there has been a growing demand for this species in the seafood marketplace, with gourmet restaurants as a prime consumer. Back in August 1991, the Department of Economic Development and Tourism was advised that excellent whelk harvesting areas had been identified in Frobisher Bay, Cumberland Sound and several fiords north of Broughton Island. My question for the Minister is, what priority does the Department of Economic Development and Tourism place on exploring the potential for expanding the Baffin fishery through the commercial harvest of species like whelk?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Pollard.

Return To Question O590-12(2): Exploring Potential For Harvesting Whelk

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There is about \$2.1 million available under EDA in that particular region of the South Baffin for exploration of fishery products in that area. Mr. Speaker, there is a committee, of which we are a part, consisting of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, DIAND, and Renewable Resources, in Iqaluit, that is presently looking for a proposal call to bring a vessel up into the Baffin, or to lease a vessel that is available in the Baffin, or buy a vessel with a view to exploring over the next few years the potential fishery in that particular area, including whelk. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Supplementary, Ms. Mike.

Supplementary To Question O590-12(2): Exploring Potential For Harvesting Whelk

MS. MIKE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Supplementary for the same Minister. The Baffin regional supervisor of renewable resources development in the Minister's department was advised of the potential for whelk harvesting on August 1, 1991. Can the Minister indicate to the House whether he has been made aware of any action taken by the department to evaluate the potential market or the extent of the available resource?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Pollard.

Further Return To Question O590-12(2): Exploring Potential For Harvesting Whelk

HON. JOHN POLLARD: No, I do not know what the available resource is. We hope to find that out, Mr. Speaker, and I will get back to the Member with regard to marketing of the whelk. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Ms. Mike.

Supplementary To Question O590-12(2): Exploring Potential For Harvesting Whelk

MS. MIKE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This supplementary is also for the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism. Will the Minister make a commitment to complete a precise assessment and evaluate marketing potential for the Baffin whelk harvest prior to September 1992?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Pollard.

Further Return To Question O590-12(2): Exploring Potential For Harvesting Whelk

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Mr. Speaker, I can commit to looking at the marketing, but as far as the harvesting or what is available, I could not commit to that, sir. I do not know what the potential is, but I will definitely look into the marketing by September of this year. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. If I could just take this opportunity to welcome the Board of Governors for Arctic College who are here with us today. Oral questions. Mr. Arvaluk.

Question O591-12(2): Preliminary Feasibility Study Re Development Of Limestone Deposits In NWT

MR. ARVALUK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In light of my Member's statement, has the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism already made a preliminary feasibility study of those economic potentials that I talked about? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Pollard.

Return To Question O591-12(2): Preliminary Feasibility Study Re Development Of Limestone Deposits In NWT

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Mr. Speaker, with regard to the road to the Duke of York Bay, it is about 80 miles. The southern end is probably the worst end. We are

presently having government people in that area look at the potential. On the shale and limestone, there will be a geologist in the area within the next six weeks, and, hopefully, we will get a better idea of the quality and the potential for those two products. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mr. Arvaluk.

MR. ARVALUK: Mr. Speaker, I need your guidance. If I want to ask a supplementary to a different Minister, is that a now question?

MR. SPEAKER: That would be a different question to a different Minister. If I could just make one comment. If Members are asking questions and referring to a document or referring to a statement, they should give a brief description of the subject matter in case other Members might not have actually heard the Member's statement. Oral questions. Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

Question O592-12(2): Policy For Tender And Proposal Calls

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Finance. I am concerned about the fact that the procedures used for the tendering process may be somewhat inconsistent, and I would like to ask the Minister whether there is a policy or some clause in the Financial Administration Act that outlines how tender calls should be conducted.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Pollard.

Return To Question O592-12(2): Policy For Tender And Proposal Calls

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Mr. Speaker, I am not sure it is in the Financial Administration Act, but there certainly is a policy in this government on how tenders should be conducted.

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

Supplementary To Question O592-12(2): Policy For Tender And Proposal Calls

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Can the Minister of Finance clarify for me whether or not the procedures used for tender calls can be applied to the procedures used for proposal calls with the government?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Pollard.

Further Return To Question O592-12(2): Policy For Tender And Proposal Calls

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Mr. Speaker, If the Member is asking, can it be changed halfway through, or can it start out as a proposal call and end up as a tender call or vice versa, I do not believe so.

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

Supplementary To Question O592-12(2): Policy For Tender And Proposal Calls

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you. I was under the same impression. I would like to ask the Minister if he can find out for me why, when an invitation to tender was made public for one of the departments in the government, it was at the last minute changed to a proposal call, and the bid prices were not made public.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Pollard.

HON. JOHN POLLARD: I will look into that, Mr. Speaker, and report back to the House.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Koe.

Question O593-12(2): Report On GNWT Operations At Expo '92

MR. KOE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A question to the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism. Will the Minister be tabling a report on the GNWT operations on Expo '92 which is taking place in Seville, Spain?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Pollard.

Return To Question O593-12(2): Report On GNWT Operations At Expo '92

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Yes, Mr. Speaker, it will be available on Wednesday or Thursday.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mr. Koe.

Supplementary To Question O593-12(2): Report On GNWT Operations At Expo '92

MR. KOE: Is the Minister's office taking responsibility for this operation from the department?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Pollard.

Further Return To Question O593-12(2): Report On GNWT Operations At Expo '92

HON. JOHN POLLARD: No. It has been a joint operation with the Department of Economic Development and Tourism, and It has been coordinated through my office, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Dent.

Question O594-12(2): Extension Of Business Incentive Policy

MR. DENT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question today is for the Minister of Public Works. I believe that all ordinary Members welcome the changes outlined by the Minister in his statement today on the business incentive policy. I know many business people in my constituency and across the NWT will welcome the changes outlined. I also have no doubt they will welcome the extension of the BIP to contracts let by agencies, boards and municipal agencies when funding is mostly provided by the NWT. But I wonder if the Minister could advise what measures have been initiated by the government to deal with those instances that may arise when partly funded agencies may find themselves short of funding for projects when bids come in higher than anticipated because of the BIP.

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MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Morin.

Return To Question O594-12(2): Extension Of Business Incentive Policy

HON. DON MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The business incentive policy will apply to all boards, agencies and government departments that receive 51 per cent of their funding from this government. If a department or a board is short of money, they do not come to me for that money. So maybe you can direct that question to somebody else.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Antoine.

MR. ANTOINE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask questions, but I would like to seek unanimous consent to return to Members' statements on an urgent matter before I ask questions.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member is seeking unanimous consent to return to Item 3. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Proceed, Mr. Antoine.

REVERT TO ITEM 3: MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

**Member's Statement On Search For
Mr. Johnny Tonka**

MR. ANTOINE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to apologize for coming in late. I just arrived on a plane. Mr. Speaker, a search is still going on for one of my constituents, Mr. Johnny Tonka, approximately 120 miles up the Mackenzie River from Fort Simpson. The search is under the band council there. He was reported missing Saturday at 8:30 a.m. The RCMP and the chief chartered a 185 on floats to look for him Saturday, and a Renewable Resources boat also went up the river to look for him. Arnold Hope and I also searched for him Saturday and Sunday, but with no luck. There is a camp up there with Mary and Gabe Cazon and Mary Tsetso, and as well Peter Cazon has a camp up there. They are searching every day. I think there is still hope that he may be ashore some place.

Mr. Tonka is 71 years old and is a respected hunter and an elder. I personally have gone hunting with him many times. He has taught me a lot about hunting, about our land, about our country and about the Dene history. If he is ashore some place, he would survive because of his skills.

I am concerned that not enough effort on the part of the government is being spent on him, Mr. Speaker. I say this because last winter, when an American explorer was lost looking for the North Pole, hundreds of thousands of dollars were spent looking for this person, yet someone of our own is missing, and no effort at all seems to be spent in looking for someone like this. Mahsi.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Members' statements. We will return, then, to Item 5, oral questions. Mr. Antoine.

REVERT TO ITEM 5: ORAL QUESTIONS

**Question O595-12(2): Department Responsible
For Search And Rescue**

MR. ANTOINE: Thank you. I do not know which Minister is responsible for this sort of action, so I will ask the Government Leader if she could tell the House which department would be responsible for heading up a search and rescue type of operation in a situation like this.

MR. SPEAKER: Ms. Cournoyea.

Return To Question O595-12(2): Department
Responsible For Search And Rescue

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Is it to the same Minister, Mr. Antoine? If not, I will go down my list to Mr. Todd. Mr. Todd.

**Question O596-12(2): Manitoba Hydro's
Expansion To Keewatin**

MR. TODD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister responsible for the NWT Power Corporation. On Thursday, in the Government Leader's response to my question about the extension of the Manitoba land lines into the Keewatin, I noted that the chairman of the Power Corporation had initiated discussions with Manitoba Hydro about this promising concept. Is the Minister able to indicate whether or not she has, as yet, taken a direct role in discussions surrounding this prospect either with the Power Corporation or with officials in the Province of Manitoba?

MR. SPEAKER: Ms. Cournoyea.

Return To Question O596-12(2): Expansion To
Keewatin Manitoba Hydro's

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, to just make a correction, it was the president of the Power Corporation; but I did say the chairman, so I was going to make that correction. The whole discussion was at the Western Premiers' Conference, and it was to see whether we would support their ongoing power grid expansion. At that time, we said we were very much interested in it and that we would want to begin discussions as soon as possible. That conference took place not too long ago, and I intend to follow it up. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Arvaluk.

**Question O597-12(2): Plans For Highway
Transportation In The East**

MR. ARVALUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question to the Minister of Transportation. You mentioned last year that wharves would be studied in the communities, namely, the ones near the seacoast. Will they also be doing some transportation through land because there will be developments arising from those projects?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Allooloo.

Return To Question O597-12(2): Plans For Highway Transportation In The East

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We feel Economic Development will be dealing with this project and the road that will be established to the fishing sites and other areas, so I will look into this matter again with the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Pudlat.

Question O598-12(2): Progress Re Great Whale Project

MR. PUDLAT: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Government Leader. I am asking this question about the Great Whale project. I would like to know if she will be able to reply to me on this question. Thank you.

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MR. SPEAKER: Ms. Cournoyea.

Return To Question O598-12(2): Progress Re Great Whale Project

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I believe the question was with regard to the ongoing work that has to be done in terms of the project development for hydro in Northern Quebec as it flows into the area of Sanikiluaq and that general area. Certainly the hydro project took a great setback when the aboriginal groups were able to convince the people from New York State and that area that development of that hydro site was harmful and detrimental to the environment. I have not been able to go over the proposal that was put together by the Canadian Arctic Resources Committee, in conjunction with the people from around Eskimo Point, Sanikiluaq and that general Hudson Bay area. My understanding is that they have enough money to do some of those studies. However, I have not had the opportunity to deal with it, and there has been a request for a meeting that I have committed myself to meet with the group of people who have put the very significant proposal together.

At this time I believe that there has been somewhat of a delay in the project, and, at the earliest opportunity, I intend to deal with the project group that has been put together with the Canadian Arctic Resources Committee. Thank you.

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

Supplementary To Question O598-12(2): Progress Re Great Whale Project

MR. PUDLAT: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Government Leader. Since you will be meeting with them, would you be able to get back to me after you have met with them with respect to the Great Whale project? After your meeting, will you be able to submit what kind of meeting you had? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Ms. Cournoyea.

Further Return To Question O598-12(2): Progress Re Great Whale Project

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I would expect the honourable Member will be invited, and I would expect that he would attend the meeting along with myself. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Antoine.

Question O599-12(2): Search For Johnny Tonka

MR. ANTOINE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister responsible for Municipal and Community Affairs. As you know, there is a member of the community of Fort Simpson missing, and I want to know what action the Minister has taken to assist the community in its search for Mr. Johnny Tonka. Mahsi.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Patterson.

Return To Question O599-12(2): Search For Johnny Tonka

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, I heard of this unfortunate event on the weekend, and I understand that the RCMP in Fort Simpson have been assisting in the search. I also believe that persons involved in emergency measures in my department are involved in this search and have been providing assistance. Thank you.

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

Supplementary To Question O599-12(2): Search For Johnny Tonka

MR. ANTOINE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask the Minister, what kind of assistance has your department provided to the community so far?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Patterson.

Further Return To Question O599-12(2): Search For Johnny Tonka

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, I am not fully briefed on this matter, but I understand that aircraft, which have been provided through the emergency measures offices, have been involved in the search. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mr. Antoine.

Supplementary To Question O599-12(2): Search For Johnny Tonka

MR. ANTOINE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I know that only one plane was chartered on Saturday morning and nothing else afterwards. Is the Minister saying that he is going to authorize more aircraft for use in this search? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Patterson.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, I have noted the Member's strong concerns about the adequacy of support for this search, but I would ask the honourable Member's indulgence. The most I can do at this point is take the question as notice, and I will get back to the Member as soon as I can once I have received a full briefing on the current situation. Thank you.

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

Question O600-12(2): Proposal Re Arctic Tourist Vessels

MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In 1989, many Members from the Eastern Arctic received a proposal from an eccentric sea dog on Vancouver Island to build two oceangoing vessels: one for the East and one for the West. I think the proposal also went to the Nunasi Corporation; the idea being that these two vessels would ply the Arctic Ocean and bring all kinds of well-heeled tourists to both the Eastern and Western Arctic. I believe that proposal was given a short shrift because of the cost of it and because of several impractical elements to it. I would like to ask the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism, is he now reconsidering that plan to purchase these

two ocean-going vessels which would spend six weeks in the Arctic and the rest of the year in the Caribbean somewhere?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Pollard.

Return To Question O600-12(2): Proposal Re Arctic Tourist Vessels

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: No, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Arngna'naaq.

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Question O601-12(2): Social Implications Of Great Whale Hydro Project

MR. ARNGNA'NAAQ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister of Social Services, much along the same lines as Mr. Pudlat. On March 13, 1991, the honourable Member for Yellowknife South spoke succinctly in the 11th Legislative Assembly against the proposed Great Whale hydro development. He noted that the project would result in a severe devastation of the lands and rivers of Northern Quebec. Now that he is Minister, I wonder if he has considered the overwhelming social impacts associated with the project as well. My question is, will the Minister confirm that his department has begun to consider the policy and planning implications to social services in Sanikiluaq, Arviat and other communities if the Great Whale project proceeds?, Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Whitford.

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The subject has been a matter of discussion, but I do not know the status of the discussions at this point I will take the question as notice and get back to the House as soon as possible.

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

Question O602-12(2): GNWT Opposition To Great Whale Hydro Project

MR. TODD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Government Leader. Both my honourable colleague from Baffin South and Mr. Arngna'naaq have expressed increasing concerns about the spectrum of the massive environmental destruction from the hydro-electric developments in Northern Quebec. I believe the people across the Territories

are equally concerned about this issue. The former Government Leader told the 11th Assembly repeatedly that the Government of the Northwest Territories should wait for the environmental assessment review process before taking a stand in opposition to the Great Whale project. My question for the current Government Leader is this: Will she take a stand now, before the environmental assessment process is completed, and tell the Premier of Quebec that the Government of the Northwest Territories is opposed to seeing the Great Whale project proceed?

MR. SPEAKER: Ms. Cournoyea.

Return To Question O602-12(2): GNWT Opposition To Great Whale Hydro Project

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, the intention I had was to go over the position with the people of Sanikiluaq and that region and to discuss with them the whole parameters of concern. I think up to this point in time, the project is on hold, and we have an opportunity to set the case with the people themselves. One of the concerns they have had is that we can develop any position we want here, but I believe there was some suggestion that there was not as much understanding and not as much input as they would like to have. Before I make an unequivocal yes or no at this time, I believe we could probably take a stand before the review and assessment have been completed, mainly because of the time element. But at this point, I am not prepared to take on a definitive statement today. I would really very much like to have the people involved discuss the issue, and I hope we can get it done quickly, but it would have to be at a time when we can travel to Sanikiluaq. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mr. Todd.

Supplementary To Question O602-12(2): GNWT Opposition To Great Whale Hydro Project

MR. TODD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If we are going to put our faith in the environmental assessment review process, the government should be aware that, of the two million dollars available to support intervenors, one third is going to the grand council of the Cree, one third is going to the Makivik Corporation, and our NWT communities - all of the Keewatin, not just Sanikiluaq - will have to compete with Quebec interests, organized labour and environmentalists to get intervenor funding. Will the Government Leader make a commitment now to ensure that the interests of the NWT communities

affected are adequately represented in the environmental assessment process? We are not there right now.

MR. SPEAKER: Ms. Cournoyea.

Further Return To Question O602-12(2): GNWT Opposition To Great Whale Hydro Project

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, in that area, as I said previously, I would like to meet with the people affected because, at this point in time, I realize that they are competing with a very sophisticated group of people and are at a disadvantage. I will commit myself to make sure that we have that meeting, and that we find a way so that they can be represented. Thank you.

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

Question O603-12(2): Plans For Surplus Of Power Resulting From Pine Point Closure

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Government Leader with respect to NWTPC, for which she is responsible. Mr. Speaker, last week I had indicated a concern about layoffs that were given to several employees in Fort Smith, and I asked for justification. I was advised it was due to the closure of Pine Point, which I think happened three years ago, and now that there is an abundance of positions, they feel these layoffs are needed. I would like to ask the Minister whether or not she knows the NWTPC Board of Directors have determined what they are going to do with the surplus of power that is available as a result of the closure of Pine Point. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Minister responsible for the Power Corporation, Ms. Cournoyea.

Return To Question O603-12(2): Plans For Surplus Of Power Resulting From Pine Point Closure

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, as I have noted before, there are several proposals on the table, and the feasibility of a number of them is being discussed at the Power Corporation. The feasibility study of taking Taltson directly around the lake is almost complete. As well, there is another proposal which would look at the feasibility of taking the power straight across the lake, underwater. My understanding is that these proposals are going to be studied and looked at by the board this fall. Thank you.

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

Supplementary To Question O603-12(2): Plans For Surplus Of Power Resulting From Pine Point Closure

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: With respect to the NWTPC again, Mr. Speaker, can the Minister advise whether or not the employees, with respect to the layoff notices if the Power Corporation decides to pursue one of these avenues, will be considered for rehire? Thank you.

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MR. SPEAKER: Ms. Cournoyea.

Further Return To Question O603-12(2): Plans For Surplus Of Power Resulting From Pine Point Closure

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, my understanding is that once there has been a determination of how to get the extra Fort Smith power moved around the lake, or across the lake, or under the lake, there will be a continuing analysis of the need for position years to handle the workload, so it would be hypothetical for me, at this time, to determine that process. However, given that the individuals have had experience, I would assume that they would be considered favourably because of their experience. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Arngna'naaq.

Question O604-12(2): Results Of Review Of Intervention By GNWT On Great Whale Project

MR. ARNGNA'NAAQ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister of Justice about the proposed Great Whale hydro development in Quebec. On March 6, 1991, during the 11th Assembly, the Minister of Justice of the day indicated that the Department of Justice would undertake a review of legal implications to court action that could be undertaken by the GNWT with respect to intervening in the project. My question is for the Minister of Justice. Will he be requesting his departmental officials to brief him fully on the results of the review they completed for the former Minister?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Patterson.

Return To Question O604-12(2): Results Of Review Of Intervention By GNWT On Great Whale Project

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

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mr. Arngna'naaq.

Supplementary To Question O604-12(2): Results Of Review Of Intervention By GNWT On Great Whale Project

MR. ARNGNA'NAAQ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Supplementary to the Minister of Justice. As part of that review, will the Minister make a commitment to ensure that adequate funds are available for the Government of the Northwest Territories to take any necessary court action in this area?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Patterson.

Further Return To Question O604-12(2): Results Of Review Of Intervention By GNWT On Great Whale Project

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, I do not think I can make that kind of commitment without knowing what, if any, litigation is contemplated. I think it would be premature for me to make that kind of commitment to the honourable Member, not having had the kind of detailed briefing that I have undertaken to obtain. I guess the short answer would be, not at this time. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. I have next on my list, Mr. Lewis.

Question O605-12(2): Vacant Positions In Women's Directorate

MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister responsible for the Women's Directorate. I believe it has been reassigned, so I would like to direct my question to the Government Leader.

MR. SPEAKER: Excuse me, Mr. Lewis. There seems to be some problem with translation. Could we maybe check that out before you continue, Mr. Lewis? There seems to be no Inuktitut. Would you, perhaps, start over again, Mr. Lewis, to get your full question on the record?

MR. LEWIS: Thank you for the opportunity to recommence this question, Mr. Speaker. To the Government Leader, then, since there have been several positions in the Women's Directorate that have been unfilled for some time, does the

government have any intention to fill these empty positions?

MR. SPEAKER: Ms. Cournoyea.

Return To Question O605-12(2): Vacant Positions In Women's Directorate

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, no.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. I have Mr. Todd next.

Question O606-12(2): Makivik Corporation Acting For NWT Inuit On Great Whale Project

MR. TODD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question will be for the Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs, and it deals with the environmental assessment of the Great Whale project. I cannot emphasize, Mr. Speaker, the importance of this project for the Hudson Bay and the Hudson Bay communities. I found it offensive to learn that on April 27, Michel Dorais, who chairs the federal environmental and assessment review organization, wrote to the Mayor of Sanikiluaq suggesting that we should approach the Makivik Corporation to act on behalf of Northwest Territories Inuit in funding or examining issues dealing with the offshore contamination and habitat destruction. Can the Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs indicate whether this government supports the FEARO chairman's contention that we, in the Hudson Bay, should have to go begging to the Makivik Corporation for assistance?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Kakfwi.

Return To Question O606-12(2): Makivik Corporation Acting For NWT Inuit On Great Whale Project

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, no.

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

Supplementary To Question O606-12(2): Makivik Corporation Acting For NWT Inuit On Great Whale Project

MR. TODD: Thank you. Is the Minister willing to clarify for the federal officials that, since we are in no way represented by the Makivik Corporation, the GNWT insists on receiving adequate levels of intervenor funding so we can speak for ourselves on this important issue?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Kakfwi.

Further Return To Question O606-12(2): Makivik Corporation Acting For NWT Inuit On Great Whale Project

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Dent.

Question O607-12(2): Extension Of Business Incentive Policy To Municipalities

MR. DENT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will address this question to the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs. Since the Minister of Public Works has advised that the BIP will now be extended to boards, agencies and municipal authorities, and I think he was indicating to me that no additional funds would be allowed to make up for bid differentials, could the Minister of Municipal Affairs advise how his department will address the additional cost to municipalities for this program? Will the government provide the difference? Will the municipality be expected to fund the difference, or will the GNWT and the municipality split the difference?

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MR. SPEAKER: It is either one general question or all of the above types of question. Mr. Patterson.

Return To Question O607-12(2): Extension Of Business Incentive Policy To Municipalities

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, I believe the honourable Member is assuming that there will be additional costs associated with awarding contracts to northern businesses. I am not necessarily sure that would always be the case. However, if there are additional costs, I think my colleague's statement indicated very clearly that this kind of additional cost would be considered as an investment by this government in the economy of the North.

So, in that event, it would be my responsibility as Minister of Municipal Affairs to seek the necessary additional resources through the capital plan. It is a relatively routine matter when tenders come in a little higher than sometimes we can take the moneys from the projects where they have come in a little bit lower and make up the difference. That is how we would do it through the capital outlook process in that event.

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

Supplementary To Question O607-12(2): Extension Of Business Incentive Policy To Municipalities

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Patterson.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, I am not sure if that is not a hypothetical question.

MR. SPEAKER: The way I understood it, he was just giving a broad example of his previous question to make sure you understood the general text of it. I am not sure he was not asking what would happen for this particular hypothetical question. Mr. Patterson.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, it might be more appropriate for me to take that question as notice and consult with my colleague, the Minister of Finance.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions.

Item 6, written questions.

Item 7, returns to written questions.

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. Patterson.

ITEM 12: TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to table Tabled Document 54-12(2), Annual Report of the Workers' Compensation Board for the year ending December 31, 1991. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Tabling of documents. Mr. Alloo.oo.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to table Tabled Document 55-12(2), Report Responding to the Recommendations of the Standing Committee on Agencies, Boards and Commissions on the Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Board, in English and Inuktitut.

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

ITEM 13: NOTICES OF MOTIONS

MR. PUDLAT: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on June 23rd, I will give notice of a motion.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member will give notice of a motion tomorrow. Mr. Pudluk.

Notice Of Motion 20-12(2): Regulating Adventurer Travel In The NWT

MR. PUDLUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to give notice that on June 24th, I will move the following motion: Now therefore, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Inuvik, that this Legislative Assembly urge cabinet to proceed immediately to prepare the necessary amendments to the Travel and Tourism Act and the Science Act to regulate adventurers in the Northwest Territories; and further, that the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism consider making regulations under the Travel and Tourism Act to provide interim measures until the amendments to the Travel and Tourism Act and the Science Act are introduced.

MR. SPEAKER: Notices of motions.

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

Item 15, motions. Item 16, first reading of bills. Mr. Patterson.

ITEM 16: FIRST READING OF BILLS

First Reading Of Bill 30: Workers' Compensation Act

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Amittuq, that Bill 30, An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act, be read for the first time.

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

---Carried

Bill 30 has had first reading. First reading of bills. Item 17, second reading of bills. Mr. Patterson.

ITEM 17: SECOND READING OF BILLS

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, I would ask for consent to proceed with second reading of Bill 30 today.

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MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member is seeking consent to proceed to second reading of Bill 30. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Proceed, Mr. Patterson.

Second Reading Of Bill 30: Workers' Compensation Act

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Amittuq, that Bill 30, An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act, be read for the second time. Mr. Speaker, this bill would amend the Workers' Compensation Act to increase the year's maximum insurable remuneration from \$40,000 to \$47,500. Thank you.

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

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

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

---Carried

Bill 30 has had second reading.

---Applause

Accordingly, the bill stands referred to a committee. 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; Motion 6-12(2), Discussion on Sobriety Clause in Contribution Agreements; Committee Report 10-12(2), Special Committee on Constitutional Reform Report on the Multilateral Conferences on the Constitution; Bill 3, An Act to Amend the Medical Care Act; Bill 28, An Act Respecting Interim Appropriations for the Government of the Northwest Territories for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 1993, No. 2; Bill 29, Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 1, 1992-93; Ministers' Statement 71-12(2), Federal Funding, Social Housing, NWT, with Mr. Arvaluk in the chair.

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

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): The committee will now come to order. 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; Motion 6-12(2), Discussion on Sobriety Clause in Contribution Agreements; Committee Report 10-12(2), Special Committee on Constitutional Reform Report on the Multilateral Conference on the Constitution; Bill 3, An Act to Amend the Medical Care Act; Bill 28, An Act Respecting Interim Appropriations for the Government of the Northwest Territories for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 1993, No. 2; Bill 29, Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 1, 1992-93; Ministers' Statement 71-12(2), Federal Funding, Social Housing, NWT. What is the committee's wish? Mr. Todd.

MR. TODD: Mr. Chairman, if we could proceed with Bills 28 and 29.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you, Mr. Todd. Bills 28 and 29; what is the committee's wish?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. We will have a quick break before we proceed. Thank you.

---SHORT RECESS

The committee is now back to order, ladies and gentlemen. I am having a little technical problem with my microphone here, but hopefully the carburetor will be fixed and I will have it going properly.

Bill 28, Interim Appropriation Act, No. 2, 1992-93

Mr. Pollard, your introduction to Bill 28.

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Mr. Chairman, I would respectfully request the presence of Mr. Lew Voytilla, secretary to the Financial Management Board. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Is that agreeable to the rest of the Members?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Pollard, for the record, would you like to introduce your witness?

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have sitting on my immediate right Mr. Lew Voytilla, secretary to the Financial Management Board. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you, Mr. Pollard. Welcome to the committee. Proceed, Mr. Pollard.

Minister's Opening Remarks

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, the Interim Appropriation Act, No. 2, 1992-93 provides the authority for the government to continue operations from August 1 to the earlier of 1) October 31, 1992 or 2) the date the Legislative Assembly approves the main appropriation act for operations and maintenance expenditures for 1992-93. Once the main appropriation act is approved, the interim authority ceases to have effect. The Interim Appropriation Act is intended to provide the minimum appropriation authority required to maintain operations from August 1 to October 31 this year. The interim appropriation calculations are based on the revised 1991-92 budget and include no allowance for inflationary or volume growth from last year.

Mr. Chairman, Members have previously expressed concerns that the 1991-92 budget levels upon which the interim appropriation is based resulted in a large deficit last year, and to continue to use the 1991-92 budget as a base will result in a large deficit again in 1992-93. This concern, Mr. Chairman, has been addressed. The main appropriation act has been prepared by the Financial Management Board and has been submitted to the standing committee on finance for review. To ensure the expenditure targets established in this main appropriation act are not exceeded this year, department managers have been instructed to manage their operations within the limitations of the main appropriation act. For those areas where the budget will be declining below 1991-92 levels, managers will take the necessary action to achieve the lower expenditure level.

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Mr. Chairman, the Interim Appropriation Act, No. 2, 1992-93 does include several appropriation requests and special warrants that are over and above the 1991-92 budget levels. These are adjustments that have been necessary for operational reasons and have been fully disclosed and discussed with the

standing committee on finance. The special warrants are shown clearly in the information document accompanying the bill, and for the information of Members, I will identify the additional appropriation requirements that are included in the interim appropriation amounts. These are: in Municipal and Community Affairs, an additional \$167,000 and one person year to establish a portion of the joint emergency preparedness program that is funded by the federal government; in Health, the inclusion of \$68,000 to fund the 1992-93 costs of a two-year community birthing pilot project in Rankin Inlet; in Social Services, the inclusion of \$75,000 to fund a family violence shelter in Inuvik; in Economic Development and Tourism, \$500,000 to carry over Economic Development Agreement funding for a business services centre project in Hay River that was previously committed by the federal and territorial governments; in Social Services and Education, offsetting increases and decreases to reflect the transfer of the funding associated with the Canada NWT Employability Enhancement Accord from Social Services to Education.

That concludes my opening remarks, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you, Mr. Pollard. Chairman of the Standing Committee on Finance, Mr. Todd.

Comments From The Standing Committee On Finance

MR. TODD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The standing committee on finance reviewed this bill during its meeting in Yellowknife the week of June 9 to 12. Once again, the committee was pleased that the Minister of Finance and his officials appeared before the committee to answer our questions. Members are aware that this bill is presented as a result of an agreement to delay our comprehensive review of the 1992-93 main estimates until later this summer to allow cabinet the time to implement significant changes to the way we do government. As a result, the committee does not have a great deal of comment on the bill.

Although generally supportive of this interim appropriation, the committee remains concerned about its ability to affect the budget for this year. With the passage of this bill, this Assembly will have approved some 60 per cent of the current year's budget without having reviewed the main estimates.

Mr. Chairman, the standing committee on finance is pleased with the level of co-operation that has been shown to date by the Minister of Finance in providing the information we need to perform a thorough examination of the 1992-93 main, estimates.

---Applause

Thank you. Nevertheless, the committee expects that the following information -- now do not get carried away -- will be provided to us prior to our review of the budget: 1) GNWT contract listing for the year ending March 31, 1992; 2) GNWT salary listings for the year ending March 31, 1992; 3) GNWT response to the recommendations of the finance committee on finance reports dated February 18, 1991, and February 27, 1992; action on government standards, purchasing and the leasing strategy; phase two plan for the reshaping of northern government; the strategic planning workshop with the cabinet, which was a recommendation of the standing committee on finance; action plan on the legal aid program; financial statements for the year ending May 31, 1992; key result indicators by department and agency; five-year capital plan and, Mr. Alloo, an educational strategy; the housing strategy; the Northwest Territories Power Corporation corporate strategy and the 1992-93 O and M budgets for the Workers' Compensation Board and the Northwest Territories Power Corporation.

Mr. Chairman, as has been past practice of our committee, individual Members may have comments or questions on specific items of this bill. The standing committee on finance agreed on June 11 to recommend this bill to the House for consideration. Thank you.

---Applause

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

AN HON. MEMBER: Clause by clause.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): An honourable Member is suggesting clause by clause. Is the committee agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Legislative Assembly, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Interim Appropriation, No. 2, 1992-93. Page 3, Legislative Assembly, not previously authorized, \$1,550,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Total department, \$1,550,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Executive

Commissioner's Office, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Executive, O and M, special warrants, not previously authorized, Commissioner's office, \$39,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Ministers' Offices, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Ministers' offices, \$569,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Executive Council Secretariat, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Executive Council Secretariat, special warrants, \$645,500. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Not previously authorized, \$997,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Executive, O and M. Mr. Zoe.

MR. ZOE: Mr. Chairman, under the Executive Council Secretariat I wonder if the Minister could indicate what the long-term plans are for employees that are seconded for the Strength at Two Levels project. How long do you anticipate this will last?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Twenty-four months from the date of secondment, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Zoe.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Pollard.

HON. JOHN POLLARD: There are 12, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Zoe.

MR. ZOE: Mr. Chairman, it is my understanding that we have two groups. Are they equally distributed?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Of the 12 people, seven are on consolidation and five are working on community transfer.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Zoe.

MR. ZOE: Mr. Chairman, for committee Members, I wonder if the Minister could provide a list of the people that are participating in these working groups, their names and their title, if possible.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Pollard.

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Executive, O and M. Mr. Koe.

MR. KOE: I see there is a special warrant to reimburse TFN for costs associated with the plebiscite, of \$115,500. What is the total accumulated cost for this plebiscite?

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

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Under this particular Item, the \$115,500 made up a total amount of \$250,000 that was provided to TFN, \$134,500 out of last year's budget, plus of this appropriation right here. Thank you.

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

MR. KOE: Are there any more costs going to be allocated for this project, or is that it, \$250,000?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

HON. JOHN POLLARD: That is it for the money going to TFN, the \$250,000. As far as the overall cost of the plebiscite, Mr. Chairman, I do not think those costs have been tallied up yet. That is through the Legislative Assembly, and I have not received the final costing on that yet. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Executive, O and M. Mr. Koe.

MR. KOE: There is another special warrant to provide grants to western organizations for consultation for \$50,000. How much of the \$50,000 was used? How much was given out?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Did you get the question, Mr. Pollard?

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Unfortunately, I do not have the answer, though. I do not have that number with me, but I will get the information and bring it back to the committee.

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

MR. KOE: Maybe the Minister responsible may have the information.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

HON. JOHN POLLARD: I would defer to Mr. Kakfwi, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Mr. Kakfwi.

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Chairman, as I read it, the amount that has been used comes to a total of \$33,764.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): I was fooling around with my microphone. I did not quite get your question. You were asking the Minister, Mr. Kakfwi?

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Chairman, of the total amount of money that was allocated to the different organizations and groups, only \$33,764 of the total allotted, which was the \$50,000, was actually used. That is the exact figure.

**Aboriginal Rights And Constitutional
Development, Total O and M, Agreed**

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Executive, O and M, not previously authorized, aboriginal rights and constitutional development, \$533,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Audit Bureau, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Audit Bureau, \$273,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Regional Operations, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Regional operations, \$733,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Can I have special permission from the committee for a five minute break, so that I can get this straight, because I am interrupting Members trying to fix my microphone. I am on chairman's now, but I cannot shut it off from chairman's. Five minute break. Thank you. We will come back at 4:00 o'clock.

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Thank you. Mr. Koe.

MR. KOE: What about any of the internal amalgamations or moves within departments or interdepartment?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

HON. JOHN POLLARD: No, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Koe.

MR. KOE: When will these items be included? In the September or October total budget package?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister

HON. JOHN POLLARD: The decentralizations will be handled by supplementary appropriation if it is

required, Mr. Chairman, and the other moneys are included in the budget that is before the standing committee on finance at the present time.

Priorities And Planning Secretariat, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Priorities and Planning Secretariat, \$134,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Women's Directorate, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Women's Directorate, \$112,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Public Affairs, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Executive O and M, public affairs, not previously authorized, \$113,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Lewis.

MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. You turned the page a bit too fast for me. Under Women's Directorate, the previous item, I got the impression from questions I asked in question period that the Women's Directorate is not being funded in the way it was in the past. There have been positions empty there for some time now, so I wonder why you need more money to do less.

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

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Mr. Chairman, this amount for the Women's Directorate will bring it to 56.3 per cent of last year's expenditure, and that will be for seven of the 12 months this year.

Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Total department, special warrants, \$645,500. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Not previously authorized, \$3,503,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

NWT Housing Corporation, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): NWT Housing Corporation, O and M, not previously authorized, \$13,244,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Total department, \$13,244,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Finance

Directorate, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Finance, O and M, not previously authorized, directorate, \$453,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Revenue And Asset Management, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Revenue and asset management \$576,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Government Accounting, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Government accounting, \$2,223,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Fiscal Policy, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Fiscal Policy, \$177,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Tax administration, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Tax administration, \$123,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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Management Accounting Services, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Management accounting services, \$390,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Financial Management Board Secretariat, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Finance, O and M, not previously authorized, Financial Management Board Secretariat, \$350,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Total department, \$4,292,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Culture And Communications

Directorate, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Culture and Communications, O and M, not previously authorized, directorate, \$263,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

**Publications And Production, Total
O and M, Agreed**

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Publications and production, \$203,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Language Bureau, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Language Bureau, \$672,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Museums/Heritage, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Museums/heritage, \$552,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Library Services, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Library services, \$508,000. Agreed?

---Agreed

Cultural Affairs, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Cultural affairs, \$214,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Television And Radio Services, Total O and M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Television and radio services, \$163,000.

Mr. Koe.

MR. KOE: Can the Minister advise me how much of this is contracted out, or is it all internal services?

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

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Is this in regard to the \$163,000, Mr. Chairman?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Koe.

MR. KOE: Yes, and I guess the whole total, but the \$163,000 -is any of that for contract services or all internal services?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Pollard.

HON. JOHN POLLARD: A lot of it is contributions, Mr. Chairman. I would defer to the Minister for other details.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Mr. Alloofoo.

HON. TITUS ALLOOFOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Most of it is being contracted out, and some of it is inhouse. In terms of details of how much is going out for contract, I would have to get back to the Member with details.

**Television And Radio Services, Total
O and M, Agreed**

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Television and radio services, \$163,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Total department, \$2,575,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Personnel

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Page 12. Personnel, O and M, not previously authorized. Mr. Koe.

MR. KOE: Just a general comment. I am not sure which activity it falls under, but It is regarding the employee purchase plan. What is the status of the employee purchase plan for various communities? I am aware of a plan that has been in existence over years, but what is the current status of the employee house purchase plan?

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

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Mr. Chairman, I would ask Mr. Kakfwi to answer that question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Mr. Kakfwi.

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Chairman, I would like to take the question as notice. Mr. Chairman, I can get a quick update and report to the Member tomorrow? Is that satisfactory?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Chairman, I would suggest that we defer the Department of Personnel until the Minister can answer the questions that the Members are asking. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. What is the committee's wish? Mr. Kakfwi.

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Chairman, I would submit that this is not question period and what we are dealing with is budget Items. We should stick to...

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Yes. Mr. Kakfwi, I understand this is not question period; however, we are agreeing on details and some Members would like to have some clarification. I do not think Mrs. Marie-Jewell has asked that it is designed for debate on that particular page; however, the Members have a right to ask particular questions on Personnel. What is the committee's wish? Does the committee wish to defer the Personnel operations and maintenance? Mr. Zoe.

MR. ZOE: Mr. Chairman, just a general comment in regard to Personnel. Under the activity, staffing...

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Zoe, there is a motion on the floor, I believe, by Mrs. Marie-Jewell. Are you making the motion now, Mrs. Marie-Jewell?

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you. Mr. Chairman, I just suggested that until the Minister of Personnel can address the concerns of Members, that we consider deferring the Department of Personnel because it is my opinion that while we are doing these interim appropriations, if Members have questions to the appropriate Ministers in order for these budget Items to be passed, we can ask questions and the Minister should be able to advise us accordingly and address our concerns.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Mrs. Marie-Jewell, I think you will have to make a motion to defer that particular section. Mr. Todd.

MR. TODD: Would it not be prudent that we defer this part for the time being to give Mr. Kakfwi time to get a response to the question, proceed with the rest of the budget, and then come back to it and get it complete? Are we just going to sit here all afternoon and argue? This is getting ridiculous.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Ms. Cournoyea.

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, on this section, I believe that particular question would be under employee benefits or one of the sections. My understanding is that section, whichever it is, for staffing, would be delayed, but can we proceed with the rest of the items except for that one that relates to staff housing, wherever that fits in generally?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Which particular Item are you talking about, the directorate? Ms. Cournoyea, was it not under general comments? There was no particular item involved with this one. Mr. Pollard.

Personnel, Deferred

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Mr. Chairman, we are prepared to stand the department down until we get an answer to that question in order that we can get on with the business this afternoon.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Is the committee agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed

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Justice

Directorate, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. We will move on to Justice, O and M, not previously authorized, directorate, \$615,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Police Services, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Police services, \$1,153,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Legal aid, \$1,482,000. Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just wanted to ask a question with respect to police services. I know this is the actual ongoing operations for police services, but can the Minister give us some indication of the forecast for the ongoing operations cost for providing police security for the dispute at Royal Oak Mines, and what are we going to be looking at in addition to this operational cost? Can he give us some indication?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Mr. Patterson.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, our government has taken the strong position with the Government of Canada and the Solicitor General for Canada that this particular situation - the labour relations problem at Giant Mines being a matter of federal jurisdiction and responsibility - is a responsibility of the federal government, and it is the responsibility of the federal government to pay for the additional police services costs. Mr. Chairman, I would answer the Member's question by saying that it is our strong position, which has been made forcefully to the Government of Canada, that we are responsible for none of the extraordinary costs incurred by the policing reinforcements which have been provided in connection with this labour situation. Thank you.

Legal Aid, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Legal aid, \$1,482,000. Agreed?

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Lawyer Support Services, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Lawyer support services, \$538,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

**Registries And Court Services, Total
O and M, Agreed**

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Registries and court services, \$2,684,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Total department, \$6,472,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Safety And Public Services

Directorate, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Page 14, Safety and Public Services, O and M, not previously authorized, directorate, \$184,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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**Consumer And Corporate Affairs, Total
O and M, Agreed**

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Consumer and Corporate Affairs, \$164,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Safety, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Safety, \$436,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Mine Safety, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Mine safety, \$125,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Fire Safety, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Fire safety, \$132,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Labour Board And Labour Services, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Labour board and labour services, \$90,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Public Utilities Board, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Public Utilities Board, \$61,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Total department \$1,192,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Government Services

Directorate, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Government Services, O and M, not previously authorized, directorate, \$770,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Systems And Computer Services, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Systems and computer services, \$1,118,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Supply Services, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Supply services, \$2,553,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Total department, \$4,441,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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Public Works

Directorate, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Page 17, Public Works, O and M, not previously authorized, directorate, \$1,735,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Project Management, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Project management, \$1,672,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Accommodation Services, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Accommodation services, \$9,863,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Buildings And Works, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Buildings and works, \$7,402,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Vehicles And Equipment, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Vehicles and equipment, \$886,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Utilities, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Utilities, \$8,793,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Page 18, operations, \$150,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Total department, \$30,501,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Transportation

Directorate, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Transportation, O and M, not previously authorized, directorate, \$565,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Transportation Engineering, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Transportation engineering, \$556,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Marine Services, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Marine services, \$687,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Highway Operations, Total O and M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Highway operations, \$3,608,000. Mr. Antoine.

MR. ANTOINE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to ask the Minister of Transportation with respect to highways operations, the people of Wrigley had written him a letter a few months ago asking him about the plans for the bridge at Willow River. Will there be any work on it this summer?

Could I get an answer on that'?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Mr. Pollard.

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Mr. Chairman, I will defer to Mr. Alloofoo on that question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Mr. Alloofoo.

HON. TITUS ALLOOFOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There has been a decision made to defer opening the Mackenzie Highway to Wrigley by one year because of a need to reduce capital expenditures for 1992-93 by about three million dollars. Delaying opening the road will also defer the additional O and M expenditures required in 1993-94. The current winter road service to the community will not be affected. There has been a deferral of one year for that highway. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Antoine.

MR. ANTOINE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I want to ask the Minister if there is going to be any work on this bridge this summer because I know in the capital estimates there was some money approved to begin some construction. I wonder if any work will be done at all this summer.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Alloofoo.

HON. TITUS ALLOOFOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. You all know Madam Premier's statement on June 16, which indicates the NWT Government's commitment to this project. Work will

commence in 1993 on construction of the Willow Lake bridge and the Camsell ferry shore facilities. In 1994 the bridge will be completed, and the Johnny Berens ferry will be put into service. This ferry now operates at the Liard crossing. The project is to be completed in 1994 and is estimated to be about five million dollars to this date. Thank you.

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Highway Operations, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Highway operations, \$3,608,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Arctic Airports, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Arctic airports, \$1,241,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

--Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Mr. Zoe.

MR. ZOE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Under Arctic airports, could the Minister inform me regarding the operations and maintenance of Arctic B and C airports? How many are contracted out?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Mr. Pollard.

HON. JOHN POLLARD: I will defer to Mr. Alloofoo, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Alloofoo.

HON. TITUS ALLOOFOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Most of the airports are contracted out to the municipalities, and in very few cases to private contractors. In order to get the numbers, I would have to get back to the Member as soon as I can on this, possibly tomorrow.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Mr. Zoe.

MR. ZOE: Mr. Chairman, is it then that our government currently has no contracts with private companies doing operations and maintenance? My understanding was that there may be one or two in the Eastern Arctic. The Minister indicated that they are all strictly contracted to the municipalities, and I

do not think that is the case. Could the Minister clarify as to whether I am right or not?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Alloofoo.

HON. TITUS ALLOOFOO: Mr. Chairman, I said that most of the airports maintenance are contracted out to municipalities. In a very few cases, - and I do not know the number at this point - they are contracted out to a private company. I will have to get back to the Member tomorrow on the number of contracts given out to municipalities and to private industry. Thank you.

Transportation Planning, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Transportation planning, \$241,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Motor Vehicles, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Page 20, motor vehicles, \$349,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Highway Transport Board, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Highway Transport Board, \$33,000. Agreed'

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Total department, \$7,280,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Renewable Resources

Directorate, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Renewable Resources, O and M, not previously authorized, directorate, \$530,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Wildlife Management, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Wildlife management, \$1,065,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

**Conservation Education Resource Development,
Total O and M, Agreed**

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Conservation education resource development, \$1,413,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Policy And Planning, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Policy and planning, \$256,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Pollution Control, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Pollution control, \$196,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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Field Operations, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Field operations, \$2,367,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

**Regional Land Use Planning, Total
O and M, Agreed**

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Page 22, regional land use planning, \$29,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Forest Management, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Forest management, \$110,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you, Total department, \$5,966,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Municipal And Community Affairs

Directorate, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Municipal and Community Affairs, O and M, not previously authorized, directorate, \$1,548,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

**Community Works And Capital Planning, Total
O and M, Agreed**

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Community works and capital planning, \$803,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Community Planning, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Community planning, \$422,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Surveys And Mapping, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Surveys and mapping, \$108,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Sport And Recreation, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Sport and recreation, \$2,216,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Municipal Operations And Assessment, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Municipal operations and assessment, \$11,487,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Lands, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Lands, \$329,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Total department, \$16,913,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Health

Administration, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Health, O and M, special warrant, administration, \$268,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Not previously authorized, \$2,621,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Supplementary Health Programs, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Supplementary health programs, not previously authorized, \$4,134,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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Territorial Hospital Insurance Services, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Territorial Hospital Insurance Services, \$28,629,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Medical Care Plan, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Medical care plan, \$4,649,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Medical Travel, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Medical travel, \$4,134,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Total department, special warrants, \$268,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Not previously authorized, \$44,167,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Social Services

Directorate, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Social Services, O and M, not previously authorized, directorate, \$2,848,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Family And Children's Services, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Family and children's services, \$3,435,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Corrections Services, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Corrections services, \$4,390,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Alcohol, Drugs And Community Mental Health, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Alcohol, drugs and community mental health, \$4,402,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Community And Family Support Services, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Community and family support services, \$8,977,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Total department, \$24,052,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Energy, Mines And Petroleum Resources, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, O and M, not previously authorized, Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, \$705,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Total department, \$705,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Economic Development And Tourism

Directorate, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Department of Economic Development and Tourism, O and M, not previously authorized, directorate, \$682,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Policy And Planning, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Policy and planning, \$172,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Tourism And Parks, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Tourism and parks, \$3,717,000. Agreed?

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SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Business Development, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Business development, \$3,769,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

**Economic Development Agreement, Total
O and M, Agreed**

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Economic Development

Agreement, special warrant, \$424,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

----Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Not previously authorized,
\$1,827,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

**Finance And Administration, Total
O and M, Agreed**

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Finance and
administration, \$490,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Total department, special
warrant, \$424,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Not previously authorized,
\$10,657,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Education

**Directorate And Administration, Total
O and M, Agreed**

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Education, O and M, not
previously authorized, directorate and administration,
\$789,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Advanced Education, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Advanced education,
\$6,315,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

----Agreed

Schools, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Schools, \$33,913,000.
Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Arctic College, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Arctic College,
\$8,478,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Total department,
\$49,495,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): That concludes the Interim
Appropriation Act, No. 2, 1992-93. Oh, I am sorry. We
agreed to come back to Personnel. Mr. Pollard.

Revert To Personnel

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Mr. Chairman, I think Mr.
Kakfwi has the information available, and if it would
be acceptable to Members, perhaps we could
complete the Department of Personnel.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Does the
committee agree to go back to Personnel?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Kakfwi, page 12.
There was a general comment question when we

started the Personnel operation and maintenance, not previously authorized. Mr. Kakfwi.

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On the sale of housing to employees, as part of the development of a long-term housing strategy which we hope will become complete by fall, earlier this year we approved phase one of this sale of staff housing in three communities: Yellowknife, Hay River and Fort Smith.

As far as the status report is concerned, employees were given an opportunity to express an interest in purchasing their units, and 30 employees in the three communities expressed an initial interest after appraisals were done in late April. We now have, as of a couple of weeks ago, 12 employees in these communities that made a firm offer to purchase units. In regard to a status report on the short-term housing strategy which was implemented by the former government, we offered to sell houses based on an employee survey in 1989. Of those surveyed, 182 responded positively to the survey. Of these 182 people, 74 were still interested in purchasing a home in May of 1991. Of 103 properties that were appraised, 69 were deemed eligible for sale. On January 16 of this year, 50 employees were still interested and so were sent information which included appraised list prices, offer to purchase forms, data sheets on operation and costs of the agreed units, and they were informed that the sales would be handled in a tender bid form and the closing date was February 28. As of March 5, 35 bids were received, 11 of them were unacceptable, one was from Inuvik, one was from Norman Wells, three from Rankin Inlet, one from Coppermine, one from Fort Smith, and four were from Fort Simpson. The houses had been all appraised, and of all the offers received, 24 were more than ten per cent lower than the list price. Where the bids were reasonably close to the reserve bids, Public Works counter-offered the employees' bids. To date, three houses have been sold under this program; one in Norman Wells and two in Fort Simpson. So that is basically a status report. I mentioned earlier that the long-term housing strategy is nearing completion. I hope to have it done for the September session. It should address the following areas when it is complete: responsibility and authority for housing programs; user pay; sale in level I communities. In phase two of it: economic incentives to market development, housing, the rent scale, provision of furniture and staff accommodation, eligibility guidelines and allowances, and sale of units in level II communities. I hoped to have it done sooner

but right now I would suggest it might be done and available to the Legislature by September. Thank you.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you.

Directorate, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Personnel, O and M, not previously authorized, directorate, \$1,192,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Job Evaluation, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Job evaluation, \$228,000.

Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Staffing, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Staffing, \$2,233,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Labour Relations, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Labour relations, \$610,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Equal Employment, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Equal employment, \$263,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

Employee Benefits, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Employee benefits, \$4,567,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Personnel, Total O and M, \$ 9,093,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Ningark.

HON. JOHN NINGARK: Mr. Chairman, I believe it is time for me to move across the House. Thank you.

---Applause

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Interim Appropriation Act, No. 2, 1992-93. We will now go to the bill. Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): The motion is in order and is not debatable. All those in favour of the motion? All those opposed? The motion is defeated.

---Defeated

Bill 28, An Act Respecting Interim Appropriations for the GNWT for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 1993, No. 2. Mr. Zoe.

MR. ZOE: On the Interim Appropriation, No. 2, I did not hear the Chair call out the total amount for the overall and if the bill is ready for third reading. I realize it is concluded, but the total amount has not been called, Mr. Chairman. You did not say if it is ready for third reading.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Zoe, we are still going clause by clause; you have the total amount at the end on the schedule on page three of the bill. We are still going clause by clause. General comments were finished.

Clause by clause, Bill 28, page one, clause 1, short title. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Clause 2, application. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Clause 3, interim appropriation. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Clause 4, purpose of expenditures. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Clause 5, lapse of appropriation. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Clause 6, accounting. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Clause 7, ceases to have effect. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Schedule, vote 1, operations and maintenance, total O and M, \$237,435,500. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Bill as a whole. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. That concludes Bill 28 and appropriation No. 2, and it is now ready for third reading. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Mr. Pollard.

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

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Point of order, Mr. Pudluk.

MR. PUDLUK: I thought Members have to be sitting in their chairs when they make a motion.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): First of all, before we go any further, I would like to thank Mr. Pollard and his witness for appearing before us. I think that concludes your requirement here as a witness. Mr. Allooloo.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move that we report progress.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. The motion is in order and is not debatable. Those in favour of the motion? Those opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

I will now rise and report progress.

ITEM 19: REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MR. SPEAKER: Item 19, report of committee of the whole. Mr. Arvaluk.

MR. ARVALUK: Mr. Speaker, your committee has been considering Bill 28 and wishes to report that Bill 28 is now ready for third reading. Mr. Speaker, I move that the report of the chairman of committee of the whole be concurred with. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Is there a seconder to the motion? Mr. Koe. The motion is in order. To the motion. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Item 20, third reading of bills.
Ms. Cournoyea.

ITEM 20: THIRD READING OF BILLS

Third Reading Of Bill 20: Nursing Profession Act

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Yellowknife

South, that Bill 20, An Act to Amend the Nursing Profession Act, be read for the third time.

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

---Carried

Bill 20 has had third reading. Third reading of bills.
Mr. Whitford.

Third Reading Of Bill 18: Young Offenders Act

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Iqaluit, that Bill 18, An Act to Amend the Young Offenders Act, be read for the third time.

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

---Carried

Bill 18 has had third reading. Third reading of bills. Mr. Kakfwi.

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to return to item 4, returns to oral questions.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member is seeking unanimous consent to return to item 4, returns to oral questions. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Proceed, Mr. Kakfwi.

REVERT TO ITEM 4: RETURNS TO ORAL QUESTIONS

Return To Question O534-12(2); Increase In Rents For Government-owned Houses, Inuvik

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, the Member for Inuvik asked me a question on June 16 about why there was a discrepancy between the rents paid by two employees in the town of Inuvik. He asked whether there had been a rental increase by the government effective April 1, 1992, on staff housing.

The government had planned to implement rental increases across the Territories effective April 1, 1992. The government normally increases rent annually by an amount equal to the average increase in rents in the entire housing market as

established by CMHC, the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation. At the same time, the government was working on a long-term staff housing strategy which included a total review of the existing system with a view toward solving many of the problems which have faced us in this area over the years.

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The working committee for the strategy identified the fact that our existing rental rates must be reconsidered to determine how they should relate to the rates paid on the private market and in public housing. The working committee recommended that the decision to increase staff housing rental rates across the board be rescinded. This was approved. The chairman of the committee was directed to do a thorough review of the rental structure in staff accommodation and to make recommendations for rationalizing the entire system. The long-term housing strategy is expected to be ready for consideration in the fall of 1992, at which point the government will make the final decision on the future of the staff housing program. No rental increases are contemplated for 1992.

Unfortunately, through a mix-up in communication, some employees had their rents increased by mistake. My officials have now identified all the tenants who are in this position, and their rents are being readjusted to the old rates, retroactive to the dates they were increased. Those employees who paid too much rent will receive a refund.

Thank you

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. We were on third reading of bills, but if somebody does interrupt and we go back, it could be ruled that third reading of bills is over. In this particular case, we will go back to third reading. But I would ask courtesy to be shown to finish third reading if somebody wants to go back to an earlier item.

Third reading of bills. Mr. Patterson.

REVERT TO ITEM 20: THIRD READING OF BILLS

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

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the

Member for Yellowknife South, that Bill 2, An Act to Amend the Engineering, Geological and Geophysical Professions Act, be read for the third time.

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

---Carried

Bill 2 has had third reading. Third reading of bills. Mr. Patterson.

Third Reading Of Bill 6: Purchasing Management Association Act

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Yellowknife South, that Bill 6, Purchasing Management Association Act, be read for the third time. Thank you.

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

---Carried

Bill 6 has had third reading. Third reading of bills. Mr. Patterson.

Third Reading Of Bill 19: Real Estate Agents' Licensing Act

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Yellowknife South, that Bill 19, An Act to Amend the Real Estate Agents' Licensing Act, be read for the third time. Thank you.

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

---Carried

Bill 19 has had third reading. Third reading of bills. Item 21. Mr. Clerk, orders of the day.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Mr. Speaker, there will be a meeting of the ordinary Members' caucus immediately after adjournment this evening, which will be followed by a meeting of the standing committee on agencies, boards and commissions; at 9:00 am. tomorrow morning, a

meeting of the full caucus; at 10:30, a.m. of the ordinary Members' caucus.

ITEM 21: ORDERS OF THE DAY

Orders of the day for Tuesday, June 23, 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
8. Replies to Opening Address
9. Petitions
10. Reports of Standing and Special Committees
11. Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills
12. Tabling of Documents
13. Notices of Motions
14. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills
15. Motions
16. First Reading of Bills
17. Second Reading of Bills
18. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters: Tabled Document 9-12(2), Tabled Document 10-12(2); Motion 6-12(2); Committee Report 10- 12(2) Bill 3 and Bill 29; Ministers' Statement 71-12(2)
19. Report of Committee of the Whole

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20. Third Reading of Bills: Bill 28
21. Orders of the Day

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. This House stands adjourned until 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 23, 1992.

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