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MEMBERS PRESENT: Hon. Titus Allooloo, Mr. Antoine, Mr. Arngna'naaq, Hon. James Arvaluk, Hon. Michael Ballantyne, Mr. Bernhardt, Hon. Nellie Cournoyea, Mr. Dent, Mr. Gargan, Hon. Stephen Kakfwi, Mr. Koe, Mr. Lewis, Mrs. Marie-Jewell, Ms. Mike, Hon. Don Morin, Mr. Ningark, Hon. Dennis Patterson, Hon. John Pollard, Mr. Pudlat, Mr. Pudluk, Mr. Todd, Hon. Tony Whitford, Mr. Zoe

ITEM 1: PRAYER

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SPEAKER (Hon. Michael Ballantyne): Good morning. I have been advised that Her Honour, the Deputy Commissioner of the Northwest Territories is prepared to assent to certain bills this morning. Mr. Clerk, would you ascertain if the Deputy Commissioner is prepared to enter the Chamber and assent to bills?

ASSENT TO BILLS

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER (Mrs. Maksagak): Please be seated. Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly, as Deputy Commissioner of the Northwest Territories, I hereby assent to Bill 2, An Act to Amend the Engineering Geological and Geophysical Professions Act; Bill 3, An Act to Amend the Medical Care Act; Bill 6, Purchasing Management Association Act; Bill 18, An Act to Amend the Young Offenders Act; Bill 19, An Act to Amend the Real Estate Agents' Licensing Act; Bill 20, An Act to Amend the Nursing Profession 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; Bill 30, An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act. Thank you.

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MR. SPEAKER: Please be seated. Item 2 on the order paper, Ministers' statements. Mr. Morin.

ITEM 2: MINISTERS' STATEMENTS

Minister's Statement 79-12(2): Special Approaches, Local Government

HON. DON MORIN: Mr. Speaker, the Department of Public Works uses several special approaches to

make sure the local people are able to benefit from the construction of GNWT facilities. I would like to mention a few.

This year, a construction worker training program will be included in the construction of the Pangnirtung community learning centre, the Coppermine health centre renovations, the Coppermine community learning centre, the Baker Lake group home and the Fort Simpson student hostels. For each project, at least two workers will participate in construction trades training. The program has been developed by the NWT Construction Association with funding from Public Works, MACA, the Housing Corporation and Education. The construction worker training program will increase the number of Northerners with the recognized skills required for most NWT construction projects.

For two other projects, the construction of fire halls in Fort Resolution and Aklavik, construction management services will be contracted. The use of construction management services is a first step in community economic development and is appropriate when community businesses are very interested in construction activities but do not have the experience to manage a complete project. Construction managers assist with training and development of local businesses and ensure maximum use of local labour.

For some communities, where business activity is more established, DPW, with the approval of cabinet, will negotiate a construction contract. Negotiated contracts require the use of local labour and give developing contractors valuable business experience.

Construction activities benefit many Northerners. DPW will continue to find ways to ensure the capital projects managed by the department result in local benefits of training, employment and business development. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Minister's Statement 80-12(2): Report Of The Special Advisor On Gender Equality

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, at the appropriate time today, I will be tabling the report of the special advisor on gender equality. In December 1990, Katherine Peterson was given a 16-month mandate to examine criminal justice and family law in the NWT and to recommend changes that would make the justice system more responsive to women.

In the preparation of this report, the special advisor travelled to all regions of the NWT to conduct public workshops and public meetings. A broad variety of women and men of all ages participated in this process. The special advisor also met with representatives of agencies involved in the administration of justice including the RCMP, Crown prosecutors, members of the judiciary and officials from the Departments of Justice and Social Services.

This report is the result of these extensive consultations. It contains 90 recommendations covering many areas and directed at various departments and institutions. I would like at this time to thank the special advisor for her excellent work.

The report is entitled "The Justice House." The title refers to a metaphor used by the special advisor in her public meetings. If the justice system is conceived of as a house, it can be seen that, like any house, it is a product of its architects. In this case, the architects over the centuries were primarily white males. Women and aboriginal peoples were not consulted in the design of this house.

This report is all about treating women with respect. It is about acknowledging their needs, listening to their voices and acting on their concerns. It is about making certain that issues that are important to women do not continue to get ignored. As the report points out, women and issues that are important to them have often been ignored in the past; ignored in policies, in legislation, in structures and in the allotment of resources.

Implementation of recommendations will require a long-term commitment on the part of the government and of other agencies involved in the administration of justice. Many recommendations involve a number of different agencies and will require a large degree of co-operation and co-ordination. Many recommendations are directed at agencies outside this government. These will be passed on to those agencies with every encouragement to receive the recommendations favourably. As my department addresses the issues, we will encourage dialogue with interested individuals and organizations. It will not, of course, be forgotten that now resources are difficult to come by in this time of restraint, both for this government and for most other agencies.

The question of how women are treated in the justice system must be seen in the context of widespread violence in our society that is directed toward women. This unacceptable situation is finally getting the

attention it deserves, not just in this report, but in other forums as well. The report recommends a large-scale public awareness campaign aimed at changing attitudes about violence against women.

Some of the most important recommendations of the report concern the provision of services to victims of crime. Appropriately, it is recommended that the mandate of such services be established by the communities themselves. This approach is consistent with the direction my department is taking in the area of community justice initiatives. The department will explore means of providing assistance to communities in meeting their goals and aspirations, and will not impose solutions on the communities. In particular, we recognize the importance of hearing from a broad spectrum of women when we are pursuing avenues of change in the administration of justice.

Alternatives to the current justice system must develop as the result of co-operation between the communities and the government and as the result of the expressed desire of a community to assume responsibilities in this area. We must proceed with due caution and with a large measure of creativity as we look for ways to satisfy needs and remain fiscally responsible.

Another area in which the report contains substantial recommendations is that of training and education for those directly involved in the justice system. Again, this is an area that will require extensive consultation and co-operation with other departments and agencies involved. My department is currently initiating discussions on these matters with other departments.

The report identifies a great need across the Territories for public legal education so that people may better understand the justice system and how it affects them. The report also contains specific suggestions on how to make the justice system fairer by making it more easily available to more people. A number of these suggestions can be implemented in relatively short order, and my officials are working on them now. An example of this is ensuring that common-law spouses can obtain support from their former partners.

Mr. Speaker, this report contains many recommendations. Some of them may be acted upon quickly. Others will require extensive consultation and co-operation. A third group does not fall within the

jurisdiction of this government but will be passed on to the appropriate agencies.

This government is committed to addressing shortcomings in the justice system where it fails to meet the aspirations of Northerners, both men and women from all cultures. With this report we have an important tool to help us achieve the goal of ensuring that the administration of justice in the Northwest Territories responds to the needs of women. Thank you.

-Applause

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

ITEM 3: MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

**Member's Statement On Northwest Territories
Canada Day Awards**

MR. KOE: Mahsi, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to announce the Northwest Territories Canada Day youth awards. Canada Day, July 1, is approaching and events have been planned and will be held in most communities in the Northwest Territories.

Mr. Speaker, today, as a committee member for the Northwest Territories Canada Day, I would like to announce that 10 young people from across the Territories were nominated for the 1992 Canada Day youth award, which was open to youth 18 years of age and under. The award is designed to recognize and reinforce the outstanding achievements and contributions of young people to their communities and, by extension, to the betterment of Canada. Nominations by sponsors of the youth, ranging in age from 15 to 17 years, were based on a criteria of community participation, promotion of Canadian values and environmental initiatives.

The 10 young people receiving the 1992 Canada Day youth award certifications are as follows: Naomi Antoine, Fort Simpson; Renanne Lafferty, Fort Simpson; Monique Reason, Fort Simpson; Kim Duong, Fort Simpson; Jacqueline Shouldice, Rankin Inlet; Terra Ward, Yellowknife; Stephen Mathison, Yellowknife; Chris O'Sullivan, Yellowknife; Trish Lange, Yellowknife; and Cygni Sumcad, Yellowknife. Presentations to these youth will be made at Canada Day ceremonies in Fort Simpson, Rankin Inlet and Yellowknife.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate these people on receiving these awards, and I encourage all of you

and everyone listening to participate in Canada Day celebrations. Qujannamiik and mahsi.

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

**Member's Statement On Taxpayers' Money Going
Directly To Registered Social Institutions**

MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We have heard over the last couple of weeks about the real concern of the commitment of this government to our social network. There is a concern that maybe the commitment this government has made to social services is on the decline. I would like to point out, Mr. Speaker, that when that happens there is a greater burden placed upon the public to raise the necessary funds for these non-government organizations to carry on their work. I am convinced that many of our non-government organizations can provide a service which, if the government were providing it, would cost twice or three times as much.

In that vein, Mr. Speaker, I would like to make a suggestion to the government. Because we know we can get a better bang for our buck in many instances when local organizations run programs, and since there is a real disaffection throughout the country about what the government does with the money that is given to it through taxes, would the Minister of Finance consider an option whereby individuals can get 100 per cent tax deduction for a contribution to a registered social institution in the Northwest Territories? Instead of giving that \$100 or \$200 to this government, they give it directly to the organization that they know can give them three or four times the value for that dollar than this government can.

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I am not suggesting our government is bad. All I am suggesting is that if you really want to encourage social agencies to do the work that they are increasingly asked to take on, our government should assist that I know it will result in a loss of revenue to our government, but we do it for political contributions. Every now and again an election comes up and you can get 100 per cent deduction for that contribution made to that campaign. I am suggesting the government look at that to empower people to put their money where they know they will get good value for it. Thank you.

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

**Member's Statement On Possible Alternative Use
Of New Legislative Assembly Building**

MR. TODD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to speak about the new Legislative Assembly building, a beautiful model which is displayed in the foyer outside. Mr. Speaker, as you know, and all of you know, I have been a staunch supporter of this project since its inception, although not quite for the purpose it was designed for. My original idea for this building was a sort of a "Club Leg" for the people of Whale Cove and other small communities. When the building is not being used, we could fly all the people in from the communities and they could have a nice three-week vacation in the building. They would have running water, hot showers and a nice little lake in the back to go hunting and fishing. I hosted the Mayor of Whale Cove in the capital this week, and he seemed quite receptive to the idea. However, the Minister of Finance convinced me that we just could not afford to fly all these people in, given the current travel restrictions. I must say, Mr. Speaker, I concur with the Minister's wise counsel on this issue.

Mr. Speaker, I then got to thinking about a way we could turn this sucker into a sure-fired money-maker, and I think I have come up with the answer. I would note that this suggestion fits right in with the work of the standing committee on finance, of which I am chairman. In the fall and winter, we could continue to use the building for sessions, committee meetings and the like, but in the spring and in the summer we

Members' statements. Item could convert the building into a four star resort and gambling casino. If the Members take a close look at the model and plans for this building, they would see that conversion could be done for a minimum of expense. There are already enough rooms to accommodate 200, and the chairmen and committee rooms can serve nicely as games rooms. If you look closely at the Clerk's table, it is already shaped like a blackjack table.

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In the model, there is already a Porche parked outside. Instead of Bally's Resort and Casino I propose we call it "Ballantyne's Resort and Casino". In my plan, Mr. Speaker, we could have the best of two worlds; the seat of government for the NWT and a sure-fired money-maker. You know, after 10 or 15 years, we might even pay for it. Mr. Speaker, thank God it is Friday!

--- Laughter

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MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Todd. I am not sure if the word "sucker" is a proper parliamentary expression, but I assume you are referring to a species of fish. Members' statements. Mr. Ningark.

**Member's Statement On Not Supporting Motion
To Discipline Ministers**

MR. NINGARK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to provide a little comfort to the other side, not too much comfort to the other side. Yesterday my honourable colleague, Henry Zoe, repeated over and over the accountability of Ministers for every dollar they spend. I believe that, Mr. Speaker, but I would also like to inform the House where I stand today. I feel, Mr. Speaker, that our colleagues on the other side should be given a chance to put things together. We have not given them enough time to really know where they stand or where they are going to be in the next six months. Therefore, I will not be supporting any motion - this is my stand, mine alone - that is put to the floor to recommend that the Government Leader discipline a Minister or Ministers. I will leave that up to the capacity of the Government Leader herself. Unless the cabinet Members knowingly and intentionally - what was that four letter word - foul up, Mr. Speaker, I will not be supporting any motion to discipline the Ministers. Thank you.

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MR. SPEAKER: 4, returns to oral questions. Mr. Morin.

ITEM 4: RETURNS TO ORAL QUESTIONS

**Return To Question O663-12(2): Update On
Review Of Fuel Purchasing**

HON. DON MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a return to an oral question asked by Mr. Lewis on June 25 regarding an update of review on fuel purchasing. 100/130 aviation fuel is sold to operators of piston driven aircraft. This fuel product is the only leaded product sold by the revolving fund and, from an environmental perspective, leaded products are not recommended. Consumption of this fuel has decreased dramatically in the last two years.

On May 22, 1992, the director of petroleum products wrote to all aviation companies that operate in the

North, indicating the significant decline in sales of this fuel. He asked if it would be possible to phase out stocking this product over the next two years. He also indicated that because sales are down, some of the current inventory will "go off" specifications and may have to be written off. Two companies responded to the letter. Because of their concerns, this initiative has been deferred for the time being.

Sales will continue to be monitored over the next few years and other options to supplying and storing 100/130 will be explored over the coming fiscal year. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Further Return To Question O664-12(2):
Assessment Of Students By Health Social
Services And Education**

HON. TITUS ALLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a return to an oral question asked by Mr. Antoine on June 25, 1992, with respect to the assessment of students by Health, Social Services and Education. The Departments of Health, Social Services and Education have provided a tri-ministry committee on services to children with information which they have received from parents, advocacy groups and school boards on the need for specialized services, including assessment. The committee is now meeting directly with some of the health and social services professionals who provide specialized services. It has also met with one advocacy group.

Information from boards and divisional boards of education on the levels of support services to their students will be available to the committee in a report currently being prepared for the Department of Education by a consultant. The Department of Education has also developed a data base to collect information on the needs of students. This will be used to more accurately identify the needs for services.

**Return To Question O662-12(2): Approved
Financial Assistance For Educational
Leave Applicants**

Mr. Speaker, I have a further return to a question asked by Mrs. Marie-Jewell on June 25. All 26 new applicants for the education leave program for 1992-93 were refused. All 14 applicants enrolled in 1991-92 in post-secondary programs and receiving education leave were approved to continue to receive education

leave. This represents 100 per cent approval of continuing students for 1992-93.

**Further Return To Question O634-12(2): Factors
Considered In Advancement Of
Children In Schools**

I have a further response to an oral question asked by Mr. Gargan on June 25, further to my return to Question O634-12(2) on June 25, 1992. It is not the policy or the practice of schools in the Deh Cho Divisional Board to hold students back for their size or age. I would advise parents in Fort Providence, who are concerned that this practice might be occurring, to discuss their concerns with their children's teacher and principal, and the director of the Deh Cho Divisional Board of Education if they wish. I encourage these parents to meet with their children's teachers when schools open again in August. Parents must be involved in their children's education for children to succeed.

The Member for Deh Cho also asked for a list of all students who have not progressed in school since 1986. The names of students are considered confidential, but I can provide the Member with promotion rates by grade since 1986. In 1985-86, 79 per cent of students were promoted. In 1987-88, 80 per cent of students were promoted; and in 1988-89, 84.5 per cent of students were promoted. By 1989-90, 86 per cent of students in NWT schools were promoted. Figures for 1986-87 are not available.

A table with more detailed information on promotion rates has been provided directly to the Member asking the question, the MLA for Deh Cho, Mr. Gargan. Thank you.

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

**Return To Question O618-12(2): Action Taken On
Pipeline Spill**

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have two returns, Mr. Speaker, one asked by Mr. Gargan on June 23, 1992. It concerned a spill on the pipeline. Late on May 4, a spill was detected on the IPL pipeline 25 kilometres north of Fort Simpson. The oil escaped from the underground pipeline through a pin-sized hole. The spill was estimated to be two cubic meters and covered an area measuring approximately six meters by six meters. The spill was contained on the IPL right-of-way by sandbags and

absorbent material, restricting contamination to the immediate area of the leak.

The National Energy Board is the lead agency responsible for investigation of the spill. Follow-up by board officials is continuing.

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

Mr. Speaker, in response to a question asked by Mrs. Marie Jewell on June 22, 1992, concerning policy for tender and proposal calls: Mr. Speaker, contracts are entered into pursuant to the requirements of the Financial Administration Act and the government contract regulations that have been established in accordance with that act.

The two primary processes for entering into contracts are tenders and requests for proposals. With tenders, the exact requirements of the contract are known and are specified to interested parties in advance of the bids being made. The contract is awarded to the party that has tendered the lowest bid. As the lowest bid is the single deciding factor, the value of each bid is announced at the time of the public bid opening.

With requests for proposals, certain requirements cannot be pro-determined and outlined to the interested parties. Instead, a number of published criteria are used to evaluate the bids. Points are awarded in relation to those criteria, and the firm with the most points is awarded the contract. The dollar value of the bid is always one of the criteria. However, as it is only one of a number of criteria, the dollar value is not announced at the time the bids are publicly opened.

Variances from standard government contracting procedures do arise on an occasional basis, and are dealt with in accordance with the directions of the contracting officers from the Departments of Finance, Government Services and Justice. However, both the tender and request for proposal process cannot be used in the same contracting exercise. Once the decision has been made to use one of the two processes, the entire exercise is to be completed using the chosen process. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Return To Question O583-12(2): Contract For Group Home Services In Cambridge Bay

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a return to an oral question asked by Mr. Bernhardt on June 19, contract for group home services in Cambridge Bay. Mr. Speaker, the proposal call for group home operators closed on April 27, 1992. On May 7, 1992, the regional proposal review committee met to review the proposals received from Ivik Enterprises, Garrells/Walsh and Emkay North Services.

Each proposal was reviewed using the criteria and rating system as outlined in the Department of Social Services' contract manual which governs administration of the contracting process for the department and is based on the Government of the Northwest Territories' contract regulations. Government Services had a representative on the regional proposal review committee.

There are several criteria used to establish points to evaluate each proposal. The proposals from Garrells/Walsh and Emkay North Services were weak on all criteria and, in particular, did not address treatment methods which were identified in the terms of reference for the proposal call. This is necessary to provide proper care for children with the types of problems that bring them into care and into this group home. Ivik Enterprises addressed all aspects of programs for troubled children in care including self-help, life skills, social development and daily living skills.

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

Mr. Speaker, I have another reply to a question asked by Mr. Arngna'naaq on June 22 on the social impact of the Great Whale project. The issue of potential social impacts resulting from the proposed Great Whale hydro development project has been considered by the Department of Social Services. Having seen the impact of the James Bay project on the Cree and Inuit of northern Quebec, we are particularly sensitive to the possibility of harmful changes occurring in several NWT communities. While the most potentially devastating effects are, as I said last year, environmental, we cannot afford to overlook the risk of negative socio-economic impacts as well.

Consequently, although the department does not yet have the resources to conduct an independent socio-economic impact study, staff are monitoring the work

undertaken by the various agencies already involved in the assessment review process. We will also be working actively with other government departments involved in the intervention process and with the affected communities, to help minimize any potential impact. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Further Return To Question O649-12(2): Block Funding For Capital Projects

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a return to a question asked by Mr. Lewis on June 25, sewage lift station, City of Yellowknife. For the 1992-93 fiscal year, the City of Yellowknife had requested capital funding of approximately one million dollars for the construction of a sewage lift station in the Frame Lake South area of the city. It was not possible for the Government of the Northwest Territories to accommodate this particular item in the 1992-93 capital plan. The city has gone ahead and financed the project out of other funding sources because it regarded the project as urgent and seeks recovery of the funding from the GNWT in future years. The department recognizes the importance of the project to the overall system of water and sanitation infrastructure in the city, and undertook to reflect the project funding in the 1993-94 capital plan.

Return To Question O666-12(2): Number Of Electrical Inspectors In The NWT

There are six electrical inspectors in the NWT. The distribution of inspectors is: one electrical inspector in Inuvik to inspect all of the Inuvik Region; one electrical inspector in Iqaluit to inspect all of the Baffin Region; one electrical inspector in Hay River to perform inspections south of Great Slave Lake; two electrical inspectors in Yellowknife, as well as the chief inspector. One of the two electrical inspectors is designated as the elevator inspector for the entire NWT; however, approximately 20 per cent of his time is devoted to general inspections in the Kitikmeot and Keewatin Regions, as well as electrical inspections in and around the Yellowknife area and in other regions as required.

There has been no decrease in the numbers of inspectors in the electrical/elevator safety section of the safety division over the past year.

Thank you.

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

Return To Question O657-12(2): Meeting Mental Health Needs Of Northern Communities

HON. TONY WHITFORD: The clinical services program is a very small mobile team of professionals providing assessment and counselling services for troubled youth and their families

Also, as MLAs have recently established a special committee on health and social services and since consideration is being given to amalgamation of the departments, it would be premature to consider decentralizing a service currently under review, before the options for possibly strengthening the service have even been considered.

DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr. Ludy Pudluk): Returns to oral questions. Item 5, oral questions. Mr. Gargan.

ITEM 5: ORAL QUESTIONS

Question O667-12(2): Elizabeth Ward School Average

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Education. In his return, the Minister indicated the amount of students that were promoted. He also gave me a list of the NWT average. The average that the Minister gave me, 78 per cent in 1986; 80 per cent in 1988, and so on. I would like to ask the Minister if this average he has given me is a territorial average, or is that the Elizabeth Ward School average?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Alloo.oo.

Return To Question O667-12(2): Elizabeth Ward School Average

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is a territorial average.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mr. Gargan.

Supplementary To Question O667-12(2): Elizabeth Ward School Average

MR. GARGAN: Could the Minister provide me with the Elizabeth Ward School average since 1986?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Alloo.oo.

Further Return To Question O667-12(2): Elizabeth Ward School Average

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Dent.

Question O668-12(2): Daily Loss Figures From Expo '92

MR. DENT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This question is for the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism. Yesterday the Minister tabled a document with actual figures showing how operations were proceeding at Expo '92 as of May 31. Included in that document there was a cash flow projection that showed a daily loss of \$342 projected. Could the Minister advise if this figure has been achieved during the month of June to date?

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MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Pollard.

Return To Question O668-12(2): Daily Loss Figures From Expo '92

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Mr. Speaker, approximately, yes.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mr. Dent.

Supplementary To Question O668-12(2): Daily Loss Figures From Expo '92

MR. DENT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am not sure how close 'approximately' means, but I guess there is a real concern that this operation might turn into a severe lose of money for the NWT. Could the Minister advise that he recognizes the seriousness of the potential loss here, and will commit to this House that he will attend Expo as soon as possible to review the operations to ensure that the loss is kept to the absolute minimum?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Pollard.

Further Return To Question O668-12(2): Daily Loss Figures From Expo '92

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Mr. Speaker, when I say "approximately" - - I receive the daily sales figures from Expo, each day by fax, but the other accounting, the salaries, the other expenses that Expo incurs, takes longer to come because it is sent over through

the finance section of Economic Development and Tourism, so that is why I say "approximately." I know from the daily sales figures, and I know approximately what they are expending, but it is the same kind of numbers as May, maybe improving slightly.

With regard to whether I know what the potential loss is there, I am very well aware of the potential loss, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, we went into it knowing that if we did not go into it and did not proceed with the fair, that the loss would be a minimum of \$2.5 million not counting liabilities and potential court cases. We are, in fact, more than \$2.5 million at the present time. I am well aware of that, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, will I go to Expo - I have a very busy schedule, Mr. Speaker - if it is absolutely necessary. I will advise the House, though, that I have dispatched one of the staff from Economic Development and Tourism, Mr. Kit Spence, who was an architect of this particular fair. Mr. Spence has met with myself and all the directors who are involved in the various aspects of the exposition. He has taken their concerns into consideration and has taken the verbal report that we received from Mr. Nerysoo into consideration. I have instructed Mr. Spence to go there to try to resolve some of those problems and report back to the deputy minister, and hence to myself, as soon as possible. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Supplementary To Question O668-12(2): Daily Loss Figures From Expo '92

MR. DENT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There is some concern that the NWT project at Expo is not performing financially as well as it was expected to. I wonder if the Minister could advise if we have people on staff who have extensive experience at running retail operations or retail restaurant operations.

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

Further Return To Question O668-12(2): Daily Loss Figures From Expo '92

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Mr. Speaker, we do have experienced managers there in the arts and crafts area and also in the food and retail area. Yes, they have quite considerable experience in that regard.

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

**Question O669-12(2): Correct Tender Procedures
Re Food Catering Contract**

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask a question to the Minister of Education. Mr. Speaker, I have asked over the time of our session with respect to a tender bid, or a tender call, regarding Arctic College catering food services contract. On May 25, there was a notice for an invitation to tender. The Minister of Education has stated in this House, on June 20, that this tender was not considered a tender once it was opened. It was considered a proposal call. However, the Minister of Finance has, to date, told me that the contract with tenders, the exact requirement for contracts is to be known and specified to interested parties, and the contract is awarded to the party that has tendered the lowest bid. As the lowest bid is the single deciding factor, the value of each bid is announced at the time of the public bid opening.

I would like to ask the Minister of Education why the tender procedures were not used when opening the bid for tender call regarding the cafeteria food services at Arctic College. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. Alloo.oo.

Return To Question O669-12(2): Correct Tender Procedures Re Food Catering Contract

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I stated in this House, on the advice of the experts, the people who deal with the contract openings and awards in the Department of Government Services, the college was advised, because of the criteria set out in the tender, that this should be treated as a proposal. Ever since the Member has questioned me on this topic, I have directed the college that this should be treated as a tender, as it was advertised. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Oral questions. Supplementary, Member for Thebacha.

Supplementary To Question O669-12(2): Correct Tender Procedures Re Food Catering Contract

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Speaker, can I ask the Minister of Education if he is indicating to this House that the proper policy procedures and the procedures in respect to the Financial Administration Act were not followed through in this particular tender call?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Alloo.oo.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Perhaps the Minister of Finance could answer that question.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Pollard.

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HON. JOHN POLLARD: Mr. Speaker, as I understand it, there were four bids received in this regard. The bids were duly opened. At the time that they were opened by the person opening them, an error was made and they considered them to be a proposal call because of the way the documents looked. Consequently, the numbers were not announced at that tender opening. Because there was an error made and because you cannot change a tender call into a proposal call or vice versa, there was a meeting between Justice, Government Services, Finance and Arctic College. It was decided that the only error was one of omission in announcing the numbers at that particular tender opening. So each of the tenderers was advised of the numbers, and there was a selection made from one of those tenderers. So it did not change from a tender call into a proposal call, although we freely admit that an error was made at tender opening when the numbers were not announced.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Supplementary, Member for Thebacha.

Question O670-12(2): Assurance That Tender Calls Will Not Be Changed To Proposal Calls

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the honesty in respect to addressing this issue because there has been a problem in regard to it. Can I get assurance from the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Justice, the Minister of Government Services, and from the Government Leader that, in future, any invitation to tender by this government will not be changed and considered as proposal calls after the bids have been opened?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Pollard.

Return To Question O670-12(2): Assurance That Tender Calls Will Not Be Changed To Proposal Calls

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Mr. Speaker, that assurance is given. I might point out that the same kind of problem was experienced with Arctic College in the

Baffin. At that time, and this was after the Fort Smith issue, because the tenders had not been opened, the tender was quashed and it will be going out to tender again. So there was another error that was stopped, and everybody will be treated fairly. But the Member has our commitment that there will be no flip-flopping back and forth between proposal and tender calls and vice versa.

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

Question O671-12(2): Upgrading Water Reservoir, Lake Harbour

MR. PUDLAT: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs. In Lake Harbour, our water reservoir has been a problem for quite a long time. There has been some plans to improve the reservoir. In the springtime it gets hard to get water from it because it gets muddy. Does the Minister have any plans for the improvement of the water reservoir or upgrading of the pipes to the deep end of the lake?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Patterson.

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

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The question is taken as notice. Mr. Gargan.

Question O672-12(2): Policy On Walk-in Freezers

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have about three files here with questions and note the responses I have not received. But I was dealing with other things that I had neglected in representing my constituency. However, I apologize to my constituents for that. I would like to ask the Government Leader with regard to a motion that was passed December 12th of last year regarding the walk-in freezer for Kakisa. At that time, the department indicated that there was going to be a policy that would be developed by MACA, DPW and Renewable Resources to come up with a way to address that issue. Is a policy now in place on how communities can get walk-in freezers or freezers?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Madam Premier.

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HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, over the years we have developed many policies on freezer allocation to communities and who is going to be responsible. Another policy has been developed; however, we are trying to work it into the budget because there is a cost implication to that. So the Department of Renewable Resources is looking at the policy that has come forward at this time and to see how that can be worked into the budget for this fall. Presently, the Department of Public Works has a budget for \$936,000 per year and \$19,500 per community freezer. This is for the operation and maintenance of the community freezers that presently exist.

As part of reassessing the community freezer program, other ways of using this money will be, for example, turning over to the hunters' and trappers' associations, band councils, or the appropriate agencies to maintain community freezers, or it could be used to purchase chest-type freezers or discontinue the use of large-scale community freezers.

So because of the cost implications, the last policy proposal that was put forward had quite extensive cost implications. So we are trying to work it into other alternatives and what people can handle within a budget. So yes, we are developing it. A policy was developed and the cost implications are being examined to see if we can deliver it to communities. From time to time, particularly in small communities, it may be appropriate, for example, rather than building a community freezer, to allow the community to have a certain amount of funds so that each individual can purchase a very large chest-type freezer. These are the cost implications that we are struggling with right now. Yes, it is an active file and we would like to see it through, but with what we came up with the last time, there were a lot of cost implications as a community freezer.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Oral questions. Oral questions. Mr. Gargan.

Question O673-12(2): Progress Report On Kakisa School

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, 12 days before Christmas there was a motion passed by Mr. Lewis with regard to a request for a small school to be built in the community of Kakisa. Mr. Speaker, the Government Leader has already made a commitment in the community capital plan process, and one of the requirements is for

communities to make motions on their priorities. One of the priorities is for a small school for the settlement of Kakisa, and the settlement passed a motion to request a small school. I would like to ask the Minister of Education if he would tell me what the progress is on that.

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

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HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The school for Kakisa will go into the capital planning process. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Oral questions. Mr. Dent.

Question O674-12(2): Cabinet Consideration Of Nunavut Political Accord

MR. DENT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs. Mr. Speaker, it is my understanding that the negotiators for the GNWT, the federal government and TFN have reached agreement on a political accord pursuant to Article 4 of the Nunavut final claim. As I understand it, this accord has yet to receive the approval of this cabinet. Could the Minister tell the House when this political accord is expected to go to cabinet for consideration?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Kakfwi.

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HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, I think that as soon as this session is over, we can start to make some plans about taking care of some business like the accord and have a realistic plan as to when we can bring it to the attention of cabinet I am unable to give you an exact time and date, but I think it would be in July.

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

Supplementary To Question O674-12(2): Cabinet Consideration Of Nunavut Political Accord

MR. DENT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A supplementary to the same Minister. This accord, as I

understand it, provides for the establishment of a Nunavut implementation commission which will oversee the transition process for the establishment of Nunavut. As I understand it, the GNWT will also be appointing representatives to this commission. My question, Mr. Speaker, is this government going to be negotiating with the Government of Canada to ensure they recover the costs for the staff and administration that will be working on this commission?

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

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HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, wherever we think we have some basis to recover costs or to have the federal government cover costs of initiatives, we do that. It is also understood, politically, that in areas where we have responsibility and where we take initiatives, that we have to accept some of the costs ourselves. As to the exact nature of who is going to pay for what in this process, I am not able at this time to give you details. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Oral questions. Mr. Gargan.

Question O675-12(2): Status Of Ice Crossing Between Hay River And Reserve

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Transportation. There is an ice crossing between Hay River and the Hay River Reserve beside the bridge that is used by the RCMP, ambulance, Housing Corporation, and the public. Everybody seems to agree that the crossing provides immediate access to the Reserve and it is merited, but they seem to be dumping all the responsibility of maintaining the road on the Hay River Reserve. I would like to ask the Minister whether the ice crossing between Hay River and the Reserve is considered a public access road.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Gargan, could you indicate again which Minister you were directing your question to.

MR. GARGAN: My question was directed to the Minister of Transportation.

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

Return To Question O675-12(2): Status Of Ice Crossing Between Hay River And Reserve

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will look into the problem for the Member. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Oral questions. Mr. Dent.

Question O676-12(2): Progress Re Airline Travel Points Strategy

MR. DENT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Premier. Mr. Speaker, on December 12, 1991, the Premier responded to a question I had asked indicating that her government would be investigating some method of accruing travel points for airline tickets for use by the government. I wonder if the Premier could report on any progress in this field.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Madam Premier.

Return To Question O676-12(2): Progress Re Airline Travel Points Strategy

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I would like to inform the honourable Member that we have put that into our whole financial planning, and I have given that responsibility to the Minister of Finance to incorporate how we can best achieve the goals of utilizing travel points that were obtained through government travel for the benefit of NWT residents. I will defer further questions on that to the Minister of Finance.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Oral questions. Mr. Dent.

Question O677-12(2): Progress Re Travel Points Accrual Scheme

MR. DENT: Mr. Speaker, my question, then, is to the Minister of Finance. Could the Minister of Finance advise what progress has been made in trying to set up a scheme to accrue travel points that are obtained through the purchase of tickets for government travel to the government.

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

Return To Question O677-12(2): Progress Re Travel Points Accrual Scheme

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, as we heard yesterday in the public accounts report, and as Members know the report of the Auditor General earlier, government travel is

somewhat of a problem for us at the present time, and we recognize that. We are addressing government travel in general, but in particular with regard to these points, there has been a lot of consideration given to eliminating the points as a benefit to the employee who accrues them.

If I could just give a little bit of a background, Mr. Speaker, we understand the federal government receives a four per cent discount from Canadian Airlines, and in return, Canadian Airlines attributes all the points to the Government of Canada, and then dumps the points at the end of each month. I have had one meeting with Canadian Airlines in that regard. We are pursuing the same kind of initiative, and one of the suggestions I have at the present time, Mr. Speaker, is that instead of accepting a discount we would accrue the points, and then we would administer those points to cultural groups, youth groups, sporting organizations...

MR. TODD: Minor hockey.

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Minor hockey is a good one, Mr. Todd. Primarily aimed at the young people in the Northwest Territories, Mr. Speaker, to allow them to travel more around the Northwest Territories. That is one of the things we are presently working on. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question O678-12(2): Reimbursement To Lake Harbour Hamlet For Expenses Incurred Re Construction Of Housing Authority Office

MR. PUDLAT: (Translation) Mr. Speaker, I have a question to the Minister of the Housing Corporation. We are appreciative in Lake Harbour that there will be a housing authority office which is more decent than the old one because they were staying in an old building, and we are very appreciative that they now have a new office. While they were building, the people who were responsible for the gravel put in too much, and the hamlet office had to pay more. So the hamlet has written to the Housing Corporation to see if they can get the money back. I wonder if the Minister is aware if the hamlet has been paid in regard to the gravel. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Return To Question O678-12(2): Reimbursement To Lake Harbour Hamlet For Expenses Incurred Re Construction Of Housing Authority Office

HON. DON MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My understanding is that the contractor and the NWT Housing Corporation have a dispute. The hamlet got stuck with the bill somehow. They are working on it to address the situation. I understand it has been outstanding for some time, since December, so I would just like to reassure the Member that it will come to a conclusion in a very short period of time, by July. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Oral Questions. Mr. Gargan.

Question O679-12(2): Hay River Ice Crossing

MR. GARGAN: Thank you. With regard to the question I asked before regarding the ice crossing road between the town of Hay River and the Reserve, the Minister indicated that he would look into the problem. I would like to ask him if he has taken it as notice.

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

Return To Question O679-12(2): Hay River Ice Crossing

HON. TITUS ALLOOFOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. No, I will got my department to see if we can get a meeting together between the town of Hay River, a member from the reserve, and maybe Mr. Gargan, to see if we could work on the plan so that the maintenance of the ice bridge could be ironed out. Thank you.

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

Supplementary To Question O679-12(2): Hay River Ice Crossing

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Speaker, I also asked the Minister whether or not he considered that ice road a public access road.

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

Further Return To Question O679-12(2): Hay River Ice Crossing

HON. TITUS ALLOOFOO: Mr. Speaker, I am told that the ice bridge is within the municipality of Hay River. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Second supplementary, Mr. Gargan.

Supplementary To Question O679-12(2): Hay River Ice Crossing

MR. GARGAN: So is it a public access road, then?

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

HON. TITUS ALLOOFOO: Mr. Speaker, since it is a part of the municipal land, I would have to check with the Town of Hay River. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Minister is taking that question as notice. Oral questions. Member for Thebacha.

Question O680-12(2): Martselos Services Versus Arctic College

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister of Education. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Minister of Education, with respect to a Supreme Court judgment in the Territories which was filed on May 8. On February 28, Justice de Weerd of the Territorial Supreme Court heard a civil suit filed by Martselos Services Limited against Arctic College, and on May 8, Justice de Weerd filed his judgment, finding that Arctic College awarding damages to Martselos Services for a breach of contract. This had to do, again, with improper tendering procedures used at Arctic College. Can the Minister advise this House as to the status of this particular case? Thank you.

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

Return To Question O680-12(2): Martselos Services Versus Arctic College

HON. TITUS ALLOOFOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. At this point I could not comment directly on the judgment as it is currently under review. However, the college followed established GNWT procedures for tendering, and sought legal counsel prior to awarding the contract in question. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Oral questions.

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Supplementary, Member for Thebacha.

Supplementary To Question O680-12(2): Martselos Services Versus Arctic College

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Speaker, can I get clarification from the Minister as to whether this judgment is under review by the college, or is it under the appeal process of the court system?

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

Further Return To Question O680-12(2): Martselos Services Versus Arctic College

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: My understanding is that the case is under review by the courts.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: This question is not really adequate at the moment because it is before the court. I believe it is upheld now. If someone wants to ask a question like this, next time I will have to rule it out of order. Oral questions. Mr. Gargan.

Question O681-12(2): Access Road To Hay River Reserve

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Transportation. In March, I wrote a letter to the Minister with regard to a concern I have regarding the access road to the Hay River Reserve. There has been an increase in traffic on the access road. There is also an anticipated increase once they have the alcohol and drug treatment centre there, the Dene Cultural Institute, and also the senior citizens' home. Does the Minister have any plans to address the increased volume, and is there going to be any improvement to the access road? I have not been too successful to date in addressing the issue.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Allooloo.

Return To Question O681-12(2): Access Road To Hay River Reserve

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Recognizing the importance of the community access road to local communities, the Department of Transportation has stepped up its maintenance service on community access roads for the last two summers. The department has hired a brushing crew from the reserve to clean brush along the right of way and to improve the driving site distances. The annual resurfacing and application of the calcium chloride will strengthen the driving surface, improve driver comfort and also make it more safe. We are working with members of the reserve to see if we could gradually enhance the road access.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Koe.

Question O682-12(2): Rejection Of Teacher Education Program Proposal, Beaufort-Delta

MR. KOE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A question to the Minister of Education regarding the rejection of the teacher education program proposal. It seems that when proposals like this are rejected, Ministers got their assistant deputy ministers or deputy ministers to sign letters of rejection, and when there is good news to be transmitted, Ministers sign those letters. My concern and a concern of residents in the area is that they feel the proposal for a teacher education program in the Beaufort-Delta area was not given a fair chance. Will the Minister and his department be revisiting the proposal and reassessing the need for a teacher education program in the Beaufort-Delta area?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Allooloo.

Return To Question O682-12(2): Rejection Of Teacher Education Program Proposal, Beaufort-Delta

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I mentioned in this session, we are reviewing all the teacher education programs so that government can be more effective and more efficient. All the teacher education programs are being reviewed, and one of the things we are doing is reviewing the proposal that was put together by Beaufort Sea Divisional Board of Education.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mr. Koe.

Supplementary To Question O682-12(2): Rejection Of Teacher Education Program Proposal, Beaufort-Delta

MR. KOE: There are teacher education programs in Iqaluit and Fort Smith and community teacher education programs in Rankin, Rae and Hay River, but there is none in the northwestern parts of the Territories. My plea to the Minister is to please look at this. When do you expect the assessment of the teacher education program to be complete?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Allooloo.

Further Return To Question O682-12(2): Rejection Of Teacher Education Program Proposal, Beaufort-Delta

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Before the beginning of the school year.

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

**Question O683-12(2): Interest Group Involvement
In TriMinisterial Group Of Health, Social Services
And Education**

MR. ANTOINE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Education. Just a follow-up on the question I had yesterday on the assessment. I know you gave me an answer, but I just want to be clear as to how concerned groups, concerned parents and school boards could become involved in this tri-ministerial group of Health, Social Services and Education. They are discussing how to improve the delivery of all services to children. How could interest groups and school boards become involved in this process?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Allooloo.

Return To Question O683-12(2): Interest Group Involvement In Tri-Ministerial Group Of Health, Social Services And Education

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My understanding is that the tripartite ministry group will be talking to divisional boards and partners in education, which includes communities and the interest groups that are interested in the school system. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Antoine.

Supplementary To Question O683-12(2): Interest Group Involvement In Tri-Ministerial Group Of Health, Social Services And Education

MR. ANTOINE: Is this process that you are talking about happening right now? Is there a time frame in which this process will be concluded? I am saying this because we have a few months now until the next school year, and I think one assessment needs to be done. I was wondering if you could give me an answer of how long this process is going to take.

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MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Allooloo.

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HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. At this point I do not know their work plan. I will write to the Member as to their schedule and their dates to complete their study.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Todd.

**Question O684-12(2): Casino In New Legislative
Assembly Building**

MR. TODD: My question is to the Minister of Finance. With the advent of Nunavut and the fact that there will be no requirement for all the square footage in the now Assembly building, would the Minister of Finance be prepared to consider a feasibility study to determine whether we could put a casino in this new mausoleum?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Pollard.

Return To Question O684-12(2): Casino In New Legislative Assembly Building

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Mr. Speaker, I will not commit to a feasibility study, but I will say that lately life has become a gamble in the Legislative Assembly.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mr. Todd.

Supplementary To Question O684-12(2): Casino In New Legislative Assembly Building

MR. TODD: Would he be prepared to name the new building "Pollard Plaza"?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Pollard.

Further Return To Question O684-12(2): Casino In New Legislative Assembly Building

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Mr. Speaker, the administration of the Legislative Assembly building, the planning for that building, anything that is associated with that building, is the responsibility of the Legislative Assembly through the Speaker and the Management and Services Board, and I will certainly report to them this afternoon at 2:00 o'clock.

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

Point Of Order

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Speaker, I would like to raise a point of order. It was not my question at all to question or challenge your authority in the Chair of this House. However, earlier on I was asking a question to the Minister of Education for clarification. And until I was told to get confirmation whether this court case was being appealed, information was not

in this House to be able to determine that the government was going to appeal this. So under that situation, I did want to attempt to get clarification from the Minister.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: I will take the point of order, review it and look at the Hansard and report back to the House. Oral questions. Mr. Gargan.

Question O685-12(2): Policing And Clean-Up Of Fort Providence Access Road

MR. GARGAN: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, I have written a letter to the Minister of Transportation - I am sorry, to the previous Minister, Mr. Wray -- but the problem still exists. It is with regard to the winter access road in Fort Providence. It has been used now continuously by tourists that go there. They camp there, they launch their boats there, and they dump their garbage and their sewage there. At that time, the previous Minister did say that they were going to, I believe, get the Department of Highways to do an occasional check around there. There are no barrels there yet. I would like to ask whether or not the department has looked into the situation and how they propose to address it.

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

Return To Question O685-12(2): Policing And Clean-Up Of Fort Providence Access Road

HON. TITUS ALLOOFOO: Mr. Speaker, I commit the department to putting garbage disposals at the site, and also I will keep the Member informed as to the policing of that particular area. Thank you.

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

Question O686-12(2): Services Provided To Arctic College By Legal Division

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Justice. I would like the Minister of Justice to know that this does not really deal with any particular case with respect to the Department of Justice providing legal services to government departments and agencies. Can the Minister of Justice advise this House as to what services are ordinarily provided to Arctic College by the legal division of his department with respect to advising on tender procedures? Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Patterson.

Return To Question O686-12(2): Services Provided To Arctic College By Legal Division

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, there are a number of lawyers in the legal division of the Department of Justice who are basically assigned to various departments of the government. They make themselves available, upon request, to provide legal advice, so there would be a lawyer assigned to Arctic College and the Department of Education, who would work with that department and provide advice on a range of issues including tendering. That is how the system works. Legal services are within the Department of Justice and not within individual departments of the government. Thank you.

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

Supplementary To Question O686-12(2): Services Provided To Arctic College By Legal Division

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Speaker, can the Minister indicate to this House whether or not the same lawyers who provide advice to the college on tendering and contract matters also advise the college whether their work will hold up in the courts? Do the lawyers provide the same type of services? Thank you.

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

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Further Return To Question O686-12(2): Services Provided To Arctic College By Legal Division

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, if I understand the Member's question correctly, I think the answer would be no. Litigation and court matters are dealt with by different lawyers in the department who are specialists in court work. So in most circumstances, it would be different lawyers who represent the government when litigation is involved: different lawyers than those who might have been involved in advising the department on a matter that might ultimately lead to litigation. So it would not be the same lawyers in most cases, generally speaking. Thank you.

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

Supplementary To Question O686-12(2): Services Provided To Arctic College By Legal Division

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Since the Minister said that in most cases it would not be the same lawyer, is it possible that the same lawyer can provide legal advice to the departments whether their work can be hold up in court, or whether this legal advice is provided by the same lawyer? Does that possibility exist? Thank you.

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

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HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, without a specific factual situation to respond to, it is difficult for me to answer that kind of question, which I think is in the nature of a hypothetical question. I find it difficult to answer the Member's question. I suppose anything is possible, but without reference to a particular case, it is hard for me to advise. I think lawyers in the department work as a team, and there is a collegial relationship there, so I suppose it is possible that litigation lawyers are involved in advice to the departments from time to time. I guess if I had to answer the question, I would say yes, it is possible. Thank you.

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

Supplementary To Question O686-12(2): Services Provided To Arctic College By Legal Division

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Speaker, first of all I want to tell the Minister that I believe it is your responsibility as Speaker to determine whether my question is hypothetical or not. However, Mr. Speaker, I know there are strict guidelines within the legal profession to prevent lawyers from acting in a conflict of interest. Can I request the Minister of Justice to assure this House that the role of the legal division in his Department of Justice does not run contrary to those guidelines? Thank you.

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

Further Return To Question O686-12(2): Services Provided To Arctic College By Legal Division

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, if the honourable Member is asking me to look into the possibility of conflict between the legal division and the litigation department, then I will certainly undertake to do so. Yes. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Oral questions. Mr. Gargan.

Question O687-12(2): Status Of Akaitcho Hall Advisory Board

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In January, there was a letter written to me which I addressed to the Minister, and the Minister responded with regard to the Akaitcho Hall Advisory Board. They had requested on a number of occasions to become a management board. The Minister has indicated that there is a direction of operations training development being worked on, and that the Akaitcho Hall Advisory Board would be fully involved in this review. My question to the Minister was whether or not this Akaitcho Hall Advisory Board could become a management board, and I have not had any response. Are there any plans to change their status?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. Alloo.oo.

Return To Question O687-12(2): Status Of Akaitcho Hall Advisory Board

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There are no plans at this time to make Akaitcho Hall a management board, but there is a review of the Akaitcho Hall operations, and part of that review is to review the Akaitcho Hall board to see where they should be going. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. The time for question period has expired. Before we go to the other items, we will take a 15 minute break.

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The committee will come to order. Item 6, written questions. Mr. Koe.

ITEM 6: WRITTEN QUESTIONS

Question W45-12(2): Teaching And Administrative Positions Filled By Aboriginal People

MR. KOE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a written question for the Minister of Education: 1) How many teaching and administrative positions are there in the Northwest Territories? 2) How many of these positions are currently occupied by aboriginal people? 3) What are the plans to implement a comprehensive affirmative action plan to replace all teaching positions in the NWT with Northerners, especially aboriginal people?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Written questions. Item 7, returns to written questions. Mr. Clerk.

ITEM 7: RETURNS TO WRITTEN QUESTIONS

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Mr. Speaker, return to Question W43-12(2), asked by Mr. Antoine to the Minister of Education concerning adequacy of educational assessment; and return to Question W44-12(2), asked by Mr. Dent to the Minister of Government Services concerning the annual operational costs and liquor tax revenue of the Liquor Licensing Board.

Return To Question W43-12(2): Adequacy Of Educational Assessment

Hon. Titus Allooloo's return to Question W43-12(2), asked by Mr. Antoine on June 24, 1992:

a) Referrals to southern Canadian facilities for multidisciplinary assessments related to teaming difficulties are made by a medical doctor or a hospital clinic. Since the Department of Health is responsible for paying the costs associated with such assessments, I have asked the Minister of Health to have the department research and provide information on the cost of these services as soon as possible.

Boards and divisional boards of education do not receive any designated funding to contract specialized services for their students. In a very few cases, a board may have contracted with a private company or a facility in southern Canada for an assessment, or may have contributed a portion of the cost for a southern assessment if training of school personnel was involved. As the majority of schools are now closed for the summer holidays, specific information on expenditure by boards will not be available until the beginning of September. I will provide this information directly to the MLA for Nahendeh, Mr. Antoine, at that time.

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b) Educational assessments are currently conducted by a number of education staff employed by boards and divisional boards of education. Classroom teachers, special needs teachers, and special needs consultants use a number of different assessment methods. These range from classroom observation to more formalized individual testing to assess the student's strengths and needs in order to plan an

appropriate program. At present, no individuals are employed as educational psychologists by boards or divisional boards of education, although boards may have staff with the qualifications to conduct certain types of assessment.

c) Boards are responsible for the hiring of special needs consultants and special needs teachers. When hiring for these positions, the boards advertise for teachers with specialized training and experience in the field of special education. Part of this training would deal with identification assessment and program planning for children with learning disabilities. Information on the specific training of individual teachers currently in the school system is kept by the boards. The Department of Education provides funding for 11 special needs consultants and 58.5 special needs teachers.

d) All contribution funding related to "special needs" is given by the Department of Education to boards and divisional boards of education. These boards have the mandate to provide education and support to all NWT students, including those with special needs.

In the 1991-92 school year, the department contributed approximately \$7.6 million to boards and divisional boards of education for special needs. The department does not provide contribution funding to any community organization. The Department of Education special needs funding is designed to provide in-school education programs and support to students and teachers. Families are involved in the program planning and delivery.

The Department of Education is very concerned about the level of all support services including assessment available for children. The tri-ministry committee of representatives from the Departments of Education, Health and Social Services is studying the accessibility, availability and delivery of services to children, and will be making recommendations during the next school year based on their research of service models operating here and in other jurisdictions.

Return To Question W44-12(2): Annual Operational Costs And Liquor Tax Revenue Of The Liquor Licensing Board

Hon. Don Morin's return to Question W44-12(2), asked by Mr. Dent on June 25, 1992:

1) In 1991-92, revenue generated from the five per cent fee on purchases was \$486,107. This fee is not a

tax, but rather is a part of the licence fee collected from licensees.

2) The annual budget of the liquor licensing and inspections function is as follows: salaries and wages, \$283,000, 5.1 person years; travel and transport, \$112,000; material and supplies, \$8000; purchased services, \$6000; contract services, \$23,000; other expenses, \$1000; fees and payments, \$25,000; total expenditures, of \$458,000 and 5.1 person years.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Returns to written questions.

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

Item 9, petitions. Petitions. Item 10, reports of standing and special committees. Mr. Zoe.

ITEM 10: REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Committee Report 15-12(2): Report Of The Standing Committee On Rules Procedures And Privileges, Interim Report

MR. ZOE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the standing committee on rules, procedures and privileges, under authority given to it by this House, has embarked on the comprehensive review of the Rules of the House. The last comprehensive review of the rules was done by the special committee on rules, procedures and privileges during the 10th Legislative Assembly. The committee intends to incorporate changes that will better reflect the cultural diversity of the NWT, eliminate grammatical inconsistencies and gender bias and incorporate any now rule changes that will allow the House to perform its duties in a more effective and efficient manner.

Mr. Speaker, the committee presents this interim report to advise the House of its progress and to outline the issues raised to date by the Members and staff. The nature of this review requires that the contribution and comments of Members be obtained as fully as is possible so that their opinions may be considered by the committee. Since our meeting in March, Mr. Speaker, the committee has been soliciting the comments and suggestions of all Members with respect to amendments to the rules. A questionnaire was sent to all Members in early May to request Members' thoughts on amendments that might address the goals of the review. That

questionnaire was followed by interviews with Members, the majority of whom have now been approached for additional comments.

In our report, the committee is sharing with this House the topics that have been suggested for its consideration by Members and staff. Along with more technical suggestions, the following topics have been suggested by Members and staff for the committee's consideration:

- 1) a time limit for responses to written questions;
- 2) a requirement that returns to written questions and extended adjournment or prorogation be filed with the Clerk;
- 3) a time limit for responses to oral questions and questions taken as notice;
- 4) Members' statements. Suggestions have been made with respect to increasing the time limit: to leave the time frame open; to leave it open but with an overall time limit; to increase the limit for Members' statements. Suggestions have been made for increases to three, three and a half, four or even five minute limits, and to increase the time limit only for the statements that are given in an aboriginal language.

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- 5) Oral questions. The committee was asked to consider that we leave question period open and set a rule which allows a sufficient preamble to be given.
- 6) a procedure to allow emergency debate or discussion on topical issues;
- 7) a procedure for the election of Speaker and the Executive Council;
- 8) a section in the Rules for procedural information;
- 9) a procedure for assenting to bills;
- 10) Sitting hours. A suggestion was made that the committee consider allocating one day per week for committee and constituency work rather than sitting;
- 11) Order and decorum. The committee was asked to consider allowing coffee within the committee of the whole and the reading of newspapers within the House;
- 12) guidelines for television, If approved;

13) a review of all rules in light of the Official Languages Act;

14) tabled documents section to permit tabling and to indicate what may be said by a Member;

15) deletion of the rules on private bills;

16) tighter rules with respect to security and objects allowed to be brought into the House.

17) Cultural issues. The committee was asked to consider whether the rules should reflect cultural rules or procedures of aboriginal or community meetings, the attire of House officers, the requirement that Members bow to the Mace. Suggestions were that this requirement be removed and that a native symbol be added to, or substituted for, the mace. The bells. A suggestion was made that the bells be replaced with another sound, maybe drums.

Mr. Speaker, the committee has also considered specific amendments to the rules that would replace the terms which reflect gender biases and correct the grammatical inconsistencies which are presently within the rules. However, it was the opinion of the committee that within the context of a comprehensive review, it would be appropriate and timely to undertake a reassessment of the rules to simplify the language and sentence structure. This should contribute toward the efficiency and effectiveness of the House by making some rules clearer in meaning and by easing translation.

Mr. Speaker, a referral was received from the caucus that the standing committee review and report on the topic "the conduct of Members." The committee's review has begun with work toward the preparation of a report which will examine the scope of the privileges of Members and the House, as well as the relationship between the Legislative Assembly and the judiciary. Following completion of the report, the committee will consider the devolvement of guidelines to Members.

Mr. Speaker, your committee encourages input from Members in its efforts to develop more effective and appropriate rules. The committee will report further on our discussions in due course. Thank you.

Motion To Receive Committee Report 15-12(2),
Carried

Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Member for Iqaluit, that this interim report be received by the House.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Your motion is in order. To the motion. Are you ready for the question. Question has been called. All those in favour? Thank you. The motion is carried.

--- Carried

Reports of standing and special committees.

Mr. Koe.

MR. KOE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Since my report is fairly lengthy, I move that we extend the hours today to complete the report from the standing committee on agencies, boards and commissions.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. We need a seconder for that motion, Mr. Koe.

MR. KOE: The honourable Member for North Slave seconds the motion.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. The motion is not debatable. All those in favour? Opposed? The motion is carried.

--- Carried

The hours will be extended to conclude this hem. Reports of standing and special committees. Mr. Koe.

Committee Report 16-12(2): Report Of Standing Committee On Agencies, Boards And Commissions On Final Report On The Workers' Compensation Board

MR. KOE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The standing committee on agencies, boards and commissions has completed its comprehensive review of the Northwest Territories Workers' Compensation Board. The standing committee held public hearings in Yellowknife on May 11 through 13, 1992, and has met on several occasions subsequently to review submissions and research material.

An interim report, Committee Report 11-12(2), was tabled in the 12th Legislative Assembly on June 18, 1992. The report included recommendations for an urgent amendment to the Workers' Compensation Act and for the initiation of a major legislative review to be undertaken by the Minister responsible for the Workers' Compensation Board. The standing committee on agencies, boards and commissions is pleased to note that Bill 30, An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act, has been accorded speedy passage by the Legislative Assembly in response to the committee's earlier recommendation,

and has been assented by the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories. The efforts of the Minister, the Workers' Compensation Board, and the standing committee on legislation should be acknowledged in this regard.

The standing committee on agencies, boards and commissions also wishes to acknowledge the Minister responsible for the Workers' Compensation Board, the Hon. Dennis Patterson, as well as the directors, chairperson and staff of the Northwest Territories Workers' Compensation Board, who provided considerable assistance and material over the course of the review. The standing committee on agencies, boards and commissions also acknowledges the many individuals and organizations who agreed to appear during public hearings, or who submitted written or telephone comments. Their input has, in all cases, been carefully studied and was extremely helpful.

In Its review of the Workers' Compensation Board, the standing committee on agencies, boards and commissions considered carefully the basic principles on which workers' compensation has been based in this country since the early 1900s. The standing committee became aware, as well, that new principles have tended to emerge through the years as the Canadian workplace has grown progressively more sophisticated. In addition, the social and economic characteristics of the Northwest Territories provide a set of unique elements which must be taken into account when developing a practical approach to workers' compensation. The challenge of our northern environment has been to marry all these elements within a framework that is fair to both employers and workers across the Territories.

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While employers and workers are identified often as the groups which benefit most directly from the presence of the Workers' Compensation Board, the standing committee on agencies, boards and commissions quickly came to realize that, to some degree, every resident of the Northwest Territories has a stake in ensuring that an adequate, well working system is in place to compensate injured workers. Not only are residents affected by the impact of the Workers' Compensation Board assessments on both costs and salaries, but they share in the image this jurisdiction presents to the rest of the world, that is where workers who are injured in the Northwest Territories are treated with efficiency and dignity, that reflects on each of us.

The standing committee on agencies, boards and commissions was concerned by many comments that suggested the Workers' Compensation Board is not sensitive to the concerns and needs of injured workers. The standing committee, during the course of its review, concluded that where such perceptions of insensitivity exist, they are a reflection of outdated legislation and ineffective policy rather than the activities or attitudes of board staff or the chairperson.

There were other general concerns, as well, which were brought to the attention of the standing committee on agencies, boards and commissions. These tended to relate to significant frustration, confusion and isolation of injured workers. There were perceptions that the Workers' Compensation Board has become too oriented toward financial management priorities at the expense of claimant groups. There was a concern that the board has become increasingly representative of, and responsive to, a narrowing frame of reference reflecting the views of the larger industry associations and organized labour.

The standing committee on agencies, boards and commissions has recommended structural changes to the Workers' Compensation Board. These include the expansion of the board to nine members to better accommodate regional and other perspectives. It is also recommended that the important role of industry representatives and organized labour be recognized by amending the Workers' Compensation Act to provide that they will recommend appointments to the Minister.

The standing committee recommends that a part-time neutral chairperson be appointed by the Minister. Board continuity and consistency will be improved through the use of staggered appointments so that all members' terms do not expire at the same time.

The standing committee on agencies, boards and commissions takes a strong position that accountability for the Workers' Compensation Board ultimately lies with the Legislative Assembly. It is recommended that the section of the Workers' Compensation Act, which deals with the authority of the board, should be amended to reflect this.

While the standing committee fully recognizes and accepts the importance of long standing principles which require the board to operate at arm's length from government, the time has come in the Northwest Territories to redefine and clarify what that means. To this end, the standing committee on agencies, boards

and commissions is bringing forward recommendations that will increase the role of the Minister in matters surrounding the operation of the Workers' Compensation Board, and will establish new procedures for reviewing board accountability tools within the Legislature. Recommendations are included to establish a formal, open and all inclusive consultation process, as well as a mandatory review of board operations and legislation to be held at regular periodic intervals.

The standing committee on agencies, boards and commissions is recommending that a new attitude be embraced within the board and that this will involve a more active and visible presence in the regions outside of Yellowknife.

In reviewing board infrastructure, the standing committee on agencies, boards and commissions found that the appeals process is, at present, sound and working well. Clarification is needed with respect to the role and relationship of the workers' advisor, however.

With respect to financial matters, the standing committee on agencies, boards and commissions recognized the significance that the Northwest Territories has one of the very few fully funded boards in Canada. The standing committee is recommending that this status be established in legislation. It is also recommending that changes be made in procedures through which employers are assessed for contributions to the board, and advocates the use of merit rebates and super assessments.

General comments are made with respect to board investments, the policy for commutation of pensions, for instance lump sum payments, third party liability issues, and areas for further study are identified.

The standing committee on agencies, boards and commissions took a long and hard look at the manner in which the traditional aboriginal harvesters are covered within the workers' compensation system. The standing committee raises concerns that the current policy does not reflect the realities of the contemporary lifestyle of the professional hunter or trapper, and it recommends the elimination of the current threshold income criterion for eligibility.

--- Applause

A new definition of persons who should qualify as traditional harvesters for the purpose of workers'

compensation eligibility must be incorporated within the act.

Finally, the standing committee on agencies, boards and commissions expresses a strong stand on the importance of safety enforcement and work place safety education. Responsibility for the enforcement of occupational health and safety standards in the Northwest Territories should remain within the Department of Safety and Public Services, but the Government of the Northwest Territories must ensure adequate funding and support. Responsibility for safety education should remain as it is currently allocated with the additional establishment of a program of contribution funding to allow greater community involvement in safety education.

Recommendations

Mr. Speaker, the following recommendations are included in the final report of the standing committee on agencies, boards and commissions:

Recommendation 1: That the Workers' Compensation Act be amended so that the board will be composed of: a) two directors appointed by the Minister on the recommendation of organized labour; b) two directors appointed by the Minister on the recommendation of the representatives of employers; and c) five additional directors appointed by the Minister, one of whom is to be appointed by the Minister as chairperson of the board.

Recommendation 2: That the Minister appoint four of the additional directors of the board according to criteria that will establish a full cross-section of background and opinion on the board, including but not limited to, regional representation, representation of both genders and representation of aboriginal perspectives.

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Recommendation 3: That the Minister responsible for the Workers' Compensation Board make appointments so that no more than 50 per cent of the members' terms will expire in any one fiscal year.

Recommendation 4: That the Workers' Compensation Act be amended to specify that the chairperson's duties will be equivalent to that of part-time employment.

Recommendation 5: That the role of the workers' advisor be clarified with respect to responsibilities for communicating and promoting and understanding of

workers' compensation in communities across the Northwest Territories; and further, that adequate funding be allocated to support activities undertaken in this area by the workers' advisor.

Recommendation 6: That the Workers' Compensation Board establish memoranda of understanding with regional health boards and hospital boards to provide resource and supportive services to regional clientele.

Recommendation 7: That the Workers' Compensation Board develop a strategy for meeting outside Yellowknife on several occasions over the course of each year to conduct business and acquaint itself with the issues and people of the regions.

Recommendation 8: That the Minister review the definition of 'exclusive jurisdiction' in subsections 7.(1) and 7.(2) of the existing Workers' Compensation Act; and further, that a new formulation for board authority be included for discussion in the legislative action paper.

Recommendation 9: That the Minister responsible for the Workers' Compensation Board be empowered to take a more active role in the monitoring and management of the board; and further, that the Workers' Compensation Act be amended to reflect the nature of that increased role; and further, that draft policy and/or regulations required for the implementation of the Minister's increased authorities be available for review at the time when amendments to the Workers' Compensation Act are introduced.

Recommendation 10: That the Minister responsible for the Workers' Compensation Board make it a practice to table in the Legislative Assembly the corporate plan received annually from the Workers' Compensation Board.

Recommendation 11: That the Workers' Compensation Act be amended to include provisions for the Minister responsible for the Workers' Compensation Board to receive, approve and table the strategic plan of the Workers' Compensation Board on an annual basis; and further, that the legislative action paper outline legislation options for limiting the board's operational capacities until ministerial approval of the strategic plan has been obtained.

Recommendation 12: That the Minister develop and table a process for receiving input from employee and employer groups, as well as the Legislative Assembly,

unorganized labour and injured workers with respect to board appointments, policy considerations and legislative initiatives.

Recommendation 13: That the legislative action paper include a review of options for statutory requirements which would establish a regular process of periodic review.

Recommendation 14: That the Workers' Compensation Board reinstate policy through which claimant files are reviewed by the manager of claim services prior to the appeal process.

Recommendation 15: That the Minister review existing provisions in the Workers' Compensation Act with respect to board appointments of the review committee membership; and further, that the Minister include in the legislative action paper the consideration of advantages inherent in a ministerially appointed review committee.

Recommendation 16: That the Workers' Compensation Act be amended to establish the office of the workers' advisor and grant authorities necessary to access the information and support required in the performance of the duties of the office; and further, that an administrative structure should be finalized in which the office of the workers' advisor is established to operate independently from the Workers' Compensation Board; and further, that the workers' advisor continue to report directly to the Minister responsible for the Workers' Compensation Board; and further, that a yearly review of the office of the workers' advisor be undertaken by the Minister to focus on process barriers, outcome measures and forced growth requirements.

Recommendation 17: That the Minister include in the legislative action paper a consideration of the concept of incorporating a requirement that the Workers' Compensation Board be fully funded within the Workers' Compensation Act.

Recommendation 18: That the Minister encourage the Workers' Compensation Board to revise its fee payment schedule for seasonal employers in order to spread fees out over a longer period of time.

Recommendation 19: That the Minister evaluate the potential application of merit rebates and super assessments within the assessment framework used by the Workers' Compensation Board; and further, that the Minister include in the legislative action paper a consideration of the legislative amendments which

would be required to support a system of merit rebates and super assessments.

Recommendation 20: That, for the purpose of subsection 10.(l) in the Workers' Compensation Act, the definition of aboriginal harvesters who are 'principally engaged in hunting, trapping or fishing for a livelihood' should not include a threshold income criterion.

Recommendation 21: That, for the purpose of subsection 10.(1) of the Workers' Compensation Act, the definition of aboriginal harvesters "who are principally engaged in hunting, trapping or fishing for a livelihood' should reflect the realities of working and living in northern communities.

Recommendation 22: That the legislative action paper include a consideration of a now process through which a workable definition of aboriginal persons 'principally engaged in hunting, trapping or fishing for a livelihood' can be incorporated within the Workers' Compensation Act.

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Recommendation 23: That the legislative action paper include a consideration of programs which could be established under the authority of the Workers' Compensation Board and/or the Department of Culture and Communications regarding the compensation of aboriginal artists and carvers Injured or disabled as a result of their work.

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Recommendation 24: That the legislative action paper include a full consideration of third party liability provisions within the Workers' Compensation Act; and further, that the legislative action paper propose a range of suitable options which can then be the subject of further public discussion and review.

Recommendation 25: That the legislative action paper include a full consideration of questions surrounding the commutation of disability pensions.

Recommendation 26: That for the present time, responsibility for the enforcement of occupational health and safety standards should remain with the Department of Safety and Public Services; and further, that the Minister of Safety and Public Services examine concerns raised by witness" at the public hearings with regard to safety enforcement and provide a response to the Legislative Assembly at the earliest possible time.

Recommendation 27: That the Minister consider establishing a contribution fund from funds within the Workers' Compensation Board in order to support local training initiatives in the area of safety education.

Mr. Speaker, that concludes the report of the standing committee on agencies, boards and commissions on its review of the Workers' Compensation Board.

Motion That Committee Report 16-12(2) Be Received And Moved To Committee Of The Whole, Carried

Therefore, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre, that the report of the standing committee on agencies, boards and commissions, be received by the Assembly and moved into committee of the whole for consideration. Mahsi.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. The motion is in order. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

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

--- Carried

Pursuant to Rule 6 and Rule 8, and that Item 10, reports of standing and special committees is concluded, on a motion to extend sitting hours and that the hour for adjournment has passed. Mr. Clerk, Item 21, orders of the day.

ITEM 21: ORDERS OF THE DAY

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Orders of the day for Monday, June 29, 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

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Point of order.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Point of order, Mr. Patterson.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, I do regret interrupting the Clerk, but I wonder if I could seek consent to deal with item 12, tabling of documents, before the House adjourns for the day.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Patterson, that is not a point of order. You should have asked for unanimous consent to go to item 12, tabling of documents. Mr. Patterson.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, I will distribute this report to Members. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. Clerk, let us try again.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE: Thank you Mr. Speaker.

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: Motions 22-12(2), 25-12(2) and 26-12(2)
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);
 - Committee Report 16-12(2)
19. Report of Committee of the Whole

20. Third Reading of Bills

21. Orders of the Day

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. This House stands adjourned until 1:30 p.m., Monday, June 29, 1992.

-ADJOURNMENT