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MEMBERS PRESENT

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. Nerysoo, 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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MR. SPEAKER (Hon. Michael Ballantyne):

Item 2, Ministers' Statements. Mr. Patterson.

ITEM 2: MINISTERS' STATEMENTS

Minister's Statement 6-12(3): Tribute To Social Services Employee, Fanny Maring

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, today as Minister of Social Services I would like to offer sincere condolences to the family and friends of Fanny Maring. In addition, there are a very large number of her colleagues in the entire Department of Social Services who also share these deep feelings for a very special person.

Fanny was a very long-term and valued employee of the Department of Social Services. She was a compassionate and warm social worker who had done it all. Her special qualities were recognized shortly after she joined the Government of the Northwest Territories in 1970.

She welcomed the opportunity to share her knowledge with others. She was a teacher of the Inuvialuit language and was an active member of the elders' committee. On September 9, 1986 she was appointed a supervisor in the Inuvik area office of Social Services.

Fanny played an important role in the lives of all she worked with and for the many clients that she came into contact with over the years. Her recent death has been a shock to us all. She will be deeply missed and will not be forgotten by the people of Aklavik and the Delta region. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 2, Ministers' Statements. Mr. Patterson.

Minister's Statement 7-12(3): Criteria For Physician Membership On Boards of Inquiry

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, honourable Members have expressed concern about the criteria for disqualifying a physician from sitting as president of a particular board of inquiry under the Medical Profession Act of the Northwest Territories. The filing of a civil action is quite different from criminal charges or an inquiry into professional competence under the Medical Profession Act. Nowhere in Canada, including the N.W.T., does the filing of a civil suit disqualify a physician from sitting on a board of inquiry. Nonetheless, because of the questions raised in the Legislature about him, the head of the board of inquiry, Dr. Earle Covert, has now decided that he does not want unnecessary controversy to detract from the impartiality and independence of the medical inquiry now before the board. Dr. Covert has therefore made a decision not to sit on the hearing in question involving Dr. Uma Viswalingam. His declining to participate in the hearing will not deprive the current board of its quorum. The inquiry will now be headed by the Deputy President, Dr. Robert Fairbairn. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 2, Ministers' Statements. Item 3, Members' Statements. Mr. Koe.

ITEM 3: MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Member's Statement Regarding Activities Of The Western Caucus

MR. KOE:

Mahsi, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to advise the Assembly of the activities of the western Members of the Assembly who have revitalized the western caucus. I have been selected to be chairman of the western caucus and I appreciate the confidence my colleagues from the west have placed in me. I would also like to take this opportunity, Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the western caucus to add our congratulations to the people of Nunavut for the successful ratification of their comprehensive land claim agreement. Also of

equal importance, the signing of the Nunavut Political Accord.

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The claim paves the way for the establishment of a Nunavut territory. The Nunavut Political Accord establishes a mechanism and process for the implementation for a Nunavut government by 1999. I can assure our Nunavut colleagues that we are here to work together to achieve constitutional harmony for both the east and the west.

---Applause

Mr. Speaker, we, the Members of the western caucus, realize that we have a lot of work ahead of us to develop a constitution for a western territory. There are a lot of other issues which affect our ability to develop some concise plans. These are in no particular order:

- the establishment of a Constitution for Nunavut and a new western territory;
- land claims;
- community transfer initiatives;
- division and the cost of division;
- devolution; and
- the report and title "Working Towards A Common Future" prepared by Jim Bourque and his commission.

Mr. Speaker, it is important that the excellent work that has been done by the many other groups and commissions on constitutional development for the west be taken into consideration as we struggle with the many elements that will exist in a new western territory.

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The western caucus looks forward to working with all leaders and people of the west. As a matter of fact, Mr. Speaker, the western caucus plans to meet tomorrow night with the members of the Committee of Political Leaders to discuss the challenges ahead. Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to proceed with my statement.

MR. SPEAKER:

The honourable Member is seeking unanimous consent. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Please proceed, Mr. Koe.

MR. KOE:

Mahsi. In light of the planned meeting tomorrow night and since there is a general feeling that the mandate and representation at the table for western Northwest Territories constitutional discussions needs to be addressed, the western caucus has suggested that the time is not right to engage in a constitutional discussion in this House. Accordingly, Mr. Kakfwi has agreed to allow his motion to expire on the order paper today. Mr. Speaker, we will have many challenges as we tackle the complex matters of developing the shape the new western territory will take. We see such issues as community transfer as one that has to be taken into consideration immediately and how it will fit into the new western territory.

Mr. Speaker, I indicated that we have many challenges ahead and I can assure you, and I speak for all Members of the western caucus, that as the elected representatives of the west we are up for the challenge. There will be some hard negotiations ahead and the trail may not be easy, but we will persevere and with the support of our constituencies and other leaders, hopefully begin the work that is before us for the good of the generations to come. Thank you, Mahsi, Qujannamiik.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you, Mr. Koe. I would like to take this opportunity to recognize in the gallery and to welcome students from the Rae-Edzo Adult Education Centre and their instructor, Mary Goldsmith. Item 3, Members' Statements. Mr. Todd.

Member's Statement On Chronic Unemployment In The N.W.T.

MR. TODD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to talk about the chronic unemployment problem that is faced by most of the regions in the Northwest Territories. As Members know unemployment is one of the largest factors including some of our other dreadful social problems that face the territories such as alcoholism, teenage suicides, and family and sexual abuse. The list goes on and on. The traditional hunting and trapping lifestyle that has sustained many of our

people for so many years has been wounded as the fur industry activists endure assault after assault by animal rights activists. In the interim we have done a poor job of preparing our people for wage employment by increasing the education and job skills of our citizens. What is left is whole communities of people who cannot even find employment enough to access unemployment insurance. In some communities we have upwards of 60 to 80 per cent of our people receiving some form of social assistance annually. Mr. Speaker, this is not a pretty picture.

With that said, I would say that we have done some good work during the past year to help change this. We are attempting to concentrate on improving the educational system. We have taken steps to ensure that northerners obtain jobs from government contracts and we have instituted employment training programs in conjunction with the construction of capital facilities that will improve job skills of our people within the smaller communities.

However, more has to be done to stem the tide until these programs can be fully implemented. One such proposal is the re-institution of the Local Initiatives Program. Such a program was recently advocated by the Keewatin Regional Council at their fall session. I will be tabling a copy of this resolution later today. Such a program should be community based and employ people on a short-term basis to work on community improvement projects. It should be employment driven for areas of high unemployment. People could work for two or three months at a time, then would be able to access unemployment insurance benefits at the end of the project. Funding for such a project could come from a variety of sources such as reprofiling social assistance monies. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask for unanimous consent to complete my statement.

MR. SPEAKER:

The honourable Member is seeking unanimous consent. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Please proceed, Mr. Todd.

MR. TODD:

...such as reprofiling social assistance monies, accessing job training funds, or seeking other types of funding from the federal government or from within our own budget.

In my mind, it is much more important at this critical time to use our limited resources to put our people to

work than to spend millions of dollars on museums and the cost of television.

It is my belief that programs designed to ease the chronic unemployment problem and to get our people off of social assistance are of the utmost importance, particularly at this time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 3, Members' Statements. Mr. Pudlat.

Member's Statement On Mr. George Eckalook,
Chairman Of Baffin Regional Health Board

MR. PUDLAT:

(Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want to recognize an individual who has been working for a long time with the Baffin Regional Health Board. We deal with the health issues in the Legislative Assembly and I would like to recognize the chairman of the Baffin Regional Health Board, Mr. George Eckalook. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 3, Members' Statements. Mr. Arngna'naaq.

Member's Statement On Process For Reviewing
Capital And O & M Budgets

MR. ARNGNA'NAAQ:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to speak on a process which I feel is an area that needs to be addressed. This process is the manner in which this Legislative Assembly reviews the capital, and the operations and maintenance budget. At the present time the Cabinet, which is composed of eight Ministers, decides how the operations and maintenance budget as well as the capital budget are to be allocated. These are then reviewed by the Standing Committee on Finance which is made up of seven Members. During these reviews the seven Members and the eight Ministers are able to hold detailed discussions on what funds will be allocated and spent in the Northwest Territories for the next year.

This process, Mr. Speaker, is done in a closed meeting room. The meetings can be attended by any of the other Members who are not Members of the Standing Committee on Finance

if they are in the city of Yellowknife at the time. As all Members know, we who are not Members of this committee, are not able to be in Yellowknife when the Standing Committee on Finance is meeting. Therefore, 15 Members of this 24 Member Assembly make decisions and form recommendations to be brought into this House. This process makes it all the more frustrating when one begins to realize that senior bureaucrats, who are not elected people, have more say over what funds will be allocated into the communities that I and other Members represent, before we can even begin to formulate a response to the proposed budget.

I and the other eight Members who represent 20 communities, which is close to one third of the 66 communities in the Northwest Territories, do not have any input into this process until decisions and recommendations have already been formulated. The present process allows the standing committee Members the opportunity to criticize and review the budgets behind closed doors. They are able to say whatever they wish to the Ministers. We, who are not Members of the committee, are not given the same privilege. We are then asked to agree or disagree on these recommendations at the beginning of the latter part of the process, which by this time is at the Committee of the Whole stage.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to seek unanimous consent to continue with my statement.

MR. SPEAKER:

The honourable Member is seeking unanimous consent. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Please proceed, Mr. Arngna'naaq.

MR. ARNGNA'NAAQ:

Thank you. In short, what I am trying to say, Mr. Speaker, is that there are Members and communities which are not fairly represented by this process because they have no input into the budgets before they are discussed in the Assembly. The process we are using at this time is duplicated, especially for those Members who are Members of the Standing Committee on Finance, as they are able to raise their concerns to the Ministers twice.

If I may, Mr. Speaker, one suggestion would be to bypass the standing committee stage as it would make the process fair by allowing all Members to

participate in the formation of the budget. It would also reduce costs to this government as all Members would then have to meet only once to form the budget recommendations.

One of the concerns raised by some of the Members was that there is no public process at the standing committee stage. This suggested process then brings the proposed budget of this government directly to the Legislative Assembly and brings the whole budget process to the public as it happens. Another suggestion which would make it fairer for all Members and the communities that they represent would be to bring in all the ordinary Members to the standing committee meetings. I urge this Legislative Assembly to reconsider the present process and review it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 3, Members' Statements. Mr. Zoe.

Member's Statement On Visiting Students From Rae Adult Education Centre

MR. ZOE:

Mahsi, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to say that the adult education class comprising of 27 students from the adult education centre in Rae have come to Yellowknife today to tour the Legislative Assembly and to see what we do here in the Legislature. They are here as part of their social studies and history course. The class is accompanied by three adult education instructors: Linda Leblanc, who is responsible for the community literacy program; Laurie Campbell and Mary Goldsmith, both adult education instructors.

This morning the students had the standard tour of the Legislative Assembly which was followed by a working lunch which involved a presentation on how government legislation or laws are created. The class and instructors are now in the gallery watching our proceedings this afternoon.

Mr. Speaker, learning is an activity which continues throughout a person's life and I am proud to see all these adults returning to school for upgrading and skill acquisition. They understand the importance of an education. Mr. Speaker, the North Slave Region is about to embark on a journey over the next number of years involving the settlement of regional land claims, development of self-government institutions and regional industrial strategy. Mr. Speaker, what these

processes really involve is a commitment to bring about a greater degree of political and economic self-reliance for the Dogrib people. This is a very challenging situation and that is why it is so important for our young people to complete school and our adults who did not, to return to school and prepare themselves for the challenge ahead.

Mr. Speaker, these are the challenges at home. However, if we look outside our region to southern Canada and even further to the rest of the world, it is clear that a much higher percentage of the new jobs being created in a more competitive, technology driven economy require a higher education and skill level than was previously the case.

Mr. Speaker, I noticed the clock. Could I seek unanimous consent to conclude my statement?

MR. SPEAKER:

The Member is seeking unanimous consent. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Please proceed, Mr. Zoe.

MR. ZOE:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Furthermore many of the unskilled and semi-skilled jobs in manufacturing in the resource sector have been disappearing at a rapid rate in the past two decades. This concerns me very much because what these trends suggest is that the aboriginal labour force with a low educational level will be particularly disadvantaged in a new global economy. In the context of our adult population that has dropped out of school, we have a tremendous challenge ahead from the perspective of upgrading and training. Mr. Speaker, we want educated Dogrib people managing and building the institutions that will bring the Dogrib people a greater degree of self-reliance. If the Dogrib people are going to reach outside the N.W.T. and Canada and feel secure and confident in their abilities, then we must commit ourselves to educating our young people and ensuring our adults commit themselves equally to upgrading and training. Mr. Speaker, anything less will just not be enough. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 3, Members' Statements. Mr. Nerysoo.

Member's Statement On Criteria For Allowing Physicians To Retain Privileges

MR. NERYSOO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I had not intended to speak today, however, I do want to correct the record on a matter which I think is important. I believe on November 18 in a debate here regarding the criteria for allowing physicians to retain privileges I made a remark with regard to Dr. Covert, suggesting that criminal charges had been laid against him. If for any particular reason I have caused him any problems, then I apologize for that because the action that is being brought before the court are civil proceedings and not criminal charges.

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I do say, Mr. Speaker, that the concern I raised at that time still remains a concern of mine with regard to the Minister's decision on appointments and key areas of responsibility for the medical professionals of the Northwest Territories. I hope in the future the Department of Health, the deputy minister or whoever is assigned this responsibility, can adhere to or at least listen to the Members' concerns on this side of the House. For that I want to correct the record. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 3, Members' Statements. Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

Member's Statement On Fort Smith Health Centre Public Inquiry

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL:

Mr. Speaker, as Members of this House are well aware, a public inquiry has been appointed to inquire into the management of health services and the problems of medical services at the Fort Smith Health Centre. I feel very strongly as do my constituents that this process must be open to the public. We have a right to have confidence in our health care system and this can only happen if we are given complete and accurate information.

The opening session of the public inquiry will be held this Friday in the Fort Smith Court House at 2:00 p.m. November 27, 1992. I wish to speak about the public inquiry in the Assembly today to assist in making the inquiry known to people in my constituency, and to encourage all those who have an interest to attend. All members of the public have a right to watch the proceedings.

There may also be people who have information or experiences that they feel should be told to assist the inquiry. Anyone who feels they may have such evidence to give may contact legal counsel for the inquiry, Mr. Brian Barrington-Foote in Calgary. Mr. Barrington-Foote will be calling witnesses to give their evidence before the inquiry. Members of the public are also requested status or standing before the inquiry. Gaining standing gives an individual or group certain rights such as the right to call witnesses, to cross-examine witnesses called by other parties and to make submissions to the inquiry. Anyone who wants to request standing should give notice to Mr. Barrington-Foote by today and should be present at the opening session of the inquiry on November 27, this Friday afternoon.

Mr. Speaker, I have sent information to my constituents about the inquiry through the mail. I want to encourage anyone who wants to participate in the process to get in touch with Mr. Barrington-Foote immediately. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 3, Members' Statements. Mr. Patterson.

Member's Statement Regarding An Ad In Globe And Mail On Animal Rights

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I never cease to be amazed at the moral perfidy and outrageous self-righteousness of the animal rights fanatics. I refer to a very expensive and hysterical two page ad including a full page picture of a doe-eyed harp seal pup on a floe edge in yesterday's Globe and Mail. The international fund for animal welfare had the nerve to decry the plight of unemployed fishermen while ignoring the devastation they have wreaked on the incomes and self-sufficiency of the Inuit seal hunters of the Northwest Territories, Quebec, Labrador and aboriginal trappers across the country. That people in this country are contributing generous money to fund this kind of emotional propaganda says that the aboriginal people and their representatives must again loudly speak of the devastating effects these evil people have wreaked on a key element of the very cultural identity of my Inuit constituents.

How many more young people must be killed by suicide? How much more alcoholism? How much welfare dependency will be required before these people realize what harm they have done and are

doing to the self-reliant subsistence hunters of Canada's north. Shame on you that you could put the protection of a population of seals, now growing out of control in numbers ahead of the survival of a proud way of life and source of independent income from a race of people who have always reached out a helping hand of friendship to visitors from the south.

My Inuit constituents think these well intentioned do-gooders from the friend to animals movement with their questionable scientific facts are not only patronizing but genocidal in their missionary zeal. The Inuit hunters from northern Canada, the people from my constituency struggling to make a living in a southern style wage economy on Baffin Island, in one of the most costly locations in the country, are saying that the people from Greenpeace and its descendants are committing the worst crime of all: exploitation and colonial style eradication of the subordinate culture all in the name of protecting what they call "a beautiful and trusting creature, a fitting symbol...

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Patterson, your allotted time has elapsed.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON:

May I ask for consent to conclude, Mr. Speaker?

MR. SPEAKER:

Perhaps you would like to ask for unanimous consent.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON:

Yes, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

The honourable Member is seeking unanimous consent. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Please proceed, Mr. Patterson.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON:

The Inuit subsistence hunters from northern Canada, the people from my constituency struggling to make a living in a southern style wage economy on Baffin Island, in one of the most costly locations in the country, are saying that the people from Greenpeace and its descendants are committing the worst crime of all: exploitation and colonial style eradication of the subordinate culture all in the name of protecting what they call "a beautiful and trusting creature, a fitting symbol of Canadian wildlife."

What about the other species under attack by these friends of animals, the Canadian Inuit? When is someone going to speak up and advertise for the cultural survival of a race of human beings? The ad is titled "It's Not A Seal, It's A Scapegoat." Mr. Speaker, I say to the international fund for animal welfare "it is not the seals, it is the Inuit who are the scapegoats." Qujannamiik.

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 3, Members' Statements. Mr. Gargan.

Member's Statement On Adoption Legislation

MR. GARGAN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Honourable Members are aware of my long outstanding concerns about our present adoption legislation. Recently a constituent came to me for assistance with contacting children whose whereabouts are unknown following an adoption. Although I believe strongly that there should be some way to initiate

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contact, I am unable to help parents and children in this situation because of outdated, poorly thought out and culturally insensitive legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I think Members will agree that all children wherever they live have a right to know as much as possible about their background and culture. In some provinces there have been moves to accommodate some cultures. I am told that Quebec has recently given its assurance to China that children adopted from that country will be provided with full information about their cultural background. Children who have been adopted within Canada are not given any assurance of this basic right. Our laws do not take into account aboriginal traditions and values.

Family laws across Canada at the present time prevent a child who is adopted through Social Services, or his or her parents, from obtaining any information about each other in most circumstances until that child turns 18 years old. This is true even if a child, both parents and the adoptive parents all agree that some type of contact would be beneficial. I really do not see how government can feel that they have the right to assume this amount of control over peoples lives.

The long awaited Family Law Review report includes some recommendations on adoption. I do not agree

with everything in this report. However, it does recommend that in the case of departmental adoptions, where children are older and have ties to their families or communities, the court should have the discretion not to sever all bonds and that access to parents or other family members should be considered. I agree strongly with this recommendation.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Gargan, your allotted time has lapsed.

MR. GARGAN:

Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to continue my statement.

MR. SPEAKER:

The honourable Member is seeking unanimous consent to continue. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Please proceed, Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and honourable Members. The long awaited Family Law Review report includes some recommendations on adoptions. I do not agree with everything in this report. However, it does recommend that in the case of departmental adoptions where children are older and have ties to their families or community, the courts should have the discretion not to sever all bonds, that access to the parents or other family members should be considered. I agree strongly with this recommendation.

I believe that the need for contact with some family or community is even more crucial for aboriginal children. Therefore I agree with a further recommendation which provides that in the case of a private or departmental adoption of a Dene or Metis aboriginal child, confidentiality will not apply unless the birth mother applies for it for a specific period of time.

Mr. Speaker, now that this report, which we waited over four years for, is completed, I trust the Minister of Justice will be moving quickly to bring all outdated family law legislation to current status which reflect and respect the needs, traditions and values of aboriginal people. It is time that our views were respected instead of ignored. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 3, Members' Statements. Mr. Lewis.

Member's Statement Regarding Affect Of Environment On Animals

MR. LEWIS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There have been several irresponsible statements recently attributing reasons why wildlife seems to be behaving in a strange fashion. We have so many animals which are not following their traditional paths, etc. This happens from time to time, Mr. Speaker. I am very interested, and always have been, in the environment. I think it is irresponsible for people to say that caribou are behaving this way because of all the mining activity, the helicopters, planes, etc. without having any evidence of it. In fact there is quite a body of evidence to suggest that one of the things that affects human beings and animals more than anything else is climate. I am not trying to present any scientific case but we know the weather has been unusually mild and pleasant over the last while. If there is anything which affects people and animals it is the climate. When it is hot you take your coat off and so on and if you find you are cold you go to a warmer climate. These things affect people and animals.

I would like to suggest that those people that like to attribute the strange animal behaviour, for example just outside my house recently in the back there was a mink in the tree just looking down at me as I was putting out the garbage. There was also a fox the other night on my back porch. These had nothing to do with helicopters, Mr. Speaker. I would suggest that they were around because it happened to be a good place to be at this time of year. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you, Mr. Lewis. Item 3, Members' Statements. Mr. Antoine.

Member's Statement On 1991 Justice Conference In Deh Cho Region

MR. ANTOINE:

Mahsi, Mr. Speaker. On September 29, 30 and October 1, 1992 the Deh Cho Tribal Council hosted the "Justice In Deh Cho, 1992 Forum on Justice and Legal Issues". Sixteen resource people attended the

conference to share with the community their knowledge, experience and feelings in relation to justice issues.

The aboriginal justice directorate, the aboriginal policing directorate and the aboriginal corrections directorate are all federal initiatives helped to fund the conference as well as send key facilitators to explain what their directorate did as well as to offer some suggestions. The Government of the Northwest Territories Department of Justice also helped to fund and send facilitators to inform the communities what the direction the G.N.W.T. is starting to take. Key aboriginal resource people also participated. These people shared with the communities their experiences, difficulties and suggestions to deal with justice issues and aboriginal communities and organizations.

Joan Ryan and Marie Dell Rabesca from the Dene Cultural Institute justice project in Lac La Martre made presentations regarding Dene traditional justice. Joe Tambour and Roy Fabien presented workshops on alcohol and drug abuse, family violence, sexual assault and healing. Aboriginal people from the south such as Frank Brown from Bella Bella, B.C., Chester Cunningham from the Native Counselling Service of Alberta and Liz Scout, an aboriginal policing consultant to the Woodlands Cree Reserve, all participated.

The "Justice in Deh Cho Forum" consists of plenary sessions and workshops. The topics covered were the tribal and police band forces, community based policing and the R.C.M.P., alternative youth corrections, aboriginal correction models, justice of the peace program, community justice committees,

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elders' circles and reflections on possible ways to integrate community justice with the existing system.

Twenty seven recommendations were made, Mr. Speaker. They were presented to the Deh Cho Tribal Council. These recommendations had three main themes, there is a need for more workshops, education...

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Antoine, your allotted time has lapsed.

MR. ANTOINE:

Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to conclude my statement.

MR. SPEAKER:

The honourable Member is seeking unanimous consent. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Please proceed, Mr. Antoine.

MR. ANTOINE:

Mahsi, Mr. Speaker. There were three main themes. One, there is a need for more workshops, education, resources and discussions on both alternative measures and the current system of justice functioning in Canada today. The communities would like more information on how other aboriginal are dealing with crime and social problems.

Two, the pilot project for the Deh Cho region has been requested.

Three, a full-time staff person to assist the communities with their justice concerns and initiatives as required.

There were 12 recommendations presented regarding policing. It was felt that there should be more interaction and more information sharing between the R.C.M.P. and the communities. More aboriginal police forces for the Deh Cho regions were requested. Non-aboriginal police officers should be given in-depth cross cultural awareness training as the majority of the people in the communities are Dene. The tribal council has been directed to continue working in the area of determining the approaches each member of its communities wishes to take in developing community based justice projects. A regional proposal should be advanced to ensure that the follow-up and support work required in justice projects is available to the tribal members.

The recommendation of the forum indicated that there is a definite need to continue this process of discussion and development. The initiative will require the support of federal, territorial, aboriginal and community resources. Mr. Speaker, the support of the Legislative Assembly to the Deh Cho Tribal Council in its initiative to develop reform in the area of aboriginal justice is crucial. Mahsi Cho.

MR. SPEAKER:

Can I remind Members of the two and one half minute time limit. I have noticed the last two or three days Members are going over the time limit. The rules are

there and I would ask Members to try if they could to work within the rules.

Also can I please recognize in the gallery, George Eckalook, Mayor of Resolute Bay and the Chairman of the Baffin Regional Health Board.

---Applause

Item 3, Members' Statements. Item 4, Returns to Oral Questions. Point of Privilege, Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

Point Of Privilege

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise pursuant to rule 32(1) of the Rules of the Legislative Assembly on a Point of Privilege. Having provided you with written notice for at least one hour in advance of my Point of Privilege, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Pursuant to rule 32, the honourable Member provided to the Chair a copy of her statement at 1:05 and is working within the rules. You can proceed, Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL:

Thank you. Mr. Speaker, today I want to make a Point of Privilege. I deny printed allegations made against me in an editorial in Monday's November 23 edition of News/North. I wish to clarify a misunderstanding which I believe has been created by the headlines in an article on page A-3 and by the banner headline on the front page of that same edition.

Mr. Speaker, I will deal first with the matter of the article on page A-3 which is covered by the headline "Marie-Jewell Accused of Interference" and the sub-heading which reads "Education Chairman Charges M.L.A. Tried to Save Brother's Job". The article deals with comments made by the chairperson for the South Slave Divisional Board of Education after I raised matters pertaining to the suspension of house parents at the Lutsel K'e student boarding facility in Fort Smith. The headline and sub-headline indicate that I have endeavoured to interfere in the operation of the divisional board for the purpose of trying to save my brother's job. Mr. Speaker, this is inaccurate, untrue and misleading. My brother is employed as a journeyman painter with the Department of Public Works. He takes pride in his work and he does not

need anyone to save his job. I only hope that the careless journalism reflected in News/North's presentation has not caused him personal or professional embarrassment.

I would now like to clarify the basis for my own involvement in this matter. It is correct that allegations have been raised about the house parents and that there has been a temporary suspension with pay while these allegations are considered by the divisional board. It is no secret that my sister-in-law was under contract as one of the house parents and has been as such involved in this matter. However, I was not asked nor did I volunteer to look into the situation on behalf of my sister-in-law. I have made it very clear in all my correspondence and in my discussions with the Minister that my interest in this respect are on behalf of the other house parents who have been suspended. This individual is a long time resident of Fort Smith and is a constituent of mine. I believe that any resident of the Northwest Territories should be able to bring an issue of concern to their elected Member of the Legislative Assembly and to receive the attention and action to which they are due. What sort of elected official would it be who said "I am not going to help you with that one. My family is involved and I do not want to risk the political fallout." I struggled with this constituency request, Mr. Speaker, because I knew very well that it might open the door for persons embroiled in local politics to misrepresent the reasons for my involvement.

However, for me the choice was clear. Do I deny representation to a constituent because there is a potential political risk? Or do I trust that the media and the public will look at the facts and recognize that I am acting in an ethical and responsible fashion? I made the latter choice, Mr. Speaker, and I am not unhappy about that. I believe that it was my duty to raise issues that are important to the constituent who brought them to my attention.

I made this clear to the News/North reporter, Mr. Francis Thompson, when he asked me for my comments. Although my clarification is included in the last third of the article, either the reporter or his editors chose to represent the situation inaccurately in their choice of headlines.

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I am also concerned about this article, Mr. Speaker, due to a quote attributed to the chairperson of the divisional board, Mr. Steven Cooper. Mr. Cooper reportedly stated that, "I think it was uncalled for to

bring up this question in the House." As a member of the legal profession, Mr. Cooper should be aware that it is the privilege of Members to be able to raise any issue in this House, pursuant to the rules of the Assembly and to your rulings on procedure and convention.

If honourable Members will check pages 77 through 79 of the unedited transcript from November 19, they will see that my questions to the Honourable James Arvaluk revolved around whether appointments to the board's panel carried the sort of independence necessary for such a review. My question on pages 107 through 110 in the unedited transcript from Friday, November 20 were required only because the Minister had responded to the previous day's questions with inaccurate information about the status of the house parents' temporary suspensions with pay. In neither of these instances did I raise any matter that could have provided any specific benefit to the constituent who requested my involvement or incidentally, to my sister-in-law, other than to ensure that a fair and impartial review was held.

I also wish to emphasize that it is clearly stated within Mr. Thompson's article that I followed the protocol that should be expected of an M.L.A. who is following up on constituency concerns.

I will elaborate on that here as well. Upon first learning of this issue from my constituent, I called the Minister who was, understandably, in the east due to the Nunavut ratification vote. When I found he was absent, I contacted his Deputy Minister, Mr. Hal Gerein, who indicated that the appropriate contact person on this matter would be Mr. Cooper in his capacity as chairperson of the divisional board.

I contacted Mr. Cooper only because I was referred to him by Mr. Gerein. If the education officials now believe it is inappropriate for M.L.A.s to contact divisional board appointees, then they should work the snags out of their own referral procedures. When I contacted Mr. Cooper I made it clear to him that although my brother's family was involved I was acting at the request of the other house parent. If I should not have been talking to Mr. Cooper at that point to whom should I have been talking? The allegations that there was any abuse of authority or inappropriate protocol related to my standing as a Member of this House are totally false and misleading. Again, it is regrettable that this was not realized by either Mr. Thompson or by his editors when they are making decisions on how to present

this matter to the public. Those are my comments on the matter of the article on page A-3, Mr. Speaker.

I also wish to comment on the editorial titled "Ethics A Wide Open Question for M.L.A.s" which appears on page A-7 of the same edition of News North. I will resist the temptation to comment on the overall substance of the piece which I found shallow, poorly researched and juvenile in tone. I will, however, take serious exception with the following reference: "then there is Jeannie Marie-Jewell, Fort Smith M.L.A. accused this week of influence peddling, an accusation she has faced in the past." To accuse an elected official of influence peddling is extremely serious. It implies illegal behaviour. I absolutely reject the allegation. In common usage the term "influence peddling" has been reserved for situations in which an M.L.A. has sold their ability to affect government policy or decisions in exchange for some material benefits in form of money or gifts.

Mr. Speaker, I want this House to be clear on the fact that I have never done that now or at any time in my political career. I can sleep with my conscience at night. Nor would I behave in such a fashion at any point in the future. I resent the editor's suggestion that by asking the Minister to make sure that contractor review procedures were fair and impartial I was trying to peddle or sell my political influence. That is absolutely untrue and it is an irresponsible allegation for this Yellowknife based newspaper to make.

Mr. Speaker, I realize that this is now considered to be the trend for the press to attempt to generate disrespect and suspicion about politicians. It seems to be something that is taking place at a national level and it is probably a function of the times we are presently living in. However, when the young and often inexperienced people who work for our northern media attempt to follow this trend without considering the facts, or when they go too far and use terms like "influence peddling" without realizing the implications of what they have written then I believe there is cause for all of us to become concerned. It is for that reason I chose to make this fairly detailed statement under rule 32(1) today. I would like to thank you for allowing me leave to do so, and my honourable colleagues for their attention.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, on a lighter note perhaps I should not worry too much about this. If lawyers and newspaper reporters are now both finding me intimidating, then perhaps I am doing my job effectively.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you, Mrs. Marie-Jewell. I would like to comment that if any Member feels it necessary to rise under rule 32(1) to clarify an article or report concerning them I hope that the media will cover their explanation and their remarks with the same providence as they covered the original story. Thank you.

---Applause

Item 5, Oral Questions. Mr. Pudlat.

ITEM 5: ORAL QUESTIONS

Question 72-12(3): Problems With Long Distance Telephone Calls

MR. PUDLAT:

(Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a question to the Minister of Communications. I will not be talking about all the communities but they are having problems with the communications in their communities. Sometimes you can hardly hear when you are talking on the long distance telephones. Perhaps there is a problem with the satellites, or are there problems other than satellites? Perhaps this has been addressed to NorthwTel in the past. Perhaps the Minister could clarify for me if they have identified and what kind of problem NorthwTel is facing with their long distance equipment? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Morin.

Return To Question 72-12(3): Problems With Long Distance Telephone Calls

HON. DON MORIN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am unaware of the problem. I will look into it and get back to the Member today. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

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Question 73-12(3): Establishment Of Local Initiative Program

MR. TODD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism. In my Member's statement today I spoke about the chronic unemployment problem in the Northwest Territories and the associated problems with unemployment. I advocate the establishment of a local initiative program similar to what we had in the 1970s that was funded by Canada Manpower that would put some of our people back to work on community improvement projects and give them access to U.I.C. Could the Minister tell me if he is willing to consider the establishment of such a program that would get some of our people off social assistance and put them back to work? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Pollard.

Return To Question 73-12(3): Establishment Of Local Initiative Program

HON. JOHN POLLARD:

Yes, Mr. Speaker, I am prepared to look at that. I should advise the House that the Financial Management Board is expecting a paper before the end of this year with regards to looking at a guaranteed income for people in the Northwest Territories. The reason for that is the same as the concerns that the Member raises and that is that people are on social assistance many times and are not feeling they are contributing to society. They would like to work. There are rules and regulations that prevent that. There are people who wish to access those kinds of funds and take some training. Again they have difficulty. So we will take the recommendation of the Member, Mr. Speaker, and look at it seriously. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Supplementary, Mr. Todd.

Supplementary To Question 73-12(3): Establishment Of Local Initiative Program

MR. TODD:

I appreciate the Minister's statement and I am assuming that he is working with the Minister of Social

Services etc. to see where the crossing of funding goes. Would the Minister also give consideration to meeting with the federal counterparts to explore the possibility of some federal cost-sharing funding of such a program as is done in other provinces or has been done in the past aside from within our existing territorial budget? Would he also look at the federal situation?

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Pollard.

Further Return To Question 73-12(3): Establishment Of Local Initiative Program

HON. JOHN POLLARD:

Mr. Speaker, we recognize that we would have to have some discussions with the federal government who would also be involved with us. This matter was brought to the attention of the western Finance Ministers at their recent meeting a month ago. There was an expression of interest from some of the western provinces. I think we would have their support in trying to make some special arrangements with the federal government to try out a new scheme in the Northwest Territories. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 5, Oral Questions. Supplementary, Mr. Todd.

Supplementary To Question 73-12(3): Establishment Of Local Initiative Program

MR. TODD:

Yes, Mr. Speaker. Given that the Minister has made a commitment and there is work currently going on, there is a sense of urgency in this. I am wondering if the proposal he is currently looking at, when he can tell us he will be reporting back to the House on the program so we can actually get to work at putting people back to work? For example, if I may, can we get a report or a review of what they are proposing by the February sitting?

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Pollard.

Further Return To Question 73-12(3): Establishment Of Local Initiative Program

HON. JOHN POLLARD:

We will certainly be prepared to give an update by that time, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 5, Oral Questions. Mr. Nerysoo.

Question 74-12(3): Table Assessment For Training Funds

MR. NERYSOO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask the Minister of Education whether or not he is prepared to table in this House an assessment of the recent announcement that was made by the Prime Minister regarding additional training funds that would be made available across Canada?

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Arvaluk. Mr. Pollard.

Return To Question 74-12(3): Table Assessment For Training Funds

HON. JOHN POLLARD:

Mr. Speaker, the Prime Minister has been speaking at various fund raising functions across Canada with regards to new initiatives that the federal government may or may not take. I would imagine coming from the Prime Minister it is fairly certain he will move in that direction. Apparently the federal Minister of Finance will be making all these things clear to us on December 2, Mr. Speaker. It is my understanding that he is going to provide provincial and territorial finance Ministers with information regarding all aspects of this package. I would suggest, at that time, Cabinet will be aware of it and be willing to make available to the House its analysis. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 5, Oral Questions. Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

Question 75-12(3): Expand Wood For Seniors Policy

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister of Social Services. Mr. Speaker, the Department of Social Services currently has a policy that allows for a wood, oil or heating policy which assists senior citizens to be able to provide these type

of resources in need. I would like to ask the Minister whether or not he would consider expanding that policy which would allow for electric heat, electricity, to be part of this policy? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Patterson.

Return To Question 75-12(3): Expand Wood For Seniors Policy

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON:

Mr. Speaker, I am now reviewing the Wood For Seniors Policy, as it is called, with a view to looking at improvements and, perhaps, more flexibility. I am aware that some seniors who rely on electrical heat and, also, propane and natural gas, are requesting a subsidy for

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those fuels. So I can tell the honourable Member that I am prepared to look at ways in which we can meet these needs. Payments in cash is one option. I will be prepared to report back to the House on the result of that review which should be in place well before the next winter season. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 5, Oral Questions. Supplementary, Mrs. Jewell.

Supplementary To Question 75-12(3): Expand Wood For Seniors Policy

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL:

Mr. Speaker, I recognize that the Minister wants to expand or to look at his current policy but, the current policy I believe now allows for oil, I cannot recall the exact amount of litres, but also one to five cords of wood and I believe it now allows for propane. If he is looking at natural gas or electricity, I would like to know if he can consider, because the individual seniors who rely on these type of resources for heating in their individual's homes, will he consider both natural gas and electricity prior to next winter now that we are going into winter? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Patterson.

Further Return To Question 75-12(3): Expand Wood For Seniors Policy

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON:

Mr. Speaker, the present policy only covers wood and oil. I would be pleased to consider both natural gas and electricity, as suggested by the Member, and propane as well. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 5, Oral Questions, Mr. Todd.

Question 76-12(3): Opportunity For N.W.T. Within Federal Transportation Strategy

MR. TODD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Transportation. The federal government recently announced a major infrastructure of transportation initiative of somewhere in the region of \$18 to \$25 billion, I believe. What action has the Minister of Transportation taken to meet with these provincial counterparts to determine what opportunities there are for the N.W.T. within the transportation strategy that is in place?

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Whitford. Mr. Pollard.

Return To Question 76-12(3): Opportunity For N.W.T. Within Federal Transportation Strategy

HON. JOHN POLLARD:

Mr. Speaker, there was a proposal made to transportation ministers of all provinces and territories from the federal government. It came up at the last western finance ministers' meeting and I think finance ministers were concerned about the federal government, once again, coming forward with a program and they were concerned whether the federal government was going to be there after three, four, five, six, seven or eight years.

There was a letter drafted from this western group to the federal Minister and what it outlined were some of the concerns with the new federal program that was suggested.

There was also a meeting between deputy ministers of transportation from the western provinces and the Northwest Territories. I do not think the Yukon

attended. That resulted in some further clarification. So, at the present time, there has been a proposal made and there is some scepticism, to say the least, amongst people with regard to the intent of the federal government to get us on the hook and then back out of the funding later on down the road.

I might add, and I am moving in Mr. Whitford's domain here, but his department did recommend to us that the federal proposal was attractive to us, if we could get some real solid, I asked for hostages, Mr. Speaker, from the federal government, so that I would know that they were not going to pull out on us down the road. So it is still under active consideration. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Supplementary, Mr. Todd.

Supplementary To Question 76-12(3): Opportunity For N.W.T. Within Federal Transportation Strategy

MR. TODD:

So it is under active consideration. Do we have a paper on what we suggested to our provincial counterparts about where we fit within this initiative that is being proposed by the federal government? Is there something we can take a look at or is this some secret document that we cannot get access to?

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Pollard.

Further Return To Question 76-12(3): Opportunity For N.W.T. Within Federal Transportation Strategy

HON. JOHN POLLARD:

Mr. Speaker, I did not mean to mislead anybody that there was a contract and it was ready to be signed. This was a suggestion from the federal government to all Ministers of transportation across the country. There is some documentation and I would defer to the Minister of Transportation to see if he will provide it. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Whitford.

Further Return To Question 76-12(3): Opportunity For N.W.T. Within Federal Transportation Strategy

HON. TONY WHITFORD:

Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will be prepared to get the information that the Member wants, within a matter of a few days, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 5, Oral Questions. Supplementary, Mr. Todd.

Supplementary To Question 76-12(3): Opportunity For N.W.T. Within Federal Transportation Strategy

MR. TODD:

I guess the point I am trying to get at and I do not seem to be getting an answer on it is this. In our approach to our provincial counterparts the way I understand it, it was a collective provincial/territorial approach to the feds. Is it an integrated part of the transportation strategy that was developed under previous Assemblies? Is it a part of that? Is our approach fitting into the strategy or have we just done this strategy and now it is on the shelf? I want to know how we are approaching this \$25 billion initiative. Is there some plan out there and are we using a transportation strategy that was developed under previous Assemblies? That is what I am concerned about.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Whitford.

Further Return To Question 76-12(3): Opportunity For N.W.T. Within Federal Transportation Strategy

HON. TONY WHITFORD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, Mr. Speaker, the transportation plan that the territories has in place in its transportation strategy will continue. What we are

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discussing in the national highways policy is something that is over and above. This was something that the federal government had endeavoured to undertake with the provinces. They felt, in broad terms, that it would be good for the economy to get this transportation infrastructure upgraded because of the condition that it found itself in. There is a saying that if there are roads the people will use them and it will be good for the provinces. The federal/provincial/territorial Ministers met to talk about this and some plan of action had come about.

One of them was to identify highways which would come under this particular policy. I think the territories ended up with some 550 miles of highway which would be reconstructed under this national highways policy.

I think that the territories would continue on in its transportation strategy as it had intended and this would be over and above, should it ever come about, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Just for the clarification of our procedures, according to our precedent, the Premier has been able to pass a question to another Minister. If the Minister of Finance feels that the question is within his or her jurisdiction, I would ask that if the Minister takes the first question, that he take the next three supplementary questions, if he has to he can take them as notice. Jumping from Minister to Minister, unless it is from the Premier, causes some confusion. Supplementary, Mr. Todd.

Supplementary To Question 76-12(3): Opportunity For N.W.T. Within Federal Transportation Strategy

MR. TODD:

I am not trying to be awkward on this issue, Mr. Speaker. Could the Minister tell me specifically what is in the package that you presented to your provincial counterparts for the Northwest Territories. Some of us do not have roads. We want to know are there other parts in there? Is there marine development? What, within the package, did the Northwest Territories seek to get provincial support for to move forward on a collective presentation to the federal government under this \$25 billion initiative. What is in it for the north?

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Pollard. Ms. Cournoyea.

Further Return To Question 76-12(3): Opportunity For N.W.T. Within Federal Transportation Strategy

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA:

Just to avoid confusion, Mr. Speaker, the Northwest Territories has a strategy, policy and paper which has been developed over a number years, the policy of which everyone is aware. At every opportunity when we travel across Canada and attend meetings we continually represent that transportation strategy.

The issue now is what parts of that strategy can we fit into whatever it is that the Prime Minister of Canada is presenting to us, which the Minister of Finance has expressed. We are not quite sure what is in that package that the federal Minister is identifying as being the formula that is going to be used to make those expenditures. As much as possible, we do have a strategy and what we can tap from that strategy to fit into that formula. I think what the Minister of Finance was trying to say is that we are not quite sure what parts we can access taking into consideration that we do have a transportation strategy. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

That was your final supplementary. Item 5, Oral Questions. Mr. Pudlat.

Question 77-12(3): Clean Up Of Gas Drums

MR. PUDLAT:

(Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Minister of the Environment is not present but I will ask the question to the Government Leader. We all know that in the Northwest Territories there are many old 45 gallon drums which are empty. Some of them have gas in them and have spilled into the ground. I wonder if our government could initiate someone to clean up the old barrels around the north? I wonder if the drums could be returned to the companies that left them there even if we have to resort to using the law? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Madam Premier.

Return To Question 77-12(3): Clean Up Of Gas Drums

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA:

Mr. Speaker, I will get an update on the plans which have been put in place under the Green Plan; which communities have been identified, where the areas are and where the drums are. I will have the Minister of Renewable Resources present a report to the honourable Member.

MR. SPEAKER:

Supplementary, Mr. Pudlat.

Supplementary To Question 77-12(3): Clean Up Of Gas Drums

MR. PUDLAT:

(Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for the answer. Some of the barrels which I am talking about are very close to the communities. There are also barrels which are located quite far away from the communities. Could these barrels also be cleaned up? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Madam Premier.

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA:

Mr. Speaker, I will take this question as notice and present the report. If there are some areas the Member feels are not being addressed they could possibly be incorporated at that time. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 5, Oral Questions. Mr. Koe.

Question 78-12(3): National Transportation Strategy

MR. KOE:

Mahsi, Mr. Speaker. I would like to pursue the questions on the transportation strategy and the negotiations with the federal government. I am not sure who to pose the question to, Mr. Speaker. What framework is this government using in these negotiations with the federal government in terms of the transportation strategy?

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Whitford.

Return To Question 78-12(3): Negotiations With Federal Government On Transportation Strategy

HON. TONY WHITFORD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, there is no framework. I think what we are facing here, Mr. Speaker, is that there has been some preliminary work done by the federal/provincial/territorial Ministers on the national highways policy. It has to do some upgrading on infrastructure which is already in existence. Meetings have taken place to identify some of the problem areas which the transportation network has been facing and some preliminary talks

on how to undertake them, and what parts of the highway systems would be considered. That is about the extent of it. There is much more work to be done. I have only met with the federal Minister once and that was a couple of weeks ago, on this and other matters. I must caution the House that this

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whole thing is quite premature and there is nothing concrete in it yet.

MR. SPEAKER:

Supplementary, Mr. Koe.

MR. KOE:

I guess this is an issue and a concern. You have had some meetings with western counterparts. I assume you have had some discussion with your federal counterparts on this issue. You must have some kind of strategy development or document which you use as a basis for your negotiations and discussions. All we are asking for is can you provide us with some of that documentation, strategy, or the plans you have?

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Koe, would you pose that as a question?

Supplementary To Question 78-12(3): Negotiations With Federal Government On Transportation Strategy

MR. KOE:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Sorry. Will the Minister provide to this House some of the documentation, plans or strategy that he uses as a basis of his discussions with his western highways counterparts?

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Whitford.

Further Return To Question 78-12(3): Negotiations With Federal Government On Transportation Strategy

HON. TONY WHITFORD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To answer the question, yes. As I said to Mr. Todd earlier on I am going to provide some of the background as to how this came about. What the department had discussed in the preliminary stages would be over and above what we are planning to do in the territories. The transportation strategy that the territory has will

continue. The reconstruction of highways will continue. If it ever comes about this would be an addition to that. We could match dollars with whatever the federal government was either going to give us or loan us. I will provide the Member, through the first Member that asked the question, information on the background as to how this came about.

MR. SPEAKER:

Supplementary, Mr. Koe.

Supplementary To Question 78-12(3): Negotiations With Federal Government On Transportation Strategy

MR. KOE:

Mahsi, Mr. Speaker. The Minister also stated, I think he used the phrase "national highways" that the federal government recognizes 525 miles of highway in the north. I have travelled most of the roads in the north and I know I have travelled more than 525 miles. Where is this 525 miles of highway that is recognized by the federal government?

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Whitford.

Further Return To Question 78-12(3): Negotiations With Federal Government On Transportation Strategy

HON. TONY WHITFORD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. What the Member says is quite true. There are far more than 525 miles of highways in the Northwest Territories. Likewise, Mr. Speaker, in the province of Ontario and the province of British Columbia there are far more miles than have been designated as highways to be recognized under that future program. It had been determined using the usage of highways. The necessity of access to ports or major cities was the basis for determining what would be eligible under this highway system.

MR. SPEAKER:

Supplementary, Mr. Koe.

Supplementary To Question 78-12(3): Negotiations With Federal Government On Transportation Strategy

MR. KOE:

Since the Minister did not answer my question I will ask another one. Is the Dempster Highway recognized as a national highway?

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Whitford.

Further Return To Question 78-12(3): Negotiations With Federal Government On Transportation Strategy

HON. TONY WHITFORD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To us the Dempster Highway and all highways are important highways, but under this proposed program portions of Highway No. 1, No. 3 and No. 2, I believe, are considered to be under this program. That is from the Northwest Territories/Alberta border to the community of Hay River because it is a major port, and to Fort Providence and Yellowknife, approximately.

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 5, Oral Questions. Mr. Nerysoo.

Question 79-12(3): Location Of Replacement Traps

MR. NERYSOO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wonder if I could, I am not certain if the Government Leader has the answer on hand, but I do want to ask if the Minister or Government Leader could indicate to me as has been the suggestion by the Department of Renewable Resources that there are 3000 more traps on hand. Could she indicate to me where those traps are for replacement to the trappers of the Northwest Territories? Could you indicate to me where we could access them?

MR. SPEAKER:

Madam Premier.

Return To Question 79-12(3): Location Of Replacement Traps

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA:

Mr. Speaker, it is anticipated by the Department of Renewable Resources that by December 31, 1992 all the orders that have been made should be complete. The existing supplies are 400 in stock and 1000 arriving tomorrow for the Inuvik region. In Fort Smith there are 700 in stock. In Yellowknife 1000 in stock

and 1000 arriving by air tomorrow. In the Sahtu there are 250 in stock. In Fort Simpson there are 1400 in stock. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 5, Oral Questions. Mr. Nerysoo, supplementary.

Supplementary To Question 79-12(3): Location Of Replacement Traps

MR. NERYSOO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Could I ask the Government Leader why the hunters and trappers of Arctic Red River were told last week by staff from Renewable Resources that there were no longer any traps available for replacement?

MR. SPEAKER:

Madam Premier.

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA:

Mr. Speaker, I will take that question as notice.

MR. SPEAKER:

The question has been taken as notice. Item 5, Oral Questions. Mr. Todd.

Question 80-12(3): Community Based And Aboriginal Based Justice Systems

MR. TODD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Justice. Given in the previous assembly and this

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one too, there has been considerable discussion with respect to community based and aboriginal based justice. Can the Minister advise this House what steps his department has taken to initiate discussions with groups similar to the Deh Cho Tribal Council, as Mr. Antoine spoke about, and to groups similar in my riding to the Keewatin Regional Council? What steps has his department taken to initiate discussions on community based and aboriginal based justice systems? Any?

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Kakfwi.

Return To Question 80-12(3): Community Based And Aboriginal Based Justice Systems

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:

Mr. Speaker, there are a number of communities in the Northwest Territories who have done some work to begin looking at developing or taking over the present system of justice, the administration of justice. Many of them have done that by getting involved in the present system by setting up small formal or informal working groups to establish working relationships with the local R.C.M.P., local Justices of the Peace, sometimes with the visiting judges and court circuits. In those cases where communities have expressed an interest in doing some work toward looking at setting up a process to begin discussing a process by which they could assume increasing responsibility for the administration of justice, we have tried to respond and, in fact, have just received one from the Member's office which said we should go into his constituency to begin discussing a process where we would establish with his constituents the matter in which they would feel best in working towards an aboriginal justice system, a system of justice where the aboriginal people would have more and more involvement and participation. That is generally the approach we take. We do not go in and deliver packages and encourage people to do things that they do not express an interest in or are not prepared to do anything about at this time. Different communities have different priorities but it is our view where the communities have demonstrated in the beginning a lot of voluntary effort to get involved in the justice system where we have judges and police who are very interested in working cooperatively with communities that these are the areas where we try to get fully involved. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 5, Oral Questions. Mr. Lewis.

Question 81-12(3): National Transportation Strategy

MR. LEWIS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I listened very carefully to the responses about this national transportation strategy that the federal government is trying to put together and the release of somewhere between \$18 and \$25 billion. The response we have go so far is, well, we have gotten a kind of document and whenever we go fishing, we take this with us and we hope that people will respond to it. I would like to ask

the Minister of Transportation, has he committed on paper the priorities and costs because otherwise you are not going to get anywhere.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Whitford.

Return To Question 81-12(3): National Transportation Strategy

HON. TONY WHITFORD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, we are talking about two different things here.

In the Northwest Territories we already have and we are working on it in our capital budget, what we are going to be doing in the area of transportation and it takes into account our reconstruction program over the next five year or so.

We are also talking about a proposal that the federal government has made. There is some material that has come out of a meeting that had taken place among transportation Ministers and the federal government to look at a cost-sharing program.

They have made some suggestions that in order to take a look at upgrading some of the transportation infrastructure across Canada that they go about it in a certain fashion. There is nothing concrete, Mr. Speaker. It is unfortunate. As I said earlier on we should exercise caution when it comes to dealing with this.

As much as we would like to see new federal money come into the territories we must be cautious that we do not build up our expectations. Right now, even the federal government is being very tight-lipped on the whole matter. They are merely proposals and suggestions. They are merely there for discussion and there is nothing committed. No one has committed any dollars to anybody yet.

They have made some suggestions as to how much could be spent in the provinces and in the territories. I will endeavour to get some of this information out of the documentation that we received to the Members so they can look at it.

Right now, I say that we are continuing our reconstruction program as we had planned in our budget. There is no new money.

MR. SPEAKER:

Supplementary, Mr. Lewis.

Supplementary To Question 81-12(3): National Transportation Strategy

MR. LEWIS:

Yes, I will try just one more time, Mr. Speaker. When you go to the federal government to a meeting, or to a meeting of Ministers of transportation, and there has been a proposal to do something, surely our government must have a position that they want to present. They do not just sit there and wait for things to happen. They must have a position on the kinds of things they would like to have. Not simply say, well, here is our transportation strategy that is going to cost \$3 or \$5 billion or whatever it is.

My question is, did we have any kind of position to take to that meeting so that, at least other people, would know what kind of priorities we have?

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Whitford.

Further Return To Question 81-12(3): National Transportation Strategy

HON. TONY WHITFORD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Unfortunately, I was not at the initial meetings and what I have is the result of some discussions among the major players. The provinces had some serious reservations about what could be done and who was going to get a piece of the \$80 billion that was proposed or going to, \$14 billion, sorry. I think there was a few hours spent on who was going to benefit most from it. As I said earlier, we have a number of miles of highway in the territories, and so does Ontario, Quebec and British Columbia. Each province is trying to decide how much they already pay into taxes through federal taxation on fuel and other taxes and how much they were going to get back. How much would the territories get? I think everything is preliminary.

I said that we had determined that, from the amount of highways we have in the territories that we get a fairly good

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percentage of our highways taken into consideration under this proposed plan. I will get the information out of the document for the Member.

MR. SPEAKER:

Supplementary, Mr. Lewis.

Supplementary To Question 81-12(3): National Transportation Strategy

MR. LEWIS:

Mr. Speaker, from what I read there are all kinds of proposals which apparently have every chance of being realized, whereby jobs would be created in different provinces and those figures have become a matter of public record.

My question to the Minister then is at the meetings that he has been at, even though we do not have a firm position of our own, from his observation have the provincial ministers come in with their wish list, saying this is a priority for us and this is the kind of program we want and they are the number of jobs that are being created in our jurisdiction?

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Whitford.

Further Return To Question 81-12(3): National Transportation Strategy

HON. TONY WHITFORD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will answer only from my observations and my communications with the federal Minister. I sat with the federal Minister in his office and, yes, we did talk about the proposal. The very day that I was there, Mr. Speaker, the federal Minister told me that he had just come away from a meeting that showed the federal government were some \$7 billion more towards the deficit. It is going to be tough to meet all the needs and expectations for programs across Canada one of which, Mr. Speaker, would be this proposal.

He said this to me, Mr. Speaker, and that is why I am asking that we exercise caution when we take a look at this program. We will participate. We will go to the meetings and we will discuss, from our best advantage point, what monies there are if this program ever comes about and how we would go about spending it.

I would exercise caution that there is no money there yet. The provinces have had serious reservations about how much they are going to benefit from it. Some provinces like it because they are going to get

more dollars, the capacity to borrow money or else get money, from the federal government through this program to reconstruct some of their highways or to build new highways to areas that they deem to be essential. Yes, they may have gone in with some bargaining but, Mr. Speaker, I did not attend the initial meetings but our department did.

We put our best foot forward and we ended up with about a quarter of our highway system being considered under this program.

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 5, Oral Questions. Mr. Arngna'naaq.

Question 82-12(3): Development of Decentralization

MR. ARNGNA'NAAQ:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Government Leader. On June 16, 1992, the Government Leader announced the new initiative. Part of this new direction is to be the decentralization of several government facilities and agencies to the regions of the Northwest Territories. Since June, however, we have not heard any details about the government's plans. Our constituents are interested in knowing how and when this decentralization will take place. Can the Minister or Government Leader inform the House whether a strategy has been developed for the implementation of the new directions decentralization plan? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Ms. Cournoyea.

Return To Question 82-12(3): Development of Decentralization

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA:

Mr. Speaker, I think it is very clear on the areas where the initiatives are being taken. I know that there is another plan to again brief the Standing Committee on Finance. The honourable Member has made an indication in his earlier remarks that he has not had the opportunity or feels that the Standing Committee on Finance does not necessarily include all Members of the Legislative Assembly. There will be a briefing while he is here and I am sure that the Standing Committee on Finance will feel it is appropriate that any Member attend because the briefing will take place while the sitting is going on. However, all the areas which we have talked about, health insurance,

training program at Baker Lake for airports, science council and petroleum products is well known to the general public as well as M.L.A.s. There will be a full briefing and you can be brought up to date. All the work has been completed and the implementation plans are almost complete so the dates have been set when we expect the decentralization projects to take place. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 5, Oral Questions. Mr. Gargan.

Question 83-12(3): Evaluation Of Education System

MR. GARGAN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, many years ago I was in the hospital in Fort Rae. There was no road to Fort Rae at the time. I was four years old and when I returned home I was speaking the Dogrib language as my first language. My mom said I was not her son because I was speaking Dogrib. This bothered me quite a bit. It took me about two or three years before I learned my language. When I first went to residential school I was fluent in the South Slavey dialect. Through the years I have been able to hang on to my language. However, Mr. Speaker, just last month one of my older sons who is 14 years of age visited my mother, his grandmother. She asked him in her language to put some meat downstairs in the freezer. My son took the meat and dumped it outside in the burning barrel. I really question the delivery of aboriginal programs in the school. It was not until we visited my mom that she told us this and my son was able to go out and get that meat back out of the barrel.

I would like to ask the Minister of Education whether or not the present system of education allows for any kind of evaluation on aboriginal programs. In other words, do we have people who evaluate whether the students are actually learning their aboriginal culture?

MR. SPEAKER:

I would like to remind Members that their preamble to a question should be used to set up the question. Something longer than that is probably more appropriately put into a Member's statement. Mr. Arvaluk.

HON. JAMES ARVALUK:

Mr. Speaker, this question is hard to answer because we have been delegating a lot of our responsibility for

aboriginal languages to the divisional boards. For example, Mr. Joe Enook, Chairman of the Baffin Divisional Board sent me 150 books written in the aboriginal language from the eastern Arctic. These are used for the curriculum part of the Inuktitut language teaching material for the school.

For the other regions, I am not sure what the divisional boards use as a basis for ensuring that the aboriginal language is used in the schools. It will take time, Mr. Speaker, for me to get

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individual divisional boards' criteria for establishing that proper languages are being taught in the schools. For that reason, I will take the question as notice.

MR. SPEAKER:

The question has been taken as notice. Once a question has been taken as notice, normally no more explanation is needed past that time. Item 5, Oral Questions. Mr. Ningark.

Question 84-12(3): Request For Medical Professionals To Stay Longer In Communities

MR. NINGARK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Health. Mr. Speaker, we hear about poor health among native communities, we read about it also compared to other jurisdictions within the country. What attributes to this belief that is true to a degree, Mr. Speaker, the reason is simple: we the native people within the scattered parts of the N.W.T., especially in the remote communities, do not enjoy the same access to medical care, dental care and eye care. It takes about six months for doctors to come to our communities to do check ups. Mr. Speaker, would the Minister indicate to this House that future visits of doctors and medical specialists stay long enough to do the proper check up and treatment?

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Patterson.

Return To Question 84-12(3): Request For Medical Professional To Stay Longer In Communities

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON:

Mr. Speaker, with the greatest respect to the honourable Member, I wish it was as simple as saying

more frequent and longer visits from eye doctors, dentists and other medical professionals would fix the health of people in our communities. Unfortunately dentists cannot control whether children consume sugar, doctors cannot control whether people smoke and other issues such as overcrowded housing are beyond the control of this department I am responsible for. So I have to say, Mr. Speaker, that we are attempting to maximize the numbers of dollars available for the kind of professional services and professional visits the Member is referring to. There are limits on those funds and I can only do as much as is possible within the appropriations provided to my department. If there are specific complaints within the Member's region I will be happy to discuss those with him. I look forward to meeting with the Kitikmeot board of health at the earliest possible opportunity to learn more about these specific problems the Member is referring to. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 5, Oral Questions. Supplementary, Mr. Ningark.

Supplementary To Question 84-12(3): Request For Medical Professionals To Stay Longer In Communities

MR. NINGARK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I agree with the honourable Minister that doctors and specialists cannot control the amount of sugar and other impurities that are consumed by the patients. Mr. Speaker, I have seen people from my community complain that when the doctors and specialists come to the community they only see a very few people but there are other patients who wish to see doctors but are not able to see doctors and specialists because they leave the community before they can see all their patients. Would the Minister ensure that the doctors and specialists stay long enough to see all the patients who wish to see doctors and specialists? Thank you.

Further Return To Question 8-12(3): Request For Medical Professionals To Stay Longer In Communities

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON:

Mr. Speaker, I think it would be responsible for me to look into the Member's concern before I made guarantees about what better level of service can be delivered. So I will look into the matter and respond

to the Member on what improvements can be considered. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 5, Oral Questions. Mr. Antoine.

Question 85-12(3): National Transportation Strategy Funding

MR. ANTOINE:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My concern is over the national transportation strategy that was discussed earlier. I am not too satisfied with it yet. Maybe my question is directed to the Minister of Finance. When the federal government announced they had around \$18 to \$25 billion available I would think that this government would jump on this opportunity to go after some extra funding to develop our infrastructure. I guess that is where the concern is from the Members from this side in asking questions is that we were wondering if this funding that is in place by the federal government is still there and how can we access it?

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Pollard.

Return To Question 85-12(3): National Transportation Strategy Funding

HON. JOHN POLLARD:

Mr. Speaker, if we go way back to the First Ministers' conference, the very first one which was late last year, I believe. Our Premier raised with the Prime Minister and the rest of the First Ministers the importance of infrastructure in the Northwest Territories. We have a document, the transportation strategy in the Northwest Territories. That transportation strategy is the Bible that is used primarily by the Department of Transportation. I am sure that at times there are some changes made to accommodate other schedules but generally by and large that is the document that it is stuck with. I think it is important to point out that the Premier has made that known to the Prime Minister and the other First Ministers.

Over the past year there have been several proposals put out by the federal government. The first one was to increase the price of gasoline by four cents a litre and that kind of fell by the wayside, but it was a suggestion that was flying around there saying if we did that and took those taxes and put them into

transportation or infrastructure development that would create a lot of jobs and get some highways built where they are currently not being built. Now we are hearing all kinds of things coming out of Ottawa as Mr. Nerysoo asked me earlier with regards to job training. I do not think the federal government in this anticipated spending has everything nailed down. Certainly the position of this government is that we have a transportation strategy for the Northwest Territories. If we get dollars given to us from Ottawa we would like to use those dollars in the best way they can be used in the Northwest Territories which sort of fits in with that transportation strategy. It has been explained to federal Ministers and provincial Ministers on a number of occasions that they talk about roads and bridges. In the Northwest Territories we talk about needing some roads, some wharves, some docking spaces and airports. That is our transportation strategy because it is such a vast country and there are not a lot of roads up here at the present time.

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If I could clear up some of the confusion about when we go to the table. The latest proposal we were talking about from the federal government to the provinces and territories was a formula. So you did not have to go there and say I am going to build this airport or dig this hole for a dock, or I am going to build this wharf, they were saying based on your previous year's spending we would be prepared to match those dollars. I think what our Minister would be looking for is the flexibility with the money that would be provided by the federal government to do something that we need to be done in the Northwest Territories. Not just a strip of road from A to B, maybe a new road. Are we interested in getting some federal money? Yes, Mr. Speaker, there is no question about it. Will we fight for it diligently? We have been doing that for the past year. Our position is well known in Ottawa that we require infrastructure in the Northwest Territories, transportation infrastructure of all kinds. Are we going to rush in and sign a foolish deal with the federal government whereby they could back out five years down the road and leave us holding the bag again? No, Mr. Speaker, no.

AN HON. MEMBER:

(microphone turned off)

HON. JOHN POLLARD:

You have warned us on many occasions not to get into any more foolish deals. So I think just to finish off, all of the provinces and territories are concerned about making a new arrangement with Ottawa without some very, very strong assurances that the federal government is going to be there to do their part of this arrangement for a considerable period of time until the improvements are made. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Time for Oral Questions has elapsed. Item 6, Written Questions. Item 7, Returns to Written Questions. Item 8, Replies to Opening Address. Item 9, Replies to Budget Address. Item 10, Petitions. Item 11, Reports of Standing and Special Committees. Item 12, Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills. Item 13, Tabling of Documents. Mr. Todd.

ITEM 13: TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

MR. TODD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to table Tabled Document 12-12(3) which is resolution number six from the fall session of the Keewatin Regional Council. I spoke about this resolution in my Member's statement earlier today. It calls for the Government of the Northwest Territories to transfer money from the Department of Social Services to municipalities for community work under programs such as the Local Initiatives Program. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 13, Tabling of Documents. Mr. Patterson.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to table Tabled Document 13-12(3), a letter from Dr. Earle L. Covert, Chairperson of the Board of Inquiry to myself dated November 23, 1992. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 13, Tabling of Documents. Item 14, Notices of Motion. Item 15, Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Mr. Kakfwi.

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:

Mr. Speaker, I give notice, this is under Item 15, Notices of Motion.

MR. SPEAKER:

Sorry, Mr. Kakfwi, we have passed that item. You understand the rules to get back to that item. Item 15, Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Item 16, Motions, Motion 1-12(3) Political and Constitutional Development Debate will no longer be on the order paper. Item 17, First Reading of Bills. Item 18, Second Reading of Bills. Mr. Kakfwi.

ITEM 18: SECOND READING OF BILLS

Bill 6: An Act To Amend The Commercial Tenancies Act

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:

Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Yellowknife South, that Bill 6, an Act to Amend the Commercial Tenancies Act, be read for the second time.

This bill would amend the Commercial Tenancies Act to ensure that a judge of the Supreme Court is available to conduct a hearing on the day that a tenant is summoned to show cause why that tenant should not be ordered to deliver of possession of leased premises for non-payment of rent, and to ensure that the tenant is served with a summons at least three days prior to the date of the hearing.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Kakfwi, your motion is in order. To the principle of the bill.

AN HON. MEMBER:

Question.

MR. SPEAKER:

Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? Motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 6 has had second reading and accordingly the bill stands referred to a committee. Item 18, Second Reading of Bills. Mr. Whitford.

Bill 7: An Act To Amend The Locksmiths, Security Guards And Other Security Occupations Act

HON. TONY WHITFORD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Iqaluit that Bill 7, an Act to Amend the Locksmiths, Security Guards and Other Security Occupations Act, be read for the second time.

Mr. Speaker, this bill would amend the Locksmiths, Security Guards and Other Security Occupations Act to ensure that a partnership or a company that is a security business is registered or incorporated in the territories to provide that the securities other than a bond be provided to obtain a securities business licence, to provide that a security business licence is terminated if the bond is forfeited or cancelled, or the security no longer meets the requirements and is not replaced. Also, to allow investigation in respect of convictions against persons applying for licence, to allow a certificate or conviction or of fingerprint examiner to be admissible in evidence as proof of the statements in the certificate, without proof of the signature or official character of the person who signed it and to add powers to make regulations providing for the forfeiture of bonds and respecting other securities that may be provided instead of a bond. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Whitford, your motion is in order. To the principle of the bill.

AN HON. MEMBER:

Question.

MR. SPEAKER:

Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? Motion is carried.

---Carried

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Bill 7 has had second reading and accordingly the bill stands referred to a committee. Item 19, Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters. Committee Report 1-12(3), Standing Committee on Finance Report on the Review of the 1993-94 Capital Estimates, and Bill 1 Appropriation Act, No. 1, 1993-94, with Mr. Ningark in the Chair.

ITEM 19: CONSIDERATION IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF BILLS AND OTHER MATTERS

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Thank you for your attention. I call this committee to order. Yesterday when we adjourned for the day we were discussing the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs and we were in general comments. What is the wish of the committee? Mr. Todd.

MR. TODD:

Can we proceed with M.A.C.A., Mr. Chairman, if that is alright with everyone?

Bill 1: Appropriation Act, No. 1, 1993-94 And Committee Report 1-12(3): Review Of The 1993-94 Capital Estimates

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Do we have the committee's concurrence that we will continue with the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs? Mr. Pollard.

HON. JOHN POLLARD:

Mr. Chairman, Mr. Allooloo is not present in the House today. Much to the nervousness of Mr. Menard who is sitting quaking in the gallery, I would be prepared to pinch hit for Mr. Allooloo if the committee agreed. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Mr. Todd.

MR. TODD:

We agree and we understand the eloquence of Mr. Pollard and his depth of understanding of the government departments. We have no problem with that.

Bill 1: Appropriation Act, No. 1, 1993-94 And Committee Report 1-12(3): Review Of The 1993-94 Capital Estimates

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Thank you, in order to give Mr. Menard a little more time to think about this, we will take a 15 minute break.

---SHORT BREAK

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

The committee will now come back to order. The time out is really never long enough to recuperate but we

have work to do here. Mr. Pollard requested that he bring the department officials in. Mr. Pollard.

HON. JOHN POLLARD:

That is correct, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Proceed. Thank you. For the record Mr. Minister would you please introduce the witnesses?

Department Of Municipal And Community Affairs

HON. JOHN POLLARD:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, I have Mr. Al Menard, the Deputy Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs and to my left is Mr. Vern Christensen, the Assistant Deputy Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Thank you. Mr. Menard and Mr. Christensen welcome to the committee. We were at the general comments for the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs 1993-94 Capital Estimates. Are there any further general comments? Mr. Nerysoo.

General Comments

MR. NERYSOO:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I did want to make a couple of comments. I am not a Member of the Standing Committee on Finance but I do support the motions which have come forward so far. I want to indicate that I have read the documentation and the recommendations and I support all of the recommendations which have been made.

There are a couple of issues which are not in the capital plan for this particular year nor do I see it in the anticipated expenditures. It deals with the matter of the water intake system in Fort McPherson. I want to recommend to the Minister and probably to the government and the Standing Committee on Finance that somehow there be an assurance or some planning dollars set aside to address the matter of the water intake lake in Fort McPherson. Over the past several years there have been floods in Fort McPherson and the water has risen to a point where the sewage lake has been draining into the intake water system or into that particular lake. The environmental assessments which have been done

suggest there is no problem with the water but it is pretty difficult to convince the people of Fort McPherson that there is no problem when they see the water draining into that particular lake.

In the newer portion of the community the drainage is actually going into the creek which leads to the water intake lakes. There could be some problems. It is a concern of the community. I do not necessarily suggest that you immediately find the dollars in this particular capital activity or plan, but I do ask that you consider seriously that you find the planning money to deal with this matter on an ongoing basis with a view of hopefully finding the capital dollars to relocate the intake lake at some time.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Thank you. Mr. Minister, would you like to make a comment?

HON. JOHN POLLARD:

Mr. Chairman, we do sympathize with the Member and his constituents. The perception is always one that might cause some alarm to people who live in communities. We will make the commitment to look into this particular matter. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Does the committee agree that we go into detail? Mr. Zoe.

MR. ZOE:

Not yet, Mr. Chairman. I have some general comments. Mr. Chairman, the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs is proposing only six per cent of their capital budget for mobile equipment, road maintenance, public health and fire protection. As you know, every time we deal with the capital budget I always emphasize that the basic community infrastructure should be put in all communities before other areas are looked at. It varies from community to community for the basic needs. Only six per cent is being proposed for the provision of road maintenance, public health and fire protection. Could I ask the Minister or his departmental officials in the area of basic infrastructure in terms of health, fire protection, water delivery, sewage and proper sanitation facilities are we up to par in all of the communities? I do not believe we are. I think the department should concentrate more in those areas so that all the basic needs are looked after before they go into the areas of recreation or other areas that M.A.C.A. is

responsible for. I realize my question is general in terms but I think the Minister understands what I am trying to get. I have been pursuing this ever since I have taken a seat in the Legislature that the communities should at least receive all the basic infrastructure before the other well-off communities receive anything else. Thank you.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. JOHN POLLARD:

Mr. Chairman, although most of the communities are at the basic level there are some that require more infrastructure, we realize that. I think the Minister himself recognizes that in his opening remarks, where he said "we also should and can respond more effectively to assist smaller communities in attaining a basic level of community infrastructure." The department is committed to doing that, Mr. Chairman, and you can look for some progress on that in the next budget. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. General comments? Mr. Zoe.

MR. ZOE:

Mr. Chairman, that is the point I am trying to make. Why are they not doing it now rather than waiting until next year? I think the smaller communities which do not have proper basic facilities should be a priority for the department so that they can get all the basic needs. The proposal which is in front of us does not address that. I realize that the Minister indicated in his opening statement that "yes" they are going to look at it for next year but I have been questioning the department year in and year out in regard to capital projects which they should concentrate on or place their priority for a community on the basic infrastructure first before they consider anything else. It appears that they are not responding to the concerns which are raised in this House.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you, Mr. Minister.

HON. JOHN POLLARD:

Mr. Chairman, there is a note taken of the concerns raised on the floor of the Legislative Assembly. Mr. Chairman, as we are now in a new process of community consultations and the ability for communities, be they small or large, to prioritize their requirements in their particular communities that we will get better individual feedback from those particular communities on what they feel is most important. As communities become more involved, then they will, at times, have the ability to say to us we would rather pursue this particular avenue than something else. I think that is why we are saying that in the next year there should be some changes made, Mr. Chairman, simply because the communities are going to be able to outline those priorities that they have. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. General Comments, Mr. Zoe.

MR. ZOE:

Mr. Chairman, what the government is proposing and the manner of how they consulted with the communities I agree with. One must not forget these small communities, particularly in ridings like Nahendeh and also mine and also the eastern Arctic which has small communities. They have been lacking all these basic infrastructure.

Even if we go with what is being proposed by the government in terms of prioritizing at the community level, they will never catch up because the other communities which have all the basic infrastructure in place will always be ahead of them.

That is the point I am trying to make is that all the communities should have all the basic infrastructure in place so that everybody is at par so that they have all the basic needs. Then you can implement the community consultation as to what should be required, etc. A lot of the smaller communities, for some reason or other, have been neglected and, although they have been pursuing capital projects to meet the basic needs they have always been lagging behind.

Even the new system that you are coming in with does not address that. What I am emphasizing is that those small communities should be prioritized within the department to get all these basic needs. Once we have it all across the board then we can look at distributing capital items for municipal and community affairs when the community is consolidated and

priorized at the community level. The way we are doing it now the small communities are always going to be left behind. They will never catch up and that has always been a problem. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you, Mr. Minister.

HON. JOHN POLLARD:

Mr. Chairman, I do recognize the concern, as does the department. As I said there will be a new policy forthcoming that will address those particular issues for those communities that, as Mr. Zoe says, may have been left out in the past. Over the past few years it has been done on an ad hoc basis, Mr. Chairman. The department feels that with a policy in place it will be done in a fair and equitable manner. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Any other general comments? Mr. Antoine.

MR. ANTOINE:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just wanted to also say a few things about the M.A.C.A. I agree with my colleague, honourable Henry Zoe, in his concern for the smaller communities. Since my involvement here in this Legislative Assembly I have become more aware as I try to represent people in the smaller communities. My priority is making sure, like all the M.L.A.s, that the people in the smaller communities have basic programs and services. The reality is that the Government of the Northwest Territories provides these basic programs and services to people in the north and, if you really look at the people in the smaller communities as compared to the larger centres all through the north, you find out that smaller communities particularly in the Dene communities are really at a disadvantage.

The Minister of M.A.C.A., in the last session, stated that because they are chief and band councils, they are unorganized. The chiefs in the communities were very insulted. In fact, the Chief from Wrigley, Tim Lennie, takes that as a slap in the face. You know when the attitude of the bureaucrats is because you are chief and band council you are unorganized. It is a real insult to the chiefs and band councils. Some of the chiefs have told me themselves that they do not

like the kind of attitude that is coming from this department and the whole attitude has to change.

I would also like to add, from the life of this whole Government of the Northwest Territories, the amount of infrastructure capital that has gone on in the past when divided per capita, you find out that in the long run the people in the smaller communities have been neglected and disadvantaged. A lot of the arguments now are that there are not enough people in these small communities to warrant such big expenditures but you should not look at it that way, you are looking at a really small window if you approach it that way. You have to look at the total service that has gone on in the history of this government toward the people in communities and then you find out that people in the small communities have been neglected. What we are saying here is that it is about time that you take them seriously and give them the type of programs and services that they are entitled to.

In the preambles of each department you have goals, objectives and directives of each department. In there it states clearly what the department intends to do and I would like to

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suggest that maybe this department carry out what they say in black and white to all the small communities. Mahsi.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Any other general comments? Mr. Minister.

HON. JOHN POLLARD:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The view that Mr. Allooooloo might have expressed in the last session was not meant as an insult and I would apologize on his behalf if Chief Lennie and his band council were insulted. That is not the view of this government or of this particular department. I think it comes from some confusion with the word "unorganized". It does not mean in disarray in this instance, it is a Municipal Affairs term of the way the community is organized structurally and it was not meant as an insult so I would just reaffirm an apology on that, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. General comments, Mr. Gargan. Mr. Gargan, your microphone is not on.

MR. GARGAN:

Mr. Chairman, I met with the Department of Municipal and Communities Affairs last month and we went through the needs of Kakisa. One of the things that the department said that they plan on doing is that the infrastructure has gone just about full cycle now and most of their concentration is going to be on smaller communities. I was really happy to hear that, Mr. Speaker.

We also discussed the assembly building that is going to be built in Kakisa and they showed us the plan for it. In the plan it allows for a large enough space for a feast or even a place where you could gather for a dance, small activities but not activities like basketball. The building is not designed for that kind of activity but it is designed for at least the kind of activities that small communities would be able to do. Further, the department has also advised us that the building itself does not restrict them from further allocation to include maybe other recreational facilities in the future.

Last month, too, I participated in the Standing Committee on Finance, as an alternate Member. The standing committee has also accepted the principle that every community, regardless of size, should be entitled to facilities that facilitate the mental, spiritual and physical well-being of the community. I think that has been an acceptable principle that the finance committee has gone with.

The other thing, Mr. Chairman, is that I have heard the government say we are going to be in a very touchy situation and in touchy times so as far as community plans go. I have here the community plan for Fort Providence and a lot of the plans are designed for new subdivisions, new roads, new drainage, new power lines, new everything. When I was at that public meeting several months ago, in May, I asked the community why is it that the plan asks for people to move further out into the bush, into the swampy areas where maybe more mosquitos are. It will cost more to build. I said we have a lot of good areas that the government owns, or has such as transportation and telecommunication. The R.C.M.P. have areas which are designated as commercial areas right now but are used as residential or commercial. I have asked that we look at future developments to new subdivisions, but that the community looks seriously at developing new lots and existing government lots. Transportation could be relocated for example. I think if we have laws and regulations with regards to residential and commercial

areas then we do not have to force, for example, NorthwesTel from moving. The laws would require them to move if those are designated residential areas. So I just want to let the government know that we do not have a final plan for the community of Fort Providence, but I have been speaking with the hamlet manager about the plans and the situation of this government right now. I do not think we can afford to start pouring a lot of money to areas which require a lot of fill or drainage. Perhaps the hamlet should be looking more at existing areas that have road access. The road access is right across from the R.C.M.P. to the junction. Those are good residential areas. It might be parallel to the airport but it is on the opposite side of the road. I would prefer it if the government would look at that type of thing. That is more cost effective as opposed to, I agree with the community "wish list", but the reality right now is that wish list is good maybe down the line if the budget allows for it, but right now we have to be more of an economist. I think the community should look into that area so we do not run into a situation where we are creating or using up a lot of money for lot development when we should look at existing spaces along the public roads we have in the community as well as the access roads. Those are my general comments. I support my colleagues for North Slave and Nahendeh with regard to smaller communities. I only have one and I think they are quite happy with the progress with regard to allocation of capital projects. So I just wanted to tell the department I appreciate what they are doing.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. JOHN POLLARD:

I think, Mr. Chairman, that Mr. Gargan made some excellent comments. It has been a complaint in several of the communities of the Northwest Territories that when it comes down to residential areas the people who are going to live there live in the worst areas because all the other ground has been snapped up earlier on in the community's life.

The other point he raises that is encouraging is that if we can make use of existing roads and power lines obviously that is going to save us some money. So if the community of Fort Providence is willing, the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs will go in there and meet with them and the Member to discuss this whole issue with a view to coming out with some new and innovative ways to provide

residential areas and at the same time save us some money. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Are there any other general comments? What is the wish of the committee, that we go line by line? Detail?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

Directorate

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Page 11-9. Detail of capital. Directorate, buildings and works, headquarters, total region \$87,000.

Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN:

Mr. Chairman, just with regard to this area. I realize that this capital budget was probably planned during the spring time, but since that time we did have several spills on the Mackenzie itself and I think there was one in Bathurst Strait too. There is equipment required, but when that equipment is designated for headquarters we really do not address the situations at the community level. I think the highway system near Fort Providence and the water system in Fort Providence requires that there should be some equipment

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stationed in a centralized location of the transportation route. Perhaps this is something the department should be looking at for an emergency strategy plan. There should be a plan and equipment to deal with those types of emergencies. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. JOHN POLLARD:

I think I would be safe to say that the majority of communities in the Northwest Territories, Mr. Chairman, have a local emergency plan. Of course there is a procedure that if the community cannot handle it then it is passed off to the region. If the region cannot handle it, it is passed off to headquarters. The incident that Mr. Gargan draws attention to, the spill on the river, did not necessarily fall within the boundaries of this particular department. It is under the federal Coast Guard. At the same time I think the Member raises a good point that when there are overlapping jurisdictions we have to be ready to lock ourselves into the system that is in place. So I will ask the department if they will go back and check on those liaisons with federal agencies in case such an incident happens again. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you, Mr. Minister. Total region \$87,000.

Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Total buildings and works, headquarters, \$87,000.

Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Equipment acquisition, directorate, total region \$30,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Total acquisition of equipment \$30,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Total activity \$117,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

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Community Works And Capital Planning

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Planning, buildings and works, headquarters, total region \$190,000. Agreed? Mr. Zoe.

MR. ZOE:

Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask a general question in regard to the coordination between various government departments. In some areas where there is winter road construction, how is the department coordinating with other departments so that they can utilize things like winter road access, etc.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. JOHN POLLARD:

Mr. Chairman, with regard to winter roads, obviously that is the Department of Transportation. What normally happens is that Transportation is the lead department and coordinates with the other departments the timing, assembling, scheduling of getting all of those departments, whether it is the Housing Corporation or Municipal and Community Affairs to assemble all the equipment which might move in on that winter road. It is incumbent upon departments to cooperate, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Capital works, buildings, headquarters. Mr. Zoe.

MR. ZOE:

Since Municipal and Community Affairs are providing some capital items to my region, Mr. Chairman, could the Minister indicate to me how they are planning to bring in those capital items which are in their budget? I understand that the winter road is the responsibility of Transportation. How is M.A.C.A. anticipating bringing in their capital items?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. JOHN POLLARD:

Mr. Chairman, if I could ask to which community the Member is referring?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Mr. Zoe.

MR. ZOE:

Mr. Chairman, one of my communities in my riding and also the other riding of Sahtu where they put a winter road in. In those two areas how is M.A.C.A. anticipating to bring in their capital equipment or items?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. JOHN POLLARD:

Mr. Chairman, normally Municipal and Community Affairs would get those things in on the winter road. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Total region \$190,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Community works and capital planning Fort Smith, total region \$2.737 million. Are we agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Inuvik total region \$1.149 million.
Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Baffin total region \$2.591 million. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Keewatin total region \$2.345 million. Mr. Arngna'naaq.

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MR. ARNGNA'NAAQ:

Mr. Chairman, I apologize I was not here for the general comments. I have a question with regard to the replacement standards set for fire fighting equipment. I have had some concerns raised about the way in which standards are maintained for fire equipment. How does the department find out what equipment needs to be replaced and how often this is checked? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. JOHN POLLARD:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, through the good offices of the fire marshal and also Municipal and Community Affairs staff. The expertise generally comes from the fire marshal's office. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you, Mr. Minister. Keewatin total region, \$2.345 million. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Kitikmeot total region \$2.685 million.
Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Total buildings and works \$11.697 million. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Equipment acquisition, Fort Smith, total region \$422,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Inuvik, total region \$16,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Keewatin, total region \$775,000.
Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Kitikmeot, total region \$300,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Total acquisition of equipment \$1.513 million. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Contributions, headquarters, total region \$4.779 million. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Fort Smith total region \$1.673 million. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Mr. Antoine.

MR. ANTOINE:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Is this section on community roads?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Yes, we are dealing with contributions, Fort Smith. It does deal with the main street construction in Fort Simpson. Mr. Antoine.

MR. ANTOINE:

I just wanted to raise something at this point if we are talking about roads and so forth. The community of Wrigley has been asking to get their roads done. In last year's capital estimates all they received was about \$6,000. They need some major work done on their streets. I wanted to bring this to the attention of the department. They should seriously sit down with Wrigley and try to deal with the situation in regard to repairing the roads from the airport throughout their community. I believe that since the community has been relocated there has no major work been done to fix the roads. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. JOHN POLLARD:

I have not been to Wrigley, Mr. Chairman. I am aware of the problem and I am told by the department that there is some cooperation going on between Municipal and Community Affairs and the Department of Transportation to look into those problems. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Fort Smith, total region \$1.673 million. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Inuvik, total region \$1.468 million. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Baffin, total region \$3.099 million.
Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Total contributions \$11.019 million.
Agreed? Mr. Arngna'naaq.

MR. ARNGNA'NAAQ:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am not sure whether this is appropriate at this time but one of the areas that was raised by the community of Arviat is to have an

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access road to the water supply they are planning to build. I wonder if that would come under this particular department? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Mr. Minister.

HON. JOHN POLLARD:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, the water line is going in. There is no intention at the present time of putting a road into that intake. It is thought at the present time that it could be accessed by a four wheel Honda. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Mr. Arngna'naaq.

MR. ARNGNA'NAAQ:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to know if there are any plans at some future time to build an access road to the water supply.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. JOHN POLLARD:

Mr. Chairman, at the next round of consultations on the budget, if that is a priority with the community and

it is identified by the community then it will be looked at at that time. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Back to total contributions \$11.019 million. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

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Community Planning

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Community planning, buildings and works, headquarters, total region \$25,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Fort Smith, total region \$758,000. Mr. Zoe.

MR. ZOE:

Mr. Chairman, I would like to make a comment on one of the line items under the Fort Smith region in regard to bridge repairs for Rae-Edzo. I see that the department has included \$30,000 to repair the existing bridge that connects the island to the mainland. Mr. Chairman, I do not believe the department has seriously looked at the situation of that particular bridge. It is only one lane. It is the largest community in my riding and it has only one lane. We have been having difficulty going across that particular bridge. If I recall correctly, Mr. Chairman, the community has written to the department requesting a new bridge rather than repairs to the existing bridge, although I see money in here for repairs only. Is the department anticipating that they are going to look at a new bridge for Rae-Edzo?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. JOHN POLLARD:

The \$30,000 that is in there right now, Mr. Chairman, is because urgent repairs are required to the bridge. This \$30,000 will be an engineering study, bridge repairs and strengthening. Again as I have said before if the community is pressing for a study to see whether that bridge can be replaced; depending on the engineering study, how long the bridge could last and what it would cost to replace it, it could be looked at. I cannot make any promises to say we will replace the bridge. I think sitting down with the community and discussing the issue would be fruitful. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Mr. Zoe.

MR. ZOE:

So this money is partially for engineering studies and if need be for some repairs. Based on that report the department would decide if a new bridge is required. Am I correct?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Mr. Minister.

HON. JOHN POLLARD:

Mr. Chairman, I am not an engineer but when you read these engineering studies you have to take note of what a registered engineer is saying. I guess there is a possibility the engineer might say it is not worth repairing. I do not know but I do know there are urgent repairs required. That is part of the engineering study. The bridge repairs and strengthening will flow from that \$30,000. As far as the replacement of that particular bridge, discussing the engineering study with the community I think would be the best way to go and let the community tell us then what priority they place upon it. Another consideration is what the cost of replacement would be as to what the cost to fix it would be. I think again the department is prepared to sit down and discuss that with the community. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Total region \$758,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to ask the Minister in regards to a couple of issues: community plans, various Fort Smith for \$90,000; and land/road/site various Fort Smith for \$450,000. Would he be able to give us a breakdown as to where this allocation of funds is going to be going? Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. JOHN POLLARD:

With regards to the \$90,000 in 1993-94, Mr. Chairman, Rae-Edzo has a community plan and zoning by-law at \$20,000, Fort Resolution community plan \$40,000, Kakisa land use plan at \$5,000, Jean Marie River is an update on the land use plan for \$5,000, and in various there is subdivision designs and drafting which is probably a little pot of money that is set aside just in case some emergencies come up for \$20,000 totalling the \$90,000, Mr. Chairman. I think also I was asked about the issue of the land/road/site various Fort Smith for \$450,000, Mr. Chairman, am I correct?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Yes, Mr. Minister.

HON. JOHN POLLARD:

Mr. Chairman, that comprises the Rae Lakes road construction phases I and II at \$2,000; Snare Lake road construction \$15,000; Nahanni Butte community road construction \$15,000; Hay River Reserve drainage improvement plan \$15,000; Trout Lake drainage works \$10,000; Rae drainage improvements \$25,000; Jean Marie River drainage works \$10,000; Lutsel K'e subdivision north slope \$30,000; Lac La Martre new development area phase I for \$60,000; Kakisa Lady Evelyn Falls subdivision \$25,000; Rae Lakes residential subdivision phase I \$30,000; Fort Providence mobile home subdivision \$5,000; Nahanni Butte residential land development \$50,000; Trout Lake residential subdivision \$50,000; Fort Providence fire break road residential subdivision

\$10,000; Fort Resolution school subdivision phase I and II \$28,000; Hay River Reserve, area three, residential subdivision \$5,000; Enterprise highway commercial subdivision extension \$50,000; Fort Providence residential subdivision \$10,000 and Lutsel K'e east slope subdivision \$5,000 for a total of \$450,000.

Mr. Chairman, thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Total region \$758,000. Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL:

Mr. Chairman, I would just like to ask the Minister or his department officials if there was any intention to consider funding for what I believe is called the Bailey Bridge out of Fort Smith? I know it is not in this particular capital budget but did the department consider that request under future capital funds?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Mr. Pollard.

HON. JOHN POLLARD:

Mr. Chairman, the department is not aware of any request for upgrade or repairs to the Bailey Bridge at Fort Smith. I wonder if it might come under Transportation or perhaps the Member could give us more information, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL:

Mr. Chairman, I think the request either went to the Minister of Renewable Resources or the Minister of Transportation. The point I am trying to make is that it is on the Salt River Reserve which is out of the municipality. It will assist the community of Fort Smith so I will bring this forth under the budget in regards to the Bailey Bridge, under a different department. Although, I was under the impression that it would somehow come under M.A.C.A.

Mr. Chairman, if I may, I can ask the Minister of M.A.C.A. to deal with his counterpart, the Minister of Transportation, to address this. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. JOHN POLLARD:

I am already getting acknowledgement from the Minister of Transportation. I think he is anxious to look into it so I will get together with him, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL:

The reason I am bringing it up is that I am aware of an extra bridge as a result of the closure of Pine Point. I cannot recall what the name is of that particular bridge but M.A.C.A. looks at bridge repairs within the municipality, but the reserve not being a municipality, perhaps they can address this concern of the Bailey Bridge by this extra bridge that is available. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. General comments, Mr. Antoine.

MR. ANTOINE:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, once again. In the land/road/site on the various in Fort Smith. Now, if this community planning develops control and use of land within the borders, does the Minister know the community of Fort Simpson is situated on the island and in order for growth you have to expand on the mainland? I was wondering if the Minister knows if there are any future plans to provide financial assistance to the village of Fort Simpson to some site planning expansion onto the mainland? Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Mr. Minister.

HON. JOHN POLLARD:

Mr. Chairman, thank you. Fort Simpson is a tax-based municipality and, as such, they have the ability to come forward and enter into agreements with the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs. There can be contributions of a matching nature made to them. They have the ability to go out and also, by way of debenture, borrow money. So, yes,

the department will cooperate with them in their expansion mode. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Community planning, Fort Smith, total region \$758,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Inuvik, total region \$997,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Baffin, total region \$1.448 million. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Keewatin, total region \$1.348 million. Mr. Arngna'naaq.

MR. ARNGNA'NAAQ:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. One of the issues raised by both the communities that I represent, Baker Lake and Arviat, have been in the area of core piping. We are finding that in both communities the major buildings in the communities, such as schools, nursing stations and other major buildings that consume water and dispose of sewage to our large group of people are taking up so much of the time of the water trucks or the sewage trucks that some houses are suffering as a result of it. I am wondering if the department has considered, will be considering or has received requests from both Baker Lake and Arviat regarding core piping in those communities?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. JOHN POLLARD:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, we have had this debate in the House before and if you put in a piped system does it take away from the jobs in the community?

On the issue of Baker Lake, in particular, the department has been having discussions with the community of Baker Lake. The latest read we received from them is that they do not want to pursue core piping at the present time. They would rather maintain the status quo and keep the jobs for the people driving the trucks, etc., etc.

However, the Member does raise a point that perhaps should be looked into and that is if service is slow or if it is not being given in an adequate fashion, perhaps that is something we can raise with the community to find out if they are, in fact, unable to cope with the demand upon their equipment at the present time. We will be glad to look into that, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Mr. Arngna'naaq.

MR. ARNGNA'NAAQ:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just wanted to add something to what the Minister is saying. At the time

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that the decision was made that employment was more important, I think that that was true, because service was sufficient to be able to be brought into each of the houses. But I think at this point the communities are growing and the community of Arviat especially, has the highest growth rate in Canada. So they have a need which I think far outweighs the requirement for employment at this point.

Also, the issue of health in the community is something that has to be considered because without sufficient sewage disposal service, health will become an issue in the community of Arviat. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. JOHN POLLARD:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, we note the concern and we will look into the problems which are being experienced. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Total region \$1.348 million. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Kitikmeot, total region \$830,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Total buildings and works \$5.406 million. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Contributions, headquarters, total region \$35,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Total contributions \$35,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Total activity \$5.441 million. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

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Surveys And Mapping

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Surveys and mapping, building and works, headquarters, total region \$992,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Total buildings and works \$992,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Total activity \$992,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

Sports And Recreation

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Detail of capital, sport and recreation, buildings and works, Fort Smith, total region \$530,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Inuvik total region \$125,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Baffin total region \$1.925 million.
Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Keewatin total region \$510,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Kitikmeot total region \$2.725 million.
Agreed? Mr. Ningark.

MR. NINGARK:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to ask the Minister if the completion of the arena and curling rink in Gjoa Haven, and if the completion of the arena in Pelly Bay is on schedule? Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. JOHN POLLARD:

It is in fact on schedule, Mr. Chairman, thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Total region \$2.725 million. Are we agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Total buildings and works \$5.815 million.
Mr. Antoine.

MR. ANTOINE:

Thank you. Before we agree on this one, I wanted to go back to Trout Lake, the community assembly building. For the record the community assembly building is

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only \$5,000. Last year's capital estimates, were approved at \$317,000 for this year. I know it is temporarily reallocated and there is work being done at the present time to utilize these funds to build this building in a community. Could the Minister tell me if last year's approval is still in place? Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. JOHN POLLARD:

Yes, Mr. Chairman, it will still be done. It will be done in conjunction with the school. It is still in place.
Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Total buildings and works \$5.815 million.
Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Contributions, headquarters, total region \$245,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Fort Smith total region \$462,000.
Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Inuvik total region \$280,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Baffin total region \$65,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Keewatin total region \$80,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Kitikmeot total region \$80,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Total contributions \$1.212 million. Agreed? Mr. Arngna'naaq.

MR. ARNGNA'NAAQ:

Mr. Chairman, can I get clarification as to what is meant by Open Space Program? Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. JOHN POLLARD:

Mr. Chairman, neighbourhood playgrounds, community playfields and outdoor activities.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Total contributions \$1.212 million. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Total activity \$7.027 million. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Lands, building and works, headquarters, total region \$420,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Total buildings and works \$420,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Contributions, headquarters, total region \$50,000. Mr. Zoe.

MR. ZOE:

Mr. Chairman, could I ask the department if they are going to do any granular material studies for non-taxed based? Since it is not in the capital budget, does this mean that all municipalities have adequate granular material?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. JOHN POLLARD:

Mr. Chairman, the Department of Public Works does the non-taxed based community granular program. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Contributions, headquarters, total region \$50,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Total contributions \$50,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Total activity \$470,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Municipal and Community Affairs program summary, total capital expenditures \$38.276 million. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, after lands, we did not go to the next page but I had a question

with regard to capital recoveries. Can I ask some questions on this, please?

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Is it agreed with the committee that we return to capital recoveries?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Page 11-34, Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN:

Mr. Chairman, this is one area in which I am always having difficulty. It is with regard to the amount of contributions that communities make as their share of the recreation facility. I do not really know whether you have a process in place to determine what the share of the community is, or the accountability that is in place for the recoveries. Is there an audit done? If there is, what is the sweat equity? How is it measured? How is it valued? I still have to refer back to 1983 when Fort Providence paid \$250,000 as their contribution and they paid it up front to the government before the project started. Since that time I have never seen a substantial amount of recoveries by communities. I am most interested in finding out if the type of requirement that was given to Providence is not being applied at this point in time with regard to recoveries? Is it just an ad hoc thing that really depends on the community's ability to see whether or not they could raise money, or can or cannot afford it? What is the criteria? I am really interested.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. JOHN POLLARD:

Mr. Chairman, there are guidelines for this particular activity. They are being revamped right now because of the new contribution program to communities. As soon as those guidelines are revamped and put into place, we will make sure that each Member of the House gets a copy of those guidelines so there will be no confusion in future years. Mr. Gargan raises a point that has been brought up many times before.

That is that there may have been different situations across the Northwest Territories. It may have appeared that communities were treated differently. It is a complex situation, Mr. Chairman, and the government is always trying to be fair to communities. Some communities request a larger building than they are entitled to, so consequently they have to pay more money. We will have those guidelines delivered to each of the Members as soon as they are updated. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Of course the new guidelines would be retroactive to 1983 then.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Good idea. Program summary, total capital expenditures \$38.276 million. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN:

Just one final comment, Mr. Chairman, with regard to services to the reserve. It has never been resolved and we keep running into the situation in which Indian and Northern Affairs have their own opinion on how services should be provided to the reserve. M.A.C.A. has the same kind of position. We have not really nailed down what the responsibility of this government is with regard to the reserve. I would hope that it would be resolved.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. JOHN POLLARD:

A complex issue, I am sure you would agree, Mr. Chairman. Living next to the reserve, I have seen some of the struggles they have had to go through to get things accomplished. Mr. Menard tells me that the department is still trying to resolve those issues with the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs and will continue to do so. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Are we fairly close to resolving it now?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. JOHN POLLARD:

Yes.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Mr. Ningark.

MR. NINGARK:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have a similar concern as Mr. Gargan has. This is in regard to the unorganized communities above the tree line in the eastern Arctic. Communities like Bay Chimo and Bathurst Inlet are not serviced by the federal government nor the territorial government to my understanding. I wonder if the Minister would indicate to me if this department has any plan to help the unorganized communities like Bathurst Inlet, Bay Chimo, etc. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. JOHN POLLARD:

Mr. Chairman, as I said at the beginning there is a new policy being drawn to assist those smaller communities, but I do not want to leave the House with any kind of commitment. When that policy is looked at, those communities will be looked at. At the present time they are classed as outpost camps. As much will be done for them as possible, but I would not want to commit in the House that there is going to be great goings on in those particular communities. They will be given due consideration, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Total capital expenditures \$38.276 million. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Does the committee agree that concludes the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Is it the wish of the committee that we deal with the Department of Renewable Resources? No? Mr. Todd.

MR. TODD:

Mr. Chairman, Mr. Allooloo and his deputy minister are out of town, so I would like to suggest that we proceed to Government Services and Public Works until 6:00 p.m. At 6:00 p.m. there is a meeting on Housing so we will shut it off at that time. I would like to get the Member's concurrence to proceed with Government Services and Public Works.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Is it agreed that we deal with the Department of Government Services? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Government Services and Public Works. Mr. Minister, introductory remarks.

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Department of Government Services and Public Works, Introductory Remarks

HON. DON MORIN:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am pleased to appear before the Assembly today to review the proposed 1993-94 capital budget for the Department of Government Services and Public Works.

As a service department, our mandate is to provide a broad range of services to other departments, boards and agencies. With the consolidation of the two departments on August 4, these services can be better coordinated and more effectively delivered.

As Members know, the department manages the construction of other departments' capital projects. In 1993-94 the department will manage about \$80 million worth of capital projects. For its own programs, the department is requesting \$12.2 million for 1993-94.

More than half of the department's capital is required for petroleum product facilities. Much of the rest will be spent to upgrade other government assets and to invest in energy conservation projects that will yield ongoing savings.

Before I get into the details of our budget I want to describe some of the ways that the department is cutting costs and ensuring that more government dollars remain in the north.

The department is including contractors in the design stage on a pilot project in each region. Through this process the facility designs will better reflect local needs and use local workforces and equipment more efficiently.

This is an extension of the design-build approach which the department has developed. Contractors are asked to respond to a description of needs by submitting a design-build proposal. This allows contractors to hire consultants and to take advantage of building techniques and materials that they are familiar with and which meet unique regional conditions.

The limitation of the design-build method, however, is that many of our small northern contractors are unable to manage both the design and construction process.

The department also works with building authorities to implement code requirements in a way that keeps costs down without compromising the code's intent. For instance, recent talks with the Fire Marshal resulted in modifications to the water storage needs for sprinkler systems and modified qualifications for the welders.

Our project staff coordinate with Housing Corporation staff when projects can be sequenced to provide

more continuous training and employment and reduce administration costs.

Some coordination also occurs with the Department of Transportation when there are opportunities for sharing and reducing administration overhead.

The technical service division has been organized to provide better planning and program assistance to clients. This helps identify where reduced facilities will meet the client's program needs and where shared facilities will cut total G.N.W.T. capital spending.

Members will recall that during the review of our 92-93 capital plan, concerns were expressed with the \$1.2 million price tag for Arctic Bay Hamlet office. I am pleased to report, through the combination of these efforts and cooperation with M.A.C.A. and the Hamlet Council, the Department tendered this project for \$750,000.

Mr. Chairman, decentralization project management continues to be a priority. The department plans to be fully decentralized in all regions in time to deliver the 1994-95 capital plan. Also, consultants are being encouraged to set up offices in regional centres.

Most important, Mr. Chairman, are the savings to be achieved by developing a trained northern workforce. The department is promoting and coordinating the training of northern construction workers on a number of fronts.

Mr. Chairman, although there are increased opportunities for northerners to benefit from the government's construction programs, I believe that more can be done. I have made this my highest priority.

We are working with the Department of Education and the Housing Corporation to develop a government-wide strategy for training northerners in the construction trades. The first year of the Construction Worker Training Program is going well. All reports, so far, from the contractors, trainees and communities, have been positive. The goal is to develop a local base of semi-skilled labour leading to increased long-term employment in construction. All participants are local aboriginal people. I am pleased to report that the trainees have completed the classroom portion of their training and are now working on the projects.

The department will continue to use special construction approaches which include, negotiated

contracts, invitation to tender and construction management to increase local employment. These approaches are being used on about 15 per cent of the projects this year, Mr. Chairman.

N.W.T. Construction Association is concerned that the reduced Capital Construction Program and the department's special approaches to construction will erode their business opportunities.

I wish to assure this committee, however, that if the department balances the need of the construction industry with the need to enhance local training for the mutual long-term benefit of both northerners and the industry, the number of these projects is actually very small, so in most instances, established contractors still receive most of the sub-contract work on these projects.

Mr. Chairman, as you know, the Business Incentive Policy was significantly revised this year and new measures approved for implementation this past June. There will be three full-time staff to administer and monitor the policy and to follow up on complaints. The department is holding information seminars and attending trade shows in all regions to explain and promote the new policy. The response from the contractors has been good and staff have been working with other departments to ensure wide use of the policy.

Those are some of the ways the department has reduced the cost of capital projects and increased northern business and employment opportunities.

I will not describe the details of the department's budget requests.

About \$2.4 million is required to upgrade and repair government buildings and works, \$600,000 is requested for energy conservation capital programs. This program decreases energy consumption in government buildings

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through minor projects such as, upgrading heating and lighting systems to make them more energy efficient. Through decreased utility costs, all expenses are paid back in three to five years.

About \$350,000 will be spent to complete the shut-down of Iqaluit's central heating and distribution system. This \$2.9 million project will reduce the government's annual heating costs by about \$2.1 million.

About \$250,000 will be spent to upgrade the ventilation system in schools to address the sick building syndrome. Many of our schools were designed in 1981 building code with reduced fresh air needs to save energy dollars.

Several of these systems must now be upgraded to new building code standards. Other buildings will also be upgraded to meet the new code requirements. These building upgrades, costing between \$100,000 to \$150,000 include the Brown Building in Iqaluit, the Milton Building in Fort Simpson, and the Laing building in Yellowknife.

A request of \$361,000 is to replace 18 vehicles for Renewable Resources, Health and this department. The department is reviewing the capital standards and criteria for vehicles.

The department is requesting \$1.25 million for its accommodation services budget. This funding requirement is driven by the need of departments for office space which is allocated according to the seven year office plan. The department is reviewing the office standards and will develop a new plan that will be presented to the Assembly in February.

The department will spend \$1 million on the Community Dust Control Program in 93-94. This program helps control dust on community streets for health and safety reasons. Over the next three years, this program will be devolved to the communities that expressed an interest. In 1992-93 it was devolved to 16 communities.

The petroleum products revolving fund provides heating oil, gasoline, diesel, naphtha and aviation fuel to 45 communities not served by private sector. Fuel storage needs are growing rapidly as fuel product demand has grown four per cent per year for the past five years. This growth and demand is mainly due to new community infrastructure. The department is, therefore, requesting \$7 million for the construction of petroleum product facilities. About \$6.55 million will be spent on fuel storage facilities in seven communities.

Tank farm construction will start in Clyde River, Snare Lake and Coral Harbour. The Paulatuk tank farm will be completed next summer. Construction will continue on the Gjoa Haven facility with completion scheduled for 1994/95. The department will do the final inspection of the Coppermine airport facility and will complete the design for the Arviat tank farm. The department requires \$450,000 to replace fuel delivery

vehicles in Rae Lakes, Coppermine, Pond Inlet, Clyde River and Coral Harbour.

The department requires \$180,000 to upgrade the mainframe computer hardware and to expand the data communications network to keep pace with growing demand for these services. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. General comments. Comments from the Standing Committee on Finance, Mr. Antoine.

Standing Committee on Finance Comments

MR. ANTOINE:

The standards directive will be reviewed. However, the government response was confusing in that it talked about presenting the strategy during the Legislative Assembly review of the 1993-94 capital in February, 1993 rather than November, 1992. It indicated that the standards were presented to S.C.O.F. in Norman Wells and accepted by the committee. To be clear the standards were not accepted by this committee in Norman Wells or anywhere else, the committee expects that a strategy for office and renovations standards be approved by the Assembly reflecting current fiscal realities by March 31, 1993.

It is the standing committee's understanding that there are economies of scale to be achieved by having one agency. For example, the petroleum products division should take responsibility for tank farms in the communities, rather than continuing with the current system where the N.W.T. Power Corporation builds and maintains their own separate tank farms. This would result in cost savings to the territorial government.

Committee Motion 8-12(3): To Adopt Recommendation No. 10

Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I move that this committee recommends that the Department of Government Services and Public Works and the Northwest Territories Power Corporation develop an action plan for consideration with the 1993-94 Main Estimates, to move towards the use of common tank farms to achieve cost savings. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

The motion is in order. Question has been called. At the moment we do not have a quorum. The motion is in order.

AN HON. MEMBER:

Question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? Motion is carried.

---Carried

Mr. Antoine.

MR. ANTOINE:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It is the committee's understanding that the majority of the communities have local contractors responsible for the delivery of petroleum products. As a result, we expect that those contractors would be responsible for purchasing delivery equipment rather than the petroleum products division. This is apparently not the case in many instances.

Committee Motion 9-12(3): To Adopt Recommendation No. 11

Therefore, I move that this committee recommend that the Department of Government Services and Public Works privatize all petroleum products delivery contracts as soon as possible, including the responsibility for equipment purchases. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. The motion is in order. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER:

Question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? Motion is carried.

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---Carried

Mr. Antoine.

MR. ANTOINE:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Every time the committee reviews the government's main or capital estimates, the question arises why is this department still responsible for the Sanikiluaq power plant? Every time the answer comes back it is that the department and the N.W.T. Power Corporation have not been able to come to an agreement on the transfer. The committee fails to see what the problem is. The Sanikiluaq power plan appears to naturally fall under the Power Corporation's mandate.

Committee Motion 10-12(3): To Adopt Recommendation No. 12

Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I move that this committee recommend that the Cabinet provide political direction to transfer the Sanikiluaq power plant from the Department of Government Services and Public Works to the Northwest Territories Power Corporation during 1993-94. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. The motion is in order. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER:

Question.

Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? Motion is carried.

---Carried

Mr. Antoine.

MR. ANTOINE:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That is it for the Standing Committee on Finance's comments and recommendations. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Any other general comments relating to this particular matter? We will go to detail. Is it the wish of the committee that we go to detail? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

Directorate

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Page 08-11, detail of capital directorate, buildings and works, headquarters total region \$65,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Before we proceed there is a question I did not ask and thank you Mr. Todd for reminding me. Is it the wish of the Minister that we invite witnesses? Mr. Minister.

HON. DON MORIN:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, yes.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Does the committee agree?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Sergeant-at-Arms, can you escort the witnesses into the Committee of the Whole, please? Mr. Todd.

MR. TODD:

I just wanted to reiterate, just so that everybody understands, particularly the Cabinet, at 6:00 p.m. we do have the conclusion of the briefing of the N.W.T. Housing Corporation. It is an extremely important one so therefore we will be closing off at 6:00 p.m.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Mr. Todd, as long as there is no motion to extend the hours, I will appropriately recognize the clock. Mr. Minister, can you please introduce your witnesses?

HON. DON MORIN:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have Bob Doherty, the Deputy Minister, and Dave Waddell, the Director of Finance.

Directorate

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Directorate, buildings and works, headquarters, total region \$65,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Total buildings and works \$65,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Total activity, \$65,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

Project Management

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Project management, buildings and works, headquarters, total region \$1 million. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Total buildings and works \$1 million. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Total activity \$1 million. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

Accommodation Services

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Accommodation services, building and works, headquarters, total region \$600,000. Agreed? Mr. Antoine.

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MR. ANTOINE:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have a resolution from the Standing Committee on Finance on this. The Yellowknife Tenant Improvement Project substantiation sheet indicates that it is anticipated that the Department of Finance lease will not be renewed, but gives no reason for this. The committee naturally assumes that whether the lease is renewed or not will depend upon the tender results, and hence budgeting for these specific tenant improvements are premature. If the department requires additional funding as a result of the tendering process, then they may request supplementary funding later in the year.

Committee Motion 11-12(3): To Adopt Recommendation No. 13

Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I move that this committee recommends that the Department of Government Services and Public Works Yellowknife office renovation tenant improvement budget of \$600,000, be reduced for amounts related to space for the Department of Finance pending lease renewal tender results. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Motion is in order. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER:

Question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Question has been called. Mr. Minister.

HON. DON MORIN:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I do not have a big problem with this motion. The only thing for the Member's information is that out of that \$600,000, there is \$500,000 for that lease and \$100,000 is for the government to put in a new system for controlling the security system. We need \$100,000 for that. So if you could reduce that to \$500,000 instead of \$600,000 it would be pretty good. Leave me \$100,000 for the security system.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Motion is in order. Just to remind honourable Members that an amendment to a motion is always in order, but whatever consequences arise from that is a matter for consideration. Madam Government Leader.

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA:

Mr. Speaker, it is unfortunate this was not discussed previously. I would like to make an amendment that instead of the amount \$600,000 to \$500,000.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

I require a copy of that particular amendment and we can get the appropriate translation as well. Mr. Morin.

HON. DON MORIN:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just to clarify, the \$500,000 was for the lease, the \$100,000 is to purchase and install equipment based on the study results, a security system within the building so we replace security people and this would save us...

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Mr. Morin, I do not want to cut you off but there is an amendment that has been proposed by the Government Leader. Mr. Todd.

MR. TODD:

Let me try again if I may, Mr. Speaker. I do not know what the protocol is.

Committee Motion 11-12(3): To Adopt Recommendation No. 13

I move that this committee recommends the Department of Government Services and Public Works, Yellowknife office renovations/tenant

improvements budget of \$600,000, be reduced for the amounts related to space for the Department of Finance pending lease renewal tender results.

It answers the question. It does not talk about your \$100,000 so let us get on with it.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

That is correct. That is how the motion reads. Mr. Morin.

Just one moment. Order. The honourable Member, the Government Leader introduced an amendment. Government Leader.

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA:

Mr. Chairman, I believe the Standing Committee on Finance chairman has clarified the situation and I withdraw the amendment as it is no longer required.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. The amendment has been withdrawn. To the original motion. Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? Motion is carried.

---Carried

Thank you. Total region \$600,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Accommodation services, Fort Smith, total region \$226,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Inuvik, total region \$124,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Baffin, total region \$172,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Keewatin, total region \$99,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Kitikmeot, total region \$25,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Total buildings and works, \$1.246 million. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Total activity \$1.246 million. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

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Buildings and Works

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Buildings and works, headquarters, total region \$1.35 million. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Fort Smith, total region \$170,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Inuvik, total region \$205,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Baffin, total region \$550,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Keewatin, total region \$80,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Total buildings and works \$2.355 million. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Equipment acquisition, Baffin, total region \$50,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Total acquisition of equipment. Mr. Ningark.

MR. NINGARK:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, before we conclude this activity, I would like to bring to the attention of the Minister that there has been a concern in my constituency of Gjoa Haven. According to the information I gathered, Mr. Chairman, a number of years ago the regional director for the Kitikmeot region turned the D.P.W. building over to the community to a group called Kingnat. The group specializes in carvings. About three weeks ago, before I came to this meeting, I had the opportunity of meeting with the group and I saw hope in their eyes and pride in their ability to earn their own money rather than draw welfare. I believe this government discourages that, unless the person is in dire need of that service or program. People who I have met emphasized, and they were quite serious about it, that they would like to keep that building that they acquired through the former regional director. I am told by this group the regional director who took over the region, is not going to be turning the building over to that group. I am told that he would rather lease the building to that group. The community wants to own that building. Everyone of us know there is pride in owning your own building. I would like to know if the Minister would use his power to turn this building over to the community. I know he may not be able to answer me at this point, but it is very important for this group in Gjoa Haven. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. DON MORIN:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It sounds like a good idea to me, but I understand it is a Cabinet decision. I will present a paper to Cabinet.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. I get lost here trying to pay attention to the report. Vehicles and equipment, is that where we were? Sorry. Equipment acquisition, Baffin, total region, \$50,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Total acquisition of equipment \$50,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Total activity, \$2.405 million. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

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Vehicles And Equipment

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Vehicles and equipment, equipment acquisition, headquarters, total region \$36,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Fort Smith, total region \$59,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Inuvik, total region \$108,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo): Thank you. Baffin, total region \$116,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Keewatin, total region \$21,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Kitikmeot, total region \$21,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Total acquisition of equipment \$361,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Total activity \$361,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Mr. Arngna'naaq.

MR. ARNGNA'NAAQ:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It appears that we are passing through this section and I do not see anything on the question asked by Mr. Zoe earlier, regarding the granular -- I am not even sure what the terminology is -- but regarding the use of or making use of gravel in the communities. I would like to know if this falls under the Department of Public Works.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Mr. Minister.

HON. DON MORIN:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That is in O & M budget under revolving fund.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. It is under revolving fund. Vehicles and equipment, total activity \$361,000. Mr. Arngna'naaq.

MR. ARNGNA'NAAQ:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am just wondering if finding areas of gravel, or sources of gravel, is also under O & M.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you, Mr. Minister, that is not a capital item, however. Mr. Minister.

HON. DON MORIN:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That is all in the same program in the O & M budget. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Total activity, \$361,000. Agreed?

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Supply Services

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Supply Services, buildings and works, Fort Smith, total region \$120,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Total buildings and works \$120,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Total activity \$120,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Systems and Computer Services, equipment acquisition, headquarters, total region \$180,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Total acquisition of equipment \$180,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Total activity \$180,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

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Publications And Production

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Publications and production, equipment acquisition.
Mr. Antoine.

MR. ANTOINE:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On the pre-press printing equipment in Yellowknife, during the review of the 1992/93 Main Estimates, the Standing Committee on Finance recommended that the publications and production activity be privatized by March 31, 1994. As a result, it does not make sense to expend capital money on equipment, therefore, I would like to make a motion here.

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Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I move that the 1993/94 Capital Estimates for the Department of Government Services and Public Works under the activity publications and production for the project pre-press printing equipment, Yellowknife, in the amount of \$20,000, be deleted. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. The motion is in order. Thank you. Could I have a copy of that motion that you have, please? I apologize for taking the time, but the motion

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that you have read and the copy here is not a reflection of the recommendation in the report itself. So I have to have copies made available to all Members, the way it has read. From a procedural point it has to be reflective, otherwise we have to make available copies to all members. I will have copies made and brought to the Members. If the committee can at least allow me to deal with the matter of reading the amounts and not approving the total activity, and then we return back to approving the total activity. Is that agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Publications and production, equipment acquisition, headquarters. I am sorry. Yes, there is another procedural concern. If the idea is that we are removing it, I cannot read an amount. Could the committee defer that particular item? Is that agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

I cannot read the amount in that area because you are intending to remove it, so as a result, I cannot read that until we have the motion. So is that agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

Petroleum Products

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Return. Petroleum Products, buildings and works, Fort Smith, total region \$785,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Inuvik, total region \$250,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Baffin, total region \$1.5 million. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Keewatin, total region \$1.905 million. Mr. Arngna'naaq.

MR. ARNGNA'NAAQ:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to know, under this section, increased tank capacity, safety code, Arviat, whether this will be to bring the present tanks in Arviat up to code? Whether it is to replace them? What exactly is meant by this particular item? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. DON MORIN:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It is to increase the capacity and bring it up to code.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Mr. Arngna'naaq.

MR. ARNGNA'NAAQ:

Mr. Chairman, I would also like to know whether there has been, from the contractor, any requisition for improvement for the foundation of the fuel tanks that are in Arviat at this time. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. DON MORIN:

I do not have that information at hand, but I can find out and let the Member know.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you. The hour now being 6:00 p.m. I shall now rise and report progress. It is 6:00 p.m. and the rules say we report at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Antoine. Oh, sorry, Mr. Todd.

MR. TODD:

For us laymen, do we then deal with that motion tomorrow?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Yes. What we needed was a translation. I want to thank the witnesses and leave with the item, and we will deal with the motion tomorrow.

SPEAKER (Mr. Pudluk):

This House will now come to order. Item 20, Report of Committee of the Whole, Mr. Chairman.

ITEM 20: REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Your committee has been considering Committee Report 1-12(3) and Bill 1 and wishes to report four motions being adopted. Mr. Speaker, I move that the report of the chairman of Committee of the Whole be concurred with.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Is there a seconder? Mr. Arngna'naaq. The motion is in order. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER:

Question.

MR. SPEAKER:

Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? Motion is carried. Item 21, Third Reading of Bills. Mr. Kakfwi.

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:

Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to return to Item 14, Notices of Motion.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Kakfwi is asking for unanimous consent to go back to Item 14, Notices of Motion. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Proceed please, Mr. Kakfwi.

REVERT BACK TO ITEM 14: NOTICES OF MOTION

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Thursday, November 26, 1992 I will move the following motion.

Now therefore I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Nunakput that Tabled Document 2-12(3)

"The Justice House" Report of the Special Advisor on Gender Equality, be moved into Committee of the Whole for discussion as the first item of business on Friday, December 4, 1992.

Further, that Ms. Katherine R. Peterson, the Special Advisor on gender equality and author of the report be invited to appear before the Committee of the Whole when the report is discussed. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Are there any further notices of motion? Thank you. Item 21, Third Reading of Bills. Mr. Clerk, Orders of the Day.

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ITEM 22: ORDERS OF THE DAY

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton):

Mr. Speaker, there is a meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance immediately after adjournment. Meetings for tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m. of the Standing Committee on Agencies, Boards and Commissions in Annex Room B downstairs. Also at 9:00 a.m. in the Caucus Room a meeting of the Standing Committee on Legislation, of 10:30 a.m. of the Ordinary Members' Caucus and at 12:00 noon of the full caucus. Orders of the Day for Wednesday, November 25, 1992.

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 - Bill 1, Appropriation Act, No. 1, 1993-94
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MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you, Mr. Clerk. This House stands adjourned until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 25, 1992.

---ADJOURNMENT