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MEMBERS PRESENT

Hon. Titus Allooloo, Mr. Antoine, Mr. Arngna'naaq, Mr. James Arvaluk, Hon. Michael Ballantyne, Hon. Nellie Cournoyea, Mr. Dent, Mr. Gargan, Hon. Stephen Kakfwi, Mr. Koe, Mr. Lewis, Mrs. Marie-Jewell, Hon. Rebecca Mike, Hon. Richard Nerysoo, Mr. Ningark, Mr. Patterson, Hon. John Pollard, Mr. Pudlat, Mr. Pudluk, Hon. John Todd, Mr. Whitford, Mr. Zoe

ITEM 1: PRAYER

---Prayer

SPEAKER (Hon. Michael Ballantyne):

Good afternoon. Before we commence with orders of the day, I would like to recognize in the visitors' gallery the former Deputy Commissioner of the Northwest Territories, Ann Hansen.

---Applause

Orders of the day. Item 2, Ministers' statements. Mr. Allooloo.

ITEM 2: MINISTERS' STATEMENTS

Minister's Statement 76-12(3): Municipal Lands Policy

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As most northerners know, land is a valuable and scarce resource which must be managed by all governments, in trust for the present generation and future generations of our people. The importance of this resource to communities has been recognized in the Nunavut final claim agreement, which calls for all Commissioner's land -- land held by the Government of the Northwest Territories -- in the built-up areas to be transferred to the municipalities of Nunavut within three years after the agreement is ratified. Claims under way or being implemented in the Dene/Metis claims settlement area in the western Arctic may also be expected to promote greater community control of municipal lands.

Up until now, the role of many municipalities, especially of the hamlets, in land management has been limited. Hamlets would give the GNWT advice on who should receive a parcel or parcels of Commissioner's land, and often the hamlets would act

as the GNWT agent for purposes of receiving applications for land from local residents.

Now -- as the claims process is completed in each area and in response to wishes of communities to seek more authorities under initiatives such as the community transfer initiative -- municipal governments will be able to take on direct management and control of complex land administration programs, which require technical and legal expertise and are tied in with the community planning and zoning processes.

In order to assist municipal governments of the NWT in getting ready for major new authority and responsibilities in municipal land management, Cabinet has approved a revised municipal lands policy. This policy is based on principles which emphasize the following: municipal lands as a valuable resource; the need for government to use fair and consistent practices when selling or leasing municipal lands; that when municipal land is sold, it should normally be sold at a price which only recovers the costs of government to develop the land; and, that land speculation should be discouraged.

Some of the major features of the new municipal lands policy include the following: the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs and each municipal council would sign a land administration agreement which would outline the conditions for transfer of Commissioner's land to the municipal corporation; municipal councils would pass by-laws to adopt their land administration agreements with the Minister. The land administration agreement will be a public document and the community residents will know how the municipal government intends to price municipal land for lease or sale; municipal governments would be expected to set the price for new land lots on the basis of the costs to territorial and municipal governments of developing the lots. This should ensure that the public, especially new home owners and small businesses starting up, pay reasonable prices for lots.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that this new municipal lands policy clearly places community governments on the road to exercising autonomy in the management of public lands in their communities. The department has developed draft legislation intended to support this policy further and place even more authority in the hands of municipal governments. I will table this draft legislation with the Assembly today.

The municipal lands policy is being translated and will be sent to mayors and councils as soon as possible over the next month. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 2, Ministers' statements. Mr. Kakfwi.

Minister's Statement 77-12(3): Community Justice Conferences In Inuvik And Iqaluit

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:

Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to inform this House of two recent conferences sponsored by the Department of Justice in Inuvik and Iqaluit. While these conferences were held at opposite ends of the territories, their messages were the same: the community must become involved in the justice system so that the needs of victims, offenders and public may be met.

The first of these conferences was held in Iqaluit during the first week of this month. It brought together local delegates, leaders and justices of the peace from all of the communities in the Baffin region. There were two parts to this conference. First, the training sessions for justices of the peace to help them better serve their communities. Second, and most

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important, the discussions about the idea of community-based justice. They included topics such as the use of diversion or alternative measures to deal with crime and disputes, the experiences of victims, the area of addictions and increased roles for elders. Finally, delegates from each community put together a draft plan to improve the delivery of justice in their community. At this time, I would like to commend Judge Beverly Browne and Ms. Marylou Sutton-Fennel, the two organizers of this conference, for their efforts in making this conference a success.

The second conference, which I attended, was held last week in Inuvik and brought together 80 community members and leaders from all Inuvik region communities for two days. Like the Baffin conference, the message was simple: "Without community involvement, justice will remain outside the community." This message was presented during an opening play by young people which dramatized community justice issues. Throughout the conference delegates discussed different ways of getting involved with the justice system, including involving elders and

the use of alternative custody homes. The conference ended with a panel discussion between local delegates and officials from federal and territorial departments involved in the justice system. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the two organizers of this conference, Mr. Gary Beattie and Ms. Debbie Walter, as well as all the participants who together made it a successful and inspiring conference.

Mr. Speaker, the Department of Justice supports the concept and practice of community-based justice reform. Local people, leaders and elders must become involved in determining the best way to deal with crime and violence. The sharing of information and ideas at these two conferences must be followed by a large amount of hard work by leaders and government officials working as partners. I intend to see this partnership begin. Thank you.

---Applause.

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 2, Ministers statements. Mr. Kakfwi.

Minister's Statement 78-12(3): New Commanding Officer For RCMP "G" Division

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:

Mr. Speaker, I wish to inform the House of the appointment of a new commanding officer for the RCMP of the Northwest Territories. Last Tuesday, RCMP Commissioner Inkster announced the retirement of Chief Superintendent Ed Wilson and the promotion of Superintendent Brian Watt as the new commanding officer.

---Applause

Chief Superintendent Wilson is retiring from the RCMP after 38 years of service, of which the last four and a half years were served in Yellowknife. At this time, I would like to express our appreciation and best wishes to Ed and Agnes Wilson in their retirement.

The new Chief Superintendent Brian Watt has served in the Northwest Territories for the last two and a half years of his 28 years with the RCMP and brings many positive attributes to his new position. They include a sensitivity for the peoples and communities of the Northwest Territories. Chief superintendent Watt has demonstrated a strong commitment to community-based policing and aboriginal justice initiatives.

An example of this commitment is seen in his work with the Department of Justice to start an RCMP reserve pilot program in two northern communities, which will allow local people to join the RCMP on a part-time basis to meet community policing needs.

With the challenges facing northerners in the areas of justice reform, Chief Superintendent Brian Watt brings the type of commitment and dedication which is needed in the north today and for tomorrow.

On behalf of this government and the Department of Justice, I would like to take this time to congratulate Brian Watt and wish him well in his new post.

---Applause.

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 2, Ministers' statements. Mr. Kakfwi.

Minister's Statement 79-12(3): Tabling Of The Personal Property Security Act

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:

On to more dry stuff. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to announce that later today I will table the proposed Personal Property Security Act.

Mr. Speaker, very soon after becoming Minister of Justice, last summer, I announced that this government would embark on a program of commercial law reform.

The existing commercial law of the territories has not kept pace with changing business practices and law reform elsewhere in the country.

The proposed bill is to replace the present law, set out in a number of very old statutes and many complex judicial decisions, with a comprehensive and modern regulatory framework for lenders and borrowers.

The input of members of the law society, financial institutions and consumer groups was sought in the preparation of this bill and the comments received have been taken into consideration.

A modern law, Mr. Speaker, will remove some of the existing obstacles to investment in the territories. Lenders in Canada and now used to working with laws similar to the proposed bill which provides certainty to their dealings.

Most importantly, automation will eventually allow for searches of the registry from anywhere in the territories and will allow registration by the lender from remote locations. Service to borrowers and lenders will be improved.

I look forward to the support of the Members for this proposed bill and would be pleased to respond to any concerns or comments of the Members at the appropriate time. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 2, Ministers' statements. Mr. Allooloo.

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Minister's Statement 80-12(3): Lack Of Support From Federal Government

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the Minister of Renewable Resources I am responsible for maintaining the health of renewable resources in one third of Canada. To accomplish this task, I have always tried to work in partnership with the federal government. By pooling resources and working jointly, we have accomplished a number of tasks that would have been impossible alone.

Lately, though, Mr. speaker, I have heard that our federal partners are considering or have made funding cuts to a number of northern programs relating to renewable resource management. As with other federal cuts, there has been no consultation with our government. I find this very disturbing.

The proposed funding cuts that we are aware of include:

1. the humane trap research program which is also jointly funded by all other jurisdictions. This research is vital to developing new harvesting methods prior to 1995 when the European legislation takes effect to ban the import of furs from any country not using humane traps;
2. core funding to Indigenous Survival International which has promoted the northern life-styles and the northern fur industry in Europe;
3. the rabies vaccine program which has provided protection to our working dog teams that are used for harvesting and sport hunting in remote communities where there is no access to veterinarians; and,

4. a partial cut to funding promised to maintain the bison free zone south of Fort Providence and to help operate the Hanging Ice Bison Ranch. Until the diseased bison issue in Wood Buffalo Park is resolved, the corridor is the only way to keep healthy bison in the Mackenzie bison sanctuary and the Liard area from contacting diseased bison. The Hanging Ice Bison Ranch is an option being considered by the northern buffalo management board for raising bison for restocking. Federal support is needed to keep the ranch active.

I will be writing to each federal Minister to request that we be advised of potential cuts to renewable resource programs, and that we be involved in establishing priorities.

Renewable resources are very important to the life-styles and future economic options for our residents. We must do all we can to ensure that these resources remain healthy and abundant. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 2, Ministers' statements. Mr. Kakfwi.

Minister's Statement 81-12(3): Tabling Of Domestic Relations Act And Maintenance Act

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:

Mr. Speaker, yesterday I tabled a proposed bill to amend the Maintenance Act, and a proposed bill to amend the Domestic Relations Act. The proposed bills would implement some recommendations of The Justice House - Report of the Special Advisor on Gender Equality, and the Family Law Review report. Both of these reports have been of considerable interest to Members and the public.

The proposed bill to amend the Maintenance Act would allow the courts to order the payment of non-monetary support such as country food or firewood in an order for alimony or where a spouse is entitled to a judgment of judicial separation. This amendment was proposed in The Justice House report.

The proposed bill to amend the Domestic Relations Act would extend support obligations to persons in common-law relationships, and would allow for the making of non-monetary support orders for goods such as country food or firewood.

The amendment respecting support obligations for common-law couples is consistent with the Family Law Review report and The Justice House report.

The amendment respecting non-monetary support was recommended in The Justice House report. Thank you.

---Applause

---Laughter

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 2, Ministers' statements. Item 3, Members' statements. Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

ITEM 3: MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Member's Statement On Off-loading Of Federal Responsibilities To GNWT

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL:

Mr. Speaker, I rise to express the concerns shared by the Members of the Ordinary Members' Caucus regarding the off-loading of federal responsibilities to this government. Over the past ten years we have seen a number of federal responsibilities transferred to this government, including inter-territorial highways, Baffin health services, NWT health services, forestry and fire suppression, Arctic B and C airports and a northern scientific resource centre.

Mr. Speaker, along with these responsibilities came resources. We had facilities, program services, person years and, of course, finances transferred to us. We understood that what we were given represented the amount that the federal government had required to run the programs. It seems that when this government inherited these program responsibilities, it also inherited the program deficiencies.

We receive funds each year from the federal government, and these monies are escalating or increased annually in a form of monies received under the formula financing agreement. Are these funds actually adequate to operate the program? The Members of the Ordinary Members' Caucus do not believe so. Just look at the dilemma this government is in with respect to northern highways. Northerners rely heavily on air transportation and to a lesser extent on road travel. Yet since taking over responsibilities for highways and Arctic A, B and C

airports we do not have a proper transportation infrastructure in place.

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Both the Beatty report and the government's own transportation strategy point to this inadequacy. Although the federal government still has responsibility for construction of new roads, I have yet to hear any firm commitment from them to start building.

Look also at the problems this government faces regarding the provision of health care services. Taxpayer's dollars are now being spent on a legal dispute involving the interpretation of the health transfer agreement. Did the GNWT acquire the responsibility to pay this for the health care of the Indian and Inuit people? A clear federal responsibility in the bargain.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mrs. Marie-Jewell, your allotted time has elapsed.

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I seek unanimous consent to continue.

MR. SPEAKER:

The honourable Member is seeking unanimous consent. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Please proceed, Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. How long is this battle going to go on? What will it cost us and what will it mean if we lose? At the least, our relations with Ottawa will be strained. Meanwhile, in the midst of that dispute, this government is spending \$200 million on health care. Ordinary Members are very concerned with the chain of events to date and the current status of devolution. We wonder if this government can really handle all the program areas transferred to it, and can we afford to do so?

We ask this government to take a hard look at the whole process of devolution from its inception to the present day, including an examination of negotiations currently under way. One example of where to begin would be the northern accord.

Perhaps, we can learn from our past experiences. Mr. Speaker, the Members will be asking questions on this issue today. They are very concerned as to where the government is heading, particularly, in this area. Thank you.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 3, Members' statements. Mr. Whitford.

Member's Statement Congratulating CNIB's 75th Anniversary

MR. WHITFORD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, 1993 marks a special year for the Canadian National Institute for the Blind. Mr. Speaker, it is not often that we see organizations celebrate 75 years of service. In the NWT, the official kick-off of the 75th celebration was on Tuesday last, with a dedication of the CNIB flag at city hall here in Yellowknife. The CNIB, which began in 1918, has changed much over the years as advances in technology emerged. Mr. Speaker, one thing remains the same, the CNIB is committed to providing quality service and care to blind and visually impaired Canadians. Mr. Speaker, the NWT has benefited greatly from CNIB services over the years. Members will recall that in the last Assembly one of our Members was visually impaired and was one of the beneficiaries of these services.

Last month, I, and several other Members of this Legislature, were involved in a very successful fund-raising activity here in Yellowknife through the bachelor auction where we raised money for local activities. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate CNIB's 75 years of dedicated service nationally and locally. I would also like to congratulate the dedicated volunteers. A heartfelt thanks to you for a job well done. Mahsi.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 3, Members' statements. Mr. Arvaluk.

Member's Statement On Autonomy Of Divisional Boards Of Education

MR. ARVALUK:

(Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When the Special Committee on Education completed its final report a little more than 10 years ago, it set the process in motion for development of autonomous boards to allow local administration of educational facilities, staff and programs.

Today there is much confusion about the degree of autonomy which divisional boards of education are allowed to exercise. There are mixed messages, Mr. Speaker. On one hand, the Government of the Northwest Territories has stated that it supports local and divisional control of education and, on the other hand, the Department of Education, Culture and Employment Programs continues to tie the hands of board officials with administrative directives that leave the real power in the hands of its bureaucrats. For instance, the Keewatin divisional board of education has been eager to exercise its rightful authority to appoint both the director of education and the supervisor of schools as its employees and to determine the terms of their appointments. Although the board is given this authority on paper, administrative directives exist which severely limit the board's flexibility in selecting the appropriate candidates in establishing terms and conditions of employment.

The department establishes what these terms will be. The board is supposed to merely be the signing authority. The directive even states...

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Arvaluk, your allotted time has elapsed. Mr. Arvaluk.

MR. ARVALUK:

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. Arvaluk.

MR. ARVALUK:

(Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The directive even states that the director of education should cooperate with the divisional board. Mr. Speaker, if this was a truly autonomous board the expectation would be for the employee to be answerable to the

board, to be accountable to the board, not just cooperative.

I believe that the Minister responsible for Education, Culture and Employment Programs should be moving into the direction of increasing the authority of divisional boards of education, not

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tying them down in more bureaucratic red tape from Yellowknife.

I hope that the Minister will agree to address this matter at the earliest opportunity. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 3, Members' statements. Mr. Patterson.

Member's Statement On Archaeological Section of Inuit Land Claim Agreement

MR. PATTERSON:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yesterday, I spoke about the important work of Bill Fitzhugh, of the Smithsonian in the Frobisher Bay area, and later I am going to table a letter from Dr. Fitzhugh on that subject.

Today I would like to talk about the recent Inuit land claim to which the Government of the Northwest Territories is a signatory and the important attention that agreement pays to the subject of archaeology.

Article 33 of the claim cites, as general principles, that the archaeological record of the Inuit, associated with their use and occupancy represents a cultural, historical and ethnographic heritage of Inuit society, and that this archaeological record is of spiritual, cultural, religious and educational importance to the Inuit. I am pleased to address this very important subject today in the presence of Ann Meekitjuk Hanson of Iqaluit who, with the full support of this Assembly, was instrumental in persuading the Minister of Indian Affairs of the day and his department to repatriate significant parts of the DIAND Inuit art collection to the Northwest Territories.

Unfortunately, there are at present no facilities in place in Nunavut for the secure, climate controlled storage of this and other precious evidence of what the Inuit land claim describes as, "a record of the Inuit use and occupancy of their lands through time." It has been, therefore, necessary to store the artifacts

from the Inuit art collection at the facilities of the Prince of Wales Heritage Centre in Yellowknife -- temporarily, I hope.

Section 33.2(4) of the Inuit land claims final agreement states, and I quote, "There is an urgent need to establish facilities in the Nunavut settlement area for the conservation and management of a representative proportion of the archaeological record. It is desirable that the proportion of the Nunavut settlement area archaeological record finding a permanent home in the Nunavut settlement area increase over time."

Mr. Speaker, I am confident... that I will not be able to finish this statement in time.

---Laughter

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

MR. SPEAKER:

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

MR. PATTERSON:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, Members. I am confident that the new policy on museums, which is being developed by the Minister of Education, Culture and Employment Programs, will take into account these important provisions in the Inuit land claim agreement, and will be in place in advance of the next budget cycle so that plans can be put in place to establish necessary facilities in Nunavut communities, so that the many artifacts of the Inuit heritage now in museums and storage outside of Nunavut, can be repatriated, stored, protected, studied, displayed and enjoyed in the Inuit home land. Qujannamiik.

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 3, Members' statements. Mr. Kakfwi.

Member's Statement On Outstanding Bill From The Last Chance Hotel In Fort Good Hope

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:

Mr. Speaker, recently I was rummaging through some old personal papers, letters and bills and found one which I thought I might frame.

---Laughter

Today, I went for lunch at Giorgio's with some friends. When I left, I was a little bit concerned because I noticed that Ms. Morphet was also there for lunch. I believe I may have dropped one of my memorabilia there, which is an old IOU to the Last Chance Hotel in Fort Good Hope from 1969. It is true, the bill is still outstanding, but the little log cabin which was called the Last Chance Hotel was torn down in 1972. Mr. Speaker, I want the Members to know that I still intend to pay that bill.

---Laughter

If anyone finds it, please return it to me as soon as possible. To my dear friend, the owner of the Last Chance Hotel in Fort Good Hope, if you can hear me, my cheque is in the mail.

---Laughter

---Applause

Please, whatever you do, do not talk to Suzanne Morphet, if she calls.

---Laughter

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 3, Members' statements. Mr. Gargan.

Member's Statement On Private Truck Operators On Highway System

MR. GARGAN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have been a Member for ten years and through that time there has been a great deal of highway construction in my constituency. That has, in return, benefited many people, in Hay River, Hay River Reserve, Kakisa and Fort Providence. I would like to thank the government for it.

One of the concerns I have, Mr. Speaker, is with regard to private truck operators. We have many of them who do operate large vehicles to haul gravel and asphalt for the repaving of the roads. Those people are not being paid as high a rate as they would be in Alberta. Although many people have benefited, private truckers who own their own vehicles

and operate during construction season are not making a good living. I would like to ask the Minister and the government to ensure, when they are awarded contracts, the truckers are given a fair return for hauling. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you, Mr. Gargan. Item 3, Members' statements. Mr. Lewis.

Member's Statement On Dedicating April Fool's Day To MLAs' Day

MR. LEWIS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think the last few weeks have demonstrated that in the spirit of goodwill, the 24 people present have been able to accomplish a great deal. That has proven to be a rather desperate position for the press. That is being remedied by the Federation of Labour deciding today to take on new powers. They have decided to re-dedicate April fool's day as annual MLAs' day.

---Laughter

They, in fact, are going to have a protest march at 5:00 pm today outside of the Legislative Assembly building at the corner of the YK Inn. They made a long list of those foolish items which they say we are guilty of. It is incredible that a federation of labour should take on, itself, the power to say that the people of the Northwest Territories are held in such ill-favour by the federation of labour that they consider the people elected by that electorate are not doing the work they were asked to do, but, in fact, behaving foolishly. I think it is a terrible thing for any union to do, tell ordinary people that the 24 people who represent them are fools. They should be ashamed of themselves.

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 3, Members' statements. Item 4, returns to oral questions. Mr. Todd.

ITEM 4: RETURNS TO ORAL QUESTIONS

Further Return To Question 179-12(3): W.C.B. Contribution Of Funds To Carry Out Survey

HON. JOHN TODD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a return to oral question, asked by Mrs. Marie-Jewell on December 3,

1992, with respect to WCB contribution of funds to carry out a survey.

Ron Williams, then deputy chairman of the WCB and Jim Evoy, board director, recommended a grant of \$15,000 be provided to organized labour to develop an NWT workers' education program on WCB matters. This program to be comparable to that of the Ontario WCB and the Ontario federation of labour's nationally recognized initiative.

Messrs. Williams and Evoy comprised the committee established to review and report on the workers' advisor function and this was one of the recommendations contained in their report of March 30, 1992.

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 4, returns to oral questions. Mr. Kakfwi.

Further Return To Question 531-12(3): Temporary Release Policies For Inmates

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:

Mr. Speaker, I have a return to oral question, asked by Mrs. Marie-Jewell on March 18, 1993, regarding temporary release policies for inmates.

Sections 115 to 118 of the Corrections and Conditional Release Act (Canada), section 33 of the Corrections Act (NWT), and regulations made pursuant to that act govern temporary absences. The granting of a temporary absence follows the principle that the least amount of restriction necessary to protect the public and to maintain control of the correctional centre should be imposed on offenders. Temporary absences may be granted for humanitarian reasons, for release planning, for educational or work related reasons.

Corrections service division's adult operations manual directive 11.02 defines how temporary absence shall be employed in the Northwest Territories. Provision 4.1 states that a warden can approve temporary absences after appointment as a warden, and upon designation as a signing authority by the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories. Provision 4.3 states that the warden may waive eligibility requirements if, in the opinion of the warden, the temporary absence is in the rehabilitative interest of the offender.

The factors considered in granting a temporary absence include review of the offender's criminal

history, the length of time between offenses, the nature of the offenses, the objective of temporary absence, the offender's performance in the correction centre programs, a community assessment if required, and any other information considered to be of importance by the warden, classification officer or program coordinator.

An offender may appeal a decision made by a warden not to grant temporary absence to the director of the corrections service division. This is a rare occurrence and no offender is known to have appealed the granting or refusal to grant a temporary absence.

The responsibilities of wardens are such that they routinely make important decisions regarding the daily operations of the correction centre and the handling of critical situations. Judgment calls by line managers are scrutinized as required but pre-clearance of those judgement calls are not made in all cases. The wardens have the experience, knowledge of the offenders and familiarity with situations as they occur operationally to have the responsibility for those decisions vested in them.

The actions and conduct of wardens are reviewed as part of performance appraisals which are completed by the director of the corrections service division. Wardens meet with the director of the corrections service division a number of times each year. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 4, returns to oral questions. Ms. Cournoyea.

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Return To Question 616-12(3): Revisions To The Development Policy

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA:

Mr. Speaker, I have a return to an oral question asked by Mr. Fred Koe on March 29, concerning revision to the development policy.

Mr. Speaker, the policy on policy development has not been revised since 1983. It does establish the government's authority to develop policy and outlines the process by which policy proposals will be reviewed, approved and implemented. It is true that some of the terminology is out of date. For example, the document referred to as the senior managers' handbook is now commonly called the Executive committee systems handbook. However, the

process, authorities and responsibilities remain current.

Mr. Patterson asked whether the priorities and planning committee of Cabinet is still in existence. As was indicated on March 29, in the past all Members of Cabinet sat on the priorities and planning committee, but Cabinet is now functioning as a priorities and planning committee. Previously, the Cabinet was, in effect, making recommendations to itself by sitting in a separate meeting as a priorities and planning committee. Cabinet now deliberates on policy proposals as many times as it takes to get it right. The policy is not inconsistent in this regard, Cabinet has not dissolved the priorities and planning committee, it just constitutes itself as such when required.

With regard to the screening of policy proposals, there is basically no change to the process since Mr. Patterson was Government Leader. Central agencies such as the Priorities and Planning Secretariat provide advice through an assessment process. As Mr. Patterson knows, it is the prerogative of the Government Leader to screen Cabinet submissions as part of the agenda building responsibility. As chair, the Government Leader decides what goes on the Cabinet agenda and when. Cabinet decides on whether a policy is approved by reviewing the Minister's submission and the independent assessment report.

Mr. Koe noted that the policy development policy provides for the review of government policies, neither this government nor the previous government has been stagnant in this regard. Policies are continually monitored by Ministers and their departmental staff by central agencies to ensure they are up-to-date. In the life of this government, for example, five new policies have been developed and approved and there have been 19 amendments to existing policies approved by Cabinet.

However, as some Members noted in their questions, it is true that some terminology in the GNWT policy manual is out of date. An overall review of the manual has been conducted and areas requiring update have been noted. However, since a complete revision and reprinting of the manual is an expensive and time-consuming undertaking, the government has chosen to wait until the process of departmental consolidation is complete before revising and reprinting the entire document. In the meantime, the reference to ministerial authority such as the reference to the Minister of Public Works and

Highways, noted by Mr. Antoine, is not of great concern because clarification of ministerial responsibilities is reflected in the departmental establishment policies which are revised as an area of responsibility as transferred from one department to another in much the same way that the Interpretation Act covers off inconsistencies in the use of terminology in legislation. The establishment policies ensure that ministerial responsibilities are clearly defined. In any interim period while provisions are being processed Cabinet records of decision specify ministerial responsibility.

Finally with regard to Mrs. Marie-Jewell's question to Mr. Pollard yesterday about consistencies of definitions in policies, it should be noted that although all policies are screened for consistency, sometimes definitions cannot be standardized among policies. For example, although we would all agree that the word "resident" refers to someone who resides in the north, for the purposes of specific programs resident requirements will differ. Thus the term might be defined differently in different policies, for example six months and up to five years in another.

Return To Question 623-12(3): Revisions To GNWT Transfer Policy

I have another return to a question, asked by Mr. Antoine on March 29, 1993, with regard to the revision of the GNWT transfer policy.

Revisions to the transfer policy to reflect changes in ministerial authorities will occur as part of an overall revision and update of the GNWT policy manual, once the process of consolidating departments is completed.

As I indicated in my previous response, there is no gap in responsibilities as ministerial mandates have been clarified through revisions to establish policies or interim records of decision.

Further Return To Question 544-12(3): Time-Frame For Tabling Annual Report Of The NWT Housing Corporation

Mr. Speaker, I have a return to an oral question asked by Mrs. Marie-Jewell on March 19, 1993, asked of Mr. Don Morin, Minister responsible for the NWT Housing Corporation, regarding the annual report of the NWT Housing Corporation.

Mr. Morin had hoped to table the 1991-92 annual report of the Northwest Territories Housing

Corporation during this session. However, there have been unavoidable delays with the Inuktitut translation, and the report will not be ready until late April.

Mr. Morin will table the 1991-92 annual report at the beginning of the next session. The 1992-93 annual report will also be tabled at that time. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 4, returns to oral questions. Mr. Alloo.oo.

Further Return To Question 578-12(3): Policy On Sales And Shipping Of Caribou Parts

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a return to an oral question asked by Mrs. Marie-Jewell on March 24, 1993, regarding policy on sales and shipping of caribou parts.

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Over the past several years, the Department of Renewable Resources has been discussing the need for a policy on the sale of inedible parts of wildlife with regional renewable resource boards and organizations. To date, no consensus has been reached. Any policy developed will have to reflect regional concerns. The department will continue to work with regional renewable resource boards on this issue.

Existing legislation does allow the sale and shipping of animal parts. An export permit is required for anyone to ship caribou parts out of the Northwest Territories. To obtain an export permit, a person must demonstrate that the parts were legally obtained. Parts may be legally obtained by harvesting caribou under the authority of a licence, or by purchasing them from a hunter who has legally harvested a caribou under the authority of a licence. When parts are shipped, the licence number of person selling the parts is needed to prove legal possession. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 4, returns to oral questions. Ms. Cournoy. ea.

Return To Question 638-12(3): Rural And Remote Programs

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA:

Mr. Speaker, I have a return to an oral question, asked by Mrs. Jeannie Marie-Jewell on March 30, 1993, of the Minister responsible for the NWT Housing Corporation, regarding rural and remote programs.

The Northwest Territories Housing Corporation has not written off any units under the rural and remote program. In a few instances, rural and remote clients have abandoned their units, or signed quit claims, giving ownership of the unit back to the corporation. In these cases, the corporation has either converted the unit to public housing or sold the unit by public tender.

Further Return To Question 325-12(3): Annual Meetings Of The NWT Housing Corporation

Mr. Speaker, I have a return to an oral question, asked by Mr. Koe to the Honourable Minister responsible for the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation, Don Morin, with regard to the annual meetings of the NWT Housing Corporation.

Members passed a number of motions in this House in December, recommending that the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation implement its consultation framework in 1993-94. An important element of the consultation framework is annual community and district meetings.

Community meetings will be open to the public and will provide an opportunity for people to discuss local concerns and receive information. Representatives from community housing organizations will meet once a year for a district meeting to discuss regional concerns and provide input to new corporation policies and programs. If a community does not have a housing association or authority, representatives from the community government, band council, Metis local and development corporation will be invited to attend the district meeting.

The cost of the district meeting will depend on how many people attend from each community. If there is one representative, the meeting will cost about \$70,000 per year for all six districts. Two representatives from each community would cost about \$140,000. Mr. Morin states that he will be seeking the advice from the Advisory Committee on Social Housing with respect the appropriate number of representatives which should be invited from each community. Members of this House will be advised of the community representatives that have been invited from their constituencies. The Housing Corporation

does not require any extra funding to implement the district meetings.

The district meetings will be organized to be as cost-effective as possible. These meetings have the potential to generate valuable feedback and good ideas. Recommendations made at district meetings will be forwarded to the Advisory Committee on Social Housing for their review. Mr. Morin will work with the advisory committee to determine the best way to respond to these concerns. The whole point of this exercise is to ensure that the corporation continues to deliver more effective programs in the future. This will surely be money well spent. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 4, returns to oral questions. Item 5, oral questions. Mr. Gargan.

ITEM 5: ORAL QUESTIONS

Question 664-12(3): Status Of Cabinet's Review Re Traditional Knowledge Working Group's Report

MR. GARGAN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question will be directed to the Minister responsible for Education, Culture and Employment Programs. I have been very concerned about the fact that the report of the traditional knowledge working group has been completed for almost two years and there has been no constructive action taken on its recommendations.

The Legislative Assembly has been told on a number of occasions that the report is going to be considered by Cabinet. I must question what sort of priority the Cabinet officials have been placing on traditional aboriginal knowledge, when it has taken so long for the matter to be dealt with. Can the Minister tell the House today the status of the Cabinet's review of the report of the traditional working group?

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Nerysoo.

Return To Question 664-12(3): Status Of Cabinet's Review Re Traditional Knowledge Working Group's Report

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We have not reviewed that document, at least, since I have become a Cabinet Member.

MR. SPEAKER:

Supplementary, Mr. Gargan.

Supplementary To Question 664-12(3): Status Of Cabinet's Review Re Traditional Knowledge Working Group's Report

MR. GARGAN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again, to the Minister of Education, honourable Members have been told by previous Ministers that departmental officials are trying to prepare a summary of the report and its recommendations. I have never understood why this is necessary, since the report

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was well-written and its recommendations should be able to stand on their own merit. Will the Minister assure the House that the elders and the other people who contributed to the traditional knowledge working group will have the opportunity to review the summary document.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Nerysoo. Madam Premier.

Further Return To Question 664-12(3): Status Of Cabinet's Review Re Traditional Knowledge Working Group's Report

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the work of the traditional knowledge working group will be assessed as soon as possible. We can make that commitment because I believe that we have had discussions with the Denendeh Cultural Institute and it is anticipated that the elders will be brought together at the earliest possible time to discuss the report and how they see us working those recommendations into the overall government framework. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Supplementary, Mr. Gargan.

Supplementary To Question 644-12(3): Status Of Cabinet's Review Re Traditional Knowledge Working Group's Report

MR. GARGAN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Premier, how soon do you expect to get the working group together to discuss this document?

MR. SPEAKER:

Madam Premier.

Further Return To Question 644-12(3): Status Of Cabinet's Review Re Traditional Knowledge Working Group's Report

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA:

Mr. Speaker, we had hoped that we would have that by the end of March, but I know there is some planning that has to go into it. We feel that it should take place as early as possible and perhaps it would be convenient for us to try to do that within the next 30 to 45 days.

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 5, oral questions. Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

Question 665-12(3): Minister's Support To Western Arctic Leadership Program

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister of Education. Mr. Speaker, I had made a Member's statement last week with regard to the western Arctic leadership program. I am concerned that that particular program may be having problems with respect to funding. I know there is concern in the community with regard to the western Arctic leadership program, particularly, with regard to a lack of funding. Will the Minister be willing to review and support the western Arctic leadership board in addressing this particular concern of lack of funding to operate the program. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Nerysoo.

Return To Question 665-12(3): Minister's Support To Western Arctic Leadership Program

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The department has advised the chairman of the western Arctic leadership program board to actively seek private sources to enhance the program. We are prepared to work with them in that area and if there is any particular shortfall, as a result of those initiatives, either falling through or coming short of their financial resources, then we will be prepared to address that additional requirement when we are aware that there is in fact a shortfall.

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 5, oral questions. Mr. Arvaluk.

Question 666-12(3): Outline Of The Keewatin Divisional Board's Authority

MR. ARVALUK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister responsible for Education, Culture and Employment Programs. The Minister has already received communication from the Keewatin divisional board of education indicating that it should have the authority to employ and govern the functions of its own employees. This includes the authority to set the terms of contractual arrangements through which senior employees are hired by the board. Apparently, there are administrative directives which seriously limit the flexibility of the divisional board to extend the authority it should have. Will the Minister outline the status of the Keewatin divisional boards authority to contract with the director of education and the supervisor of schools.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Nerysoo.

Return To Question 666-12(3): Outline Of The Keewatin Divisional Board's Authority

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to advise the honourable Member and Members of this House that I have been given the authority to allow the regional boards of education to sign their contractual arrangements with their senior staff, their directors. However, I do want to inform the Members that there are requirements for some directives and some parameters by which these agreements can be signed. There are some problems. It is certainly my intention to try to move as far as possible to ensuring that there is independence and ability of the boards to

make decisions. Until the Education Act is amended to respond to those needs, it would be premature of me to go forward without seeking the advice of the boards, the Members of this Assembly and the public to ensure there is some accountability on the part of the board, and the people they hire.

MR. SPEAKER:

Supplementary, Mr. Arvaluk.

Supplementary To Question 666-12(3): Outline Of The Keewatin Divisional Board's Authority

MR. ARVALUK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Keewatin divisional board of education has communicated the motions which it passed in January, they requested the Minister and the government to give the divisional board their rightful authority to determine the terms under which senior educational

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personnel, in the regions, are employed. Has the Minister made a formal response to those requests?

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Nerysoo.

Further Return To Question 666-12(3): Outline Of The Keewatin Divisional Board's Authority

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes. Previously, the boards did not have the authority to contract with their directors. Cabinet has given approval to ensure that the boards of education, in the regions, have the authority to contract with their directors. However, there are still some restrictions as a result of legislation and our desire to ensure that there is still some accountability on the manner of expenditures. As Minister, I am still responsible for over all expenditures. It is my intention and Cabinet's intention to try to move the responsibility along as far as possible. That is the first step and I have indicated this to the trustees when they met in February.

MR. SPEAKER:

Supplementary, Mr. Arvaluk.

Supplementary To Question 666-12(3): Outline Of The Keewatin Divisional Board's Authority

MR. ARVALUK:

Mr. Speaker, I understand the Minister recently met with the chairman of the Keewatin divisional board of education and discussed some of these issues. Will the Minister make a commitment to fully review the administrative directives which seem to be getting in the way of the boards interests in exercising a more autonomous role in the Keewatin region.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Nerysoo.

Further Return To Question 666-12(3): Outline Of The Keewatin Divisional Board's Authority

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to indicate to the honourable Member that the department has been requested to provide a detailed response to the letter which was sent to me, as the Minister. I will be responding in detail to the issues which the board and the chairperson raised. However, I would like to assure you that whatever decisions we make in terms of expending financial resources in the regions or for that matter within each divisional area, that there is some accountability to the Minister. Because in the final analysis, as Minister, I am, in fact, responsible for the overall expenditure of financial resources. I agree with the honourable Member that we will try to move as far as possible, however, I do also suggest to the Member and other Members, that the significant requirement, and in order for us to accommodate the concerns of the honourable Member, is amending the Education Act. The Education Act does not allow us to go to the extent which the honourable Member requests us to go. It requires that consideration.

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 5, oral questions. Final supplementary, Mr. Arvaluk.

Supplementary To Question 666-12(3): Outline Of The Keewatin Divisional Board's Authority

MR. ARVALUK:

Mr. Speaker, the Minister's response has sparked me to do a final supplementary. I understand perfectly that there is a restriction in the Education Act which

does not allow the department or the Minister to have direct liaison, or for the chairman of the divisional board to be accountable to the people and the department, but rather the employee of the divisional board has to be accountable. Will the Minister inform the House that he will be thoroughly reviewing the Education Act to reflect that there has to be accountability, or at least communication between the chairman of the divisional board and the department or the Minister rather than the divisional board employees.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Nerysoo.

Further Return To Question 666-12(3): Outline Of The Keewatin Divisional Board's Authority

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On the matter of the contracting of the directors, I have indicated that approval has been given by Cabinet that divisional boards can contract with their employees. However, there are parameters. There are parameters by which those contracts can be issued.

The other consideration, Mr. Speaker, which the honourable Member has raised, is the matter of pursuing changes to the Education Act. Yes, Mr. Speaker, I will, in fact, be pursuing that. The work in this Assembly has taken up most of the time and, therefore, I have been unable to continue with the work in that particular area.

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 5, oral questions. Mr. Patterson.

Question 667-12(3): Reassignment Of Deputy Ministers

MR. PATTERSON:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Government Leader. Mr. Speaker, this is a huge territory which we are all responsible for, but it is a relatively small government. It is no secret to ordinary Members that there is currently wide spread speculation in the public service about deputy minister reassignments. I would like to ask the Government Leader, is she now considering a shuffle or reassignment of deputy ministers.

MR. SPEAKER:

Madam Premier.

Return To Question 667-12(3): Reassignment Of Deputy Ministers

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA:

Mr. Speaker, at this moment I am not considering re-shuffling. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 5, oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. Patterson.

Supplementary To Question 667-12(3):
Reassignment Of Deputy Ministers

MR. PATTERSON:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. With respect, I think the Government Leader is being a little coy with us, in contrast to her usual demeanour. Mr. Speaker, my

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supplementary would be, if she was considering senior management reassignments in the near future, tomorrow for instance, would the Government Leader inform Members of this Assembly of decisions made on such important matters while the House is in session and not after we go home? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Ms. Cournoyea.

Further Return To Question 667-12(3):
Reassignment Of Deputy Ministers

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA:

Mr. Speaker, I am not considering re-shuffling tomorrow. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 5, oral questions. Mr. Gargan.

Question 668-12(3): Recommendations From Human Rights Commission

MR. GARGAN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister responsible for Personnel. On December 8, 1992, and again on March 17, 1993, I raised with the Minister the concerns of aboriginal

employees in the Department of Public Works in Cambridge Bay who feel they have been discriminated against when promotions were made within the department. On December 8, the Minister advised that a complaint had been filed by the employees with the Human Rights Commission. Can the Minister advise whether his department has received any decisions or recommendations from the Human Rights Commission as a result of the commission's investigation?

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Kakfwi.

Return To Question 668-12(3): Recommendations From Human Rights Commission

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:

Mr. Speaker, I do not believe we have received anything from the Human Rights Commission but I will check again to make sure. If I have received anything I will share it with the Members as soon as possible.

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 5, oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. Gargan.

Supplementary To Question 668-12(3):
Recommendations From Human Rights Commission

MR. GARGAN:

Thank you. Supplementary, Mr. Speaker. The Minister explained an investigation team from his department was sent to the Kitikmeot. I understand that his department did not feel there was overt racial discrimination, but made a series of recommendations to the department about the management practices in the region. The Minister has referred to some of these recommendations in the House. Is the Minister willing to table the recommendations of his departmental investigation with respect to the management practices in the Kitikmeot region in the House?

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Kakfwi.

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:

Mr. Speaker, I would have to take the question as notice since the issue involves personnel matters,

some of which may be considered confidential by the employees and the people who have ventured some opinions and observations. If there is no reason to keep the information confidential, I would be quite happy to share it.

MR. SPEAKER:

The question has been taken as notice. Item 5, oral questions. Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

Question 669-12(3): South Slave Divisional Board's Move To Hay River

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister of Education. Mr. Speaker, in the past couple of days I have heard that the South Slave divisional board has passed a motion in respect to wanting to move their headquarters from Fort Smith to Hay River. I am not fully aware whether the South Slave divisional board has its full complement of members as of yet. I believe they are without a member from Lutsel K'e and, possibly, from Fort Smith. However, I recognize that my colleague from Aivilik has expressed concerns with respect to board autonomy. However, I am beginning to think the opposite. Would the Minister review when he has previously committed to meet with the South Slave divisional board of education with respect to the motion which they recently passed to move their head office to ensure they can justify what they are planning to propose? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Nerysoo.

Return To Question 669-12(3): South Slave Divisional Board's Move To Hay River

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I will review the matter. I want to indicate to the honourable Member that the matter of removing or, in fact, having Hay River as the headquarters requires regulation change and I am not prepared to amend any regulations on the matter of headquarters.

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 5, oral questions. Mr. Pudluk.

Question 670-12(3): Provision Of Response To Written Question

MR. PUDLUK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Government Leader. On February 23, 1993, I asked the Government Leader a written question. I asked why different strategies are in place governing the PanArctic clean up of the DEW Line site. Will the Government Leader provide an answer to that question during the sitting of this Legislature? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Ms. Cournoyea.

Return To Question 670-12(3): Provision Of Response To Written Question

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA:

Mr. Speaker, I believe the written response has been tabled. That was my understanding. Could the Clerk check?

MR. SPEAKER:

That is not within the rules, either it is in the knowledge of the Premier that it has been tabled or it is not in the knowledge of the Premier. Madam Premier.

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HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA:

Mr. Speaker, it has been filed with the Clerk.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Item 5, oral questions. It was filed with the Clerk today. Item 5, oral questions. Mr. Antoine.

Question 671-12(3): Northern Accord Tied To Dene Land Claims

MR. ANTOINE:

Mahsi, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister responsible for Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources. During discussion in committee of the whole when we were dealing with Bill 17, we were talking about the northern accord and that the department is negotiating the northern accord with the federal government. This northern accord, I

understand, is transferring administration of oil and gas to the Government of the Northwest Territories. There was one comment that the Minister made which has been bothering me since that time. She indicated that the northern accord transfer is tied to the Gwich'in and Sahtu land claims. I understand that in the land claims process, the provision for resources is between the claimant group and the federal government, and I was wondering how the territorial government's negotiations in the northern accord are tied into this whole process. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Ms. Cournoyea.

Return To Question 671-12(3): Northern Accord Tied To Dene Land Claims

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA:

Mr. Speaker, in the overall Dene land claim there are certain provisions that are arrangements that the aboriginal people have as their private interests, whether it be sub-surface, surface or other areas in the claim. There was a difficulty with the federal government in the negotiations in that with private interest ownership, how do you deal with the additional problem of employment and access to benefits relating to a development? At one time we did have, in the territorial government, a soft arrangement on northern benefits. So, if something is going on, how do you tie into that and how do you relate it to the people of the Northwest Territories? There were some things you could get in the claim, but one of the other areas they would not negotiate was individual aboriginal specific interest in terms of employment training and areas in that regard. What was thought of in the claimant group, that if the territorial government was able to provide the management and decisions on that, that can be tied into an arrangement with the aboriginal groups. So it is not specific to the claim, but the aboriginal groups felt it was necessary to further define opportunities that would come from development when it was not in the claim.

MR. SPEAKER:

Supplementary, Mr. Antoine.

Supplementary To Question 671-12(3): Northern Accord Tied To Dene Land Claims

MR. ANTOINE:

So what you are saying it is essential that this northern accord be negotiated and completed if that is the case, because it is tied into benefits that will go to the claimant groups. If it does not go, then what happens to the benefits that hopefully will accrue to these claimant groups? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Ms. Cournoyea.

Further Return To Question 671-12(3): Northern Accord Tied To Dene Land Claims

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA:

Mr. Speaker, I guess if the northern accord does not proceed, I would say that some of the regional claimant groups will insist from the federal government that additional benefits have to be attached to future claims. This was a way of taking care of an area that the federal government felt they could not deal away at the time. It is important to claimant groups, especially in the areas where something is going on. The importance is if there was an economic opportunity out of oil and gas in the Gwich'in area, it would be important for them that the accord be dealt with. However, there are other avenues that possibly the claimant group can use with the oil and gas industry if an activity was to take place. It takes a great deal of extra effort because the rules are not clear and defined on who should be dealt with, the nearest community or the group that wants to reap the benefits from the resource development. I would assume that if the accord does not proceed, we would just have to deal with it in the way we are dealing with some of the other activities, trying to access more benefits to local people. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Supplementary, Mr. Antoine.

Supplementary To Question 671-12(3): Northern Accord Tied To Dene Land Claims

MR. ANTOINE:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The reason why I raised this issue is I come from an area where we are not presently negotiating any claims. There are other areas which are negotiating claims. It puts us in a very awkward position that in my area, if we do not agree with the northern accord for one reason or another and it is essential that the claim goes through

for the Gwich'in and the Sahtu, it puts us in a very awkward position. There is a call for expediency of negotiations of the northern accord by claimant groups, in the meantime, there are some of us who are not negotiating yet, so if this northern accord goes ahead before we negotiate, it puts us in a very awkward position. Has the Government Leader and the government taken that into consideration? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Ms. Cournoyea.

Further Return To Question 671-12(3): Northern Accord Tied To Dene Land Claims

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA:

Mr. Speaker, it has been taken into consideration. I realize that some areas have not settled a claim, but as I have tried to explain, this is an area that the federal government was not willing to negotiate with the aboriginal groups anyway. The issue around the northern accord is how do we secure benefits for all the people in the area? It is not something that will be negotiated in a claim anyway. I do not believe that, at this point in time, unless a new government takes a totally different stance on claims' issues, it is intended to take away from any of the aboriginal claims. Initially, when the total claim was together, the Dene claim, it was felt that this arrangement was important to capture the areas that were not available in the claims.

MR. SPEAKER:

Supplementary, Mr. Antoine.

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Supplementary To Question 671-12(3): Northern Accord Tied To Dene Land Claims

MR. ANTOINE:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So you are saying the federal government was not willing to negotiate certain benefits with the claimant groups. Therefore, the Government of the Northwest Territories took on the role, on their behalf, to provide these benefits for them. That is when the two claimant groups were together, but they are not together any more. It is a different ball game altogether. I was wondering if this government is going to be talking to the other regions

that have not negotiated their claims on this particular area. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Ms. Cournoyea.

Further Return To Question 671-12(3): Northern Accord Tied To Dene Land Claims

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA:

Mr. Speaker, we can continue to talk to them, but as the Member knows, this northern accord is presently in abeyance, unless, at a very high political level, someone decides to move on with it. Yes, we will continue to speak with the people, whether it is with the Gwich'in, the claimant groups or the people who are not pursuing a claim at this time. I think the importance of the accord for all people is to get a handle on oil and gas resource development so we can more easily capture those benefits. So, yes, we will continue to talk and any time there is a request for a workshop so that communications can be better or new people can be brought in to understand what we are attempting to do, we will commit to do that.

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 5, oral questions. Mr. Lewis.

Question 672-12(3): Legality Of Taxing Non-Residents Of The NWT

MR. LEWIS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We gave first reading to Bill 27 yesterday, and it is possible we will be asked to give second reading on it today, therefore establishing the principle of the bill. I do not believe there will be a report of the Standing Committee on Finance today. However, I did attend a meeting this morning of the Standing Committee on Finance to see if there were issues that really should be dealt with publicly. So my question to the Minister of Finance, since I know he is a very careful, prudent person, whether in fact he has received a legal opinion that it is all right to tax people who are not represented in the Northwest Territories? In other words, people who do not vote here, they do not have benefits, the benefits are provided by the employer. Does he have a legal opinion that it is all right to do this?

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Pollard.

Return To Question 672-12(3): Legality Of Taxing Non-Residents Of The NWT

HON. JOHN POLLARD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, we believe, to the best of our knowledge and in consultation, that it is legal to do this. Yes.

MR. SPEAKER:

Supplementary, Mr. Lewis.

Supplementary To Question 672-12(3): Legality Of Taxing Non-Residents Of The NWT

MR. LEWIS:

In light of the various discussions that are taking place across the country about the free movement of labour from one province to another, has the Minister also checked to find out whether taxing workers from another jurisdiction is, in fact, consistent with this "mobility clause" in our Constitution.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Pollard.

Further Return To Question 672-12(3): Legality Of Taxing Non-Residents Of The NWT

HON. JOHN POLLARD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, we believe that it is constitutional and it is within our jurisdiction.

MR. SPEAKER:

Supplementary, Mr. Lewis.

Supplementary To Question 672-12(3): Legality Of Taxing Non-Residents Of The NWT

MR. LEWIS:

I would like to ask the Minister whether the payroll tax is an instrument of taxation that is used in other jurisdictions.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Pollard.

Further Return To Question 672-12(3): Legality Of Taxing Non-Residents Of The NWT

HON. JOHN POLLARD:

Mr. Speaker, there are other forms of payroll tax, not exactly the same as ours. Ours taxes the employees, other payroll taxes across the country -- I think there are three jurisdictions -- tax the employer. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Final supplementary, Mr. Lewis.

Supplementary To Question 672-12(3): Legality Of Taxing Non-Residents Of The NWT

MR. LEWIS:

On the payroll taxes then that the Minister is aware of, do these also include a provision whereby you could tax people from outside the provincial jurisdiction?

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Pollard.

Further Return To Question 672-12(3): Legality Of Taxing Non-Residents Of The NWT

HON. JOHN POLLARD:

Mr. Speaker, the payroll tax placed upon employers for the amount of people that they have working for them would be applied evenly to people from out of province or in province. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 5, oral questions. Mr. Pudlat.

Question 673-12(3): Grade Extensions In Lake Harbour

MR. PUDLAT:

(Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Education regarding grade extensions in three communities. In Cape Dorset they

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are going to take some of the grades. We made a request to the department for grade extensions in Lake Harbour. Did we submit this request too late? Are we going to receive the extension of grades in Lake Harbour? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Nerysoo.

Return To Question 673-12(3): Grade Extensions In Lake Harbour

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, the request was put in too late. However, it is to be considered as part of the planning process for the following school year, not this upcoming school year, with the board. We will be working with the board to ensure that we provide the service and the classes.

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 5, oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. Pudlat.

Supplementary To Question 673-12(3): Grade Extensions In Lake Harbour

MR. PUDLAT:

(Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I know the proposal was not in too late. The form had to be returned before February 15, but they were put in on time. Perhaps the community did not realize it was going to be too late. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Nerysoo.

Further Return To Question 673-12(3): Grade Extensions In Lake Harbour

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will look into the matter for the honourable Member, to make sure that we dealt with the people in that particular community properly.

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 5, oral questions. Mr. Gargan.

Question 674-12(3): Affirmative Action Seminar In The Kitikmeot

MR. GARGAN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister of Personnel. On March 17, 1993, the Minister referred to his plans for an affirmative action seminar for the Kitikmeot region to be held in March.

Can the Minister inform the House as to the groups that participated in that affirmative action seminar?

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Kakfwi.

Return To Question 674-12(3): Affirmative Action Seminar In The Kitikmeot

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:

Mr. Speaker, I will provide that information by tomorrow. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 5, oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. Gargan.

Supplementary To Question 674-12(3): Affirmative Action Seminar In The Kitikmeot

MR. GARGAN:

Mr. Speaker, on March 17, the Minister explained that his department would be conducting an operational review of the current management practices in the Kitikmeot, as was recommended by the investigators. Can the Minister advise the House if this operational review has been conducted?

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Kakfwi.

Further Return To Question 674-12(3): Affirmative Action Seminar In The Kitikmeot

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:

Mr. Speaker, I am aware that the review was to be conducted. I do not know that it has actually started. I am not certain that it has concluded. I can advise the House of that tomorrow.

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 5, oral questions. Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

Question 675-12(3): Written Status Report On Changes To River Ridge

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister of Justice. Yesterday, the Minister of Justice discussed intended changes in operating procedures

at the River Ridge facility in Fort Smith. He indicated that the designation of the facility is to accommodate both open and closed custody and is being viewed as a challenge by his staff. He also mentioned that the need to change certain procedures, which I was pleased to hear, Mr. Speaker, that the Minister recognizes the need for a change in certain procedures, is required. Mr. Speaker, recognizing the triple designation of the facility as an interim one and a challenge for the Minister's staff, will the Minister commit to provide me with a written status report on the success or the lack of success of this change in the River Ridge facility by October, 1993?

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Kakfwi.

Return To Question 675-12(3): Written Status Report On Changes To River Ridge

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:

Mr. Speaker, because of the controversy and the concerns which were raised from different quarters of the public and in this Legislature, I would be very pleased to provide a written report in October to show the Members that things are going very well and will continue to go very well as planned. We would be very pleased to show that in a report by October. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 5, oral questions. Mr. Whitford.

Question 676-12(3): Evaluation Of Affirmative Action Program

MR. WHITFORD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister of Personnel. Mr. Speaker, the affirmative action program has been in place as far back as I can recollect, in 1977, with the office of native employment. It had certain objectives to achieve. It did not set designated timetables and it did not have in place the process for

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evaluation. From 1977 until 1993 is a long time. Has an evaluation of the affirmative action program ever been undertaken to see whether or not it is on target, or whether or not we are going in the right direction?

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Kakfwi.

Return To Question 676-12(3): Evaluation Of Affirmative Action Program

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:

Mr. Speaker, I will commit to the Member and the other Members of the Legislature to provide a status report on the achievements within the affirmative action policy to date by the government. Perhaps showing what the different target groups were who came under the affirmative action group, and how well we are progressing for each of those target groups. The policy is intended to be evaluated in 1994, or sooner if the targets set for any of the target groups are achieved before then. In 1994, or perhaps earlier, depending on the success of the policy for any of the target groups, the policy will be evaluated.

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 5, oral questions. Mr. Dent.

Question 677-12(3): Government Plans For Decentralization

MR. DENT:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Nearly a year ago, on April 2, 1992, and again on December 10, 1992, and again on March 15, 1993, I asked the Premier a question about departmental planning and reporting for privatization. I am yet to receive an answer to these questions. Mr. Speaker, I was wondering if the Premier could advise if we might celebrate the anniversary of the first year since I asked the question, tomorrow, by having it answered.

MR. SPEAKER:

Ms. Cournoyea.

Return To Question 677-12(3): Government Plans For Decentralization

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA:

Mr. Speaker, I am afraid not.

MR. SPEAKER:

Supplementary, Mr. Dent.

Supplementary To Question 677-12(3): Government Plans For Decentralization

MR. DENT:

Mr. Speaker, could the Premier advise when we might expect to have an answer.

MR. SPEAKER:

Ms. Cournoyea.

Further Return To Question 677-12(3): Government Plans For Decentralization

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA:

Mr. Speaker, it is in the process now. What I will commit is that by the end of April, I will have something circulated. I hope before then, but I will make the deadline April 30. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 5, oral questions. Mr. Ningark.

Question 678-12(3): Funding To Enhance Aboriginal Languages In The Kitikmeot

MR. NINGARK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Education. Mr. Speaker, yesterday was aboriginal languages day. The Inuktitut language is being taught in most smaller communities in the NWT. Most and elders parents support and encourage the use of the language in the classroom. Mr. Speaker, there are many different dialects in the eastern Arctic, unique in their own way and in their own culture and should be supported and enhanced by this government. Unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, elders who are expert in languages are passing away. Mr. Speaker, is the Minister endeavouring to ensure that materials in written form are made and available in the classroom to enhance and encourage the young people who are going to school to learn their language? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Nerysoo.

Return To Question 678-12(3): Funding To Enhance Aboriginal Languages In The Kitikmeot

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, we are.

MR. SPEAKER:

Supplementary, Mr. Ningark.

Supplementary To Question 678-12(3): Funding To Enhance Aboriginal Languages In The Kitikmeot

MR. NINGARK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Is there any funding made available to the local communities through the education councils or the divisional boards? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Nerysoo.

Further Return To Question 678-12(3): Funding To Enhance Aboriginal Languages In The Kitikmeot

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:

I believe, Mr. Speaker, the matter of funding will be addressed by the Premier because she is actually responsible for funding under the languages agreement. However, I can indicate that we are developing an Inuktitut curriculum that will include the teaching in the appropriate language and the courses in the languages. We will be piloting that curriculum this year and hopefully we will expand it next year into most of the schools in the Nunavut area.

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 5, oral questions. Mr. Arvaluk.

Question 669-12(3): Survey Of Lands At Federal Government's Expense

MR. ARVALUK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Premier. Under the terms of the health transfer to the federal government, as a result there were a number of portions of unsurveyed land, for example, Colville Lake, Lac La Martre, Repulse Bay, Sachs Harbour, Snowdrift and Coral Harbour. Can the Minister tell the House if these lands have all been surveyed at the expense of the federal government?

MR. SPEAKER:

Madam Premier.

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I believe some have been done, but not all. I will take the question as notice and provide a further answer.

MR. SPEAKER:

The question has been taken as notice. I would like to recognize in the gallery, Anthym Kadjuk, chairman of the Keewatin Regional Council...

---Applause

...Bette Palfrey, chairperson of the Keewatin health board.

---Applause

Item 5, oral questions. Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL:

Mr. Speaker, before I proceed, I seek unanimous consent to extend question period.

MR. SPEAKER:

The honourable Member is seeking unanimous consent. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Please proceed, Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

Question 680-12(3): Conflict Of Interest Guidelines For WCB

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister responsible for the Workers' Compensation Board.

---Laughter

That is unparliamentary, you know. Mr. Speaker, the Minister responsible for the Workers' Compensation Board replied with respect to a grant which was given to the Federation of Labour for \$15,000 to develop an NWT workers' education program on WCB matters. I have noticed that this type of decision was made by both Ron Williams, the then deputy chairman of WCB and Jim Evoy, who is on the board of directors. I would like to ask the Minister, since Mr. Evoy was also the president of the Federation of Labour and a board member, does the Workers' Compensation Board have any guidelines with respect to board

members conducting themselves in accordance to possible conflict or perceived conflict of interest? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Todd.

Return To Question 680-12(3): Conflict Of Interest Guidelines For WCB

HON. JOHN TODD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I am not aware of any conflict of interest guidelines as they relate to this kind of action taken by Mr. Evoy. However, I can look into it and report back to the honourable Member with respect to this particular instance where \$15,000 was given to the Federal of Labour to do a feasibility study on the workers' education program.

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 5, oral questions. Supplementary, Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

Supplementary To Question 680-12(3): Conflict Of Interest Guidelines For WCB

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In addition to that, to the same Minister on the same topic, can I ask what type of report we received for \$15,000 on this issue?

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Todd.

Further Return To Question 670-12(3): Conflict Of Interest Guidelines For WCB

HON. JOHN TODD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We did receive on December 18, 1992, an interim report, which is made up of one and a half pages. We received a bill for \$11,450.

MR. SPEAKER:

Supplementary, Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

Supplementary To Question 680-12(3): Conflict Of Interest Guidelines For WCB

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL:

I am just wondering if it was printed on gold paper, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask the Minister, since he said there was an interim two page report for the sum of \$11,450, and knowing that this grant was for \$15,000, will the Minister be able to advise the House as to when he anticipates receiving a final report for the amount that is expended from the Workers' Compensation Board funds?

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Todd.

Further Return To Question 680-12(3): Conflict Of Interest Guidelines For WCB

HON. JOHN TODD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. According to brother Crawford, who is the first vice-president of the Federation of Labour, the study -- whatever that is going to be -- should be completed by the end of March, which is today. I will inquire as to when we can expect a more comprehensive report for the money that has been expended. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Supplementary, Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

Supplementary To Question 680-12(3): Conflict Of Interest Guidelines For WCB

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Since the Minister had indicated that they anticipated to have a report by the end of March, which was yesterday, and since the session is coming to a close, would the Minister provide the Members with a copy of that report? I hope that report is more than two pages for \$15,000 that the workers' compensation funds are going to be expended on. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Todd.

Further Return To Question 680-12(3): Conflict Of Interest Guidelines For WCB

HON. JOHN TODD:

Mr. Speaker, I want to assure the honourable Member, I am as interested as she is with respect to

ensuring we got our money's worth. I will undertake to provide the Member with the report as soon as we get it from the Federation of Labour. Thank you.

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MR. SPEAKER:

Item 5, oral questions. Mr. Gargan.

Question 681-12(3): System For Evaluating Aboriginal Languages Program

MR. GARGAN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Education. Mr. Speaker, on March 24, 1992, I asked a question of the previous Minister about whether there is any assistance for evaluating the aboriginal programs in the schools. I told the Minister about the situation where students who are supposed to be learning their language in the schools are not able to speak and understand that language. I received a response in writing from the Minister who advised that children are tested within the schools on their understanding of the language they are learning and on the other subjects in the curriculum. However, Mr. Speaker, I was not questioning whether children are tested in the schools. What I was trying to find out is whether there is an evaluation of the aboriginal language and culture programs themselves. Are the programs really working? Can the Minister advise whether the Department of Education has developed any process for ongoing evaluation of aboriginal language and culture programs delivered in the schools in the Northwest Territories?

MR. SPEAKER:

Minister of Education.

Return To Question 681-12(3): System For Evaluating Aboriginal Languages Program

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:

Mr. Speaker, I am not quite certain whether there is a clear evaluation. I believe there is an ongoing evaluation that is done. On the more specific details I will provide a further answer in written response on the process and the manner in which those assessments are done.

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 5, oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. Gargan.

Supplementary To Question 681-12(3): System For Evaluating Aboriginal Languages Program

MR. GARGAN:

Mr. Speaker, my supplementary to the Minister would be why at this point in the delivery of our aboriginal programs, have students been failing to catch onto their own languages? While the evaluation is going on, could you also look into why this is happening?

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Nerysoo.

Further Return To Question 681-12(3): System For Evaluating Aboriginal Languages

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:

Mr. Speaker, I want to indicate to the honourable Member that evaluations have been done on the matter of educational programming in aboriginal languages. So far there is considerable evidence to show that promotion and development of a child's first language can significantly help the children's academic progress and instruction in the aboriginal child's mother tongue. Especially during the first three to four years of schooling makes learning a second language such as English much easier. That assessment has already been done as a result of a Rock Point Navajo study and an Edmonton Ukrainian/English bilingual program. We have reviewed the issue, and I want to also advise the honourable Member that the Dene Kede curriculum which deals with language and language programs in the aboriginal first languages, was piloted last year and will be a part of the programming this year as aboriginal languages will be the first language of education. It will begin in 1993-94.

MR. SPEAKER:

Supplementary, Mr. Gargan.

Supplementary To Question 681-12(3): System For Evaluating Aboriginal Languages Program

MR. GARGAN:

Mr. Speaker, the aboriginal curriculum in the Education Act, I believe, was implemented in 1978. Since the implementation of this new section in the Education Act the aboriginal language and culture programs has not improved dramatically. In fact, it is gradually deteriorating. What I am saying is that even

students my age who went to school understood their own language and their own culture. However, students now of school age do not understand that and I want to know what we are doing that is failing our culture. Would the Minister look into this situation? I compliment the department for doing what they could in those areas, but we are still failing.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Nerysoo.

Further Return To Question 681-12(3): System For Evaluating Aboriginal Languages

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will not argue with the honourable Member. I think I agree there have been some significant failures. I would also like to indicate to the honourable Member that both in the Inuktitut language and the in the Dene languages we are moving in new curriculum areas that were not developed in 1978, but are new programs that were developed in the last year. As a result of the support of the previous Ministers we are now piloting those new curriculums that will be helpful to the young people. I appreciate the concern the honourable Member has raised, that is the reason we are responding and we do not want the same kind of failures. Much of the development has been done by the aboriginal teachers themselves so they have an idea of some of the problem areas. We are trying to respond to the honourable Member. I am hoping I could provide him with detailed information so he can see that we are trying to make strides in the educational system to meet the challenges the honourable Member has raised.

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 5, oral questions. Mr. Whitford.

Question 682-12(3): GNWT Position On Dumping Waste In Arctic Ocean

MR. WHITFORD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question I would like to direct to the Minister of Renewable Resources, who is also responsible the environment. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I watched CBC Newsworld and there was quite a lengthy news item on the PanArctic offshore dumping. I think the message I got out of that program was a little confusing, Mr. Speaker, because it almost appears as if this is going to go

ahead. It seems like we just have to bide our time until April 15. I recognize that the Minister himself was not there, but his deputy minister was there. I would like to ask the Minister

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whether it is this government's position that come April 15 this offshore dumping does not go. My colleagues and I are quite concerned about this.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Allooloo.

Return To Question 682-12(3): GNWT Position On Dumping Waste In Arctic Ocean

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO:

Mr. Speaker, as I stated in this House, our government's position is that no dumping is allowed in the Arctic Ocean, even though the federal policy allows it. What we would like to see happen is, the federal government reviews its policy in terms of allowing industry to dump their garbage into the ocean. Our position maintains that we would like to see no dumping at all on April 15. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 5, oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. Whitford.

Supplementary To Question 682-12(3): GNWT Position On Dumping Waste In Arctic Ocean

MR. WHITFORD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Some of the comments that were made on this program were that we in the territories are not at all totally absolved of dumping material. We leave snowmobiles on the ice et cetera, as some of the PanArctic people noted. I think it is appalling, a suggestion like that. I just wondered, Mr. Speaker, whether we had conveyed in writing our position to Mr. Charest.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Allooloo.

Further Return To Question 682-12(3): GNWT Position On Dumping Waste In Arctic Ocean

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have written to the Minister of Environment, Mr. Charest, on a number of occasions. As recently as yesterday I wrote a letter to him conveying our position. Our position is that no dumping should be allowed in the ocean. Our preferred option is to remove the scrap metal to southern places. As an alternative that scrap metal be disposed of on the land if it cannot be shipped to southern destinations.

Mr. Speaker, PanArctic may have mentioned that we lose snowmobiles and other items on the ice when it is melting. PanArctic would like to dump 400,000 tonnes of scrap metal, that translates to about 79,000 ski-doo's going through the ice. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 5, oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. Whitford.

Supplementary To Question 682-12(3): GNWT Position On Dumping Waste In Arctic Ocean

MR. WHITFORD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The alternative to the offshore dumping is certainly the option of leaving the material on the land, where it has been for many years, and of course taking it out which is cost prohibitive. Has an evaluation been done of the environmental impact of leaving

the material where it is perhaps with some minor alteration or covering.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Allooloo.

Further Return To Question 682-12(3): GNWT Position On Dumping Waste In Arctic Ocean

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There has not been a comprehensive environmental review done if we were to leave the scrap metal on the land. Our preliminary thinking is that it is much better to leave it on the land than to dump it into the ocean where we can never retrieve it. If we leave it on the land, perhaps at some point in the future we will be able to deal with it. By leaving the scrap materials on the land, the impact on the environment, in our thinking, is less. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 5, oral questions. Mr. Lewis.

Question 683-12(3): Current Status Of Devolution Office

MR. LEWIS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Moving from dumping to off-loading, Mr. Speaker. During the 1980s, Mr. Speaker, this government was in a frenzy in which there were many program transfers from the federal government and we set up a devolution office. Of course this led eventually to the health transfer in 1988. I would like to ask the Premier, what is the current status of the devolution office?

MR. SPEAKER:

Madam Premier.

Return To Question 683-12(3): Current Status Of Devolution Office

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA:

Mr. Speaker, we do not have per se a devolution office any longer. We still maintain an office in Ottawa which does a number of things, constitutional issues, other relationships with the federal government, and support when we have meetings in Ottawa. The devolution office which was set up in Ottawa does not exist. The initiatives come from Cabinet at this time. The decisions are made here on whether we proceed to take the initiative to try to wrestle some of the management responsibilities from Ottawa. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Supplementary, Mr. Lewis.

Supplementary To Question 683-12(3): Current Status Of Devolution Office

MR. LEWIS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When we had a devolution office in the Precambrian building they must have had a list of the things which could be transferred to this government. Are there things which were not devolved to this government that now still remain priority items which the Premier would like to see devolved to this government?

MR. SPEAKER:

Ms. Cournoyea.

Further Return To Question 683-12(3): Current Status Of Devolution Office

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA:

Mr. Speaker, I believe that there is such a list and a number of items are outstanding.

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Beginning initiatives have taken place. There are land titles, land and water, which still exist on the list, other than what you are aware of through the northern accord.

MR. SPEAKER:

Supplementary, Mr. Lewis.

Supplementary To Question 683-12(3): Current Status Of Devolution Office

MR. LEWIS:

Does the government have a priority of what it would like to have devolved to this government at present?

MR. SPEAKER:

Ms. Cournoyea.

Further Return To Question 683-12(3): Current Status Of Devolution Office

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA:

Mr. Speaker, our priority is to try to ensure that the past arrangements of devolution, such as health billing, are established in light of the agreements which were signed, as understood by ourselves. We are still trying to pursue the northern accord. That is the basis of where we are at this time. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 5, oral questions. Mr. Dent.

Question 684-12(3): Deficiencies Since Transfer Of Arctic B and C Airports

MR. DENT:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Transportation. Since he is not present, perhaps I will ask the Premier, it relates to the off-

loading of responsibilities from the federal government to the GNWT. Since the transfer of Arctic B and C airports from the federal government, the Department of Transportation has had to address deficiencies which were not covered adequately or at all by the federal government. Mr. Speaker, I believe Transport Canada did not construct many air terminal buildings with the facilities for the physically disabled. These facilities had to be provided for by this government. Can the Minister indicate what other deficiencies have been identified by the Department of Transportation since the transfer.

MR. SPEAKER:

Madam Premier.

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA:

Mr. Speaker, I will take the question as notice. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

The question has been taken as notice. Item 5, oral questions. Mr. Antoine.

Question 685-12(3): Public Information On Western Constitutional Development Process

MR. ANTOINE:

Mahsi, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs. It is with regard to the western constitutional development. Mr. Speaker, the constitutional development steering committee, working group, had a meeting on March 15. The concern which I have is that since Nunavut is going to become a reality, there is going to be constitutional development in the western Arctic. Work has to begin immediately to work towards the constitutional development. It is important that people at the community level in the western Northwest Territories be made aware of what is going on as soon as possible. What is the Minister doing to ensure that people in the western Arctic are made aware of the developments of western constitutional development that are taking place at the present time. Mahsi.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Kakfwi.

Return To Question 685-12(3): Public Information On Western Constitutional Development Process

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:

Mr. Speaker, the committee of political leaders, which is made up of the different aboriginal organizations in the western territory, includes the Inuvialuit Regional Corporation, the Gwich'in Tribal Council, the Sahtu Tribal Council, the Dogrib Tribal Council. I believe the Deh Cho Regional Council will also be involved, as well as the Treaty 8 through the Dene Nation, the Metis Association, as well as Members of this Legislative Assembly who come from the western part of the territory. They are all in agreement that we have to do some work to prepare for division. All of us must make the effort to do what we can to see if we can come up with a constitution which could be embraced by all groups for a government of the western part of the territory.

As a Minister I have been working with this group for some years. Recently, we have developed a work plan which is, at this time, being finalized and there is some money being requested, which again, should be finalized in the next week or so. This will allow the work which has been defined by these different groups to begin as soon as possible. The actual work, as groups have seen it, has been defined collectively but there has been no agreement on how to communicate it to the different groups. I have gone on the assumption that each participant will ensure that their constituents or their members will hear from them directly. I have not been asked, or I have not taken it upon myself, to come up with some release that would explain it, what I see as the work. It is something that could be done, but I could suffer the wrath of some of the political leaders if I do not word it properly. I have not been asked and I have not taken the initiative to do something like this. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Supplementary, Mr. Antoine.

Supplementary To Question 685-12(3): Public Information On Western Constitutional Development Process

MR. ANTOINE:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The development of the constitution for the western Arctic will eventually have to be accepted by every citizen who lives in this part of the Northwest Territories. I think it is important, right from the outset that somehow they are informed and kept informed as we go along with the process. We have good national examples in Meech Lake and

the Charlottetown Accord where citizens were not directly involved in the development of the constitutional development. We see the results of that today. What we are working on in the west is something that could be very beneficial for everyone in the long run, if people at the community level are made aware of the process. I would like to ask the Minister if he is going to do a press release or press conference to let the public know exactly what is going on in the development of the constitution in the west. Mahsi.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Kakfwi.

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Further Return To Question 685-12(3): Public Information On Western Constitutional Development Process

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:

Mr. Speaker, the Member raises a very good point. I think I will pursue it with the other Members of the steering committee, which is mandated to carry out the detailed work set out by the committee of political leaders. There will be a meeting of this group within the next few weeks and I will bring it to their attention and prepare, on the assumption that they will agree, some sort of a package that will provide information, to meet the interest of all people of the western Arctic. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 5, oral questions. Mr. Patterson.

Question 686-12(3): Negotiations On The Formula Financing Agreement

MR. PATTERSON:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister of Finance about the formula financing agreement. Mr. Speaker, it appears that funding provided under that agreement for specific program areas devolved from the federal government to our government, such as health, has not been sufficient. I did ask some questions, on March 16, about revisions to the formula and was advised there were certain exemptions being advanced to the federal government for certain program areas. My question for the Minister is, could he tell the House if there is now a process in place to look at and evaluate the

overall adequacy of the formula financing agreement. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Pollard.

Return To Question 686-12(3): Negotiations On The Formula Financing Agreement

HON. JOHN POLLARD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, what the committee will be doing, and it will take place on the 21 or 22 of this month, is looking at how the present agreement is working. Obviously, we can make references to the old agreement that was in place. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Supplementary, Mr. Patterson.

Supplementary To Question 686-12(3): Negotiations On The Formula Financing Agreement

MR. PATTERSON:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, is it the object of the Minister of Finance to conclude any review process and negotiations before the expected fall federal election and the uncertainty that will create? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Pollard.

Further Return To Question 686-12(3): Negotiations On The Formula Financing Agreement

HON. JOHN POLLARD:

Mr. Speaker, there will be some meetings this summer with regard to the formula we have at the present time. As I said before, those meetings include the Yukon, the Treasury Board, DIAND and Finance Canada. Obviously, we are not very pleased with the way our formula is working at the present time and we would like some changes made. As to making arrangements for the next agreement and having all of those things ironed out and in place by this fall, no, Mr. Speaker, there will not be a new agreement before this fall. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 5, oral questions. Mr. Whitford.

Question 687-12(3): Establishment Of A Permanent Periodontist In The NWT

MR. WHITFORD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I have a question I would like to direct to the Minister of Health. One of the health program areas that was transferred from the federal government in 1988 was the dental service program. This included the management and direction of periodontic services. Mr. Speaker, I understand that a periodontist is a dentist specializing in surgical procedures of gums and tissues around teeth, a problem that many northerners face. I understand also, Mr. Speaker, that there are no specialists in this field in the Northwest Territories yet and that this government sends many patients south each year to have this specialized work done. Considering the great costs of sending people south to perform this work, has the Minister considered whether it would be more cost-effective to bring one of these specialists here to practice on a permanent basis?

MR. SPEAKER:

Ms. Mike.

Return To Question 687-12(3): Establishment Of A Permanent Periodontist In The NWT

HON. REBECCA MIKE:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There are a number of specialists who are being looked at that we need in the north right now. It is in the process.

MR. SPEAKER:

Supplementary, Mr. Whitford.

Supplementary To Question 687-12(3):
Establishment Of A Permanent Periodontist In The
NWT

MR. WHITFORD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I recognize that there are areas that are being considered, but are the periodontic services being considered as part of this general review that you are doing?

MR. SPEAKER:

Ms. Mike.

Further Return To Question 687-12(3): Establishment Of A Permanent Periodontist In The NWT

HON. REBECCA MIKE:

(Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 5, oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. Whitford.

Supplementary To Question 687-12(3):
Establishment Of A Permanent Periodontist In The
NWT

MR. WHITFORD:

Sorry, Mr. Speaker, I could not get my translating clip on fast enough to catch the answer. I gather the answer was, yes. Because of the great numbers of people who do go out which we are ultimately responsible for through this government, can the Minister provide this House, as soon

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as possible, with an estimate of how many government employees are sent south for periodontic work.

MR. SPEAKER:

Ms. Mike.

Further Return To Question 687-12(3): Establishment Of A Permanent Periodontist In The NWT

HON. REBECCA MIKE:

(Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will provide you with an answer.

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 5, oral questions. Mr. Koe.

Question 688-12(3): Federal Government's Control Of Patient Health Records

MR. KOE:

Mahsi, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Health. Under the terms of the health transfer agreement in 1988, the federal government was to

continue to have control over patient records in the Northwest Territories regional health facilities and the territories would hold these on behalf of the federal government. It is now five years since the transfer took place, can the Minister advise the House if the federal government still retains control over patient records in the Northwest Territories regional health facilities?

MR. SPEAKER:

Ms. Mike.

HON. REBECCA MIKE:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will take the question as notice.

MR. SPEAKER:

The question has been taken as notice. Item 5, oral questions. Mr. Gargan.

Question 689-12(3): Costs Due To Forest Fire Suppression Transfer

MR. GARGAN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister of Renewable Resources. When responsibility for forest and fire suppression was transferred to this government there was a possibility that the federal government would consider supplementary funding. The funding would be for annual fire suppression and would only be considered if significant costs arose from the federal initiative or unforeseen events created new responsibilities which were beyond the powers of the Government of the Northwest Territories to control. Since assuming the Renewable Resources portfolio, have any significant costs arising from the federal initiative been paid by the federal government?

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Alloo.

Return To Question 689-12(3): Costs Due To Forest Fire Suppression Transfer

HON. TITUS ALLOO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Initially, when the transfer took place we had a three year agreement, if there were significant costs to fight fires during one particular season, the federal government would

come up with the balance. Since that time, the agreement has expired and if there are significant costs to fight or manage fires now it would have to come from our government. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr. Ludy Pudluk):

Supplementary, Mr. Gargan.

Supplementary To Question 689-12(3): Costs Due To Forest Fire Suppression Transfer

MR. GARGAN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Since this agreement for fire management has expired, is the Minister suggesting that we have a new agreement for forest fire management and that we have to cover any added costs now as opposed to the federal government.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER:

Mr. Alloo.

Further Return To Question 689-12(3): Costs Due To Forest Fire Suppression Transfer

HON. TITUS ALLOO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As you know our government negotiates with the federal government for our formula funding. Fire suppression and fire pre-suppression is now part of the formula. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER:

Supplementary, Mr. Gargan.

Supplementary To Question 689-12(3): Costs Due To Forest Fire Suppression Transfer

MR. GARGAN:

Does this mean we are on a fixed income and if we accumulate additional costs we have to cover those ourselves?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER:

Mr. Alloo.

Further Return To Question 689-12(3): Costs Due To Forest Fire Suppression Transfer

HON. TITUS ALLOO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If we expand beyond the budget, which my department allocates for fire suppression, yes. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER:

Thank you. Item 5, oral questions. Mr. Whitford.

Question 690-12(3): Response To Previous Question Re Tobacco Officer

MR. WHITFORD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A few days ago I asked the Minister of Health a question about whether or not her department had a person specialized in smoking information for school children. The Minister took the question as notice. I wonder how long it would take to find this information out and when she will have an answer. I have a number of question I would like to ask related to this subject.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER:

Ms. Mike.

Return To Question 690-12(3): Response To Previous Question Re Tobacco Officer

HON. REBECCA MIKE:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Your question was whether or not the department had a PY looking after the issue of smoking. It has nothing to do with Education. Thank you.

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MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER:

Thank you. Supplementary, Mr. Whitford.

Supplementary To Question 690-12(3): Response To Previous Question Re Tobacco Officer

MR. WHITFORD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the question which I asked, and I do not have a copy of Hansard in front of me, it was simply that does the department have a person who looks after smoking education for school children, not a PY, just someone who goes into the schools from time to time. They used to have someone. I do not know if it is such a difficult question. Perhaps I should have put it in writing. Do they have a person who does this work?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER:

Thank you. Ms. Mike.

Further Return To Question 690-12(3): Response To Previous Question Re Tobacco Officer

HON. REBECCA MIKE:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is a PY and that PY has not been in the department for three years. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER:

Thank you. Item 5, oral questions. Mr. Pudlat.

Question 691-12(3): Training For Individuals To Start A Business

MR. PUDLAT:

(Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism. The aboriginal people would like to develop some businesses in the communities. There are many aboriginal people who have tried to apply for businesses. I would like to know if there is training available for people who might not understand how to start a business. Is there any training available for these people? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER:

Thank you. Mr. Pollard.

Return To Question 691-12(3): Training For Individuals To Start A Business

HON. JOHN POLLARD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Each of the people who come and seek assistance from us require different levels of assistance. We are able to assist some through our economic development officers, we are able to suggest to some where they can obtain that information, and we would refer others to the Department of Education, and to perhaps look at enrolling in a program with Arctic College. Some people just need to improve some of the skills they have already. Each case is different, Mr. Speaker. We should be able to direct those people, when they come to us in the communities, to the correct department or agency which could assist them. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER:

Supplementary, Mr. Pudlat.

Supplementary To Question 691-12(3): Training For Individuals To Start A Business

MR. PUDLAT:

(Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask the same question. There are many people in the communities who are unilingual. Could they go to the regional office and receive assistance? Should we expect to see any training available in the future in this area? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER:

Mr. Pollard.

Further Return To Question 691-12(3): Training For Individuals To Start A Business

HON. JOHN POLLARD:

Mr. Speaker, if there are unilingual people who require information from the Department of Economic Development and Tourism or any of the government departments, then they should be able to receive that service from the regional office in their own language. Sometimes it might take a bit of advance notice to be able to alert the office that this particular service is going to be required, but it should be available to people.

With regard to whether or not there is going to be any training in the future, I think that is in the Minister of Education's area and I would venture to suggest, through the career centres which the Minister is promoting across the Northwest Territories, those kinds of training will be available in the future, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER:

Thank you. Item 5, oral questions. Member for Thebacha.

Question 692-12(3): Young Offenders' Funding For Community Justice Initiatives

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister of Justice. Mr. Speaker, under the federal initiatives, the government annually receives funding

for the implementation of the Young Offenders Act, money to ensure that the Young Offenders Act can be implemented in a manner reflecting the unique cultural and geographical circumstances of the Northwest Territories. In 1994-95 the federal initiatives funding will be about \$6 million. My question for the Minister of Justice, who is not in the House at present, Mr. Speaker, does that funding take into account the cost of implementing more community justice initiatives as recommended in the corrections strategy tabled recently in the House? Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER:

Madam Premier.

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA:

Mr. Speaker, I will take the question as notice. I would like to apologize because the Minister responsible for Justice has momentarily stepped out to take care of a family situation which has occurred. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER:

Thank you. Item 5, oral questions. Member for Thebacha.

Question 693-12(3): Adhere To Medical Profession Act When Granting Licences

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL:

Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Health. Mr. Speaker, I recently received a call from a constituent expressing concern in respect to the reluctance of the Department of Safety and Public Services to issue a

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licence for a practitioner in Fort Smith. I know under the Medical Profession Act, Mr. Speaker, the only people who can revoke a licence or not issue a licence is the Minister upon the recommendation of the board of inquiry. This board of inquiry has not taken place as of yet. I would like to ask the Minister, will she review this and ensure that the act is adhered to? Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER:

Thank you. Ms. Mike.

Return To Question 693-12(3): Adhere To Medical Profession Act When Granting Licences

HON. REBECCA MIKE:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I received a letter recommending that Dr. Viswalingam's licence not be renewed. Because of the deficiencies within the act under the renewal of licences, right now I have one of my staff and a legal advisor working on that. As soon as I know I will seriously consider the Member's concern. I will get back to the Member either by way of letter, or if I know by tomorrow I will let her know by correspondence or by telephone. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER:

Thank you. Supplementary, Member for Thebacha.

Supplementary To Question 693-12(3): Adhere To Medical Profession Act When Granting Licences

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I believe it is of grave concern where these bureaucrats are starting to play with someone's profession, especially when it is not in accordance to the act and they do not have the responsibility to do that. Therefore, would the Minister agree with me, the Medical Profession Act is the only act that indicates regulations with respect to licences being issued, and the Medical Profession Act only allows the Minister of Health to revoke or suspend a licence, not a registration committee, or a bureaucrat in the government. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER:

Thank you. Ms. Mike.

Further Return To Question 693-12(3): Adhere To Medical Profession Act When Granting Licences

HON. REBECCA MIKE:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The registration committee makes recommendations to the Minister of Health whether the licences should be renewed or extended. What I have been able to read out of the Medical Profession Act is, there is a deficiency in the area of having no provisions under renewals other than revocation of licence or suspending a licence. The act itself is deficient in that area. I have legal counsel looking into that because I have some concerns myself. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER:

Thank you. Supplementary, Member for Thebacha.

Supplementary To Question 693-12(3): Adhere To Medical Profession Act When Granting Licences

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL:

Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Minister since she has admitted herself that there are deficiencies in this particular Medical Profession Act with respect to renewals of any type of licence, I would like to ask the Minister if she would review that act and correct the deficiencies? Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER:

Thank you. Ms. Mike.

Further Return To Question 693-12(3): Adhere To Medical Profession Act When Granting Licences

HON. REBECCA MIKE:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Medical Profession Act is one of the acts out of four which are going to have an overhaul. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER:

Thank you. Item 5, oral questions. Item 6, written questions. Mr. Patterson.

ITEM 6: WRITTEN QUESTIONS

Written Question 38-12(3): Person Years Transfers As The Result Of Federal Transfers

MR. PATTERSON:

I have a written question for the Minister of Personnel, Mr. Speaker.

On Thursday, March 16, 1989, the then Minister of Personnel advised that the transfer of the entire Northern Canada Power Commission (NCPC) and the transfer of programs from Health and Welfare Canada and the Northern Scientific Centre saw the territorial government gain 686 person years.

Since the transfer of these program responsibilities, could the Minister indicate:

1. a) the number of PYs transferred as a result of the acquisition agreement with the federal government for the sale of NCPC;

b)the number of people currently employed with the NWT Power Corporation;

2. a)the number of PYs transferred as a result of the health transfer agreement of 1988;

b)the number of people currently employed in the Department of Health;

3. a)the number of PYs transferred as a result of the transfer of the Northern Scientific Resources Centres to the GNWT;

b)the number of people currently employed with the Science Institute of the NWT including the three laboratories in Igloodik, Inuvik and Iqaluit. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER:

Thank you. Item 6, written questions. Mr. Dent.

Written Question 39-12(3): List Of Programs Not Officially Devolved To GNWT

MR. DENT:

Mr. Speaker, I have a written question for the Premier. Since 1987, the federal government has transferred to the GNWT the responsibility for intra and interterritorial highways and access roads reconstruction, health services, northern scientific resource laboratories and forest management and fire suppression.

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The federal government also made one time payments for the implementation of the Young Offenders Act, for NWT labs, for NWT nurses, forestry and RCMP housing.

There may be other areas of responsibility which the federal government has assisted the GNWT with financially, but which it no longer wishes to look after.

Would the Government Leader provide a list of all those programs which were not officially devolved to this government, but for which this government now assumes responsibility.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER:

Thank you. Item 6, written questions. Mr. Whitford.

Written Question 40-12(3): Amount Of Health Care Funding Spent On Dental Services

MR. WHITFORD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a written question for the Minister of Health. In 1988, as part of the NWT program transfers, the federal government provided this government with about \$52 million for the NWT health care program.

The current funding for that program has escalated under the formula financing agreement and is somewhat in the vicinity of \$72 million.

Can the Minister advise how much of that health care program funding which was transferred and has now reached approximately \$72 million is spent on the provision of dental services.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER:

Thank you. Item 6, written questions. Item 7, returns to written questions. Mr. Clerk.

ITEM 7: RETURNS TO WRITTEN QUESTIONS

Return To Written Question 21-12(3): Disposal Of DEW Line Site And PanArctic Oil Garbage

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton):

Mr. Speaker, I have a return to Written Question 21-12(3), asked by Mr. Pudluk to the Minister of Renewable Resources, concerning the disposal of DEW Line site and PanArctic oil garbage.

The best method for disposal of industrial garbage depends on many factors, such as type of soil, type of garbage and community concerns.

Final approvals by the Government of Canada for the disposal of industrial garbage by the Department of National Defence and PanArctic Oil have not yet been given. In each case, government and community consultations are continuing in an attempt to determine the best environmentally acceptable disposal methods.

In the specific case of PanArctic Oil, the company has not proposed land burial as a method of waste disposal at their Loughheed Island site because of the high ice content of the soils. If the garbage were buried in these soils, the freezing and thawing action would eventually cause the garbage to rise back out of the ground. The other option for burial is to use gravel, however, this material is not available on Loughheed Island. In the case of the DEW Line sites, burial is an option at some sites because of the type

of local soil and because most sites are located near sources of gravel which can be used to bury the garbage.

The Government of the Northwest Territories is continuing to provide advice to the appropriate federal regulatory agency in each case.

Return To Written Question 33-12(3): Hiring Of Male Staff At The Territorial Women's Correctional Centre In Fort Smith

I have a return to Written Question 33-12(3), asked by Mrs. Marie-Jewell on March 25, 1993, to the Minister of Personnel, concerning the hiring of male staff at the territorial women's correctional centre in Fort Smith.

One male staff person has been hired at the territorial women's correctional centre in an administrative position. No male correctional officers or managers have been hired.

The number of applications received from males for employment at the territorial women's correctional centre since it has opened is 30. This was for six competitions.

The number of female employees working as correctional officers, administration staff or managers at the South Mackenzie correctional centre is nine, broken down as follows: seven correctional officers; one administration staff; and one manager.

The number of female employees working as correctional officers, administration staff or managers at the Yellowknife correctional centre is 16, broken down as follows: ten correctional officers, five administration staff; and one manager.

Return To Written Question 34-12(3): Timing Of Rental Increase Under The Long-Term Staff Housing Strategy

I have a return to written question 34-12(3), asked by Mr. Patterson on March 25, 1993, to the Minister of Personnel, regarding the timing of rental increases under the long-term staff housing strategy.

The Department of Personnel does not intend to contravene the Residential Tenancies Act when implementing the rent increases scheduled for August 1, 1993. Currently, most tenants, with the exception of those who moved in after January 1, 1993, are considered to be on a month-to-month lease. The month-to-month lease states that the rent includes a flat rate charge for utilities.

Under the Residential Tenancies Act month-to-month leases are considered to be in force for an indefinite period and can only be amended with mutual consent. In order for a tenant to pay electrical costs directly to the supplier, a revised lease must be entered into. It is recognized that some tenants may not wish to replace their existing leases. In such cases, the government must continue to pay the full costs, such tenants will have to pay a flat rate for electricity that is equivalent to the average community consumption at the rate the government pays. These rates are much higher than the residential rates

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which tenants would be subject to if they paid their own electrical costs.

The rent notices which will be in tenant's hands before May 1, 1993, will notify tenants of their new rent. They will be told that the rent includes a charge for electricity that is based on average community consumption at commercial rates. An information package will be included with the rent notice. The package will describe how tenants can reduce their costs by voluntarily paying for electricity directly to the supplier. They will be notified that this will require them to sign a new lease.

Tenants who chose to take advantage of the opportunity for direct payment will simply pay the full rent stated in the rent notice. Those who choose to pay directly and sign a new lease will do so through mutual agreement with the landlord. The flat rate for electrical charges will then be deducted from the overall rent. While the Residential Tenancies Act prohibits more than one increase to any unit in a 12 month period, there is nothing to prohibit an agreement between the landlord and the tenant to decrease the rent in this fashion at any time.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER:

Thank you. Item 7, returns to written questions. Before we proceed to the next item, we will take a 15 minute break.

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MR. SPEAKER:

This session will come back to order. Item 9, petitions. Mr. Antoine.

MR. ANTOINE:

Mr. Speaker, we were not concluded with item 8, replies to opening address.

MR. SPEAKER:

I apologize. Item 8, replies to opening address. Mr. Antoine.

ITEM 8: REPLIES TO OPENING ADDRESS

MR. ANTOINE:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to make a reply to the opening address this afternoon. This is the first time I have had the chance to speak to this item since I was elected.

---Applause

Mahsi. I have thought long and hard about where I am going to focus my remarks, Mr. Speaker. I will probably come back and think about this later and say I should have said this or that. I have put some thoughts down on paper and it is important for me to spend some time talking about government, this government, public government, community government, government for the people.

Mr. Speaker, I have mentioned previously that the rules and procedures we follow in this House have sometimes seemed foreign and unusual to me. They are based on concepts which often do not seem to be consistent with myself as a Dene and the way we do things. I am getting used to working with this European parliamentary system, Mr. Speaker, but sometimes I still wonder about things.

What I wondered about today was the item on the order paper, return to opening address. Like other ordinary Members I am aware what this meant and in the past referred to the Commissioner's opening address. At the beginning of each session the Commissioner delivers an address which is supposed to tell the MLAs what the main business of the session is going to be. At the beginning of this session the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories delivered his address. He did not say very much, Mr. Speaker. Most of the comments were delivered by the Premier in her Minister's statement which she titled "getting down to business."

What I have been wondering about is this, in today's Legislative Assembly what is the significance of the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories. I do not mean this in any way as a personal comment on the work which has been done by Commissioner Dan

Norris personally, and I applaud the fact that after many years a respected northern aboriginal person was appointed as Commissioner.

What I am wondering about is the purpose of that position, Mr. Speaker. I am wondering if he is answerable to the Queen, the Premier, to the people of the Northwest Territories, to the communities, to the regional tribal councils, or is he answerable to people in Ottawa, such as Tom Siddon and Rick Van Loon. I am saying this because we in the Northwest Territories are presently dealing with some real contentious issues with the federal government, mainly the health billings dispute, and a great deal of federal off-loading which is going on. Many of the honourable Members have expressed concern in the House with regard to this.

To elaborate on the health billings dispute, Mr. Speaker, I feel that the people who the government are negotiating with in Ottawa are looking at the Commissioner as an employee. I have heard this comment in some of the discussions. That is why I am questioning this position. In other jurisdictions, I understand that the Governor General presides federally over the parliament of Canada and each province has a Lieutenant Governor, these individuals represent the Queen. I am told that she reigns over Great Britain and other countries of the British commonwealth. In the Northwest Territories we have a representative and I am questioning who he is representing, is it the Queen or the powers in Ottawa. I have some concerns about that, Mr. Speaker.

In talking about government, I want to mention that constitutional development in the Northwest Territories will be on the drawing board for the next few years until 1999 when Nunavut territory becomes a reality. Between now and that time we, as Members, in this House will have to do a great deal of work to develop the type of government which is going to be created as a result of division, in the western Northwest Territories. My main concern is that the people at the community level have to be involved from the beginning. I say this with all sincerity because at the present time there are different political groups who are involved. As political groups each group is interested in their own preservation. Because of this, the people at the community level might be overlooked. We have many people in the Northwest Territories who are very intelligent and aware of these sort of things, and they want to be involved. I want to make sure that somehow or another they get involved in the whole constitutional development process from the

beginning. That is very important, as far as I am concerned. As I mentioned, in the past, we have seen examples of where people at the community level were not

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involved in the constitutional development in Canada when the Meech Lake Accord and the Charlottetown Accord were defeated. My feeling is that the people who voted against these did not feel the ownership, they did not feel they were involved from the beginning. As a result this may have been the demise of these two constitutional development initiatives. I do not want to see that sort of situation develop in the north. We are at the very beginning of developing a new constitution. I have to stress the fact that I feel, somehow or another, we have to make sure that people in the Northwest Territories, everyone, is involved from the very beginning. We are developing and creating a future for them and I would like to feel that we are doing that with them rather than for them.

Mr. Speaker, much has been said about the new capital planning process. I support the fact that there is a great opportunity for community consultation in that process. However, the way the process works is that the list of prospective projects is established by people within departments before it goes to local governments. There seems to be very little room for communities to add on to the list once these lists have been developed. The capital planning process simply becomes the process of putting a priority on items which have already been preset. I say this from experience. Last year, when we went through the exercise for the first time, we received a list of priorities per community, and we had to number them one on. In some cases there were requests from communities that were made and they were not on the list. This is the reason why I say that. It is better than before, Mr. Speaker, but it is not good enough yet, for me, it needs to be worked on. It seems to me that the central government is making decisions and giving the community a choice. It seems to be left over from the past where things used to be done with a top down approach. I would like to mention that in the past in the days when there was the office of the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories, people were allowed to make some choices from a list of options. It is left over from those days that I am referring to.

A report called Strength at Two Levels was prepared and the working group who wrote that report said they

were trying to reshape government so it would eventually provide services in a more meaningful way. One of the things recommended was the consolidation of certain departments. Several of these consolidations have now been undertaken. So, we have a great deal of reshaping, but my feeling is that it is not leaning towards more meaningful government. It caused a great deal of confusion when that happened.

The corrections transfer as an example, community corrections specialists were transferred from one department to another but they did not know what the implications were going to be. The people they worked with were unclear about what the implications were going to be at the community level, and it seemed like no one from the government talked to them. They had many concerns but it is difficult to determine whether anyone listened to them at this point. The key stakeholders with interest in corrections should have been included in these discussions. To shape the government according to the wishes of the people is what we are talking about here.

People in my communities have wondered if there is going to be a shift in the philosophy within corrections at this point. It is very clear that people who go into careers in social services tend to have a certain way of looking at the world and they are used to working with people on a very humane and personal level. They tend to have human concerns first and they usually go into that line of work because people interest them and they have good skills for interacting with others. It seems for me that people who pursue careers dealing with law often do not have that same outlook in the corrections area. They seem to be more focused on the regulations and structural system, rather than people who make up the system. This is not always the case of course, but I think there is a great deal of evidence of these trends within the research that has been done on vocational attitudes.

When corrections was transferred, it was turned over to administrators with justice type mentalities. That caused some anxiety at the community level. People are questioning whether this will lead to major changes in community corrections programming. They wonder if the philosophy is going to change and, if so, who is going to decide on how it will change? So far, no one from Yellowknife has seemed to have taken the effort to check on these concerns, as far as I am concerned at this time. There is no attempt to take the time to communicate with communities about the corrections transfer, about what it means at the

local level and whether the basic service philosophy is going to change.

If there are going to be major changes in the shape of this government then there has to be better communication with the communities. Ultimately, the purpose of this government is to provide programs and services to people at the community level and the way the reshaping is going to happen has to be communicated to them before, during and after the transfer.

I would like to talk more about the process of consolidation, decentralization and community transfer. These are processes to which this government has made a commitment. Basically, I agree with the idea of decentralization. There are many benefits I see. It creates business opportunities at the community and regional levels, it helps more economic growth, and it opens career opportunities for people in the communities and regions who otherwise would not have that opportunity if decentralization did not occur.

For communities which are targeted to receive decentralization programs and services, it is a positive rather than a negative. Sometimes I wonder about the fact that not enough consideration is given to dealing with the very real personal concerns of headquarters people whose lives are disrupted by the decision to decentralize programs. Government devolution should not happen in a manner which abuses people. I am also aware that some communities have been left out when it comes to considering places to target decentralization or community transfer initiatives.

Mr. Speaker, communities like Trout Lake, Jean Marie River and Nahanni Butte are all going to need a higher level of awareness and greater coordination of community interest in order to make a strong presentation in favour of community transfer.

That makes me want to take a hard look at the territorial Department of Municipal and Community Affairs. The goals for this department indicate it is supposed to support the

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development of competent local governments and attractive, safe and health communities. They are supposed to emphasize training. They are supposed to establish a two week communication flow between the GNWT and communities. I do not think they have

accomplished any of these, in some cases, Mr. Speaker, and I do not know why they have not done their work properly. I do not know what is wrong with the department. Perhaps the problem starts at the top with a lack of enthusiasm for demonstrating an approach to leadership in that department.

Clearly, something is wrong because when I go to Nahanni Butte, little children tell me they do not want to drink the water because it is yellow and it stinks. When I go into other communities I hear that municipal facilities are not adequate and that people are yearning for more training to take on important roles with their local governments. When these issues are raised in the house, the Minister responds to generalities and at times takes questions as notice.

To address the problems which plague our communities, government departments are going to have to do more than simply deliver programs. They are going to have to take a developmental approach. They are going to have to take a human resource approach to meeting community needs. They are not doing it now, Mr. Speaker, they are using a philosophy which still reflects the days of Commissioner Hodgson. The days when Ottawa did things because it seemed to be good government, instead of being aimed at meeting the needs of the people.

Mr. Speaker, I feel that the Department of Health needs to focus more on human resources too. During the public hearings on the comprehensive health audit, I made a presentation which expressed my dismay and concern over the totally inadequate job that the department has done in hiring aboriginal people within the health system. I want to point out that for years the territorial government has blamed its failure to promote career development on the education system. This idea of passing the buck to the Department of Education and to our schools in the communities is an old trick and just a way of avoiding accountability.

Mr. Speaker, the Department of Health should realize that it is a part of the education system. If the department has been unable to increase the number of managers and health professionals, then the department should be the place where the motivation to change is coming from. It is time for the department to start taking a pro-active approach to supporting skill development and training that will enable aboriginal people to take their rightful place in the administration and delivery of health services. It is time for them to stop sitting back and waiting for the

school system to turn out graduates that the health officials regard as good enough to join their club. Brochures will not do it.

Blaming aboriginal people for high dropout rates at community schools will not do it either. The department's human resource division should take a whole new approach. It should get out into the communities and identify people, youth, young adults and elders who are interested in health. It should develop individualized training programs which give them access to the courses and support to assist the need to broaden the skills they already have. There can be an increase in the number of aboriginal people in the health system, but it will not happen unless departmental officials get out of their comfortable offices in Centre Square tower and reach out proactively to the communities.

In making that point, I want to say how happy I am that a new nursing diploma program will be started this fall. Again, though, both the Department of Health and Arctic College are going to have to stay carefully attuned to what the communities want. They are going to have to consult widely on program content and they are going to have to make sure that appropriate efforts have been made to attract aboriginal people into this program and that these promotional efforts are well planned. Again, to my way of thinking, this has not been happening.

This system of government has started out entirely wrong. It is a system that is more interested in governing than it is in meeting the needs of the people. As we look back over our history, I think it is important to pinpoint one or two significant moments.

I would like to refer to an incident which I became aware of which occurred, I understand, in 1977 and was labelled the Baker Lake affair. I understand a group of consultants stumbled into a controversy when they were attempting to run the community development workshops in the Keewatin. Their approach was to develop a type of workshop that was aimed at empowering people, an approach that had been modified from work on community development at the University of Chicago. One of the main sources for this work was the writings of a sociologist. The philosophy was to teach people a way of more independent thinking and to give them an approach for representing that thinking in a forceful way to authority figures. It was a philosophy that encouraged people to draw on the strengths of their heritage and their collective know-how and it gave them the tools to access peaceful radicals in bringing their concerns

forward. The controversy occurred when the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories, Stuart Hodgson, found out about this and would not allow the workshop to go ahead. Instead, a model of guided democracy was imposed from the Commissioner's office at that time. Even the name "guided democracy" sounds manipulative. Their approach was aimed at giving the people the structure to work within, a style of government that they had to accept if they wanted to meet basic needs.

Mr. Speaker, I consider that to be a shameful incident from our past and one which created implications that have stayed with us through the years. The government of the day, the federal government, the Commissioner, should have been helping the people toward a more intellectual awakening. It should have been assisting communities to get in touch with their own roots. Instead, they were teaching them to accept Canadian models of civics.

Around the same time we were also struggling with community development here in the west, and actually, I felt that we made some progress, but it seems that every time we would start closing in on our larger goals, funding would be cut off. The same thing, to a large degree, is still happening today.

The result of these historical patterns has been that we are left with a highly structured government that simply did not match

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the character of the people. It was not tied in closely enough with the communities in which people live.

We can try to address that now through constitutional development and reform and by reshaping northern government, but all I tend to hear about in this House revolves around structures and organizational procedures. You can transfer a division of any department to any community but that does not make it make it reflect the Dene or Inuit way.

All of our focus on government reshaping seems to focus only on changing the structure of government. You very rarely hear about the changes that are necessary in terms of outlook, in terms of philosophy or in terms of public service attitudes. These are what will really reshape northern government, Mr. Speaker. We need more fresh thinking, we need more sensitivity to the communities' struggle and we need more recognition of traditional knowledge and the

strength that comes from our heritage as aboriginal people. Perhaps the government should consider building a system of community development workers. This comes close to one of the recommendations in the 11th Assembly SCONE report.

The bottom line and the highest priority must come together. Both of them should be aimed at assisting the development of the people's skills at the community level. We must embark on a process of empowering communities. This has to be done through a human resource approach. You can give a community fire trucks, hydro plants, a list of capital projects to prioritize and hockey rinks, but you must work with the people.

We have to forget about guided democracy and allow our system of government to emerge from the grass roots. Much has been said during this session about the consensus government, Mr. Speaker, but I must say, as an aboriginal person, this is the best form of government that we have up here. I have been in the south and have seen the party system, and I agree that we are fortunate up here that we do not have the party system, and this consensus government is an aboriginal form of government and it reflects the way things are done in the north. In the party system it is difficult to represent the people right at the grass roots level, at the community level. In the consensus government, we are able to all sit together and able to discuss things. The reason why we are here is to represent the people and because of that I agree that consensus government at this point is a good form of government for us in the north. The parliamentary structure, however, is the foundation that it sits on. I would like to relate it to starting a building, the Government of the Northwest Territories, many years ago. The foundation was square. Once we finished the foundation we realized that we wanted a traditional model so we built a teepee or an igloo, both of which are circular. I think that is the kind of a building that we have at this time, Mr. Speaker, and sometimes it works and sometimes it does not, but that is the best we have up here in the north.

This has always been a land of harmony and a land where the structures of government matched the people rather than making the people match a system of government. Dene and Inuit were governing themselves long before there was a Legislative Assembly, long before there was a Commissioner of the Northwest Territories and long before there was even a

Canada. It is time we recognized that and allow a true reshaping of northern government to take place.

Mr. Speaker, before I conclude, I would like to touch on a few constituency matters and concerns.

People in Nahendeh have expressed a great appreciation in Fort Simpson for the grade extension to Grade 12. In Fort Simpson, we consider the first graduation ceremony on June 5-6 to be an historical occasion for us, and we hope to have many more of these over the years. I would like to invite all honourable Members to attend, if possible, to share this special day with the students, parents and teachers in the community of Fort Simpson.

Mr. Speaker, I am also very pleased about some of the infrastructure that is going into the northern part of my constituency in the Wrigley area where the highway is being constructed and a bridge is being built. This will provide some employment opportunities, at least for a short time, and will open up new transportation capabilities that will benefit the whole region. Mr. Speaker, I would like to suggest that the highway be continued down the Mackenzie Valley. One of the suggestions I have heard is that many years ago in my constituency there was a program called hire north program where local people were hired and a major part of the highways in my constituency were built by northern people in this hire north program. The suggestion is to go back to that program and inch our way up north year by year, and at least that is something that we will eventually accomplish. We are eager to see the continuation of this highway down the Mackenzie Valley, Mr. Speaker, and I would encourage the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism to provide a program similar to hire north as a means of hiring local people to build the road. I believe that the decision to complete this road extension could be a gesture from the Government of the Northwest Territories to show that it has been listening to the people of the Mackenzie communities.

Finally, I continue to be concerned about the administration of alcohol and drug programs and about the Department of Health. In both cases, I think it is clear that the bureaucracy is resistant to listening to the people it serves and to respecting the fact that skill and knowledgeable field work occurs in the field. I hope over the next few months the Honourable Rebecca Mike will be able to take corrective action knowing she has full Cabinet support for the decisions which have to be made.

Mr. Speaker, this concludes my comments this afternoon. I would like to wish all my honourable colleagues and their

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families a safe and good summer. I look forward to staying in touch with each of you and to meeting with you in the fall in our new Legislative Assembly building. Mr. Speaker, I will see you at the next Commissioner's opening address. Mahsi cho.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you, Mr. Antoine. Item 8, replies to opening address. Item 9, petitions. Item 10, reports of standing and special committees. Item 11, reports of committees on the review of bills. Item 12, tabling of documents. Mr. Patterson.

ITEM 12: TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

MR. PATTERSON:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to table Tabled Document 136-12(3), a letter published in the Nunatsiaq News dated February 28, 1993, from Dr. William Fitzhugh, director of Arctic Studies Centre of the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC, entitled "Iqaluit lost more than museum extension." Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 12, tabling of documents. Mr. Allooloo.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have three documents to table. Tabled Document 137-12(3), Proposed Bill, An Act to Amend the Cities, Towns and Villages Act.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to table the following document. Tabled Document 138-12(3), Proposed Bill, An Act to Amend the Hamlets Act.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, I wish to table the following document. Tabled Document 139-12(3), Proposed Bill, An Act to Amend the Charter Communities Act. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 12, tabling of documents. Mr. Antoine.

MR. ANTOINE:

Mr. Speaker, I was recovering from my maiden speech in replies to opening address, and I would like to see unanimous consent to return to petitions, please.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

REVERT BACK TO ITEM 9: PETITIONS

MR. ANTOINE:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have three different petitions. The first petition, Petition 15-12(3), is one which the Minister of Transportation should take notice of. The people of Fort Simpson hereby petition the Government of the Northwest Territories to fund the paving of the highway from the Liard River ferry crossing to Fort Simpson. There are 136 signatures on this petition.

Petition 16-12(3) is from the hamlet of Fort Liard dealing with violence against women and children. This contains 118 signatures and reads as follows, "Offenders committing acts against women and children in the Northwest Territories should be held responsible for the abusive behaviour through mandatory treatment provided by the justice system."

Petition 17-12(3) is regarding the fact that the Fort Liard detachment is supposed to have three members. They currently have one member in the community and the second member should be in the community by the beginning of January. The territorial government reduced funding to the RCMP for the fiscal period. The staffing section of the RCMP determined Fort Liard did not require three members. There are 75 signatures on this petition. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you, Mr. Antoine. Item 9, petitions. We will return to Item 12, tabling of documents. Mr. Arvaluk.

ITEM 12: TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

MR. ARVALUK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to table the following document. Tabled Document 140-12(3), a

copy of a letter which was provided to me by Mr. Peter Kriqalilik, chairman of the Keewatin divisional board of education. The original correspondence was forwarded to the Minister responsible for Education, Culture and Employment Programs and deals with concerns regarding board autonomy. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 12, tabling of documents. Mr. Pollard.

HON. JOHN POLLARD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to section 32(3) of the Financial Administration Act, I wish to table the following document. Tabled Document 141-12(3) a list of funds transferred exceeding \$250,000 for the period November 20, 1992 to March 15, 1993. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 12, tabling of documents. Mr. Kakfwi.

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to table the following document. Tabled Document 142-12(3), Proposed Bill, Personal Property Security Act. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 12, tabling of documents. Item 13, notices of motion. Mr. Kakfwi.

ITEM 13: NOTICES OF MOTION

Motion 32-12(3): Personal Property Security Act Referred To The Standing Committee On Legislation

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Monday, April 5, 1993, I shall move the following motion.

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I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Nunakput, that Tabled Document 142-12(3), Proposed Bill, Personal Property Security Act, be referred to the Standing Committee on Legislation for review. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 13, notices of motion. Mr. Alloo.oo.

Motion 33-12(3): Cities, Towns And Villages Act, Hamlets Act, And Charter Communities Act Referred To The Standing Committee On Legislation

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Monday, April 5, 1993, I shall move the following motion.

I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Hay River, that Tabled Document 137-12(3), Proposed Bill, An Act to Amend the Cities, Towns and Villages Act, and Tabled Document 138-12(3), Proposed Bill, An Act to Amend the Hamlets Act, and Tabled Document 139-12(3), Proposed Bill, An Act to Amend the Charter Communities Act, be referred to the Standing Committee on Legislation for review.

Mr. Speaker, at the appropriate time today, I will be seeking unanimous consent to move my motion.

MR. SPEAKER:

Item 13, notices of motion. Item 14, notices of motions for first reading of bills. Item 15, motions. Motion 30-12(3): Proposed Amendment to Partnership Act Referred to the Standing Committee on Legislation. Mr. Kakfwi. Item 15, motions. Motion 30-12(3), Proposed amendments to Partnership Act referred to the Standing Committee on Legislation. Mr. Kakfwi, do you wish to deal with it today or tomorrow? Mr. Kakfwi.

ITEM 15: MOTIONS

Motion 30-12(3): Proposed Amendment To Partnership Act Referred To the Standing Committee On Legislation

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:

Mr. Speaker, I would like to proceed with my motion.

WHEREAS, a proposed bill to amend the Partnership Act was tabled on March 24, 1993;

AND WHEREAS, this session of the Legislative Assembly is due to prorogue when the business is concluded;

AND WHEREAS, it is important to permit public discussion on the proposed amendment to the Partnership Act;

THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the honourable Member for Nunakput that Tabled Document 118-12(3), proposed bill An Act to Amend the Partnership Act, be referred to the Standing Committee on Legislation for review. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

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.

---Carried

The proposed amendment to Partnership Act will be referred to the Standing Committee on Legislation. Item 15, motions. Mr. Allooloo.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I seek unanimous consent to deal with my motion.

MR. SPEAKER:

The chair does not have a typed and translated copy of the motion. I am sorry, Mr. Allooloo. Item 15, motions. Item 16, first reading of bills. Item 17, second reading of bills. Mr. Pollard.

ITEM 17: SECOND READING OF BILLS

Bill 26: An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act, No. 2

HON. JOHN POLLARD:

Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Nunakput, that Bill 26, An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act, No. 2, be read for the second time. Mr. Speaker, this bill would amend the Income Tax Act to provide a refundable income tax credit in respect to individual income taxes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

The motion is in order, Mr. Pollard. 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 26, An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act, No. 2 has had second reading and accordingly the bill stands referred to a committee. Item 17, second reading of bills. Mr. Pollard.

Bill 27: Payroll Tax Act, 1993

HON. JOHN POLLARD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Baffin Central that Bill 27, Payroll Tax Act, 1993, be read for the second time. Mr. Speaker, this bill would impose a tax on employees who work in the Northwest Territories of one per cent of the employee's remuneration; require employers to collect the tax and remit it to the Minister; require employers to submit periodic returns to the Minister with respect to the tax; require employers to keep books and records with respect to the tax. It would allow audits of the books and records; allow for the assessment of taxes, penalties and interest; establish an appeal process; set out procedures to administer and enforce the act; establish offenses and penalties for non-compliance with the act; and would set out certain regulation-making powers. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Pollard, the 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 27, Payroll Tax Act, 1993 has had second reading and accordingly the bill stands referred to a committee. Item 18, consideration in committee of the whole of bills and other matters; Tabled Document

2-12(3), The Justice House - Report of the Special Advisor on Gender Equality; Tabled Document 19-12(3), 1992 Master Plan for Corrections Service Division; Bill 25, Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 1, 1993-94; Committee Report 10-12(3), Report on Tabled Document 21-12(3): Payroll Tax Act; Committee Report 19-12(3), Report on Revision of the Rules, with Mr. Whitford in the chair. The

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committee will stay in session until they report themselves out of session. Thank you.

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

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

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

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL:

Mr. Chairman, we would like to address Bill 25, Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 1, 1993-94, and if we get concluded, we would like to consider Committee Report 19-12(3), Report on the Revision of the Rules. If we are able to address those, we would like to address Tabled Document 19-12(3), 1992 Master Plan for Corrections Service Division. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Thank you, Mrs. Marie-Jewell. Is the committee agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

Bill 25: Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 1, 1993-94

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Thank you. We will deal with Bill 25, Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 1, 1993-94. Is the Minister prepared to present his opening comments. Mr. Pollard.

Introductory Comments

HON. JOHN POLLARD:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 1, 1993-94, requests authority for additional appropriations of \$9.829 million. This supplementary appropriation consists of additional appropriations in the amount of \$8.660 million in operations and maintenance and \$1.169 million in capital. In O and M the most significant amounts are for funding the costs of the decentralization of various government functions from headquarters to communities as announced by Madam Premier in June, 1992. There are one time O and M costs of \$2.443 million and ongoing O and M costs of \$1 million.

The one time costs include \$1.077 million in the Department responsible for Education, Culture and Employment Programs to provide training courses in six communities through Arctic College, also to prepare about 70 students for decentralized positions where we do not expect the present incumbent to move, and for the public service career training program to provide senior level training opportunities for affirmative action candidates for positions which have been decentralized. The one time costs also include recruitment and removal costs, the installation of telecommunications, the redesign and modification of various computer systems, and the cost of running parallel systems for a period of time.

The ongoing costs include office and housing costs and increase in employee benefits costs. A \$5 million supplementary appropriation reserve has been established in the 1993-94 fiscal framework for the cost of decentralization.

Mr. Chairman, in Health, additional funding of \$1.379 million for medical care programs and \$712,000 for the implementation of new phases of the strategy for the prevention of HIV infection. Also included is an amount of \$542,000 for the increased requirements of regional health boards.

In Social Services, additional funding of \$854,000 is required to address a deficiency in the social assistance and child welfare programs being delivered by the town of Iqaluit. This deficiency was recognized last year but it was too late to include in the 1993-94 Main Estimates.

In capital there is a total of \$1.788 million in one time costs pertaining to the decentralization initiatives. These costs include a provision of \$972,000 for office improvements, \$476,000 to furnish 42 additional housing units, and \$340,000 for computer hardware upgrades.

There is also funding, Mr. Chairman, of \$1.735 million for the replacement of the school which burned down in Apex; funding of \$690,000 for the Trout Lake community assembly and school building; funding of \$200,000 to meet the additional costs of the Sachs Harbour school renovation project; and \$435,000 for renovations to the hamlet office and fire hall in Whale Cove. These supplementary appropriations are within the estimated supplementary requirements for the year as shown in the summary of projected revenues and expenditures. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Thank you, Mr. Pollard. Is the chairman of the Standing Committee on Finance prepared to make his report? Mr. Antoine.

Comments By Standing Committee On Finance

MR. ANTOINE:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Standing Committee on Finance reviewed Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 1, at its meeting in Yellowknife on March 29 and 30. The standing committee was pleased that the Minister of Finance and his staff were available to answer questions at that time. During our meeting on March 30, the committee agreed to recommend this bill to the House for consideration. However, the committee had several concerns with this bill, and as has been the practice, I will speak to the major issues.

Members of the committee may have comments on the details of this bill when we go through it in committee of the whole. This request for supplementary funding raises questions about the government's overall operation budgeting process. The Standing Committee on Finance is alarmed at the volume of funding requirements that are unknown at the time when the main estimates are being prepared. The committee also wonders why the government does not have more accurate means of forecasting the total amount of anticipated expenditures. The committee is of the opinion that the government should develop methods which are capable of accurately forecasting total annual funding requirements. This should be a high priority.

The Standing Committee on Finance expressed their dissatisfaction with the planning and implementation of the community transfer initiative in its report on the 1993-94 Main Estimates. The committee now questions why funding for this important initiative is being requested through a supplementary

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appropriation. The government should be able to structure its major initiatives more effectively. The committee expects to see well thought out plans which take into account the uniqueness of the north with respect to major strategies such as the prevention of HIV infection. The standing committee suggests that the government explore the possibility of accessing federal government funds to support the implementation of this strategy.

The Standing Committee on Finance supports the government's decentralization initiative, however, the committee has some concerns about its implementation. Specifically, the committee is worried that the total costs associated with the decentralization initiative may be escalating beyond what is originally anticipated. Escalating costs are particularly worrisome during this time of economic recession. The standing committee also questioned how some of the expenditures proposed in the supplementary appropriation relate to stated government strategy or policy. Specifically, the committee was dismayed by the request for a large appropriation to provide furniture for staff housing. This expenditure is proposed, at the same time, when the government is announcing plans to discontinue the provision of housing to staff.

Government strategies and policies do not appear to be in line with proposed expenditures.

The Standing Committee on Finance recognizes the difficulties facing the government in terms of its attempt to balance the budget. The committee will continue to support the achievement of this goal. Mahsi.

Department Of Executive

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Thank you, Mr. Antoine. Are there any general comments? Executive, operations and maintenance, not previously authorized, Executive Council Secretariat, \$500,000.

Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Regional operations, negative \$19,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

Department Of Finance

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Finance, operations and maintenance, not previously authorized, Financial Management Board Secretariat, \$200,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

Department Of Personnel

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Personnel, operations and maintenance, not previously authorized, directorate, negative \$57,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Staffing, \$167,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Employee benefits, \$392,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Total department, \$502,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Total department, Executive, \$481,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Total department, Finance, \$200,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

Department Of Government Services And Public Works

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Government Services and Public Works, operations and maintenance, not previously authorized, accommodation services, \$725,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Systems and computer services, \$220,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Total department, \$945,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

Department Of Renewable Resources

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Renewable Resources, operations and maintenance, not previously authorized, wildlife management, \$335,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Field operations. Mr. Koe.

MR. KOE:

Is the \$335,000 for local hunters and trappers groups, or is it for our national lobby organizations? I see that CITES is included. Can the Minister indicate where most of this money has gone to? Has it been spent locally in support of local wildlife management groups, community hunters and trappers groups or is most of it spent nationally and internationally hiring lawyers and experts in different fields.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Thank you, Mr. Koe. Mr. Minister.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is for local hunters' and trappers' associations to deal with 12 separate populations of polar bears. It was cost shared by the federal environment and our government to establish management plans for five of the 12 polar bear population areas. It is for the local communities and local hunters' and trappers' associations to come together to draw up a management plan for their particular area. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. Koe.

MR. KOE:

I am concerned about this \$335,000. You have stated that it is for polar bears. If my history is correct, polar bears are basically in the Inuit communities. I am not trying to demean the significance of polar bear hunting, but throughout the year we have asked for support for trappers in the interior. They have had a poor season and they wanted some trapper support programs to offset the lost revenues this year. I do not see any amount of money asked for helping Dene trappers in the western Arctic for the type of year we had. Yet, here we are spending \$335,000, not previously authorized, on polar bear research. I am a little concerned about the seeming imbalance here.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Thank you, Mr. Koe. Mr. Minister.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There was a concern raised by international communities that polar bear trade for the Northwest Territories relating to the Inuit is approximately a \$1 million economic benefit to the Inuit. There is an international agreement of which Canada is part of the signatory, a member for the Convention of International Trade in Endangered Species. Polar bear is on schedule two of the endangered species list which requires that the animal population be monitored and managed to justify harvesting. We have to justify harvesting if we are to have these polar bears. If CITES is not confident that management is exercised then they move the species to schedule one, which prohibits international trade by signatory countries in that particular species. This would mean that sport hunters could not take polar bear furs out of Canada, therefore the economic value of polar bears to communities would decline drastically.

As I mentioned earlier, Mr. Chairman, five of the 12 polar bear populations are declining from over harvesting. Current information on population statistics to date is expected in six of the areas. Therefore, funding is required to establish a 20 year rotation inventory on polar bear populations. As a result, the local management agreements are developed to ensure public input and participation in decisions regarding management, such as setting quotas of polar bear populations.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Thank you, Mr. Allooloo. Mr. Koe.

MR. KOE:

Thank you. You mention there are 12 management zones that the \$335,000 has gone to. Can the Minister provide the details of the amounts which have gone to each zone, where this \$335,000 has gone to, for the record?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Thank you, Mr. Koe. Minister Allooloo.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I do not have that information readily available to me. It starts about Holman Island, Tuktoyaktuk, that area as being one particular zone. There is another zone including the Coppermine and Cambridge Bay area. There is another zone including Spence Bay, Gjoa Haven and Pelly Bay. There is a big area of Foxe Basin including Hudson Bay down to Churchill, all the Keewatin communities and parts of Baffin communities including Igloodik, Hall Beach and Cape Dorset. There is another zone Iqaluit and parts of Lake Harbour and Pangnirtung. There is another zone including Pangnirtung, Broughton Island and parts of Clyde River. There is another zone including Clyde River, Pond Inlet, Arctic Bay area. There is another zone including Pond Inlet, Arctic Bay, Nanisivik, Resolute Bay and Grise Fiord area. We have been able to come up with a management zone for parts of the western Arctic including Holman Island, Sachs Harbour, Tuktoyaktuk and Paulatuk. Also, there is another management zone we were able to achieve between Coppermine and Cambridge Bay, Qingaut and Umingkitoak. We are able to achieve the management zone in Pond Inlet, Arctic Bay, Nanisivik, Resolute and Grise Fiord. Now, we are working between Clyde River, Broughton Island and Pangnirtung. As well, we are working with all the communities in the Hudson Bay and Foxe Basin at this particular time. The majority of the funds we will expend will be in the Hudson Bay and Foxe Basin area. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Thank you. Mr. Koe.

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MR. KOE:

I am very aware of the significance and the impact that the polar bear hunting and harvesting has on the north and I support the work. My concern is there is \$335,000 in addition to, I assume, a certain portion of \$3.559 million which has been approved is also used for polar bear work to support these management groups. Polar bear research, the endangered species, the concerns of international wildlife groups and the work we are doing in CITES, this is not new. This has been going on for years, so why could the department not incorporate that in their budgets rather than already coming back in a supp?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Thank you, Mr. Koe. Minister Allooloo.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Including the communities, there is a new area. The Government of Canada and the Government of the Northwest Territories, in terms of polar bear management, have never asked the communities how they would like to see their polar bears managed. In 1988, when I started visiting the communities, residents raised concerns that they were not part of the decision-making body in 1968 when the Government of Canada imposed a quota system to all the polar bear populated communities.

It is a fairly new initiative for our government to include communities and regional hunters and trappers. So, it is a new area that we are getting into. We are trying to use traditional knowledge to come up with a plan that would be acceptable to international communities, and at the same time allow our hunters and trappers to harvest polar bears which, to us at the present time, are not endangered. It could still be at schedule two of the CITES agreement. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Thank you, Minister Allooloo. Mr. Koe.

MR. KOE:

The point I am trying to make is I know this is a new initiative, or you are saying it is a new initiative, but this has been with us for some time. I am just wondering why. This amount of money, in terms of percentages, is very insignificant in terms of the \$1 billion budget. Could this not have been budgeted for in November when the budget book was put together. I am just wondering why we could not have foreseen or forecasted this type of expenditure previously

rather than coming in for a supplementary at this stage.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Thank you, Mr. Koe. Mr. Allooloo.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO:

Mr. Chairman, in our initial planning we thought the Hudson Bay area, including Foxe Basin, was not going to be that keen to come up with a plan. When we initially visited those communities there was so much interest by those communities to be part of a decision-making body to come up with a management plan for polar bears. That happened last spring. They want to do this. We thought the Hudson Bay communities and the Foxe Basin communities would not want to do this until the following year, but they were interested and we did not have time to put it into our budget this year. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Thank you, honourable Member for Amittuq. Mr. Koe.

MR. KOE:

You mention they were aware of it last spring and so again my point is that the Department had time.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Thank you, Mr. Koe. General comments. Management, \$335,000.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

--Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Field operations, \$19,000.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

--Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Forest fire management, \$100,000. Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, this amount requested is in addition to the \$190,000 in the supp that we approved yesterday. I am just trying to get clarification for the record. The \$190,000 was for the forest management review from November until the end of March, so is this \$100,00 for the funds that are required for April to conclude the review in May? Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Thank you, Mrs. Marie-Jewell. Mr. Minister. Microphone, Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

---Recording difficulties

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Mr. Minister.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO:

That is correct.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL:

Thank you. Mr. Chairman, it is now the first part of April, does the Minister have any idea when this review will be concluded? Can he give us a specific date or a time frame? Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Thank you, Mrs. Marie-Jewell. Mr. Minister.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO:

The end of May.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL:

Mr. Chairman, I asked the Minister in November or December if he could make a concerted effort to try to conclude this prior to the end of May, I asked him in February, and now it seems it cannot be done before the end of May. Does he foresee the possibility of construction of the hangar base, which is the reason

for this review, before the end of 1993? Can he see the construction phase starting before the end of 1993? Thank you.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Thank you, Mrs. Marie-Jewell. Mr. Minister.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think what we are going to see before the end of 1993 is the plan that will tell us what sort of facilities should be built in Fort Smith. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL:

The Minister is making it fairly clear that there is no possible way, once the review is completed at the end of May, that they can start any type of construction toward this facility before the end of 1993.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Thank you, Mrs. Marie-Jewell. Mr. Minister.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I wish we could be in the position before the end of 1993 to start the construction. I am doubtful, although it is still a possibility, that construction will start before the end of 1993. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL:

Mr. Chairman, in Fort Smith we are fortunate that we have got a longer construction season compared to many other areas in the Northwest Territories. I would like to ask the Minister if he would make a commitment to ensure that he can get more than just a plan with respect to this hangar base. Will he make a commitment to ensure that they start at least with the groundwork on the construction of this particular facility? Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Thank you, Mrs. Marie-Jewell. Mr. Minister.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I wish I could make a commitment that we will start the construction. We will try our best to start preparation work, at least for the foundation, if we can. I cannot commit this government without going back to Cabinet for that type of thing. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL:

Mr. Chairman, besides going back to Cabinet, what is preventing the Minister from making such a commitment in the House?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Thank you, Mrs. Marie-Jewell. Mr. Minister.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. At the present time we do not know what kind of facilities will be constructed in Fort Smith. We could visualize or have a vision of how the facility is going to look but at the present time we do not know how big it is going to be, what sort of equipment will be needed to maintain aircraft and that sort of thing, and I do not know at the present time how much preparation in terms of planning is required to start construction. That is why

I cannot make a commitment at the present time that we will definitely start construction before the end of 1993. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL:

Mr. Chairman, the report will be concluded at the end of May. The Minister intends to attempt to address this issue as soon as he can with regard to the planning. It is my understanding you are not going to be looking at capital dollars from the Department. Those capital dollars will be coming from other areas but not from the Department of Renewable Resources, so can the Minister look at making a commitment to allow groups to proceed with the

construction of the particular facility that is going to be needed? Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Thank you, Mrs. Marie-Jewell. Mr. Allooloo.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I wish I could say that today that we could commit ourselves that the construction will start before 1993. Mr. Chairman, again I do not know how much preparation work has to be done in terms of planning, before construction. When we are ready, we will try our best to meet the Member's request. If we are able to start construction, we will start construction before the end of 1993.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Thank you, Mr. Minister. Before you proceed, Mrs. Marie-Jewell, I will caution Members that the override is not working on the chairman or the Speaker's microphone. Unless you turn off your microphone it stays on and Hansard will be recording your comments. Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If another group is willing to construct this facility and the capital dollars are not to be coming out of Renewable Resources, and its report is concluded by the end of May, what I am asking the Minister is will he not be able to make a commitment to allow for the construction of that facility to go ahead? Can he not make that commitment? Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Thank you, Mrs. Marie-Jewell. Mr. Allooloo.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, I could make a commitment that everything that has to be done for planning and design will be completed, and as soon as possible we will start construction.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Thank you, Minister Allooloo. Forest fire management, \$100,000.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Total department, \$454,000.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

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Department Of Municipal And Community Affairs

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Municipal and Community Affairs. Not previously authorized, sport and recreation, \$210,000.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Total department, \$210,000.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

Department Of Health

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Department of Health. Operations and maintenance, not previously authorized, administration, \$1.157 million. Mr. Koe.

MR. KOE:

How much of this is cost shared or cost recoverable from the feds under the national AIDS strategy, or is any of it cost shared or cost recoverable?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Thank you, Mr. Koe. Minister of Finance.

HON. JOHN POLLARD:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We are investigating if any of these funds would be recoverable from the federal government under one of the programs they are running. That was a suggestion from the Standing Committee on Finance, and the department is looking at that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Thank you, Minister of Finance. Administration, \$1.157 million.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Territorial hospital insurance services, \$1.151 million.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Medical care plan, \$1.629 million.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Medical travel, (\$201,000).

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Total department, \$3.736 million.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

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Department Of Social Services

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Department of Social Services. Operations and maintenance, not previously authorized, family and children's services, (\$2.392 million). Mr. Ningark.

MR. NINGARK:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. When will the Department responsible for Education, Culture and Employment Programs be taking over the child day care program, or has the department already taken over the program from the Department of Social Services? Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Thank you, Mr. Ningark. Madam Minister.

HON. REBECCA MIKE:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As of today.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Thank you. Family and children's services, (\$2.392 million).

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Community and family support services, \$809,000. Mr. Koe and then Mr. Arvaluk.

MR. KOE:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The item related to the town of Iqaluit in their contribution agreement, I assume is for the delivery of social service programs. Every year it seems we have a supplementary item in there. Can the Minister or someone advise as us to the total agreement or arrangement with the town of Iqaluit for the delivery of social service programs? What does it cost this government or what is the arrangement?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Thank you, Mr. Koe. Minister of Social Services.

HON. REBECCA MIKE:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It is over \$3 million.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Thank you, honourable Minister. Community and family support services, \$809,000. Mr. Arvaluk.

MR. ARVALUK:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Koe already asked the question I wanted to ask. However, over \$3 million means approximately the amount. Under \$4 million or over \$3 million is that what the Minister means, rather than over \$3 million means \$10 million?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Thank you, Mr. Arvaluk. Minister of Social Services.

HON. REBECCA MIKE:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It is \$3.380 million.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Thank you, Madam Minister. Community and family support services, \$809,000. Mr. Koe.

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MR. KOE:

A point on that same issue. When we talked about the initiatives, the delivery of social service programs in Iqaluit is always referred to as a model that one should look to when we are talking transfer of programs to communities. Can I get an indication from the Minister as to whether it is still a model that one should be looking at when we talk about community initiative transfers?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Thank you, Mr. Koe. Minister of Social Services.

HON. REBECCA MIKE:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It would not be advisable because this agreement is ten years old.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Thank you, Madam Minister. Community and family support services. Mr. Koe.

MR. KOE:

How much longer is that agreement for with the town of Iqaluit for the delivery of social services?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Thank you, Mr. Koe. Madam Minister.

HON. REBECCA MIKE:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It goes yearly. The agreement is good for one year at a time. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Thank you, Madam Minister. Community and family support services, \$809,000.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

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Department Of Economic Development And Tourism

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Department of Economic Development and Tourism, operations and maintenance, not previously authorized, business development, (\$412,000). Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Total department, (\$412,000). Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Return to page 14, Social Services, total department, (\$1.583 million). Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

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Department Of Education, Culture and Employment Programs

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Education, Culture and Employment Programs, operations and maintenance, not previously authorized, advanced education, \$4.127 million. Mr. Koe.

MR. KOE:

One of the items is to provide funding for Arctic College and public service career training program courses. Can the Minister advise as to what the public service career training program courses are?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Thank you, Mr. Koe. Mr. Minister.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:

Mr. Chairman, I cannot provide every one. Basically it is the training positions which have been identified for in-service training. I can provide the detail of all the positions. Nine positions have been identified in the public service training, in conjunction with those targeted at senior level positions which have been decentralized, four in Rankin Inlet, two in Fort Smith, and one in Iqaluit.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. Koe.

MR. KOE:

I hope there are more. If there are only nine senior positions that is over \$100,000 plus per position for training. I hope there is more involved than those. I know you have details. I would appreciate the details, not here, if you would table them at a later time, that would be appreciated.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Thank you, Mr. Koe. Mr. Pollard.

HON. JOHN POLLARD:

Mr. Chairman, it was my note which the Minister was reading. I neglected to tell him that two of them had not been assigned yet. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Thank you, Mr. Pollard. Mr. Nerysoo.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There are two aspects of this, and Arctic College is also included. Arctic College is sponsoring seven courses in six communities in 1993-94, the costs include instructor salaries, classroom space, equipment, student allowances, transportation, housing and day care. All courses will be completed by October, 1993. Enrolment is estimated as 70 students at the cost of \$784,000.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Thank you, Mr. Nerysoo. Advanced education, not previously authorized, \$4.127 million. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Total department, \$4.127 million. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

Department Of Personnel

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Personnel, capital, employee benefits, not previously authorized, \$1.143 million. Mr. Arvaluk and then Mr. Koe.

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MR. ARVALUK:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have been reading this over and over again, I am not sure what it says. Does it say, in order to avoid the extra removal costs we are buying furniture to furnish 53 staff housing units, to avoid paying over \$1,143, just in case we have to remove all of these furnishings owned by staff members who are moving out of the territories. Is that what we are trying to say here?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Thank you, Mr. Arvaluk. Mr. Pollard.

HON. JOHN POLLARD:

Mr. Chairman, the Department of Public Works has ascertained that it is cheaper to provide the furniture to these housing units than it is to bring peoples furniture in and out. The Standing Committee on Finance asked for an example and I have the example. I believe it is being delivered to the committee. We chose the example of off-highway Baffin Island, the average length of stay is 2.5 years, the average excludes employees not entitled to relocation or local hires. The figure I am going to give you is in 1992 dollars. It is furnished accommodation over ten years. The cost of furnishing the unit, \$12,844, the cost of removal of personal effects, \$26,474, for a total of \$39,318. As a note the furniture is shipped by sea lift and I believe the cost of that, Mr. Chairman, is 14 cents a pound. The cost of removal is based on the actual average cost, \$3,782, \$1.23 per pound by air multiplied by seven. Over the ten year period there would be four incoming moves and three outgoing, assuming the unit is allocated at all times.

Mr. Chairman, I will provide this in written form. If you look at unfurnished accommodation the weight entitlement for removal into unfurnished accommodation is 15,000 pounds. The average weight per move to a three bedroom unit is approximately 9,000. The cost of removal would be \$130,123 and the cost of removal at \$18,589 is based on the weight of the average move at air cargo rates of \$1.23 per pound multiplying this by seven moves results in a conservative estimate of \$130,000 over the ten year period. The department is estimating that for one housing unit it would cost \$9,000 per year or \$90,000 over the ten years if the housing were unfurnished, off the highway system. As I have said, Mr. Chairman, I will provide more details to the committee. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Thank you, Mr. Pollard. Mr. Arvaluk.

MR. ARVALUK:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I take it the answer to my question is yes. Furniture removal after termination of employment is included in the collective agreement for a person who is hired from outside of the community.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Thank you, Mr. Arvaluk. Mr. Pollard.

HON. JOHN POLLARD:

Mr. Chairman, yes it is in the collective agreement.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. Koe.

MR. KOE:

We have just gone through a fairly lengthy issue related to the new staff housing strategy where one of the intents of the new strategy is to get out of staff housing, and get out of providing housing with furnishings, and anything related to it. We are now spending money to buy furnishings for housing. This seem like a bit of an anomaly that on the one hand we are approving a new strategy and on the other hand we seem to support the status quo. I understand the economics of what we are doing, so I will support this one time expenditure only.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Thank you, Mr. Koe. Mr. Pollard.

HON. JOHN POLLARD:

Mr. Chairman, I see what the Member is getting at. Obviously, I am concerned about that too. Mr. Chairman, the housing strategy will still go ahead. Houses will be offered for sale, and where those houses are furnished then DPW has plans to attempt to sell the furniture along with the house. I would imagine that would be at an extra cost, Mr. Chairman. It will still fit into the housing strategy, but we will be selling a house with a future as opposed to a house that is vacant without a future. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Thank you, Minister of Finance. Mr. Koe.

MR. KOE:

Thank you. These are one time expenditures, I hope, once you furnish all these houses that is it, correct?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Thank you, Mr. Koe. Mr. Pollard.

HON. JOHN POLLARD:

Mr. Chairman, one time expenditures and according to the documents received from the Department of Public Works, they anticipate the furniture lasting at least ten years. It is a ten year expenditure and certainly will not be going on each year.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Thank you, Minister Pollard. Mr. Ningark.

MR. NINGARK:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. What happens in a case where the employee brought his or her own furniture and moved to a government staff house? Sometimes, freight costs more than the item. I wonder if the government ever considered actually buying the furniture before the employee moved south from the isolated community. The cost of freight is very substantial in the north. Sometimes it costs more for the freight to actually bring in the item. Does the government ever consider buying the furniture before the employee moves south, before the employee is removed? Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Thank you, Mr. Ningark. Minister of Finance, Mr. Pollard.

HON. JOHN POLLARD:

Mr. Chairman, I will certainly pass that on to the Minister of Personnel and the Minister of Public Works. It is a good idea. Whether they are using that idea at the present time I do not know, but certainly I will pass that on to them. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Thank you, Minister of Finance. Department of Personnel, employee benefits, \$1.143 million.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford): Total department, \$1.143 million.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

Department Of Government Services And Public Works

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Government Services and Public Works, capital not previously authorized, accommodation services, \$940,000. Mr. Arvaluk.

MR. ARVALUK:

I am sorry Mr. Chairman, I got a little excited here. This is "to provide funding for office tenant improvement for new office space related to the decentralization of various government functions from headquarters to communities." It does not feel very good if you come from the small communities and have been working there with a government staff house that they did not pay any attention to it and the crack was about half an inch high with no porch and the snow comes into the living room. As soon as decentralization takes place there are moving into the communities now to improve them where it was not important before for the local people. I cannot understand the attitude. Can someone explain that to me?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Thank you, Mr. Arvaluk. Minister of Finance, Mr. Pollard.

HON. JOHN POLLARD:

Mr. Chairman, this is in relation to the \$972,000, the second item in accommodation services. Am I correct?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

It is related to accommodation services, \$940,000. On page 18, second paragraph, "to provide funding for office tenant improvements."

HON. JOHN POLLARD:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I can read the details of where that money is proposed to be spent and what the requirements are in each of those communities, if you wish.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Thank you, Mr. Pollard. Mr. Arvaluk.

MR. ARVALUK:

Mr. Chairman, it would be fine if I received that on paper without him explaining it. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Thank you, Mr. Arvaluk. Minister of Finance, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Arvaluk said providing it in writing would be sufficient. Thank you.

HON. JOHN POLLARD:

Yes, Mr. Chairman, I will provide that.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Accommodation services, \$940,000.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Systems and computer services, \$340,000. Mr. Ningark.

MR. NINGARK:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We are talking about one jurisdictional system. I am wondering if each department has their own computers, or are they utilizing one department as in this case Government Services servicing the other departments. It would be more cost-effective. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Thank you, Mr. Ningark. Mr. Pollard.

HON. JOHN POLLARD:

Mr. Chairman, there is a mainframe system. Part of this money is for the HP Desk, electronic mail modems and the mainframe hook-ups in all the new locations. I think the Member has a point, and that is in all our government offices there just seems to be so many different kinds of computer systems. There are laptops, Macs, IBM compatibles, ones that you can hook together and ones you cannot hook together. That is the reason we are doing that informatics strategy and study to try and wrestle down this problem of how we communicate regionally, by inter-

office, and whether or not it is possible to put together a system that everyone can use that would still be compatible. That is being worked on this year, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Thank you, Mr. Pollard. Systems and computer services, \$340,000.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Total department, \$1.280 million.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

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Department Of Municipal And Community Affairs

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Municipal and Community Affairs, capital not previously authorized, community works and capital planning, (\$3.044) million. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Community planning, (\$25,000).

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Surveys and mapping, (\$50,000).

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Sports and recreation, (\$600,000).

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Total department, (\$3.719) million.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

Department Of Health

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Department of Health, capital, territorial hospital insurance services, (\$385,000).

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Total department, (\$385,000).

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

Department Of Economic Development And Tourism

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Economic Development and Tourism, capital, business development, \$225,000.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

That was not previously authorized. Total department, \$225,000.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

Department Of Education, Culture And Employment Programs

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Education, Culture and Employment Programs, capital, not previously authorized, schools, \$2.625 million.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Mr. Ningark.

MR. NINGARK:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In the project to replace the Apex school, is a gymnasium included in this building? Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Thank you, Mr. Ningark. Minister of Finance.

HON. JOHN POLLARD:

Mr. Chairman, in the \$1.735 million showing in this particular supplementary appropriation, the gymnasium is not included. FMB has given approval for extra funds to construct a gymnasium and that will be handled by special warrant as we get closer to the time it is going to go to tender, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Thank you, Mr. Minister. Schools, not previously authorized, \$2.625 million. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Total department, \$2.625 million. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

This concludes the detail. Are we ready to go clause by clause? Bill 25, Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 1, 1993-94. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

Clause By Clause

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Clause 1, agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Clause 2, agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Clause 3, agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Clause 4, agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Clause 5, agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Clause 6, agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Clause 7, agreed?

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SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Clause 8, agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Part one, vote 2, capital, total capital, \$1.169 million. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Part two, vote 1, operations and maintenance, total operations and maintenance, \$8.660 million. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Total supplementary appropriations in parts one and two, \$9.829 million. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

The bill as a whole. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Thank you. Does the committee agree that Bill 25, Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 1, 1993-94 is now ready for third reading. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Is it still the wish of the committee to proceed with Committee Report 19-12(3), Report on the Revision of the Rules. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

Committee Report 19-12(3): Report On The Revision Of The Rules

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Thank you. Mr. Zoe.

MR. ZOE:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Before I make any comments on our report which we read into the record yesterday, I want to bring Members attention to an error in yesterday's Hansard. It is on page 3667 with regard to rule 2(j)(ii). It should read that one of the privileges of Members is "freedom from arrests" in civil matters, not "freedom of arrests." The rules committee wanted to recognize that Members have freedom of speech and other rights, but we did not intend to start giving Members authority to arrest anyone. I wanted to make that correction in Hansard.

Mr. Chairman, the text of the report of the Standing Committee on Rules, Procedures and Privileges was read into the record of this House on March 31, 1993. I will make my comments very brief today.

The standing committee has recommended that the proposed revised rule book prepared by the standing committee be adopted by the House to take effect on the first sitting of the fourth session of the 12th Assembly. The standing committee has devoted a great deal of time and effort to its comprehensive revision of the rules. As previously reported the standing committee initially decided to conduct a comprehensive review of the rules at its first meeting during this Assembly, including a focus on eliminating grammatical inconsistencies and gender bias within the rules. As it proceeded with its review the standing committee came to the conclusion that the examination of the rules to simplify and clarify them would also be of benefit.

Following a process of thorough consultation with Members, the standing committee recommended to the House several areas where amendments might be made to improve the rules. Seven of the recommendations of the standing committee were adopted by the House. The Legislative Assembly agreed that these amendments along with revisions to simplify and clarify the rules and to eliminate grammatical inconsistencies and gender bias should be incorporated into the new rule book to be presented to the House. This rule book is now before all Members. The amendments approved by the Assembly, which required the addition of new rules, have been incorporated in rules 38, 59(4), 61, and 93(4) of the revised rule book, as well as directed by the Assembly, the standing committee has removed

the procedure whereby members of the public may introduce private bills to the Assembly while retaining the ability of ordinary Members to introduce both public and private bills.

As a recommendation of the standing committee with respect to the presentation of petitions was not accepted by the Assembly, the current procedure by which petitions may be presented only through a Member has not been changed. The standing committee has also clarified definitions used in the rules and has simplified the language and sentence structure of the rules to allow the meaning of the rules to be more clearly understood.

Mr. Chairman, I will pause here to allow any general comments on the new rule book.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Thank you, Mr. Zoe. Are there any comments on the Standing Committee on Rules, Procedures and Privileges report on the revision of the rules? Are there any general comments? Please proceed, Mr. Zoe.

MR. ZOE:

Mr. Chairman, since there are no comments, I would like to ask how the committee wishes to proceed with the proposed revised rule book. I would be pleased to present a motion to adopt the entire revised rule book, which could be

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deemed read or if the committee prefers we could go through the rules one by one.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

What is the wish of the committee? Mr. Dent.

MR. DENT:

Mr. Chairman, since the rules committee has already presented a report in which it outlined what the changes which were proposed to the present rules would be, which has had some discussion, I would recommend that we ask Mr. Zoe to proceed with a motion of adoption.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Thank you, Mr. Dent. Does the committee agree?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

The committee agrees. Mr. Zoe, please proceed with your motion.

MR. ZOE:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Does the committee agree that I should go ahead with my motion to adopt the entire revised rule book? I will make the following motion, Mr. Chairman. I would now like to introduce the recommendation of the committee in a motion form. Before I proceed with my motion, Mr. Chairman, and because my motion is lengthy, I would request that the 103 rules contained in the proposed revised rule book, which form part of my motion, be deemed read.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Is it agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Thank you. Mr. Zoe.

MR. ZOE:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Committee Motion 158-12(3): To Adopt Revised Rule Book To Be Effective On First Sitting Day Of Fourth Session Of The 12th Assembly

I move that this committee recommends that the following revised rule book be adopted by the Legislative Assembly and further that the revised rule book as adopted be effective on the first sitting day of the Fourth Session of the 12th Legislative Assembly.

General Rules

1(1) The proceedings in the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories and in all committees of the

Legislative Assembly shall be conducted according to these rules.

(2) In all cases not provided for in these rules or by other orders of the Assembly, the customs and procedures of this Assembly, the House of Commons and the provincial and territorial Legislatures shall be followed, so far as they apply to this Assembly.

2 In these rules:

- (a) "Assembly" means the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories;
- (b) "Clerk" means the Clerk of the Assembly;
- (c) "Hansard" means the edited official record of the Assembly proceedings;
- (d) "House" means the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories;
- (e) "Law Clerk" means the legal counsel to the Assembly;
- (f) "Minister" means a Member of the Executive Council of the Government of the Northwest Territories;
- (g) "Point of Order" means any departure from any written or unwritten rule or custom of this Assembly or of parliamentary tradition;
- (h) "Private Bills" means those bills related to matters of particular interest or benefit to a person or persons, corporation or municipality;
- (i) "Private Members' Bills" are public or private bills introduced by ordinary Members. Private Members' bills shall not involve the expenditure of public funds or the imposition of any tax;
- (j) "Privilege" means all of the privileges to which Legislatures and their Members are traditionally entitled.

The privileges of Members include:

- (i) freedom of speech;
- (ii) freedom from arrest in civil matters;
- (iii) exemption from jury duty;
- (iv) exemption from attendance as a witness in court while the House or a committee is sitting; and

(v) freedom from obstruction and intimidation in relation to their duties as elected representatives.

The privileges of the House include:

- (i) the power to maintain order and to discipline for breaches of privilege and for contempt of the House. Contempt of the House may include disobedience to its orders, misconduct before it, affronts against its dignity and authority, and any act or omission which impedes or obstructs the House or its Members in the performance of their duties; and
- (ii) the right to regulate its internal affairs, including the right to set its own rules and to exercise control over publications.
- (k) "Public Bills" are bills relating to matters of administration or public policy of general application within the Northwest Territories;
- (l) "Rules" means the rules of the Legislative Assembly;
- (m) "Strangers" means any persons admitted to the floor of the Assembly chamber other than the

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Commissioner, Members, officers and staff of the Assembly and witnesses appearing before the committee of the whole;

(n) "Transcript" means the unedited record of the Assembly proceedings.

Sittings Of The Assembly

3(1) The Assembly shall hold two sessions each year;

(a) one beginning the second Wednesday in February; and

(b) one beginning the first Wednesday in October.

(2) Notwithstanding rule 3(1), the Commissioner shall call the Assembly into special session at the request of

the Executive Council or of a majority of the Members of the Legislative Assembly.

4(1) The Assembly shall meet on Mondays, Tuesday, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 1:30 pm to 6:00 pm and on Fridays from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm unless otherwise ordered.

(2) When the Assembly rises on Friday it stands adjourned until the following Monday unless otherwise ordered.

5 The Assembly shall not meet on New Year's day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Victoria day, Canada day, the first Monday in August, Labour day, Thanksgiving day, Remembrance day, Christmas day and Boxing day unless otherwise ordered.

6 At 6:00 pm on Mondays, Tuesday, Wednesdays and Thursdays, and at 2:00 pm on Fridays the Assembly shall be interrupted by the Speaker, or if the Assembly is in committee of the whole, by the chair, who shall rise and report progress. The Speaker shall adjourn the Assembly and all remaining business shall stand over until the next sitting day when it shall be taken up at the point of interruption.

Quorum

7(1) The presence of a majority of the Members, including the Speaker, shall be necessary to constitute a meeting of the Assembly.

(2) A majority of Members constitutes a quorum of the Assembly.

(3) If at the time of meeting the Speaker takes the chair and finds there is not a quorum, the Speaker shall adjourn the Assembly until the next sitting day.

(4) Whenever the Speaker adjourns the Assembly for lack of quorum, the time of adjournment and the names of the Members present shall be recorded in Hansard.

(5) If the attention of the Speaker is drawn to a lack of a quorum during a sitting, the Speaker shall call in the Members for up to 15 minutes. If there is still no quorum the Speaker shall adjourn the Assembly until the next sitting day.

(6) If the attention of the chair is drawn to a lack of a quorum, the chair shall call in the Members for up to 15 minutes. If there is still no quorum the chair shall rise and report to the Speaker.

8 Notwithstanding rule 6, a Member may propose a motion without notice in the Assembly or in committee of the whole to continue a sitting beyond the hour of daily adjournment for the purpose of continuing consideration of a specified item of business, subject to the following conditions:

(a) the motion must relate to the business then being considered;

(b) the motion must be proposed prior to the scheduled time for daily adjournment; and

(c) the motion shall not be subject to debate or amendment.

Speaker

9(1) At its first sitting after a general election, or when a vacancy occurs in the office of the Speaker, the House shall elect a Speaker from among its Members before entering into any business.

(2) The election of the Speaker shall be presided over by the Clerk and shall take place by motion without notice. A motion must be made and seconded for each Member proposed, and may not be amended.

(3) If only one Member is proposed the Clerk shall declare that Member elected. If two or more Members are proposed the motions shall be considered jointly. At the conclusion of the debate, the motion first made shall be placed first, and if it is carried the proposed Member shall be declared elected. If it is defeated the motions will be placed in the order in which they were proposed until a Member is elected.

(4) In the case of a tie, the Clerk shall declare the motion to be defeated.

(5) The Speaker shall hold office at the pleasure of the Assembly.

10(1) The Speaker shall not take part in any debate before the Assembly.

(2) In the case of a tie, the Speaker shall cast the deciding vote, and may state reasons.

11(1) If the Speaker is unable to act, the Deputy Speaker shall act in his place.

(2) A motion to remove the Speaker, Deputy Speaker or a chair of committee of the whole requires notice to be given in accordance with rules 30 and 39.

12(1) A Deputy Speaker shall be elected at the commencement of every Assembly.

(2) In the case of a vacancy in the office of the Deputy Speaker the Assembly shall elect a successor without delay.

(3) The Deputy Speaker shall act as chair of committee of the whole and shall preside over and maintain order in the committee.

(4) Two deputy chairs of committee of the whole shall be elected at the commencement of every Assembly. During the absence of the chair or when directed by the Speaker one of the deputy chairs named by the Speaker shall act as chair of the committee of the whole Assembly.

(5) In the absence of the Deputy Speaker and the deputy chairs of committee of the whole, the Speaker shall appoint any Member to act as chair of committee before leaving the chair.

Order And Decorum

13(1) The Speaker shall preserve order and decorum and shall decide questions of order.

(2) In deciding a point of order or practice, the Speaker shall state the applicable rule or other authority. The Speaker's decision shall not be subject to debate or appeal.

(3) Whenever the mace is on the table, Members shall upon entering, leaving or crossing the Assembly chamber show respect for the right of people to rule their own lives by bowing in the direction of the mace.

(4) Out of respect no Member shall pass between the chair and the table when the mace is on the table.

(5) When the Speaker is putting a question, no Member shall enter, leave or cross the House, or make any noise or disturbance.

(6) When a Member is speaking, no Member shall pass between that Member and the chair, nor interrupt him or her except to raise a point of order or question of privilege.

(7) Members shall refer to each other by surname or as "the honourable Member for (name of constituency)" or as "the honourable Member."

(8) When the Speaker speaks, any Member speaking shall sit and the Speaker shall be heard without interruption.

(9) When in the Assembly every Member shall be attired in native dress or in a manner appropriate to the dignity of the Assembly.

(10) Smoking is not permitted during any proceedings of the Assembly. Food and beverages, other than water, may not be brought into or consumed in the chamber.

(11) When the Assembly adjourns the Members shall stand and remain standing in their places until the Speaker has left the chamber.

Conflict Of Interest

14 No Member is entitled to vote upon any question in which he or she has a direct or indirect financial interest, and the vote of any Member so interested shall be disallowed.

15 Notwithstanding rule 14, a Member is entitled to vote upon any question concerning the indemnities, expenses, allowances and salaries of that Member or any other Member payable by the Government of the Northwest Territories.

Strangers

16(1) Strangers may be admitted to that part of the Assembly chamber set aside for that purpose.

(2) No stranger admitted to the Assembly chamber shall:

(a) at any time enter into that portion of the chamber reserved for the use of Members, officers and staff;

(b) send written notes to Members or Assembly staff, except through a page on duty;

(c) use any type of photographic, television or sound equipment in the chamber unless previously authorized by the Speaker.

17(1) When any Member takes notice that strangers are present on the floor of the chamber the Speaker or the chair shall put the question "Shall strangers be ordered to withdraw." The question shall not be subject to debate or amendment.

(2) Notwithstanding rule 17(1), the Speaker or the chair may at any time order the withdrawal of strangers or the clearing of the gallery.

18 The Sergeant-at-Arms shall, when ordered by the Speaker or the chair, eject any stranger who engages in misconduct or does not withdraw when directed.

Business Of The Assembly

19 A prayer shall be read in an official language each sitting day before the Assembly enters upon any business. The Speaker may read a prayer, or may call upon a willing Member or the Clerk to read a prayer.

20(1) The opening day of each session shall begin with an "Opening Address" read by the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories.

(2) The order of business on the opening day of each session shall be:

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1. Prayer
2. Opening Address
3. Ministers' Statements
4. Members' Statements
5. Oral Questions
6. Written Questions
7. Petitions
8. Reports of Standing and Special Committees
9. Tabling of Documents
10. Notices of Motion
11. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills
12. Motions
13. First Reading of Bills
14. Second Reading of Bills
15. Orders of the Day

(3) The daily routine of business in the Assembly shall be:

1. Prayer
2. Ministers' Statements
3. Members' Statements
4. Returns to Oral Questions
5. Oral Questions
6. Written Questions
7. Returns to Written Questions
8. Replies to Opening Address
9. Petitions
10. Reports of Standing and Special Committees
11. Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills
12. Tabling of Documents
13. Notices of Motion
14. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills
15. Motions
16. First Reading of Bills
17. Second Reading of Bills

(4) The order of business in the Assembly each day after the daily routine shall be:

1. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters
2. Report of Committee of the Whole
3. Third Reading of Bills
4. Orders of the Day.

Ministers' Statements

21(1) A Minister may make a short factual announcement or statement of government policy.

(2) A copy of each Minister's statement, with translation, shall be filed with the Clerk one hour prior to the sitting of the Assembly during which the statement will be given.

(3) The Clerk shall give a copy of each statement to each Member prior to or during the sitting of the Assembly during which the statement will be given.

(4) Notwithstanding rule 21(2), in the case of an emergency a Minister may make a statement without filing a copy with the Clerk.

(5) Any Member may, without notice, move a Minister's statement into committee of the whole for discussion. The motion shall not be subject to debate or amendment.

(6) The time allotted for Ministers' statements shall not exceed twenty minutes.

Budget Address And Replies

22(1) Under the item "Ministers' Statements," the Minister of Finance may inform the House of his intention to present the budget address on a specific date.

(2) Upon receiving notice of the budget address, the Speaker shall place the item "Budget Address" on the orders of the day for the day of presentation immediately after "Prayer."

(3) The item "Replies to Budget Address" shall be placed on the orders of the day after "Replies to Opening Address" on the day of the presentation of the budget and for the next six sitting days.

(4) Every Member may make one reply not to exceed twenty minutes.

Members' Statements

23(1) Under the item "Members' Statements," a Member may make a statement on any matter.

(2) The Speaker may order a Member who makes improper use of the Member's statement to take his seat.

(3) Statements made under rule 23(1):

(a) shall not exceed two and one half minutes;

(b) shall be confined to one matter; and

(c) shall be limited to one statement per day by any Member.

(4) A Minister may make a statement in accordance with rule 23(1), but the statement must not relate to his or her responsibility as a Minister.

Orders Of The Day

24 All items on the orders of the day shall be taken up according to their precedence on the order paper.

25 The orders of the day shall include all items that are pending in committee of the whole.

26 Immediately prior to adjournment on each sitting day the Clerk shall announce the orders of the day for the next sitting day.

27 All items on the orders of the day not taken up at the adjournment of the Assembly shall be placed on the orders of the day for the next sitting day.

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Replies To Opening Address

28(1) Every Member may make one reply to the opening address given pursuant to rule 20(1) and may speak on any matter.

(2) The item "Replies to Opening Address" shall be placed on the orders of the day for the day after opening day and for every following sitting day, except the day of prorogation.

Motion To Adjourn

29 A motion to adjourn either the Assembly or a debate is always in order, but no second motion to adjourn may be made until an intermediate proceeding has taken place.

Waiver Of Rules

30(1) The Assembly may waive any rule, procedure, custom or precedent by unanimous consent.

(2) Notwithstanding, rule 30(1) does not apply to the removal of the Speaker, Deputy Speaker or a deputy chair of committee of the whole.

Privilege

31(1) When a matter of privilege arises it shall be considered immediately.

(2) A Member may always raise a question of privilege in the Assembly immediately after the words are uttered or the events occur that give rise to the question.

(3) The Speaker may allow debate to assist the Speaker to determine whether a prima facie case of

breach of privilege has taken place and whether the matter is being raised at the earliest opportunity.

(4) When the Speaker has ruled

(a) that there appears to be a prima facie breach of privilege, and

(b) that the matter has been raised at the earliest opportunity, then any Member may either immediately propose a motion or, by the conclusion of the next sitting day, give notice of a motion calling upon the Assembly to take action on the matter or referring the matter to a committee of the Assembly.

(5) If the Speaker rules that there is no prima facie case of privilege or that the matter has not been raised at the earliest opportunity, the matter is then closed.

(6) Unless otherwise directed by the Assembly, it is not a breach of privilege for a Member of a committee to discuss with the Members of the Assembly, on a confidential basis, matters that are under consideration by the committee.

32(1) With leave of the Speaker, any Member may explain a matter which, although not a contempt or breach of privilege, concerns the Member in his or her capacity as a Member of the Legislative Assembly. In particular, the Member may explain that he or she has been misquoted or misunderstood, or deny published accusations against the Member. The explanation must be clear and concise and no debate shall be allowed.

(2) At least one hour prior to making the remarks the Member must provide written notice to the Speaker settling out of the substance of the Member's comments. If responding to written or spoken words, the Member must attach to the notice a copy of the written words or notes of the spoken words.

Rules Of Debate

33 Every Member recognized to speak shall stand in his or her place and address the Speaker.

34 No Member shall speak for more than twenty minutes at any time in debate, but this rule does not apply to:

(a) replies to opening address; and

(b) Members' statements.

35 In debate a Member will be called to order by the Speaker if the Member:

(a) speaks twice to a question, except in the case of a mover concluding debate, or in explanation of a material part of the Member's speech which may have been misquoted or misunderstood. The Member is not to introduce any new matter and no debate shall be allowed upon any explanation;

(b) speaks to matters other than:

(i) the question under discussion;

(ii) a motion or amendment the Member intends to move; or

(iii) a question of privilege or a point of order;

(c) persists in needless repetition or raises matters which have been decided during the current session;

(d) refers at length to debates of the current sessions or reads unnecessarily from Hansard or any other document. The Member may quote relevant passages which are necessary to complain of something said or to reply to an alleged misrepresentation.

(e) interrupts another Member except to raise a point of order or privilege;

(f) reflects upon any previous vote of the Assembly except for the purpose of moving that it be rescinded;

(g) refers to any matter

(i) that is pending in a court or before a judge; or

(ii) that is before any quasi-judicial, administrative or investigative body constituted by the Assembly or

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under the authority of an act of the Assembly where any person may be prejudiced in such matter by the reference;

(h) makes allegations against another Member, a House officer or a witness;

(i) imputes false or hidden motives to another Member;

(j) charges another Member with uttering a deliberate falsehood;

(k) uses abusive or insulting language of a nature likely to create disorder;

(l) speaks disrespectfully of Her Majesty, any member of the royal family, His Excellency the Governor General, the Commissioner, the Assembly or any Member; or

(m) introduced any matter in debate that offends the practices and precedents of the Assembly.

36 The Speaker shall inform the Assembly that the reply of the mover of the original motion closes the debate.

Point Of Order

37(1) A Member addressing the Assembly who is called to order by the Speaker or on a point of order raised by another Member shall sit while the point of order is stated.

(2) When the point of order has been stated the Member called to order may explain.

(3) The Speaker may permit debate strictly relevant to the point of order giving a decision.

Naming Of A Member

(4) If a Member is called to order for words spoken in debate, the words shall be recorded by the Clerk on the request of any Member. Any Member who has used offensive words and does not retract them or explain or apologize to the satisfaction of the Assembly may be censured or dealt with as the Assembly thinks fit.

(5) If a Member engages in irrelevance of lengthy repetition of his own or other Members' arguments, the Speaker or the chair may call the attention of the Assembly or the committee of the whole, respectively, to the conduct of the Member. If the Member persists in this conduct, the Speaker or the chair may direct the Member to stop speaking. If the Member continues to speak in the Assembly the Speaker shall name the Member. If the Member continues to speak in committee of the whole, the chair shall report the Member to the Speaker.

(6) A Member may be named by the Speaker for disregarding the authority of the chair, or for abusing the rules by persistently and wilfully obstructing the business of the Assembly.

(7) A Member named under rule 37(5) or (6) shall be suspended from the Assembly for the remainder of the sitting day. A motion without notice may be moved to increase the length of the suspension of the named Member and shall be decided without amendment or debate.

(8) If the named Member refuses to leave after the Assembly orders him or her to leave, a motion may be made to increase the length of the suspension for the remainder of the session.

(9) Where an offence to which rule 37(5) or (6) applies is committed in committee of the whole the chair shall suspend proceedings and report the circumstances to the Assembly. The Speaker shall proceed as if the offence had been committed in the Assembly.

Emergency Debate

38(1) After oral questions a Member may move to set aside the ordinary business of the House to discuss a matter of urgent importance requiring immediate consideration, subject to the following conditions:

(a) the Member proposing the motion shall give written notice of the matter proposed to be discussed by the Speaker at least one hour before the sitting of the House;

(b) no more than one matter shall be discussed on the same motion;

(c) the motion must not revive discussion on a matter which has been discussed in the same session pursuant to this rule;

(d) the motion must not raise a matter of privilege;

(e) the motion must not raise any matter which may only be debated upon a motion with notice.

(2) On any day during which more than one notice is received under this rule, the Speaker shall decide which notice shall receive precedence.

(3) The Member proposing the motion may make a statement of not more than five minutes explaining the matter to be discussed.

(4) The Speaker may allow such debate as he or she considers necessary to decide the question of urgency of debate and shall then rule on whether the matter is proper for discussion under this rule.

(5) No Member may speak for more than five minutes in debate pursuant to rule 38(4).

(6) If the Speaker rules that the matter is proper for discussion under this rule, the question of whether the

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debate shall proceed shall be decided by a vote of the Members.

(7) No Member shall speak for more than ten minutes in debate pursuant to this rule, and the debate shall conclude:

(a) when all Members wish to speak have spoken; or

(b) at the usual hour of adjournment;

whichever occurs first.

Notice

39 Forty-eight hours notice shall be given of a motion.

40 Notwithstanding rule 39, no notice is required for the following motions:

(a) to continue a sitting beyond the normal hour of daily adjournment;

(b) introduced in committee of the whole to amend a bill or a motion, or to report progress;

(c) to suspend a Member from the Assembly;

(d) to order the withdrawal of strangers;

(e) to adjourn the Assembly or the debate;

(f) to deal with a question of privilege;

(g) relating to bills after their introduction;

(h) to set aside the ordinary business of the House to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, provided that one hour's notice has been given to the Speaker;

(i) to move a Minister's statement into committee of the whole; or

(j) to amend another motion.

41(1) A Member giving notice shall:

(a) specify the day on which the motion is to be moved;

(b) read the full text of the resolution of the motion; and

(c) deliver at the table a written copy of the motion.

(2) The notice referred to in rule 41(1) shall be included in Hansard.

42 No Member shall give more than two notices of motion in one day.

Motions And Amendments

43(1) A motion is used to propose that the Assembly

(a) do something,

(b) order something to be done, or

(c) express an opinion on a matter.

(2) An adopted motion becomes either an order or resolution of the Assembly. It becomes an order when the Assembly requires its committees, its Member or any other person to do something. It becomes a resolution when it declares the opinion of the Assembly or affirms a fact or a principle.

44 All motions shall be in writing, and shall be read by the mover and seconded before being debated or put from the chair.

45 All motions are debatable except those:

(a) to continue a sitting beyond the hour of daily adjournment;

(b) to suspend a Member from the Assembly;

(c) to order the withdrawal of strangers;

(d) to give first reading of a bill;

(e) to adjourn the committee of the whole or the Assembly;

(f) to remove the Speaker, deputy speaker or a deputy chair of committee of the whole; or

(g) to move a Minister's statement into committee of the whole;

(h) to defer a motion or item under discussion.

46(1) Every Member has the right to speak once to a motion. The mover of the motion also has the right to the last reply.

(2) Notwithstanding rule 46(1), the mover of an amendment to a motion has no right to the last reply.

47 When a question is under debate no motion shall be received except:

- (a) to amend the question;
- (b) to postpone the question to a specific day;
- (c) to adjourn the debate;
- (d) to defer the question;
- (e) to extend sitting hours;
- (f) to report progress when in committee of the whole;

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or

- (g) to adjourn the Assembly.

48 A motion to refer a bill, resolution or question to committee of the whole or to a standing or special committee shall take precedence over amendments to the bill, resolution or question.

49 A Member who has made a motion may withdraw it with the consent of the seconder provided debate has not begun.

50 Whenever the Speaker is of the opinion that a motion offered to the Assembly is contrary to the rules and privileges of the Assembly, the Speaker shall inform the Assembly immediately, quoting the applicable rules or authority, and shall not put the question to the Assembly.

51(1) A motion that has been twice called from the chair and not proceeded with shall be dropped, but it may be restored to the order paper after due notice.

(2) If a restored motion is again called from the chair and not proceeded with, it shall be dropped from the order paper, and may not be introduced again during the same session.

52 A formal motion that has been defeated in the Assembly cannot be made again in the same session. A motion that has been carried may be rescinded by a new motion.

53 A motion defeated in committee of the whole may be made again in the Assembly at the same session.

Voting

54(1) Questions shall only be put when a quorum is present.

(2) Questions shall be decided by a majority of Members voting.

(3) If a quorum of Members is not present on a question, the Speaker or chair of committee of the whole shall call in the Members in accordance with rule 7(5) and (6).

55(1) The names of the Member voting on each side of the question shall not be recorded in Hansard unless a recorded vote is requested by a Member.

(2) When a recorded vote is requested the Speaker shall first call upon the mover of the motion, and then upon those voting in the affirmative, and in the negative, and those abstaining, to rise. Names shall be called successively from the mover's left, and shall be recorded in Hansard.

Questions

56 Written and oral questions relating to public affairs may be asked of a Minister. In putting a question or replying to it, no argument, opinion or facts shall be stated except so far as is necessary to explain, and the matter referred to shall not be debated.

Oral Questions

57(1) Under the item "oral questions," questions relating to public affairs may be put to Ministers.

(2) An oral question shall be concisely and clearly put and shall refer only to a matter which may reasonably be assumed to be within the present knowledge of the Minister to whom it is directed.

(3) The Minister may:

(a) answer the question; or

(b) state that he or she takes the question as notice and answer it orally on a subsequent day under the item "returns to oral questions."

(4) When a Minister answers an oral question, only three supplementary questions per Member directly related to the same subject may be asked.

(5) The time allotted for oral questions shall not exceed sixty minutes.

Written Questions

58(1) Under the item "written questions", written questions may be asked of Ministers. A question which would be likely to require a detailed or complex answer, or which would not reasonably be assumed to be within the present knowledge of the Minister, should be posed as a written question.

(2) All written questions shall be filed with the Clerk, who shall endorse the date of filing and provide copies to all Members.

59(1) A Minister to whom a written question is directed shall, without necessary delay, file a reply with the Clerk, who shall endorse the date of filing.

(2) Under the item "returns to written questions," the Clerk shall inform the Assembly of the returns or provisional returns received, deliver copies to all Members, and have the returns printed in Hansard.

(3) Under the item "returns to written questions," a Minister may read a return which has been filed in accordance with rule 59(1).

(4) A Minister shall provide a return to a written question within 21 calendar days, unless the Minister files a provisional return with the Clerk indicating:

(a) that more time is required;

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(b) the reason for the delay; and

(c) the date upon which the information will be provided.

Petitions

60(1) A petition to the Assembly may be presented by a Member at any time during a sitting of the Assembly by filing it with the Clerk, or in the manner set out in rule 60(2).

(2) A Member may present a petition from his or her place in the House under the item "petitions." The Member shall endorse his or her name on the petition and shall confine the presentation to a statement of the petition, the number of signatures and the material allegations. A Member shall not exceed five minutes in presenting a petition.

(3) Every petition presented under rule 60(2) shall be reported to the House by the Clerk under the item "petitions."

(4) No debate shall be allowed on the presentation of a petition.

(5) A Member presenting a petition shall be answerable for any impertinent or improper matter that it contains.

(6) Petitions may be either written or printed. When there are three or more petitioners the signature of at least three petitioners shall be set on the sheet containing the body of the petition.

(7) A petition that complains of some present personal grievance requiring an immediate remedy may be debated immediately.

(8) A Member may, after notice, move that a petition be referred to a standing or special committee which shall report its recommendations to the Assembly.

(9) The Clerk shall deliver all petitions presented to the Speaker or the Minister responsible.

(10) The Speaker or the Minister responsible shall provide a response to a petition within 60 days of its presentation. The response shall be tabled at the earliest opportunity.

Tabled Documents

61(1) Under the item "tabled documents," a Member may provide the House any document which is required to be tabled in the House by any act or order of the Assembly, or which may be in the public interest. A Member may make a brief factual statement to identify the document.

Bills

62 Every bill shall be introduced upon notice of motion for first reading specifying the title of the bill.

63 No bill may be introduced in blank or in imperfect form.

64(1) Every bill shall receive three separate readings, on different days, before being passed.

(2) Notwithstanding rule 64(1), a bill may be read two or three times, or advanced two or more stages in one day, unless this action is opposed by two or more Members.

65 When a bill is presented the question "That this bill be now read for the first time" shall be decided without amendment or debate.

66 Notwithstanding rule 64, an appropriation bill bringing forward the capital or operation and maintenance budget for the forthcoming year may receive second reading on the same day on which it received first reading.

67 The Clerk or clerk assistant shall certify upon each bill the date of reading and of passage.

68 Every bill shall be read twice in the Assembly before committal or amendment.

69(1) The debate on a motion for second reading must be limited to the object, expedience, principles and

merits of the bill. The details of the bill are not debatable.

(2) Unless otherwise ordered by the Assembly, when a bill is read for the second time it stands ordered to the appropriate standing or special committee.

(3) Notwithstanding rule 69(2), when a bill for the appropriation of any part of the public revenue of the Northwest Territories is read for the second time it stands ordered into committee of the whole for consideration.

70(1) Unless otherwise ordered by the Assembly, bills referred to a committee shall not be proceeded with until the Assembly receives the report of the committee or 120 days pass from the day the bill was given second reading.

(2) All amendments made in a standing or special committee must have the concurrence of the sponsor of the bill.

(3) All amendments made in the committee shall be reported to the Assembly. Every bill reported from any committee, whether amended or not, shall be received by the Assembly and ordered into committee of the whole.

(4) When amendments to a bill have been made in a committee, the bill shall be reprinted as amended and introduced with the report of the committee.

(5) Unless otherwise ordered by the Assembly, a bill reported by a committee shall not be taken into

consideration until two sitting days have passed from the presentation of the report.

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71(1) In proceedings in committee of the whole on bills, the preamble and title are first postponed; then every other clause is considered by the committee in its proper order. The preamble and title are considered last.

(2) All amendments proposed to bills in committee of the whole must be written and translated and made available to the Assembly at the time the amendment is proposed.

72(1) When a bill is being considered in committee of the whole, questions relating to the content of the bill shall only be addressed to the Minister or Member in charge of the bill.

(2) Notwithstanding rule 72(1), a Minister may refer questions on a bill to another Minister.

(3) When a bill is being considered in committee of the whole, the Minister or Member in charge of the bill may, with the consent of the committee as provided in rule 97(1), have witnesses appear to supply information as required.

73(1) When a bill has been amended in committee of the whole it shall be reprinted as amended if so ordered by the committee.

(2) When the bill has been sent to be reprinted, it shall be marked on the orders of the day "being reprinted," and shall not be further proceeded with until that mark has been removed.

74(1) All amendments made in committee of the whole shall be reported by the chair.

(2) The report of a bill from committee of the whole shall be received and the motion for concurrence shall be disposed of without debate or amendment.

75 When a bill is reported it is ordered to be read the third time at a time appointed by the Assembly.

Money Message

76(1) The Assembly may not adopt or pass any vote, resolution, address or bill for the appropriation of a tax or of public revenue except for a purpose recommended to the Assembly by the Commission in

the session in which the vote, resolution, address or bill is proposed.

(2) Rule 76(1) relates only to appropriations and does not refer to the imposition of taxes. The only condition imposed on a taxation measure is that it be introduced by a Minister.

Private Members' Bills

77 A Member who is not a Minister may introduce a private Member's public or private bill which does not involve the expenditure of public funds or the imposition of any tax. Rules 62 to 76 inclusive, where relevant, apply to private Members' bills.

Committee Of The Whole

78(1) The rules and procedures of the Legislative Assembly shall be observed in committee of the whole so far as they are applicable, except the rules which relate to seconding motions and which limit the number of times a Member may speak.

(2) Speeches in committee of the whole must be strictly relevant to the item or clause under consideration.

(3) The chair shall maintain order in committee of the whole and shall decide all questions of order subject to an appeal to the Speaker.

(4) Disorder in committee of the whole may be censured only by the Assembly, on receiving a report from the committee.

79(1) No Member shall speak for more than ten minutes at any one time in committee of the whole.

(2) Subject to the discretion of the chair a Member may speak more than once to a matter under discussion but not until every Member wishing to speak has spoken.

80 The requirements for seconding motions shall not apply in committee of the whole.

81 The chair of a standing or special committee which considered a matter shall not chair the committee of the whole when that matter is under discussion.

82 The chair of committee of the whole shall not vote except to cast the deciding vote in the case of a tie.

83(1) The committee of the whole shall report to the Assembly on progress regarding bills and other matters under consideration.

(2) The report of progress from committee of the whole shall be received and the motion for concurrence shall be disposed of without debate or amendment.

84(1) A motion that the chair of committee of the whole leave the chair shall always be in order, shall take precedence over any other motion and shall not be debatable.

(2) If a motion referred to in rule 85(1) is rejected, it cannot be renewed unless some intermediate proceeding has taken place.

Standing And Special Committees

85 At the commencement of the First Session of each Legislature the Assembly shall appoint a Striking Committee of four Members to report and recommend with all convenient speed Members to comprise the following standing committees of the Assembly:

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on Agencies, Boards and Commissions

on Finance

on Legislation

on Public Accounts

on Rules, Procedures and Privileges

and any other standing and special committees directed by the Assembly.

86 At the commencement of the First Session of each Legislature the Assembly shall appoint a Management and Services Board in accordance with section 35(1) of the Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act.

87(1) A committee established pursuant to rule 86 shall consist of not more than seven Members.

(2) Each standing committee shall also have three alternates, each of whom may be called upon by the chair to take the place of an absent committee Member. When participating in committee business, the alternate shall be entitled to vote on any matter.

88(1) At any time, the Assembly may appoint a special committee for any purpose or to consider any matter referred to it by the Assembly.

(2) A special committee established pursuant to rule 88(1) shall consist of not more than five Members unless otherwise ordered by the Assembly.

89 The Clerk shall distribute to every Member a list of the Members comprising the committees and the Management and Services Board.

90(1) The Member first named in the motion establishing the membership of any committee shall call the first meeting of the committee.

(2) At the first meeting, the committee shall appoint a chair and deputy chair, or co-chairs, who shall act during the life of the committee.

(3) The quorum of a committee shall be specified in the committee's terms of reference.

(4) Notices of all committee meetings shall be posted in the Legislative Assembly office and circulated to all Members.

91(1) A Member of a standing or special committee who is absent from committee meetings without cause may be removed from the membership of the committee by a motion adopted by the Assembly.

(2) In the case of a vacancy in the membership of a standing or special committee, the Striking Committee provided for by rule 85 shall propose a successor to the Assembly.

92(1) A Member who is not a Member of a committee may attend committee meetings and may address the committee after its Members have spoken, according to any limits imposed by the chair.

(2) Only Members of a committee shall vote on any question to be decided by the committee.

93(1) Every report of a standing or special committee shall be in writing, signed by the chair and shall be presented by the chair or a committee Member under the appropriate item in the daily routine of the Assembly.

(2) The Member presenting the report shall move that the report be received by the Assembly.

(3) A report from a standing or special committee may be

(a) adopted by the Assembly;

(b) referred to committee of the whole; or

(c) referred back to the committee which presented it.

(4) A report from a standing or special committee shall not be taken into consideration in committee of the whole until two sitting days have passed from the presentation of the report.

(5) Within 120 days of the presentation of a report under rule 93(1) and (2), the Executive Council shall, upon the request of the committee, table a comprehensive response.

94(1) Standing and special committees have the power to call for persons and documents and to examine witnesses.

(2) All standing and special committees shall set their terms of reference which must be approved by the Assembly.

(3) Standing and special committees may meet during the session, when the Assembly is not in session, between sessions or during a prorogation of a session.

Committee Documents

95(1) All documents which come into the possession of a committee or which come into existence in the course of the conduct of committee business belong to that committee before it reports to the Assembly and belong to the Assembly after the committee reports to the Assembly, subject to any direction of the Speaker acting on an order of the Assembly.

(2) Notwithstanding rule 95(1), where a committee does not report to the Assembly before dissolution of the Legislature, all committee documents belong to the Assembly upon its dissolution subject to:

(a) any direction of the committee as to their disposal;

(b) any direction by order of the Assembly as to their disposal; or

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(c) in the absence of any other direction, the direction of the Speaker.

Witnesses

96(1) No witness shall be summoned to attend before a committee of the Assembly unless a committee Member has filed a certificate with the chair stating that the evidence to be obtained from the witness is in the Member's opinion material and important.

(2) The Clerk, with the approval of the Speaker, may authorize payment to witnesses summoned by a committee of a reasonable daily amount during their travel and attendance plus a reasonable amount for travelling expenses.

(3) The claim of a witness for payment shall state the number of days during which the witness was in attendance before the committee, the duration of necessary travel and the amount of travel expenses. The chair and the clerk of the committee shall certify the claim and statement before payment.

97(1) Notwithstanding rule 72(3), no witness shall appear before committee of the whole unless with the committee's unanimous consent, or through the adoption of a motion of approval by the Assembly.

(2) No witness shall appear before committee of the whole when an expenditure of Legislative Assembly funds is required unless a motion of approval has been adopted by the Assembly.

(3) Each question directed to a witness and each reply shall be made through the chair. The chair shall rule out of order any question which:

(a) is of a nature that would tend to intimidate or embarrass the witness; or

(b) constitutes a personal allegation against the witness.

(4) No motions shall be proposed in committee of the whole in the presence of witnesses except when bills or the operations and maintenance or capital estimates are being considered.

98 Witnesses may be involved to appear before any standing or special committee at the discretion of the chair.

Officers Of The Assembly

99(1) The officers of the Assembly are:

(a) the Clerk;

(b) the Clerk Assistant;

(c) the Clerk of Committees;

(d) the Law Clerk; and

(e) the Sergeant-at-Arms.

(2) The Clerk of the Assembly is responsible for the safekeeping of all Assembly documents, and has direction and control over all officers, Clerks, and other employees subject to the orders of the Speaker or the Assembly.

(3) On each sitting day before the meeting of the Assembly, the Clerk shall distribute the order paper for the day to each Member and to the Speaker.

(4) The Clerk shall employ such staff as are necessary to conduct the business of the Assembly with the approval of the Speaker.

(5) The Clerk shall set the hours of attendance of the officers and staff of the Assembly.

(6) The Clerk shall ensure that copies of Hansard are distributed only as directed by the Assembly and that Hansard is printed clearly in final form and distributed within five days of the day of the record.

(7) The Clerk shall assign a Committee Clerk to each standing and special committee of the Assembly.

100 (1) In the absence of the Clerk, the Clerk Assistant shall perform the duties of the Clerk.

101 The Law Clerk shall:

(a) advise the Assembly in regard to legislation placed before it;

(b) ensure that all amendments made to bills in committee are incorporated before third reading;

(c) ensure that all amendments made to bills in a standing or special committee are incorporated before consideration in committee of the whole;

(d) review within 15 days from the close of each session, all legislation enacted prior to its distribution; and

(e) advise the chair of any committee, upon request, whether any provision in private bills are in variance with general acts.

102 (1) The Sergeant-at-Arms is responsible for the safekeeping of the mace, the security of the precincts of the Assembly and for supervision of the pages.

(2) The Sergeant-at-Arms shall preserve order in the Chamber and in the galleries subject to the orders of the Speaker.

Hansard

103 (1) A printed transcript of the deliberations and proceedings of the Assembly and the committee of the whole known as the "Hansard," shall be compiled,

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edited, printed and distributed under the authority of the Speaker.

(2) The unedited transcript shall be produced daily and one copy distributed to each Member.

(3) Every Member has until 10:00 am of the sitting day following receipt of the transcript to correct it as to grammar, obvious errors in transcription and other mistakes in form in accordance with rule 103(4). Corrections may not affect the substance of the transcript.

(4) The Clerk shall provide for the editing of the transcript in accordance with the following:

(a) revisions shall be limited to correcting grammar, spelling and punctuation, ensuring that the correct parliamentary forms are observed, and minimizing repetition and redundancies;

(b) revisions shall not include material alterations or amendments which would in any way tend to change the sense of what has been spoken;

(c) the transcript shall remain an accurate and, as far as possible, an exact report of what was said;

(d) a Member has no right to alter the report of any speech or remarks attributed to him or her in any way, and the Speaker shall determine whether or not a Member's suggested correction shall be admitted;

(e) unless a Member can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Speaker that he or she has been misreported, a Member may not change the sense of anything that he or she has been recorded as having said. A Member is not permitted to make any insertion as an afterthought nor to strike out a passage which he or she regrets having spoken.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Thank you, Mr. Zoe. The motion is in order. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER:

Question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

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

---Carried

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

You have some concluding remarks, Mr. Zoe. Does that conclude your report?

MR. ZOE:

Mr. Chairman, that concludes the Report of the Standing Committee on Rules, Procedures and Privileges. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Thank you, Mr. Zoe. Does the committee agree?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Committee Report 19-12(3) is concluded. What is the wish of the committee? Mr. Dent.

Tabled Document 2-12(3): The Justice House - Report Of The Special Advisor On Gender Equality

MR. DENT:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. At an earlier date during this session we dealt with "The Justice House - Report of the Special Advisor on Gender Equality" and spent considerable time discussing that. It is still on the order paper and, Mr. Chairman, I would recommend that we conclude that item, also.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Does the committee then agree that Tabled Document 2-12(3), "The Justice House - Report of the

Special Advisor on Gender Equality" is concluded?
Just one moment. Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have a problem with respect to addressing that particular report because I have some questions that I want to ask, and if the Minister is prepared to address those concerns with respect to that report then I certainly will be willing to discuss that particular report in detail.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Does the Committee then agree that we leave it on the order paper?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

What is the committee's wish? Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL:

I move that we report progress. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Thank you, Mrs. Marie-Jewell. We have a motion on the floor. The motion is not debatable. All those in favour? All those opposed? Motion is carried.

---Carried

I shall rise and report progress to the Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Report of committee of the whole, Mr. Chairman.

ITEM 19: REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Whitford):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, your committee has been considering Bill 25, Committee Report 19-12(3), Tabled Document 19-12(3) and Tabled Document 2-12(3) and would like to report progress with one motion being adopted. Committee Report 19-12(3) is concluded and Bill 25 is now ready

for third reading. Mr. Speaker, I move that the report of the committee of the whole be concurred with.

MR. SPEAKER:

Seconded by Mr. Zoe. Motion is in order. The motion is in order. All those in favour? All those opposed? Motion is carried.

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---Carried

Item 20, third reading of bills. Mr. Nerysoo.

ITEM 20: THIRD READING OF BILLS

Bill 19: An Act To Amend The Student Financial Assistance Act

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Keewatin Central, that Bill 19, An Act to Amend the Student Financial Assistance Act, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER:

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.

---Carried

Bill 19 has had third reading. Third reading of bills. Mr. Kakfwi.

Bill 18: An Act To Amend The Public Printing Act

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:

Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member from Nunakput, that Bill 18, An Act to Amend the Public Printing Act, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER:

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.

---Carried

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

Bill 21: An Act To Amend The Reciprocal Enforcement Of Judgments Act

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:

Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member from Nunakput, that Bill 21, An Act to Amend the Reciprocal Enforcement of Judgments Act, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER:

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.

---Carried

Bill 21 has had third reading. Third reading of bills. Ms. Mike.

Bill 5: An Act To Amend The Social Assistance Act

HON. REBECCA MIKE:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the honourable Member from Hay River, that Bill

5, An Act to Amend the Social Assistance Act, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER:

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.

---Carried

Bill 5 has had third reading. Third reading of bills. Mr. Todd.

Bill 22: An Act To Amend The Mining Safety Act

HON. JOHN TODD:

Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member from Mackenzie Delta, that Bill 22, An Act to Amend the Mining Safety Act, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER:

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.

---Carried

Bill 22 has had third reading. Third reading of bills. Before we proceed to the orders of the day, with the authority vested in me by the Legislative Assembly, I set the hours of sitting for Friday, April 2, 1993, from 10:00 am to whatever time that the Legislative Assembly decides that their business for the day is concluded.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

---Agreed

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Dent.

MR. DENT:

Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to go back to Item 12, tabling of documents.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

REVERT BACK TO ITEM 12: TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

MR. DENT:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have two documents I would like to table. The first is Tabled Document 143-12(3), a letter from the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism to myself on the economic benefits resulting from Expo '92.

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The second is Tabled Document 144-12(3), which is also a letter from the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism to myself on the disposal of inventory and assets of Expo '92.

MR. SPEAKER:

Tabling of documents. Mr. Clerk, orders of the day.

ITEM 21: ORDERS OF THE DAY

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton):

Mr. Speaker, a meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance immediately after adjournment. Meetings tomorrow at 9:00 am of the Ordinary Members' Caucus. Orders of the day for Friday, April 2, 1993.

1. Prayer
2. Ministers' Statements
3. Members' Statements
4. Returns to Oral Questions
5. Oral Questions
6. Written Questions
7. Returns to Written Questions
8. Replies to Opening Address
9. Petitions
10. Reports of Standing and Special Committees
11. Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills

12. Tabling of Documents
13. Notices of Motion
14. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills
15. Motions
 - Motion 31, Proposed Amendments to Maintenance Act and Domestic Relations Act Referred to the Standing Committee on Legislation
16. First Reading of Bills
17. Second Reading of Bills
 - Bill 8, Payroll Tax Act
18. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters
 - Tabled Document 2-12(3), The Justice House - Report of the Special Advisor on Gender Equality
 - Tabled Document 19-12(3), 1992 Master Plan for Corrections Service Division
 - Committee Report 10-12(3), Report on Tabled Document 21-12(3): Payroll Tax Act
19. Report of Committee of the Whole
20. Third Reading of Bills
 - Bill 25, Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 1, 1993-94
21. Orders of the Day

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you, Mr. Clerk. This House stands adjourned until 10:00 am, Friday, April 2, 1993.

---ADJOURNMENT