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**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mr. Allooloo, Mr. Antoine, Hon. Silas Arngna'naaq, Mr. Arvaluk, Mr. Ballantyne, Hon. Nellie Cournoyea, Mr. Dent, Mr. Gargan, Hon. Stephen Kakfwi, Mr. Lewis, Hon. Jeannie Marie-Jewell, Hon. Rebecca Mike, Hon. Don Morin, Hon. Richard Nerysoo, Mr. Ng, Mr. Ningark, Mr. Patterson, Hon. John Pollard, Mr. Pudlat, Mr. Pudluk, Hon. John Todd, Mr. Whitford, Mr. Zoe

**ITEM 1: PRAYER**

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**DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr. Lewis):**

Thank you. Item 2, Ministers' statements. Mr. Nerysoo.

**ITEM 2: MINISTERS' STATEMENTS**

Minister's Statement 28-12(6): Developments In Income Support Reform In The NWT

**HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On October 6th, I informed this Assembly about the release of the federal discussion paper, Improving Social Security in Canada, and I referred Members to our own discussion paper, Creating Choices: Solving the Income Support Puzzle, which was released for public comment last July. I will be tabling our discussion paper later today.

As you know, income support reform is a complex issue which is being considered across Canada. To make sure that this reform proceeds in a way which respects the priorities and needs of northerners, we have developed four principles to guide us. In our paper, Creating Choices, we said that income support reform must:

1. link jobs and training, and encourage people to make responsible choices;
2. respect northern culture, community direction and the integrity of families;
3. make the best use of available money and federal cost-sharing opportunities; and,

4. be fair and easily accessible by people in the communities.

Since the release of our paper last July, we have been researching social security programs in Canada, and have been consulting with our partners in Health and Social Services, Executive, Renewable Resources, Finance and the NWT Housing Corporation.

The House of Commons Standing Committee on Human Resources Development is undertaking cross-Canada consultations on social security reform, and is planning a number of town hall meetings. The Secretary of State for training and youth, the Honourable Ethel Blondin-Andrew is already travelling in the north and social security reform is on her agenda. Ms. Blondin-Andrew will be consulting northerners specifically on social assistance issues as related to the aboriginal community.

Madam Speaker, these consultations need to be coordinated with this government's discussions on income support reform. I have written to the Honourable Lloyd Axworthy and stated that consultation on this critical reform initiative must be undertaken as a joint process, and that this government needs to be fully involved in any consultations in this area.

Consultations that are taking place with the Honourable Ethel Blondin-Andrew need to be aligned with this government's consultations. I have advised Mr. Axworthy that northerners are eager to express their views on income security reform and that these views must be heard. I further advised him that I would be planning to attend these town hall meetings and that some of my honourable colleagues in the Legislative Assembly would likely be interested in attending as well. I propose that the parliamentary standing committee meetings scheduled for Yellowknife and Iqaluit later this fall be held jointly with this government.

Madam Speaker, a consultation process that targets large southern constituencies and discusses largely southern issues will not suffice in the north. Consultation in the north will need to be a joint territorial/federal effort to ensure that northern social security reform has a made-in-the-north stamp on it. Therefore, I am proposing to this House that our government undertake the following consultation process with respect to income support reform.

I am proposing that a six-member Ministers' forum on income support reform be established in early November to provide advice to this government on reform and involve northerners in developing a northern agenda for change. This forum would include representatives from business, labour and individuals involved in social reform.

The forum would lead focus groups to be organized in the five regional centres to provide face to face information to people, involve community people in discussions and get first-hand public opinion and advice on the issues. The forum would conclude by providing its findings and recommendations for this Assembly at its February sitting. I further propose that a debate on social security reform be held early in the February sitting of the Assembly.

Madam Speaker, this highlights our proposed consultation strategy and the developments of income support reform. Mr. Speaker, we must continue to make every effort to ensure that this reform effort has a northern face. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

---Applause

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**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Nerysoo. I am not Madam, Mr. Nerysoo.

---Laughter

Item 2, Ministers' statements. Ms. Mike.

Minister's Statement 29-12(6): Department Initiative In Preparation For Devolution Of Land Administration

**HON. REBECCA MIKE:**

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to advise this House of a cornerstone program of my department's strategy to develop the capabilities of community governments to take on greater responsibilities with respect to the management of public lands within their boundaries.

The Department of Municipal and Community Affairs and Arctic College Nunatta Campus have agreed to start a one-year certificate program in community land administration. This program is a fundamental element in assisting community governments to be ready to accept the devolution of land administration from the Government of the Northwest Territories.

Mr. Speaker, the program will start in January 1995 and be offered through the Nunatta Campus in Iqaluit. Future courses will be offered at other Arctic College campuses as the demand warrants.

In the program at Nunatta Campus, three six-week semesters will be offered. After each semester the student will return to his or her home community for a six-week practicum. Students sponsored by community governments will serve their practicums in the municipal office. This is the training approach most mayors favoured when my department discussed the options with them. I believe this combination of classroom and work experience will provide the best learning opportunity for the students and achieve the highest success rate of students who enrol and graduate.

The program will include courses in land administration, community planning, surveying, contracts and property law, communications and computers. The program has been initiated by my department with funding set aside as part of the implementation of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement Act. Although initially this program will assist community governments, the program could eventually form the basis of an Arctic College program to assist other land management agencies requiring trained northern staff.

I encourage all community governments to take advantage of this opportunity and to prepare for the devolution of land administration responsibilities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Qujannamiik, Ms. Mike. Item 2, Ministers' statements. Madam Premier.

**HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA:**

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to advise the House of a cornerstone program of the department's strategy to develop the capabilities of community governments...Sorry, I have the wrong one here.

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**AN HON. MEMBER:**

(Microphone turned off)

Minister's Statement 30-12(6): Consolidation Action Plan

**HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA:**

Sorry, Mr. Speaker. Later today, I will be tabling an action plan for the consolidation of the departments of Health and Social Services. The plan includes a functional organization chart for the newly approved headquarters structure, which will be fully implemented by January 31, 1995. The integration of the headquarters operation has resulted in a significant downsizing of the management team from 18 to a total of 10 managers in Yellowknife.

The consolidation at the regional and community levels will occur in two phases following the headquarters reorganization. Much work has already been done with boards and senior staff of Social Services to explore the opportunities for integration of both program and staff resources. Health boards appear to be receptive to the variety of options that have already been discussed and it should be possible to move fairly quickly with the changes that are identified through continuing consultation.

It is clear that solutions cannot be the same in all parts of the territories. For example, some innovative approaches will be necessary in the South Mackenzie. The Health and Social Services operations do not cover the same geographical areas, as is the case in the other regions. However, this consolidation gives us the opportunity to rationalize resources in this area and to move staff closer to the people they serve. This is particularly true of Mackenzie health services, which currently operate out of Yellowknife, but whose clients are primarily in the Deh Cho and Dogrib areas.

There are some good opportunities to bring jobs to smaller communities through decentralization and I will be providing regular reports to this House to keep Members up to date on the progress of consolidation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Madam Premier. Item 2, Ministers' statements. Item 3, Members' statements. Mr. Patterson.

**ITEM 3: MEMBERS' STATEMENTS**

Member's Statement On Health Care System In The NWT

**MR. PATTERSON:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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Mr. Speaker, continuing on a positive note, I would like to talk about an event that befell me last summer, following the Baffin regional consultations on the new social housing rent scale in Pond Inlet. I took a trip to Iqaluit, a beautiful area about 50 miles from Pond Inlet -- that is the other Iqaluit, Mr. Speaker. We travelled on the sea ice by snowmobile and when I got there, I was welcomed by Mr. Allooloo and his constituents.

On the way back, Mr. Speaker, I had a mishap. While manoeuvring past some deep cracks in the sea ice, I failed to notice that the heavy komatik I was pulling had gotten stuck on a piece of ice. The komatik stopped, but my snowmobile kept going. The rope stretched and my snowmobile stopped

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suddenly. I was thrown forward and ended up with a rather deep gash on my face when I hit the snowmobile. Dumb qallunaaq.

---Laughter

By the time we got into Pond Inlet, it was 7:00 that night. I called the health centre and explained the situation. I was told to come up right away. I was given immediate and careful attention from Theresa, the nurse on call, who very carefully cleaned the wound and then called on a visiting physician, Dr. Rob Driscoll, to assist with stitching me up.

Even though I had been out on the sea ice for seven or eight hours before I got treatment, the wound healed well and I have been left with a barely noticeable scar.

I was very grateful for the prompt attention I was given, even though I know my call interrupted supper after a long day of clinic for the health centre staff. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to relate this story, not because it was outstanding or exceptional, but simply because this is the kind of cheerful, prompt and quality treatment our people are accustomed to receiving from our dedicated health care professionals in our communities.

---Applause

Although there are always problems and things to be critical about in our health system and improvements that can be found, I want to thank the health centre staff in Pond Inlet for looking after me so well when I needed treatment. I want to state my belief that

considering we live in a very remote part of the circumpolar world, we should still be grateful that we have a health care system that is second to none. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

---Applause

**MR. SPEAKER:**

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

Member's Statement On Contractors Under BIP

**MR. GARGAN:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise in this House today to offer my thanks and support for the commitment the Minister of Public Works and Services made yesterday to monitor contractors in compliance with the provisions of the business incentive policy.

I think the Members will agree that we have seen too many of these parachute contractors who promise the world when bidding on the contract, but when the work starts, the vast majority of employees are from the south.

Ensuring compliance with the contract and possibly even revoking the contract is a positive step and will make these parachute contractors take notice. I would also like to thank the Department of Transportation for negotiating the right-of-way brush clearing contract with the local of Fort Providence aboriginally-owned contractors both this year and over the last

several years. This is an important contract to my constituents and I appreciate it.

However, Mr. Speaker, I do have some concerns about highway contractors working in the Fort Providence area that I would like to address. Last summer, a contractor who was doing work over 50 kilometres from Fort Providence did hire a lot of members from my community to start the project to work on the highway. However, Mr. Speaker, as I drove back and forth to Yellowknife on business over the summer, I was dismayed to see less and less of my people employed on the construction. There are probably lots of reasons this happened, Mr. Speaker, or, Madam Speaker...

---Laughter

**MR. BALLANTYNE:**

They just change like that.

**MR. GARGAN:**

I think the primary reason was the distance the residents had to travel every morning to get from Providence to the job site. People from the south and communities other than Fort Providence employed by the contractor were given accommodation at the job site in a camp. Madam Speaker, the contractors were generous in providing transportation allowance for the workers from Fort Providence. However, I don't think they realize the problems.

Madam Speaker, I would like to get unanimous consent to conclude my statement.

**MADAM SPEAKER (Hon. Jeannie Marie-Jewell):**

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

**MR. GARGAN:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker, honourable Members. The majority of people getting this work were young people who had not yet had an opportunity to purchase their own vehicles. One had to get up at 5:00 in the morning to get to work by 7:00 am. If you missed your ride or if your ride wasn't going to work, you were fired. One chance, that is all you got.

Was this so that contractors could replace local workers with people from outside the community? I don't know, Madam Speaker. Maybe a bus service from Fort Providence or allowing residents to stay in the camp would have slowed the rate of attrition over the summer.

In the past, Madam Speaker, workers from my community have worked on portions of the highway between Fort Providence and Enterprise and stayed in camps. So, they are no strangers to this way of work. The reason I mention this here, Madam Speaker, is that next year the construction work will be even further from Fort Providence. Will workers from Fort Providence have to get up three hours before work to make it in on time?

Madam Speaker, I guess the point I'm trying to make is that, even though this contractor lived up to the intent of northern preference, they did not meet its spirit. Setting unrealistic barriers to employment and

then replacing the workers when they cannot meet the requirements is not, in my mind, fair. Madam Speaker, what I would like to see is a community consultative process right through the tendering process on large projects like this.

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The community could tell the government which companies have a good record in hiring locally, who treats their employees with respect and some consideration and understanding. After a contract is awarded, the government contractor and the community or communities involved should sit down together and work out any problems such as unrealistic employment barriers.

Madam Speaker, it is only by working together with government, communities and contractors, that programs such as the business incentive program will work. Mahsi cho.

--Applause

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Item 3, Members' statements. The honourable Member for Yellowknife South, Mr. Whitford.

Member's Statement On Arctic Environmental Strategy

**MR. WHITFORD:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I have a copy of an article that appeared in the October 10, 1994 issue of the News/North. The article is titled "Great Slave Clean-up Wraps Up Third Year." As many of my colleagues may know, this was a project undertaken by the Metis Nation of the Northwest Territories, in partnership with DIAND and DPW Canada with funding from the Arctic environmental strategy program of DIAND.

The city of Yellowknife and the Department of Renewable Resources from our own territorial government were contributing partners on this undertaking for the third year in a row. I've had more than a casual interest in this project, Madam Speaker, as a Metis, we celebrated July 1st of this year with a launch of flotillas of boats and barges from the docks in Yellowknife to start this year's work.

I have followed up on the progress throughout the summer, as the crews removed abandoned materials,

hazardous wastes and barrels from old mine sites and sealed numerous unsafe open shafts they found. They also cleaned up the mess and remains of burned-out buildings at the abandoned Arctic Star Lodge and numerous other abandoned and filthy sites in the east arm of Great Slave Lake.

The president of the Metis Association, Mr. Gary Bohnet, is quoted in this article as saying, "It is a joint community and government effort to preserve the environment for future generations." I think Mr. Bohnet and the Metis Nation deserve congratulations from this Assembly and the people from the western part of the territories for their work, which included employment and training for the many students and young people involved with this project over the past three years.

I would personally call this project our own northern version of the Great Lakes clean-up, whereby the Metis Nation has concentrated its efforts right here in our own backyard on Great Slave Lake, the second largest lake in the territories. A lake that has unlimited commercial and recreational value to us all.

My time is up, Madam Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to continue.

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

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

**MR. WHITFORD:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker, thank you, colleagues. Madam Speaker, I am aware that the Metis Nation next wants to undertake a clean-up of the entire Mackenzie River to remove the tons of waste and debris and the thousands of barrels in and around communities and old staging sites that have accumulated over the 50 years of commercial use of our river.

I am hopeful that we will all agree to support their plans, as it will not only improve our environment, but it will provide needed employment in the valley next summer. The Arctic environmental strategy will end in two more years and I personally believe that this Assembly must do all it can to emphasize to the federal government that a renewal is necessary so that we, as northerners, can continue to undertake projects similar to the work of the Metis Nation in

other areas of the north. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Thank you. The honourable Member for Nahendeh, Mr. Antoine.

Member's Statement On Community Health Committee In Wrigley

**MR. ANTOINE:**

Mahsi, Madam Speaker. Today I would like to talk about the nursing situation in Wrigley and the positive steps taken by the community and the Mackenzie Regional Health Services to work together to solve their problems. In August, Madam Speaker, a situation arose in Wrigley in which the nurse was verbally threatened for refusing to treat someone in what she thought was an unsafe location.

Consequently, Madam Speaker, the nurse left the community and Wrigley was left without a nurse and with minimal local health care service.

With worries about the elders and children and the possibility of someone being hurt on the job, Chief Gabe Hardisty and the band held a public meeting with Mackenzie Regional Health Services to hear the community's concern and to work out a solution to the problem.

The results of that meeting and meetings held after by the community, Madam Speaker, was the formation of a community health committee. A committee, along with 10 other volunteers, will help the nurse in dealing with her concerns, and offer the nurse assistance in any dangerous situation. In turn, Madam Speaker, I believe this committee will provide an excellent forum for the residents to voice their opinions to the community nurse in a non-adversarial way.

This new system will put the word "community" back into the community nurse position. Thanks to the efforts of community residents, the band and the Mackenzie Regional Health Services in setting up this community health committee system, Chief Gabe Hardisty was able to convince the nurse who had left Wrigley that she would have the support of the community should she decide to return.

Madam Speaker, I am happy to say that the nurse has returned to Wrigley and, consequently, the community was spared the long wait that accompanies the filling of such an important

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position. It must be noted, Madam Speaker, that the nurse position in Wrigley is still being filled on an interim basis and that Mackenzie Regional Health Services is looking for someone permanent.

This is a local solution to a local problem. However, Madam Speaker, it will be necessary for the government to provide nominal, ongoing funding for administrative support for the community health committee to ensure that this excellent program does not fade away after two or three years of operation.

Again, my thanks on behalf of the constituents in Wrigley and my admiration for all those involved in working to solve this health care problem there. Mahsi, Madam Speaker.

---Applause

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Item 3, Members' statements. The honourable Member for Yellowknife North, Mr. Ballantyne.

Member's Statement On Partners For Youth Program

**MR. BALLANTYNE:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Today I would like to talk about the partners for youth program for the city of Edmonton. The Standing Committee on Finance met this morning from 10:30 until 12:00 and put on an information seminar. We were very fortunate to have a Ms. Maria David-Evans from the city of Edmonton who has been working on the partners for youth program in Edmonton.

Members of the Standing Committee on Finance have been talking about this type of program for the last year. I think we found the information seminar very useful. I know the Members of the committee were very pleased with the turn-out of Ministers and deputy ministers. Mr. Nerysoo was there, the Premier was there, Mr. Kakfwi was there, Minister Mike, senior representatives from the RCMP, senior deputy ministers from Justice, Social Services, Health, and a number of MLAs.

If I could very briefly, Madam Speaker, explain the philosophy of the program. It's a school-based, single entry social service program which has met with great success in San Diego and other places in the United States, and has been quite successful in Edmonton.

The basic philosophies of this particular service for children and families are: that it be prevention and early intervention-oriented; it will be based on an integrated and holistic service delivery network; involve children and families in determining desired incomes; will facilitate more self-reliance and accountability of families, for their health and well-being, basic needs and the safety and security of their children; provide communities with the flexibility to make decisions, and be more accountable for providing services in keeping with the overall principles established for this delivery system; and ensure that there is a congruency of service and funding, goals, objectives and standards across provincial, municipal and various boards. The major focus is on outcomes. All of this, I think, is very relevant to the Northwest Territories.

Ms. David-Evans made it very clear that each community could have a different derivative of this particular model.

Madam Speaker, I think I'm about to run out of time. Could I seek unanimous consent, Madam Speaker, to continue my statement?

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

The honourable Member is seeking unanimous consent to continue. Are there any nays? Proceed, Mr. Ballantyne.

**MR. BALLANTYNE:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. There is really nothing new in this approach and there is nothing that the Standing Committee on Finance wants to take credit for something that's a great new idea of ours. I think most of these ideas have been around. The government has put many of these ideas in place over the years. There was quite a successful experiment in Arviat. The Premier has talked many times about the need to have a community-based solution. We've heard Mr. Gargan talk about needing a more holistic approach. And I've heard most Members around this table talk about...We have to break down some of the bureaucratic barriers between departments.

Mr. Nerysoo, yesterday, gave fairly supportive comments on this particular approach. I think it's an approach that has worked, and it's an approach that has the flexibility to make it very applicable here in the Northwest Territories. I know, speaking for myself and for other Members of the Standing Committee on

Finance, we really hope to see the government try this approach, and a beginning with this approach in the near future.

On the same subject, Madam Speaker, we're talking about early intervention for children. There was a study just completed by the University of Montreal and McGill University that studied 1,000 five-year-olds, and through this study, which took 10 years, they were able to identify amongst the five-year-olds those who had the most likelihood of becoming violent offenders, and that by putting them through a rehabilitation program they were able to change that pattern in 50 per cent of those who went through the program. So the success rate of intervening early, intervening aggressively is being proven. If there's one basic philosophy that comes from the Standing Committee on Finance -- and I've heard it many different ways from many Members -- it's that if we're to deal with the social problems in the Northwest Territories, in days of diminishing resources we really have to concentrate our efforts on young people. That is where the biggest pay-off will be, and that is the only place where we can even begin to try to undo the damage that is present now in society.

So I know in the government there is a lot of support for this approach. I know the Standing Committee on Finance appreciated the words and the support of the Ministers who were there today. We look forward to a very progressive next few weeks from the government as we pursue this objective. Thank you.

---Applause

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Item 3, Members' statements. The honourable Member for Amittuq, Mr. Allooooloo.

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Member's Statement On Appreciation To Search And Rescue Team In Igloolik

**MR. ALLOOLOO:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I stand up today to say thank you to the government for a couple of items. Madam Speaker, for the last few days, I have had a matter of great concern on my mind. Several days ago, a very close relative of mine who used to take me out hunting all of a sudden went missing from his outpost camp near Igloolik. Apparently, his snow machine broke down, and the poor weather



conditions and the seasonal ice conditions hampered local ground search and rescue operations.

I would like to report, Madam Speaker, that yesterday Inuki Kunnuk safely returned to his outpost camp, on foot, after spending six days out on the land, not in the best weather conditions.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the local search and rescue committee, the RCMP and the emergency measures staff of the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs for promptly positioning themselves for search and rescue operation. I understand that the RCMP twin otter was taxiing down the runway when they heard the word that Inuki was safe.

Madam Speaker, I would also like to say one more thank you this afternoon, if I may. I was very pleased to hear yesterday from the Minister of Public Works and Services about the positive changes to the business incentive policy that are being introduced; the ability of contractors to work their way through loopholes has been secured, a source of ongoing concern for my constituents.

I thank the honourable Minister for introducing these positive changes to BIP, and I encourage him and his staff...

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

I'm sorry, Mr. Allooloo, I cut you off before you finished your statement. In our rules, Members' statements only allow a Member to speak on one subject. So may I remind Members that Members' statements are only to pertain to one subject. In your statement, you thanked the government for their assistance and then you went to BIP, which is a totally different subject. So I would suggest you attempt to do your other statement tomorrow. Item 3, Members' statements. The honourable Member for Sahtu, Mr. Kakfwi.

Member's Statement On Receiving Compliments

**HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I wanted to speak today on something that occurred to me back in 1988. This is the first time I remember having this brought to mind. This is in identifying people who speak publicly who I find more and more frequently are using a certain phrase or a slur of words that are intended to be a compliment. This frequency, I think, is going to

continue rising as the number of politicians in the country continues to grow.

I've noted, on a number of occasions, most notably myself on one occasion in 1988, I think it was, of being confused as to the motive and the meaning of an intended compliment, when it was qualified with "I don't always agree with Steve, but..."

---Laughter

I was not quite clear about the motive and the intent of the compliment, whether it is to have some distance placed between the person giving the compliment and the one intended to receive, or to get the public to recall mentally the many fights they may have had with the individual. I wonder whether it is a compliment or a forced reluctant statement of some kind.

I was wondering how difficult it would be for individuals to say, for instance, "I haven't always agreed with this person over the years and I admit I was wrong most of the time."

---Laughter

Or, how about being very positive and saying, "I have agreed with most of the things this person has done over the years," instead of highlighting the differences you've had with the person. I believe we should strive to recognize that a compliment should be clear and simple. It should not be intended to confuse the recipient.

I will ask for unanimous consent to continue, please.

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Thank you. The honourable Member is seeking unanimous consent to continue with his statement. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Please proceed, Mr. Kakfwi.

**HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:**

Thank you. I suppose I shouldn't really get fussy because I know compliments are scarce. But, on the rare occasion should I ever receive a compliment, I want it to be very clear that it is a compliment. Just so you know, and this is the reason I'm saying it, I'm ready for my next compliment.

---Laughter

But, I want the unqualified, unfettered kind I was referring to in my statement. Thank you.

---Applause

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Item 3, Members' statements. The honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre, Mr. Lewis.

Member's Statement On Integrating Hockey Into Our School System

**MR. LEWIS:**

Madam Speaker, I was going to make this statement tomorrow, but then on reflection, I thought if I did it tomorrow, people would think I was not serious. So, I thought I would do it today instead. But, having listened to Mr. Kakfwi, I am a bit confused now because I know he wants his statement to be taken seriously. The subject I want to talk about today, Madam Speaker, is one which is a serious subject. It has to do with schooling.

Twenty years ago it struck me that one of the things that happened in our school system is that the young girls did quite well. They seemed to adapt to it. It was natural. Whereas, the young guys seemed to go reluctantly to school, much as I did,

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I suppose, at times. But, usually, I found that the young boys in the system really didn't relate to the culture and environment of what a school is.

So, one day, upon reflection, I thought why is it that people want to go somewhere? It is because they are interested in what goes on there. The one thing that does not go on in our schools, from my observation, is the one thing that is central to the life of every young red-blooded Canadian boy, and that is the game of hockey.

I know, from my own experience, that if you really love something, you want to be close to it. You would have no difficulty in getting a young kid up in the morning to go to a hockey practice at 6:00 am if the school had a team and they were going to prepare for a game between Providence and Simpson or Wrigley and some other place. They would be keen, they would be excited.

You would find that if it was part of the culture of the school, those young boys would be motivated. Schooling would become more relevant to the things that mattered to them. You can have a basketball team, a volleyball team or a track and field team, but you can't have a hockey team; the implication being that this is too important a subject to be left to schools and that schools should really deal with the things that don't matter as much to young boys. Hockey is so important, it has to be left to the wider community.

Why is it in our system and in our culture, we have not given consideration to the fact that this one thing could maybe completely turn around what schooling means to a young boy in his formative years when his testosterone levels have to be tested...

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Mr. Lewis.

**MR. LEWIS:**

Madam Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to continue with my statement.

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

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

**MR. LEWIS:**

I made my point, Madam Speaker. I would like Members to reflect on this, though. I have not made a statement of this nature in this House before and some people have said to me, well, you were in education for all that time, why couldn't you do it? Well, because I was a bureaucrat, and being a loyal bureaucrat, I always served my political masters.

But, then, when you get into this political arena, you suddenly realize that to make that kind of change means you have to upset a large part of your community that has taken charge of this as a major component in the lives of young boys and they would be very reluctant to give it up.

But if you want schools to be meaningful to young people so that they can have their energies focused and directed, it is something that makes sense to them. In our system, we can do it. It is possible for us to do that. I really believe that in a short period of time, you would find the motivation to become part of an activity would also be reflected in improvement in

other things that go on in the school system. The young girls already do quite well, and there are stats to prove that they do better than young boys in the school system up to a certain age. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

---Applause

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Item 3, Members' statements. The honourable Member for Baffin South, Mr. Pudlat.

Member's Statement On Airline Rates For Children

**MR. PUDLAT:**

(Translation) Thank you, Madam Speaker. This is not the first time you have heard me mentioning this concern. I am talking about airline rates for children. The rates for children are almost the same as adults. This has been an ongoing concern of my communities for a long time now and it is not acceptable to some of my communities. A lot of people in the communities do not have much money.

Low prices for carvings, among other things, mean they don't have the means of earning money in the communities. Madam Speaker, I urge the government to look for a solution to this problem. I spoke of this concern more than once during this Assembly. We would like to have an answer to this problem. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Item 3, Members' statements. The honourable Member for Kitikmeot, Mr. Ng.

Member's Statement On Funding For Elders' Residences

**MR. NG:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, in all of our communities, there are many elders who form a very important part of our social fabric. Our elders pass on their knowledge and experience to their children, to their grandchildren and, for some, to their great-grandchildren. Since my election one and a half years ago, I have requested that the GNWT provide elders' residences in both Coppermine and Cambridge Bay, as elders in both of these communities have asked for these facilities.

It is my understanding that the Kitikmeot region was scheduled to have its first elders' facility constructed in Gjoa Haven since 1988. For various reasons, the capital funds for this project have been deferred, year after year.

Last year, all funding for elders' residences was deferred in the capital estimates due to the unresolved issue of CMHC housing funds being virtually eliminated.

Madam Speaker, for the 1995-96 year, the Department of Health and Social Services reinstated the capital funding for elders' residences in Fort Norman and Fort Resolution, which were two of the deferred projects from last year. However, the capital funds for the elders' residence in Gjoa Haven, within the Kitikmeot region, has been entirely deleted from the capital plan.

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Shame, shame.

**MR. NG:**

Madam Speaker, it says my time is up here, but I don't think I've spoken for two and a half minutes. I would like to ask for unanimous consent to finish my statement.

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**MADAM SPEAKER:**

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

**MR. NG:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker, and honourable colleagues. Madam Speaker, the government has substantiated this deletion to the Kitikmeot health board and the Gjoa Haven hamlet council with the delivery of an extensive home care program within Kitikmeot which we understand will be included in the upcoming main estimates. This arrangement and subsequent deletion has been done without any type of consultation with the Members of this House, the honourable Mr. Ningark, myself and, more significantly, without any consultation with the elders in the region.

Madam Speaker, I and other Members acknowledge and support the establishment of an extended home

care program to assist individuals including elders needing and requesting home care assistance. A home care program can address some of the physical needs of elders, however, it can in no way fully address the social and mental well-being of individuals in being able to socialize and receive support from their peers on a constant basis.

The Kitikmeot will continue to have no elders' residences in the entire region, while all other regions have some form of elders' facilities. Madam Speaker, I find it totally unacceptable and objectionable as to the government's deletion of the elders' residence funding in Gjoa Haven. Where is the fairness and equity in addressing elders' needs in the Kitikmeot? I ask the government to immediately address this issue.

Madam Speaker, my honourable colleague and I will continue to pursue the government on this matter until the needs of elders in the Kitikmeot and in my constituency are addressed in a satisfactory manner. Mahsi.

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**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Item 3, Members' statements. Item 4, returns to oral questions. The honourable Member for Baffin Central, Ms. Mike.

**ITEM 4: RETURNS TO ORAL QUESTIONS**

Return To Question 185-12(6): Status Of Firehall In Fort Providence

**HON. REBECCA MIKE:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Return to oral question asked by Mr. Gargan on October 19th regarding the firehall.

The Fort Providence firehall project is proceeding after some delays this past year, to allow the hamlet council to consider a proposal from the local Digaa Enterprises Development Corporation.

The hamlet council has agreed to proceed with the planning and design of the firehall this winter, with construction next summer. A full project authority agreement has been signed with the hamlet giving them the responsibility for the construction of the firehall.

I am optimistic this project will be successfully completed next year. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Item 4, returns to oral questions. The honourable Member for Sahtu, Mr. Kakfwi.

Return To Question 37-12(6): Timetable For Updating Companies Act

**HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. This is in response to a question asked by Mr. Ballantyne on April 7th.

Mr. Ballantyne asked a question as to what the timetable was to have an updated Companies Act revised and brought into modern context.

We wrote to Mr. Ballantyne on the 25th of April indicating that the drafting of a new Business Corporations Act had begun, and it was expected at the time that completion of this draft would be in the latter part of 1995. Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Item 4, returns to oral questions. Item 5, recognition of visits in the gallery. Item 6, oral questions. The honourable Member for Yellowknife North, Mr. Ballantyne.

**ITEM 6: ORAL QUESTIONS**

Question 195-12(6): Cabinet Approval Of Low-Water Surcharge

**MR. BALLANTYNE:**

I have a question for the Minister responsible for the Power Corporation, Ms. Cournoyea. Did the Cabinet approve the Power Corporation's proposed 22 per cent low-water surcharge?

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Minister responsible for the Power Corporation, Madam Premier.

Return To Question 195-12(5): Cabinet Approval Of Low-Water Surcharge

**HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA:**

Madam Speaker, no.

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Item 6, oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. Ballantyne.

**MR. BALLANTYNE:**

Thank you. Then did the Minister approve the proposed 22 per cent low-water surcharge?

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Thank you. I just want to caution Members that I've been advised that this particular request has been placed before the PUB, which is a quasi-judicial board. I would like to ask the Member if you could possibly rephrase your question in order not to place any type of impediment on the process.

Point Of Order

**MR. BALLANTYNE:**

Madam Speaker, I respect the sub judice provisions of our rules. However, in this case, there is an anomaly as to how the Power Corporation operates. The Power Corporation goes in front of the Public Utilities Board in order that they can hear rate applications. But, on the other

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hand, the Power Corporation is 100 per cent owned by the Government of the Northwest Territories, and the legislation which enacts the Power Corporation allows the Minister to issue directives to the Power Corporation. What I'm trying to do here, Madam Speaker, is to deal with the relationship between the Government of the Northwest Territories and the Power Corporation, not the relationship between the Power Corporation and the Public Utilities Board. Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Mr. Ballantyne, first of all, on your point of order, I want to indicate to you that the question was not ruled out of order. I've asked you to rephrase your question, keeping in mind and being cognizant of the fact the request for an increase has gone before the Public Utilities Board, which is a quasi-judicial body. Therefore, I did ask if you would rephrase your question, but to keep that particular request in mind. However, Mr. Ballantyne, since you have put forth a point of order, I will take it under advisement and rule it accordingly. Item 6, oral questions. The

honourable Member for Yellowknife North, Mr. Ballantyne.

Supplementary To Question 195-12(6): Cabinet Approval Of Low-Water Surcharge

**MR. BALLANTYNE:**

I appreciate that. I think it will be useful to Members. To the Premier, I fully respect the relationship between the Power Corporation and the Public Utilities Board, but I am interested in exactly how the Cabinet was involved in the decision-making process.

The Minister says the Cabinet wasn't involved, but the Minister responsible has the authority to issue directives and I want to ask, has the Minister issued any directives to the Power Corporation in the past year.

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Madam Premier.

Further Return To Question 195-12(6): Cabinet Approval Of Low-Water Surcharge

**HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA:**

Yes, Madam Speaker, there was one directive issued to the Power Corporation.

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Supplementary, Mr. Ballantyne.

Supplementary To Question 195-12(6): Cabinet Approval Of Low-Water Surcharge

**MR. BALLANTYNE:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. It's a fairly strong tool that the Minister responsible for the Power Corporation has. Could I ask what that directive was?

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Minister responsible for the Power Corporation, Madam Premier.

Further Return To Question 195-12(6): Cabinet Approval Of Low-Water Surcharge

**HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA:**

Madam Speaker, the directive was for the Power Corporation to pay the Government of the Northwest

Territories, I believe, \$4 million plus in order for the government to pay the subsidy on power rates.  
Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Item 6, oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. Ballantyne.

Supplementary To Question 195-12(6): Cabinet Approval Of Low-Water Surcharge

**MR. BALLANTYNE:**

Supplementary. Thank you. With that particular request, the government, I would think, is indirectly saying that the Power Corporation has to find the money from somewhere else. My last question to the Minister...Obviously, the Minister is consulted in any sort of decision like this for the Power Corporation to go in front of the Public Utilities Board. Was the Minister consulted by the Power Corporation before they went in front of the Public Utilities Board?

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Minister responsible for the Power Corporation. Madam Premier.

Further Return To Question 195-12(6): Cabinet Approval Of Low-Water Surcharge

**HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA:**

Madam Speaker, I was made aware that a request for a low-water surcharge would be put forward to the Public Utilities Board. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Item 6, oral questions. The honourable Member for Baffin South, Mr. Pudlat.

Question 196-12(6): Travel Assistance For Visiting Sick Relatives

**MR. PUDLAT:**

(Translation) Thank you, Madam Speaker. I have a question to the Premier, in her role as the Minister of Health and Social Services, and the leader of our government. We, as MLAs, are often asked by constituents to assist with travel costs for them to visit their ill relatives in other communities. As much as we would like to, we are not allowed to use money from our constituency funds to help these people in need.

Could the Premier inform this House what assistance is available to those people who would like to travel to another community to visit sick or terminally ill relatives, but can't financially afford to? Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Minister of Health, Madam Premier.

Return To Question 196-12(6): Travel Assistance For Visiting Sick Relatives

**HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA:**

Madam Speaker, thank you. In reply to the Member, travel assistance is available from two programs: medical travel; and, social assistance. Madam Speaker, to be eligible for medical travel assistance, a doctor has to certify that travel by the relative is medically necessary for the patient's treatment. Without the doctor's certificate, travel cannot be authorized.

Secondly, to be eligible for compassionate travel under social assistance, the relative who wishes to travel has to be eligible for social assistance. This eligibility is based on a needs test. If the relative has sufficient income to meet their needs, then they are not eligible for this form of assistance.

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Madam Speaker, the government recognizes that the current policies have restrictions that can create hardships for some families. However, these are the two access policies that can be used in requesting travel assistance. Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Item 6, oral questions. The honourable Member for Iqaluit, Mr. Patterson.

Question 197-12(6): Devolution Of Land Administration Process

**MR. PATTERSON:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs. Today she made a good statement about the department's education initiative, which referred to preparation for the devolution of land administration in Nunavut. I would like to ask the Minister about the reference to the devolution of land administration. Specifically, how would this

devolution of land administration, referred to in the statement, actually occur? How would this process be initiated? Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs, Ms. Mike.

Return To Question 197-12(6): Devolution Of Land Administration Process

**HON. REBECCA MIKE:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I thought in my Minister's statement it was quite clear how this process would be carried out. The first step in doing this was we had to get an agreement with Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated, especially on the date and also the wording of the question that would be asked for the referendum.

With respect to the transfer of municipal lands, municipalities are now preparing necessary by-laws to acquire those lots occupied by municipal buildings and turnovers have commenced. Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Supplementary, Mr. Patterson.

Supplementary To Question 197-12(6): Devolution Of Land Administration Process

**MR. PATTERSON:**

Madam Speaker, I take it from the Minister's answer that the devolution will occur, provided that the community votes yes in the community plebiscite that was set up under the land claims agreement. My supplementary, Madam Speaker, is if the community decided to take on this responsibility, how would the cost of this additional administrative requirement be met by the hamlet or the municipality? Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs, Ms. Mike.

Further Return To Question 197-12(6): Devolution Of Land Administration Process

**HON. REBECCA MIKE:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. As I indicated in my Minister's statement, this referendum is a requirement

under the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement Act. The financing part of it is from the federal government. This is to commence July, 1996. Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Supplementary, Mr. Patterson.

Supplementary To Question 197-12(6): Devolution Of Land Administration Process

**MR. PATTERSON:**

Madam Speaker, I really want to understand this correctly. Is the Minister telling me that her department will turn over the fee simple title and the responsibility for administering community lands in municipalities, where communities vote yes, and that the federal government will pay for the additional administrative costs incurred by those hamlets and municipalities to administer those lands? Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs, Ms. Mike.

Further Return To Question 197-12(6): Devolution Of Land Administration Process

**HON. REBECCA MIKE:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. The question on the referendum will be, "Do you want the hamlet of..." for example "...Iqaluit to be able to sell municipal lands?" In the event the answer is no, they will still have the responsibility of municipal lands. If the vote is yes, that gives them the authority to sell municipal land. But if the local council doesn't want to sell the land, they don't have to. It will be up to the community. There will be money available from the federal government to help pay for the salaries and the trained local land administrators. Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Final supplementary, Mr. Patterson.

Supplementary To Question 197-12(6): Devolution Of Land Administration Process

**MR. PATTERSON:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I think I am finally getting the answer to the question. The answer was, the federal government will help pay the salaries of

the new staff required. If the federal funds are not adequate to pay for all these costs, since the Minister said the federal government will only help pay the salary cost, who picks up the balance? How are those incremental costs to be borne by the hamlets and municipalities? Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs, Ms. Mike.

Further Return To Question 197-12(6): Devolution Of Land Administration Process

**HON. REBECCA MIKE:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. To my understanding, most of the municipalities are funded for municipal lands operations. Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Item 6, oral questions. The honourable Member for Deh Cho, Mr. Gargan.

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Question 198-12(6): Update Of 1992 Housing Needs Survey

**MR. GARGAN:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. My question is to the Minister responsible for the Housing Corporation. I would like to ask the Minister responsible for the NWT Housing Corporation if there has been any recent follow-up work undertaken to update or revise the 1992 housing needs survey to ensure that the corporation is meeting the housing needs of northerners to the greatest extent possible, given the limited funding available.

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Minister responsible for the Housing Corporation, Mr. Morin.

Return To Question 198-12(6): Update Of 1992 Housing Needs Survey

**HON. DON MORIN:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. The only update that has been done was in Mr. Gargan's riding, on the Hay River Reserve. The Hay River Reserve did not agree with the housing survey their people had done, along

with the Housing Corporation, so it was redone and from that, they managed to receive a reallocation.

Next year is the third year of the housing survey. It is supposed to be done next year. Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Supplementary, Mr. Gargan.

Supplementary To Question 198-12(6): Update Of 1992 Housing Needs Survey

**MR. GARGAN:**

I would like to ask the Minister whether the allocations that are being done for this year are based on the 1992 housing needs survey?

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Minister responsible for the Housing Corporation, Mr. Morin.

Further Return To Question 198-12(6): Update Of 1992 Housing Needs Survey

**HON. DON MORIN:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. The allocations for this year are based on the last needs survey. Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Item 6, oral questions. The honourable Member for High Arctic, Mr. Pudluk.

Question 199-12(6): Funding For Arctic Bay Women's Group

**MR. PUDLUK:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Education, Culture and Employment. I was happy to receive a letter back on April 27, 1994, from the Minister's staff stating that a funding request for my constituency was approved by the Minister under the workers' training fund to fund the Ivalu Women's Group of Arctic Bay. But, I'm disappointed to say that the funds that were approved by the Minister have not found their way to my constituents.

My question is, how long does it take to get funds approved by the Minister into the communities after the Minister approves them? Thank you.



**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Minister of Education, Culture and Employment, Mr. Nerysoo.

Return To Question 199-12(6): Funding For Arctic Bay Women's Group

**HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I don't track the time, but I apologize to the Member if the group hasn't received the resources. I would assume the department would send the resources immediately to the community. But, I will look into it.

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Thank you. The honourable Member for Yellowknife South, Mr. Whitford.

Question 200-12(6): Equipment For Kidney Patients At Stanton

**MR. WHITFORD:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Minister of Health and Social Services, Madam Premier. It concerns the Stanton territorial hospital which was built some years ago to provide state-of-the-art medical services to residents of the Northwest Territories.

In the past, we've had occasions when we didn't have all the services available here in the Northwest Territories that patients need. And, as a consequence, they would have to go to the nearest centre, such as Edmonton, for specialized treatment until such time as the demand was sufficient here in the north to establish that treatment in the territories.

The hospital, of course, is well-used, but it is currently not equipped to handle some ailments that are becoming more prevalent in the territories. One of those illnesses is kidney malfunction. There seem to be a growing number of individuals suffering from kidney problems. I would like to ask the Minister if she could advise me if there are any plans to purchase state of the art equipment for the residents of the territories suffering from kidney malfunction.

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Minister of Health and Social Services, Madam Premier.

Return To Question 200-12(6): Equipment For Kidney Patients At Stanton

**HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA:**

Madam Speaker, there are plans to acquire the equipment and the necessary support to provide kidney dialysis treatment in the Northwest Territories. Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Supplementary, Mr. Whitford.

Supplementary To Question 200-12(6): Equipment For Kidney Patients At Stanton

**MR. WHITFORD:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. That was a good answer, and I'm very pleased to learn of that. I would like to direct a second question. There are a number of

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patients here in the city who already require the treatment and there are patients who soon will require such treatment. There is always an associated cost for establishing the treatment as well as a cost to send patients to the south. I wonder if the Minister can inform me whether or not Stanton Hospital has looked into these costs and has prepared any report that would provide us in this House with that kind of information.

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Minister of Health and Social Services, Madam Premier.

Further Return To Question 200-12(6): Equipment For Kidney Patients At Stanton

**HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA:**

Madam Speaker, I did look at the numbers and some of the information that was put together. It is not really in a report. There are some figures and some assertions about what the cost would be to equip Stanton Hospital. As the Member rightly stated, there are also associated costs. That analysis is being done now. We are trying to make sure we get all the figures and all the questions that have to be answered, answered. We're in the process right now.

Given that the figures show the cost-benefit of providing the services in Yellowknife for Northwest Territories residents, we will proceed with establishing how we would do that. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Supplementary, Mr. Whitford.

Supplementary To Question 200-12(6): Equipment For Kidney Patients At Stanton

**MR. WHITFORD:**

Thank you. Just a final question, Madam Speaker. To a person who is suffering from kidney ailments, any time is a long time. I was encouraged, and I'm sure they'll be encouraged, to hear the answers that were given by the Minister. I would just like to ask if the Minister could give us an anticipated time that this service would become available here for northern residents, so they wouldn't have to travel south.

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Minister of Health and Social Services, Madam Premier.

Further Return To Question 200-12(6): Equipment For Kidney Patients At Stanton

**HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA:**

Madam Speaker, I can't give a specific time. Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Item 6, oral questions. The honourable Member for Deh Cho, Mr. Gargan.

**MR. GARGAN:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I have another question for the Minister responsible for the Housing Corporation. I understand that the corporation allocated a number of housing units to communities, based on the capital funding available and the assessed needs of each community. Can the Minister advise me if there have been any occasions where the actual number of units constructed in a community were different or less than the approved estimates?

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Mr. Gargan, I am having a problem with your question with regard to the detail you want from the Minister. I wonder if you could somehow rephrase your question, without trying to draw out a detailed answer. They should come under written questions. The honourable Member for Deh Cho, Mr. Gargan.

Question 201-12(6): Housing Units Delivered Versus Units Allocated

**MR. GARGAN:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I would like to ask the Minister if, within a given year, the actual amounts of units allocated and constructed are different or less than actual estimates.

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Minister responsible for the Housing Corporation, Mr. Morin.

Return To Question 201-12(6): Housing Units Delivered Versus Units Allocated

**HON. DON MORIN:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Every year, the allocation changes in the communities. For example, last year, I think we had borrowed approximately 30 or 40 units from some of the eastern communities and built them in the west, and then paid them back the following year. But I made all that information available to SCOF when we did that. Whenever a unit is put off one year, it's always replaced the next year. But this year what we've done, even without specific allocations, in some of the communities where there were 40 access units not allocated, we built them regardless. So there's always some give and take to make sure we expend all the funds and build as many units as we can, but they're always paid back. Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Item 6, oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. Gargan.

Supplementary To Question 201-12(6): Housing Units Delivered Versus Units Allocated

**MR. GARGAN:**

My supplementary, Mr. Minister, is in the Minister's response he said that even when clients are not identified, the construction went ahead. I would like to

ask the Minister, have you based the construction of those units on the needs assessment if, in fact, you haven't identified but you still went ahead.

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Minister of Housing, Mr. Morin.

Further Return To Question 201-12(6): Housing Units Delivered Versus Units Allocated

**HON. DON MORIN:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. The majority of those 40 access units are being built in the eastern Arctic. Potential clients who are living in public housing with the artificial rent cap have to be encouraged to go into home ownership. I had talked to the Members about this previously, that we were going to go ahead and build those units because they will be taken up by clients. There's a need in the community. But if you have artificial caps to rent where people can live in public housing and make \$70,000 or \$80,000 and pay \$100 or \$150 a month rent, there's no encouragement for

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them to take up the home ownership unit. So this way, once the rent scale is passed by this Legislative Assembly, the units will be there, ready for people to occupy. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Item 6, oral questions. The honourable Member for Iqaluit, Mr. Patterson.

Question 202-12(6): Federal Contribution To Devolution Of Municipal Lands

**MR. PATTERSON:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Again to the Minister of Municipal Affairs about the devolution of municipal lands. The Minister earlier said that the federal government has agreed to help pay for the costs of administering communities and its administering of municipal lands. I'd like to ask the Minister, under what authority has the federal government agreed to contribute to the incremental costs of administering community lands. Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs, Ms. Mike.

Return To Question 202-12(6): Federal Contribution To Devolution Of Municipal Lands

**HON. REBECCA MIKE:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I believe that I said to help pay the salaries of trained local land administrators, which is to commence in July of 1996. But, to my understanding, there is a provision that was negotiated by the Nunavut Tunngavik Federation, at the time, that it was required of the federal government to pay or fund the municipalities once the land administration was turned over by July 1996. Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Supplementary, Mr. Patterson.

Supplementary To Question 202-12(6): Federal Contribution To Devolution Of Municipal Lands

**MR. PATTERSON:**

Madam Speaker, thank you. I believe that the Minister had already stated earlier today in this question period that she understood the communities were already funded for community lands administration, at least to some extent. Madam Speaker, the municipality of Iqaluit had a lands officer, but the current financial restraint has resulted in the termination of that position and Iqaluit residents now rely on headquarters MACA officials to administer community lands. I would like to ask the Minister whether her department is prepared to assist the town of Iqaluit with the establishment of a person year to locally administer community lands. Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs, Ms. Mike.

Further Return To Question 202-12(6): Federal Contribution To Devolution Of Municipal Lands

**HON. REBECCA MIKE:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. If the position was eliminated due to the deficit that the town of Iqaluit incurred and the position was there, I'm sure the department would be willing to assist once the town of

Iqaluit and the council have developed their recovery plan. Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Item 6, oral questions. The honourable Member for Yellowknife South, Mr. Whitford.

Question 203-12(6): Future Plans For Akaitcho Hall

**MR. WHITFORD:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Minister of Education. As Mr. Gargan and I are well aware, Akaitcho Hall has served its residents of the Northwest Territories well for many, many, many, many years, and just this past year, for whatever reasons, the government chose to close it down. It was closed down as far as its intended use was concerned. Madam Speaker, the question I would like to ask the Minister, because the people in Yellowknife are asking and the people in other parts of the territories are asking, what is going to become of Akaitcho Hall, particularly the residential part of it, Madam Speaker. There are hundreds of beds in rooms sitting vacant as we speak, in a time of housing shortage and need. What is the short-term and long-term future of Akaitcho?

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Minister of Education, Culture and Employment, Mr. Nerysoo.

Return To Question 203-12(6): Future Plans For Akaitcho Hall

**HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:**

Thank you. I believe that everybody, not only Mr. Gargan and Mr. Whitford, knows the results of Akaitcho. But I do want to say that there are only 43 students now from other communities in Yellowknife. They are all home boarded. Madam Speaker, I do want to say that at this particular juncture, we are having discussions between the Department of Education, Culture and Employment and Public Works and Services as to the utilization of that particular building. Our general suggestion at this particular juncture is that we are going to utilize it for the administrative arm of Arctic College.

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Supplementary, Mr. Whitford.

Supplementary To Question 203-12(6): Future Plans For Akaitcho Hall

**MR. WHITFORD:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Akaitcho Hall is still there, and there are all these rooms still available if there are only a few people residing there. It doesn't appear that the building has been moth-balled at all. It seems to be up to running speed there and I just wonder what's the immediate or longer-term future for the residential part of it. There are all these rooms there that could serve only one purpose and that's to house people.

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Minister of Education, Mr. Nerysoo.

Further Return To Question 203-12(6): Future Plans For Akaitcho Hall

**HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. We haven't made our final determinations on the utilization of the residential portion of Akaitcho Hall. We also have not come

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to final conclusions on the use of Akaitcho, except to say to my colleagues that as a Minister, I have made appropriate representations to the Minister of Public Works and Services for the utilization of that building.

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Supplementary, Mr. Whitford.

Supplementary To Question 203-12(6): Future Plans For Akaitcho Hall

**MR. WHITFORD:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. In the considerations that the Minister is taking for its future, is Akaitcho Hall being considered as a residence for Arctic College?

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Minister of Education, Mr. Nerysoo.

Further Return To Question 203-12(6): Future Plans For Akaitcho Hall

**HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:**

At this particular juncture, that is not one of the considerations. I think what we require is an opportunity to continue with our discussion that may see the consideration of utilization of those sections of the building.

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Item 6, oral questions. The honourable Member for Baffin South, Mr. Pudlat.

Question 204-12(6): Building And Safety Codes Of Housing Units

**MR. PUDLAT:**

(Translation) Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister responsible for the Housing Corporation. Madam Speaker, in some communities, there are houses being built which have only one entrance way. Isn't this breaking some laws? Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Minister responsible for the Housing Corporation, Mr. Morin.

Return To Question 204-12(6): Building And Safety Codes Of Housing Units

**HON. DON MORIN:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. In no way does having one door break any fire codes or building codes. I realized the concern so I requested, from the Housing Corporation, estimates on approximately what it would cost to add a door to all the existing units that only have one door. From my information, the maximum distance a person would be away from that door, in any given room, is 15 feet. To add another door to all units would cost us approximately \$3.5 million throughout the Northwest Territories. Those are dollars we don't have.

I've instructed the Housing Corporation to come back to me with an estimate of adding an escape route for elders' and elders units only. Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Item 6, oral questions. I had the honourable Member for Deh Cho next, but he's not in the House. The honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre, Mr. Lewis.

Question 205-12(6): Planned Usage Of Akaitcho Hall In Arctic College Plans

**MR. LEWIS:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Education. We are going to be considering the Arctic College Act. I know the decision has already been made that we will have two colleges, one in the east and one in the west, and that will be reflected in this legislation. My question to the Minister is, if Akaitcho Hall is being considered for administrative purposes, and given the size of the building, is it intended that the college in the western part of the territories will be in Yellowknife.

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Minister of Education, Mr. Nerysoo.

Return To Question 205-12(6): Planned Usage Of Akaitcho Hall In Arctic College Plans

**HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. The honourable Member knows that we already have a campus here in Yellowknife. What we are considering is the relocation of that campus to Akaitcho, with the possibility of delivering certain programs in that institution. It provides an opportunity for us to bring together the campus, which is spread out right now, and the administration.

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Supplementary, Mr. Lewis.

Supplementary To Question 205-12(6): Planned Usage Of Akaitcho Hall In Arctic College Plans

**MR. LEWIS:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. The Minister did say that there was consideration being given to use that building for administrative purposes. I would like to ask the Minister, what is the mechanism by which a campus, which requires administration, is established.

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Minister of Education, Mr. Nerysoo.

**HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I don't have the details to answer that question. It is very specific and the

Arctic College board makes those determinations. So, I will take the question as notice.

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Item 6, oral questions. The honourable Member for Kitikmeot, Mr. Ng.

Question 206-12(6): Status Of Revision Of GNWT Staff Housing Strategy

**MR. NG:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Personnel. Last session, there were numerous concerns raised by Members of this House regarding the design and implementation of the GNWT staff housing strategy. At that time, in trying to address those concerns, the Minister committed to reviewing the policy and bring forward a new one. So, I would like to ask the Minister, at this time, about the status of the revision to that policy. Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Minister of Personnel, Ms. Mike.

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**HON. REBECCA MIKE:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I will take his question as notice.

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Item 6, oral questions. The honourable Member for Amittuq, Mr. Allooooloo.

Question 207-12(6): Federal Funding For Devolution Of Land Administration

**MR. ALLOOLOO:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I listened with great interest to the Minister of MACA's Minister's statement and also the exchange this afternoon between Mr. Patterson and the Minister. I agree with the government's initiative and applaud them. Land administration should be in the hands of the communities. My question is, did the Minister say when the community accepts land administration, that the federal government will come up with PY money to assist the communities. Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs, Ms. Mike.

Return To Question 207-12(6): Federal Funding For Devolution Of Land Administration

**HON. REBECCA MIKE:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'm not an expert on the Nunavut land claims agreement. However, our department is proceeding with the transfer of lands which is required under that agreement. We are assisting the communities to train the necessary staff who need to be trained through Arctic College. This will commence in January, 1995. At the present time, some communities already have staff funded through the municipal governments, through their core funding from MACA. So, there is already money available in the municipalities but there will be additional money made available by the federal government by July 1996 to help pay salaries and train local land administrators. Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Supplementary, Mr. Allooooloo.

Supplementary To Question 207-12(6): Federal Funding For Devolution Of Land Administration

**MR. ALLOOLOO:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would also like to ask the Minister, did I also hear that, because this is a procedure she believes is a requirement under land claims, whether the community would like to have the land transferred to them or not would not be up to them. Would it be an obligation of the community to take over that responsibility? Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs, Ms. Mike.

Further Return To Question 207-12(6): Federal Funding For Devolution Of Land Administration

**HON. REBECCA MIKE:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Back in 1991, when the Inuit of Nunavut ratified their claim, this was instituted. It is a requirement under article 14 of the Nunavut land claim agreement. In fact, during that referendum, when the Inuit in the communities agreed to this claim, they also agreed to the turnover of lands

to the municipal governments. It was included in the agreement that was ratified. Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Supplementary, Mr. Allooloo.

Supplementary To Question 207-12(6): Federal Funding For Devolution Of Land Administration

**MR. ALLOOLOO:**

Thank you. I would like to disagree with the Minister, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, if I recall correctly, under section 14, if the municipal corporation only wants to take over land administration, that provision is there, and the community also has to vote in order for it to take over that responsibility.

Madam Speaker, I wonder if the Minister could provide us with information that could be well understood by the communities so the community members know the process well in order to take over the land administration. Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs, Ms. Mike.

Further Return To Question 207-12(6): Federal Funding For Devolution Of Land Administration

**HON. REBECCA MIKE:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Through my Minister's statement a few days ago, I indicated that my department and the NTI staff are working together in preparing some materials that will keep the residents of Nunavut communities informed as to how this referendum will take place. I cannot give, at this time, the details of what that information will be, because the staff and NTI staff are developing it or will be developing it soon. Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Item 6, oral questions. The honourable Member for Deh Cho, Mr. Gargan.

Question 208-12(6): Effect Of Gun Control Legislation On Aboriginal People

**MR. GARGAN:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Aboriginal Rights and Constitutional Development. Madam Speaker, Allan Rock was here, from the federal department, to promote the gun control laws for the country. I'm not too concerned about hand guns, and I know that the largest lobbying groups are not aboriginal people, but I do have a concern about the new gun laws that are going to be implemented across the country, regardless. I would like to ask if the Minister of Justice has consulted with the federal Minister regarding the effect the new gun laws will have on the aboriginal people.

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Minister of Justice, Mr. Kakfwi.

Return To Question 208-12(6): Effect Of Gun Control Legislation On Aboriginal People

**HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:**

Madam Speaker, the federal Minister, since coming into office a year ago, has indicated some eagerness on moving on campaign promises to toughen gun laws and legislation governing firearms in this country. It has been my initiative to meet with him, once last March, to indicate to him that the proposed program to implement national firearms safety programs and requirements for

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acquiring firearms acquisition certificate was not acceptable in the Northwest Territories, and explained to him the reasons for it; many of which are issues related to the use of firearms by aboriginal people pursuing traditional pursuits of hunting and trapping. In any case, as the Member knows, those particular programs have been implemented in all parts of the country except here in the Northwest Territories, and the Minister has agreed to defer that.

We're presently looking at a two-tier program that all people in the Northwest Territories should take. There is no disagreement on the element of safety. Whether you're an aboriginal person or not, there is agreement that the requirement for providing safety courses and to find some mechanism to ensure that all people practise and know how to take safety precautions in using and acquiring and storing firearms, to make sure we don't become law breakers in our own land because of laws that are not relevant

and are not applicable here in the Northwest Territories.

So the answer to the question is yes, we have taken it, but mostly in view of recognizing that there are a growing number of people using guns across Canada. There is also growing concern about how well people handle firearms, even here in the Northwest Territories. We want to make sure that if there are measures being taken, they complement our concerns as aboriginal people, as leaders in government to make sure they promote the interest of the safety of people out in the public. Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Item 6, oral question. The honourable Member for Kitikmeot, Mr. Ng.

Question 209-12(6): Protection Of By-Law Officers

**MR. NG:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Justice and it relates to protection of by-law officers. Under the Criminal Code, currently, peace officers such as policemen and correctional facilities workers, sheriffs, et cetera, are afforded extra protection from assault by individuals when they're carrying out their duties. I would like to clarify what protection by-law officers have within our municipalities. Do they have the same rights and recognition as peace officers, or are there other protections for these individuals? Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

I just have a problem with regard to directing your question to the Minister of Justice because, from my knowledge, I believe by-law officers are the responsibility of Municipal and Community Affairs, through the hamlets, settlements and towns. So I would request the Minister of MACA to reply to your question. Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs, Ms. Mike.

Return To Question 209-12(6): Protection Of By-Law Officers

**HON. REBECCA MIKE:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. No, they are not the same.

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Point of order, Mr. Ng.

Point Of Order

**MR. NG:**

Madam Speaker, wouldn't the protection of the by-law officers be a legal jurisdiction? That's why I directed the question to the Minister of Justice, because I would think it would be within his realm as it pertains to the Department of Justice.

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Mr. Ng, I'll take your point of order under advisement and advise you tomorrow as to where the question should be directed, once I review Hansard. Item 6, oral questions. The honourable Member for Deh Cho, Mr. Gargan.

Question 210-12(6): Lead Role In New Aboriginal Correctional Institute

**MR. GARGAN:**

Thank you. I have another question to the Minister of Justice. Madam Speaker, last year, the Minister had an opportunity to visit my constituency, in which we were looking at the possibility of the creation of an aboriginal corrections facility near Fort Providence. I had a phone call today, Madam Speaker, from the community that said that the South Mackenzie Correctional Centre would be taking the lead role in the implementation if this is to happen. I would like to ask the Minister whether this South Mackenzie Correctional Institute is going to take the lead role with regard to the development, planning and construction, or is the community still going to be the ones who are going to determine how and where the facility will take place.

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Minister of Justice, Mr. Kakfwi.

Return To Question 210-12(6): Lead Role In New Aboriginal Correctional Institute

**HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. It's our intention, at this time, that should we be successful in allocating successful resources in the area of corrections, one of the main priorities over the next few years would be to build a number of community correctional centres which would be characterized by a number of things.



One, that they would be community-based or based in proximity to a community; that is, they could be land-based. They would be characterized by the fact that perhaps it would be mandatory, if not a high priority, for us to see that it is managed and staffed by the community. It would also be characterized by the fact that it would be more of a minimal security facility for those types of offenders who would not be considered dangerous and would be considered more open to doing work of reconciliation; to try to restore peace in the community with the people whose lives and whose peace they have disrupted.

That is the intent. If the Member has heard anything else, then it may be people thinking openly about where the support from the Department of Justice, corrections division, would come from; whether it comes from the Department of Justice here, from staff within the Yellowknife Correctional Centre, or from the South Mackenzie Correctional Centre. Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Item 6, oral questions. Mr. Gargan.

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Supplementary To Question 210-12(6): Lead Role In New Aboriginal Correctional Institute

**MR. GARGAN:**

Thank you. Just to get a clarification. The Minister is indicating that no decision has been made as to who would be taking a lead role if there were to be a facility built in Fort Providence at this time, then?

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Minister of Justice, Mr. Kakfwi.

Further Return To Question 210-12(6): Lead Role In New Aboriginal Correctional Institute

**HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:**

Madam Speaker, I must say that we haven't consolidated our approach to this. It may very well be that we will request a number of staff people from the different communities and from different institutions, to spearhead a team approach and to work with communities -- perhaps like Fort Providence -- to develop a proposal for a facility to be run and managed by the community. Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Item 6, oral questions. The honourable Member for Amittuq, Mr. Allooloo.

Question 211-12(6): Devolution Of Survey Section Of Land Administration

**MR. ALLOOLOO:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Again, I would like to direct a question to the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs. Does land administration include the part of the survey that MACA does to assist communities? Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs, Ms. Mike.

Return To Question 211-12(6): Devolution Of Survey Section Of Land Administration

**HON. REBECCA MIKE:**

Madam Speaker, the land transfer will include municipal lands. The department has begun assisting municipalities to survey the lands that haven't been surveyed. I don't know what he means by "part of the survey that MACA does." There could also be areas that aren't considered municipal lands, Madam Speaker. I seek clarification. Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Supplementary, Mr. Allooloo.

Supplementary To Question 211-12(6): Devolution Of Survey Section Of Land Administration

**MR. ALLOOLOO:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. My supplementary. In the land section of the department, there must be groups or people who do surveys. Is that part of the land administration that is going to be devolved to the communities?

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs, Ms. Mike.

Further Return To Question 211-12(6): Devolution Of Survey Section Of Land Administration

**HON. REBECCA MIKE:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I don't think so, but I'll check and get back to the Member. Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Supplementary, Mr. Allooloo.

Supplementary To Question 211-12(6): Devolution Of Survey Section Of Land Administration

**MR. ALLOOLOO:**

Thank you. In her department, does land administration include the survey people? Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs, Ms. Mike.

Further Return To Question 211-12(6): Devolution Of Survey Section Of Land Administration

**HON. REBECCA MIKE:**

Yes, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Time for oral questions has lapsed. Mr. Lewis, I will put you on my list as first for tomorrow. Item 7, written questions. The honourable Member for Deh Cho, Mr. Gargan.

**ITEM 7: WRITTEN QUESTIONS**

Written Question 11-12(6): Request For Housing Allocation Statistics

**MR. GARGAN:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Would the Minister responsible for the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation advise this House of the following:

1. The number of social housing units, both public housing and rental supplement where applicable, that were allocated by community in the NWT for the fiscal years 1990-91 through 1994-95?
2. The number of HAP houses allocated and constructed, by community in the NWT, for the fiscal years 1990-91 through 1992-93?
3. The number of houses allocated by community, through ACCESS to home ownership programs for the fiscal years 1993-94 and 1994-95?

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Item 7, written questions. The honourable Member for Yellowknife North, Mr. Ballantyne.

Written Question 12-12(6): Effect The 22 Per Cent Proposed Surcharge Will Have On The Cost Of Power To Royal Oak Mine And Miramar Con Mine

**MR. BALLANTYNE:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I have already noted my concern about the impact of the proposed 22 per cent low-water surcharge for domestic consumers on the Snare system. Would the Minister responsible for Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources advise this House of the added costs to Royal Oak Mine and Miramar Con Mine of this proposed rate increase?

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**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Item 7, written questions. Item 8, returns to written questions. Mr. Clerk.

**ITEM 8: RETURNS TO WRITTEN QUESTIONS**

Return To Written Question 5-12(6): Status Of Employment For Doctors In The NWT

**CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton):**

Madam Speaker, Return to Written Question 5-12(6), asked by Mr. Ng of the Minister of Health and Social Services, concerning the number of physician positions in the health boards and department.

The total number of approved physician positions in the health boards and the Department of Health and Social Services is thirty-five (35).

The employees of the health boards are as follows:

- Eight (8) positions are based in Iqaluit serving the Baffin region (including one regional medical health officer);
- One (1) position is based in Cambridge Bay serving the eastern part of the Kitikmeot region;
- Six (6) positions are based in Inuvik serving most of the Inuvialuit and Gwich'in communities;
- Three (3) positions are located in Fort Smith;

-One (1) position is based in and serves Rae while making visits to Snare Lake;

-One (1) position is based in and serves Fort Simpson while making visits to Wrigley, Nahanni Butte, Trout Lake and Jean Marie River;

-Thirteen (13) physician specialists positions are located in Yellowknife and provide medical specialty services to the western NWT including the Kitikmeot region.

These positions are sometimes filled with locum physicians on service contract arrangements when recruitment is in progress.

The department employs two (2) medical health officers to act as consultants to all health boards except for the Baffin Regional Health Board who employ their own regional medical health officer.

The department maintains one service contract with an Edmonton physician for specialty medical services to provide consulting geriatrician services to the NWT health boards.

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Item 9, replies to opening address. Item 10, petitions. Item 11, reports of standing and special committees. Item 12, reports of committees on the review of bills. Item 13, tabling of documents. Item 14, notices of motion. Item 15, notices of motions for first reading of bills. Item 16, motions. Item 17, first reading of bills. Item 18, second reading of bills. Item 19, consideration in committee of the whole of bills and other matters: Tabled Document 14-12(6), "Open for Business" - Privatizing the Northwest Territories Power Corporation; Tabled Document 23-12(6), Report of the 1993-94 Electoral District Boundaries Commission Northwest Territories; Minister's Statement 11-12(6), Return to Session; Committee Report 6-12(6), Report on the Review of Bill 3 - Guardianship and Trusteeship Act; Committee Report 10-12(6), Report on the Review of the 1995-96 Capital Estimates; Committee Report 11-12(6), Report on the First Annual Report of the Languages Commissioner of the NWT; Bill 1, Appropriation Act, No. 1, 1995-96; Bill 2, Aboriginal Custom Adoption Recognition Act; Bill 3, Guardianship and Trusteeship Act; Bill 7, An Act to Amend the Arctic College Act; and, Bill 8, An Act to Amend the Public Utilities Act, with Mr. Ningark in the chair. Thank you.

---Applause

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

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you. The committee will come to order. Yesterday, when we concluded committee of the whole, we were dealing with Bill 1, Appropriation Act, No. 1, 1995-96, Education, Culture and Employment, and Committee Report 10-12(6). What is the wish of the committee? Mr. Dent.

**MR. DENT:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to recommend to the committee that we continue on with consideration of Committee Report 10-12(6) and Bill 1 and, specifically, continue on with the Education, Culture and Employment budget and, if we should finish that, we move on to consider the Health and Social Services budget.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you. Do we have the concurrence of the committee that we once we conclude with Education, Culture and Employment, that we move on to Health and Social Services?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

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**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Yes, after the 15 minute break. Thank you.

---SHORT RECESS

Bill 1: Appropriation Act, No. 1, 1995-96

Committee Report 10-12(6): Report On The Review Of The 1995-96 Capital Estimates

Department Of Education, Culture And Employment

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you. The committee will come back to order. The Department of Education, Culture and Employment 1995-96 capital estimates begins on page 16-02. When we concluded yesterday, we were on general comments. General comments. Do you want to go into detail?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

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Line By Line

Culture & Careers

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Page 16-9, culture and careers, building and works, headquarters, total region, \$215,000. Agreed?

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**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

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**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you. Fort Smith, total region, \$3.863 million. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

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**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you. Inuvik, total region, \$150,000. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

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**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you. Mr. Patterson.

**MR. PATTERSON:**

I wonder if the Minister could outline, please, the proposed renovations to the Aurora Campus in Inuvik.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you. The honourable Minister.

**HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:**

Mr. Chairman, first of all, I would like witnesses here, and, secondly the details of the project are not in yet. It's in future years. The planning is for this particular year.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you. I take it Mr. Minister wants to bring in the witnesses. Do we have the concurrence of the committee?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

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**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you. Proceed, Mr. Minister. Sergeant-at-Arms, bring in the witnesses.

Mr. Minister, please introduce the witnesses.

**HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:**

Thank you. On my right, Mr. Jim Kaulbach, and on my left, the deputy minister of Education, Culture and Employment, Mr. Hal Gerein.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you. Inuvik, total region, \$150,000. Mr. Patterson.

**MR. PATTERSON:**

Mr. Chairman, I appreciate the money here is for planning, but I would just like to ask the Minister, the department must have some idea of the nature of this project that they're planning for. What are they planning for? Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you. The honourable Minister.

**HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:**

Let me, Mr. Chairman, read...Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The campus needs upgrading to meet expanding curriculum offerings, and the option to consider transfer into Grollier Hall appears to be viable. This decision is pending examination of student housing needs for the region. If the Grollier option is being considered, the future use of the utilidor has been raised as the town wants to remove

it in its entirety. The unfortunate thing is Grollier Hall is one of the biggest users. At the present time, we're doing the consultation with the Baffin Divisional Board of Education for Arctic College on the student options and future use of Grollier Hall.

So the determination, even though the dollars are outlined, will determine the actual direction and also the expenditures.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you. Culture and careers. Mr. Patterson.

**MR. PATTERSON:**

Mr. Chairman, I would just like to make it clear that I have no hesitation or difficulties at all with seeing some \$5.5 million, or I guess a total of \$6 million forecast in future for renovations to the Aurora Campus.

As I recall, the Department of Education got this building for \$1 from the military. It's an incredible facility, but old; very old. But still the replacement cost would be staggering to get that kind of square footage. So I'm really quite pleased to see this substantial expenditure envisioned as an investment in our human resources in that region.

What makes me curious, though, is that there's a similar ancient building inherited from the military in the Baffin region, namely the single student residence in Iqaluit, about which minor capital renovations I made such a fuss about last week. I guess what I would like to ask the Minister is, is the department thinking similarly that money should be budgeted to renovate the so called Federal Building in Baffin which includes, like the Aurora Campus, shops, residences, classroom space. I'm just curious why we don't see some planning money or some renovation money also in place for that building. It seems that it's very comparable to the old building in the Aurora Campus in Inuvik. Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you, Mr. Patterson. Mr. Minister.

**HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just so that the honourable Members here realize that new campus and classroom space was provided in Iqaluit. The issue that is being addressed here is program and administration needs.

That is why we are trying to address the actual needs with the review this particular year, because what we're finding is that we have more students that the original classrooms that were transferred. If the honourable Member has forgotten since his tenure as Minister, there are only basically three classrooms in the gymnasium area and, basically, I believe, about three classrooms in the administration building. Because of that, the unfortunate situation is that we cannot expand the programs. So what we're looking at is the renovation of those particular buildings to provide additional classroom space and the possibility of not building new space but, in fact, renovating and utilizing Grollier Hall as part of that expansion.

There are a number of considerations, and I think the honourable Member is correct in raising the issue on student

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housing. But that, in itself, is an additional issue that is going to be addressed once we've come to a conclusion on reviewing the plan that has been provided to us for student housing. So that's generally what is occurring right now.

On the other point that the honourable Member has raised, I have been made aware, as the Member knows, from my recent trip to Iqaluit. So we'll try to address the concerns that he's raised but, again, we have to do it, I think, on a collective basis, rather than just one campus versus another. This is a situation where we don't have enough program space for the students today.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you. Culture and careers. Mr. Patterson.

**MR. PATTERSON:**

That's well and good, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate that response. Just one final question on this one, and I want to, perhaps, make it abundantly clear that I welcome these expenditures at Aurora Campus and I'm not trying to see any competition between one campus and another. But I think if it's good for one area, it should be good for a comparable facility elsewhere.

I would just like to ask the Minister if he could elaborate a little bit on the...He made mention of plans in place to improve program facilities at the Nunatta Campus. Could I have a little bit more detail on that? Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you. The honourable Minister.

**HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:**

Mr. Chairman, what I indicated was that I understand the issue of the need for improvements in Nunatta. But I am also being pressed, Mr. Chairman, for other facilities in other regions; in particular, one that is lacking very substantial services is Kitikmeot, for instance. There is some basic infrastructure that most regions require. In order for us to be responsive in every region, we have to pay attention to at least some basic requirements. I do understand the concern that the honourable Member has raised. He pointed it out to me when we travelled to Iqaluit together, and when I met and toured the community. It's probably the same situation with most Members on the Standing Committee on Finance. So we're aware of it, and what we're trying to do is ensure that the basic services are there.

I believe the other point that needs to be made is the way in which we're going to fund projects in future. The board for Nunavut college, Nunavut Arctic College, will be instrumental in determining the expenditures in future. I am hoping that the new formula arrangement, the formula financing will, in fact, rectify some of the inequities. But a lot of it may take a little longer than we would want it to. That's the only thing I would be cautious about, Mr. Chairman.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you. Total region, Inuvik, \$150,000. I have Mr. Dent and Mr. Gargan. Mr. Dent.

**MR. DENT:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I would like to seek committee's approval to go back to the Fort Smith region.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you. Do we have the committee's concurrence to go back to the Fort Smith region?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

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**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Mr. Dent.

**MR. DENT:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My question is about the applied arts and library building in Fort Smith. Mr. Chairman, I noted that in the budget in 1989-90, \$6.68 million was the projected overall budget. By 1991-92, that had grown to \$6.69 million. And I see in our books this year that if you include the future, we're looking at a total of \$8.65 million. I would just like to ask the Minister, what has caused this budget to grow by this substantial amount over a short period of time.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you. The honourable Minister.

**HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. A great deal of it, I think, deals with inflationary costs. Another deals with the program space as part of the two components.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Qujannamiik. Total region. The honourable Member for Yellowknife Frame Lake.

**MR. DENT:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm just a little bit surprised by the answer that inflation had to do with this, considering what the inflation rate has been in the last couple of years. Can the Minister advise how much of that increase relates to inflation?

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Mr. Minister.

**HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:**

What happens is that we calculate the cost of the project. As we get to the actual construction itself, we get firmer and firmer calculations and that's the problem. It's one thing for us to forecast and another to actually expend the dollars, based on the projection.

The other component, of course, deals with the whole issue of other factors. We could be paying additional dollars for the application of the business incentive policy. Those are considerations that are all part of the additional costs to any particular project.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you. Fort Smith, total region. Mr. Dent; then I have Mr. Gargan. Mr. Dent.

**MR. DENT:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Minister just mentioned the premium for the business incentive policy. I was just wondering if the department could tell us just what the premium was for the application of the business incentive policy.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Qujannamiik. Mr. Minister.

**HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We're just trying to make a quick calculation here. Mr. Chairman, I would like, maybe, to respond this way. I think with respect to the project, we are above the premium, you might say, being paid already, to be quite honest with you. But that's the nature

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of the way we're conducting the project. That was a decision made about how we would approach this particular project.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you. Mr. Dent.

**MR. DENT:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm just trying to understand this fully. I didn't quite catch what the Minister meant when he said they were already above the premium for the BIP right now. Is the Minister saying that this project is expected to come in higher than this \$8.4 million projected budget we are seeing in our books right now? Again, Mr. Chairman, I didn't quite understand the Minister's explanation. Perhaps he could try to make it simpler for me.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Mr. Minister.

**HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:**

I'm not trying to make it confusing. But there are certain factors that have to be considered. I appreciate the comments made about the inflation issue. Since we even proposed the project, lumber prices have tripled. There are other prices of

products that have gone up. That's one of the issues. The other thing is, in some instances, the concept of negotiating directly does cost us a few extra dollars. The application of the BIP costs us dollars.

But, generally speaking, we have been trying to keep within the dollars that have been voted. I'm not going to suggest to the honourable Member that it may be possible. There may be other factors that come in that force us to go beyond it. It is a matter of trying to make adjustments in the capital dollars that you voted for us.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Fort Smith, total region. Mr. Dent.

**MR. DENT:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I can appreciate what the Minister is saying. I know lumber prices have gone up significantly. But, I also think that, in general, contract prices in the construction industry have gone down during the last few years due to our economy. I would have expected that this would have equalized the inflation rate to almost nothing. In other words, the prices of some groceries have gone up but the prices of others have gone down. Prices across Canada have tended to equal out so there is less than one or two per cent increase in inflation. I believe the construction prices across Canada have done pretty much the same.

I guess I remain unconvinced that there has been a significant increase in the cost of doing construction work in the past few years in the north. Leaving that aside, I would just like to ask, has the department done an analysis of what the premium for BIP is -- which the Minister has mentioned is perhaps one of the reasons for the increase -- and what the negotiated nature of the contracts here has been?

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Minister of Education, Culture and Employment, Mr. Nerysoo.

**HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I apologize to the honourable Member, but the responsibility for delivering the project belongs to the Department of Public Works and Services. The difficulty for me in answering is that we have different interpretations of how the projects are being applied. But, I do want to say that there were other considerations. The

unfortunate thing is, we haven't seen all the kinds of reductions in the cost of doing business that the honourable Member has pointed out have occurred across Canada. That has not necessarily been the case for northern business.

That's the unfortunate thing. One component of the BIP still forces us to incur costs that are higher than what other companies would bid. We are not seeing the advantages of the competition that exists across the country. We haven't seen the downgrading of prices. The other thing is, the incentive program has gone up an additional 5 per cent since this project was put into the capital budget, in addition to those that were already proposed. Those are the factors that should be considered.

The actual delivery agent is the Department of Public Works and Services for this project.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you. Mr. Dent.

**MR. DENT:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I understand that the Minister's department is now responsible for the delivery of the program. I want to make it clear that I wasn't trying to say anything nasty about the BIP, but I think it is important that we understand what the premiums are that we are paying sometimes.

I don't think there is anything wrong with getting them on the table for public awareness. That was the sort of information I was looking for. I thought the Minister's department might have an assessment of this. Knowing that dollars are budgeted within their department, it would seem to follow that, if prices go up, whether because of inflation, the BIP, or negotiated contracts or any other factor, the size of the project may have to be decreased. That was really what I was going to ask. Has the scope of this project been decreased since it was originally proposed?

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you. Mr. Minister.

**HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:**

Thank you. Mr. Chairman, I thank the Member for the comments he made. Yes, the project has been decreased by 17 per cent from the original proposal.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Qujannamiik. Mr. Dent.

**MR. DENT:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Would it be possible to get a bit more information on that? For instance, does the 17 per cent mean that the size of the building has gone down by 17 per cent, or have we, perhaps, selected something that was to be included in the building and decided not to include it? I know that one of the things that was going to be in this facility was the Social Services program building, which were originally ATCO trailer units. I know it was proposed that we replace them. Are we still going to be able to replace them? Did we reduce everything, or did we pick one area and decide not to include it in this building?

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Qujannamiik. Minister Nerysoo.

**HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:**

I'll ask Mr. Kaulbach to be more specific about what it is that we didn't include in the project.

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I do want to say that we cut out program needs by 17 per cent from the original concept that was proposed.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Mr. Minister, are you asking Mr. Kaulbach to answer? Mr. Kaulbach.

**MR. KAULBACH:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The areas of the program cuts that were looked at were the areas of the existing building where we had anticipated to move over. Social Services, I believe, was one of the areas that we cut and rapography was another area that was looked at. The general intent is to streamline the original program to within our available funds. Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Qujannamiik. Fort Smith, total region, \$3.863 million. Mr. Dent.

**MR. DENT:**



Just a question about Mr. Kaulbach's response. Can I assume then, that the ATCO trailer units, which are now being used for Social Services programming, will be maintained and used for that purpose?

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

I believe the question is directed to the Minister, through Mr. Kaulbach.

**MR. KAULBACH:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. A few trailers will be left in the campus facility for continued use.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Fort Smith, total region. Mr. Gargan.

**MR. GARGAN:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, under the community learning centre in Fort Providence, I understand that the actual building would be constructed in 1997-98. I've talked to the Minister and I've also invited him to come to my community to look at the building itself but I've also been in Hay River and seen the adult education centre there. Last year, my daughter was going to school there and one thing I've noticed is that one whole section of that education centre is empty. It's not being used. It's under-utilized. The only point I'm trying to make is that in Fort Providence itself, it's over-utilized, it's overcrowded. For that reason, Mr. Chairman, I would like to make a motion.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you, Mr. Gargan. Proceed, Mr. Gargan, with the motion.

Committee Motion 30-12(6): To Advance Community Learning Centre In Fort Providence To Fiscal Year 1995-96, Carried

**MR. GARGAN:**

Mr. Chairman, I move that the Department of Education, Culture and Employment consider making every effort to advance funding to renovate and add to the existing community learning centre in Fort Providence, to the fiscal year 1995-96.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you, Mr. Gargan. The motion is in order. To the motion. Mr. Gargan.

**MR. GARGAN:**

Just to tell the rest of the Members that I wouldn't make this an issue if I didn't feel that it was. I think, in this case, the community learning centre has been overcrowded for at least a couple of years that I've gone into the building. There isn't as much storage space as there should be. Most of the storage is kept in boxes and left by the porch or by the stairway. The bathrooms are two steps high. If you're going to go to the bathroom, you have to go up two steps high and these are where a lot of the books and boxes are stored because there just isn't room. Like I've said already to the Members, they have computers and there aren't sufficient plugs so they use an adaptor with the plug-ins. To allow for the amount of plug-ins you need an adaptor to avoid fluctuations. Those are the kinds of things and the conditions that the adults are working under while going to school there.

I know there's some money earmarked for renovations of the main school itself but I really feel that, in this case, there is an urgency to try and address the issue.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you. To the motion. Mr. Minister.

**HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I understand the concern the honourable Member has raised. I just want to advise the honourable Member and Members of the Assembly that one of the things that we were trying to do is to not create a situation where there is separate learning institution. Deh Ga was the proposal that we were considering as a combination of both; that we would put the buildings basically together. We could take the addition and we would add it to the school. That was the way in which we were looking at this proposal, so that the available facility and the resources available to those in the adult programming would be greater. However, I understand the comments and the motion. I'm not sure how we're going to deal with it but I just want you to be aware of that.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you. To the motion.

**AN HON. MEMBER:**

Question.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

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

---Carried

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Total Fort Smith region, \$3.863 million. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

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**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you. Inuvik, total region, \$150,000. Mr. Ng.

**MR. NG:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to ask the Minister, the Arctic College strategic plan has been finalized, I understand, or he can clarify if it hasn't. I know it's under discussion and is supposed to be adopted in the very immediate future if it hasn't already, and in that plan they're going to try to identify programming needs in both the east and west. In recognizing that, are there going to be some costs -- some capital costs -- associated with setting up programming, especially in some of the regions like the Kitikmeot where there are no current facilities, or very limited facilities -- with Arctic College beside the adult education facilities that have been put

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in there. I would like to ask the Minister, if that is the case, how his department will be dealing with the Arctic College strategic plan and I would also like to ask what the status of it is at this time?

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Mr. Minister.

**HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The document is in draft, it has been received by the Arctic College board and will be sent to me and, therefore, my department, for review in terms of the report itself and the whole

matter of investment in the future. That's where it's at, at this particular juncture.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you. Inuvik, total region, \$150,000. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

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**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Qujannamiik. Baffin, total region, \$40,000. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

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**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you. Keewatin, total region, \$10,000. I have Mr. Arvaluk and Mr. Dent. Mr. Arvaluk.

**MR. ARVALUK:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have a concern with respect to the budget that I knew was a prior year cost but nothing as yet has been done on that. Either it's a lapse or they are getting quotes on it right now, but I don't believe that changing the rug and painting the walls is \$220,000, so it cannot be that one. In that case, it's not been done yet.

Mr. Chairman, I had an understanding from my conversations with the community education council on the Arctic College in Coral Harbour, regarding the community learning centres, that there was a deal or an agreement -- a gentlemen's agreement -- struck between the senior officials of different departments. I believe that Mr. Kaulbach from DPW was there; Eric Colbourne, assistant deputy minister of Education; Fraser Hope, director of Keewatin divisional board; Sandy Kusugak, as vice-chairman of Keewatin; the chairman and the whole CEC board council of Coral Harbour, met in May and made an agreement that there would be -- according to the letter from the chairman of the CEC -- a stand-alone school, or Arctic College, built.

But seeing that there is renovation for the community learning centre in Coral Harbour, it's a change without any noticeable adjustment from the regional

agreement that the senior officials had with the CEC and the Arctic College.

So what I'm concerned about mostly is why the agreement or some kind of arrangement with those senior officials of the CEC and Arctic College have not been honoured; why there's a change without CEC knowing that this has now been changed to the old school east wing with a renovation rather than constructing a stand-alone learning centre as originally planned. With that, Mr. Chairman, I want to make a motion. I seek support of my colleagues, in support of that regional agreement that was made between CEC and officials of the departments, different departments, in fact. Qujannamiik.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Mr. Arvaluk, are you making a motion here? Mr. Arvaluk, would you read the motion for the record?

Committee Motion 31-12(6): Reprofiling The Renovation To The Coral Harbour Community Learning Centre, Carried

**MR. ARVALUK:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move that this committee recommends that the Department of Education, Culture and Employment reprofile the 1995-96 capital project entitled, "Renovate Community Learning Centre, Coral Harbour," so as to respect the agreement reached at the joint meeting in May of 1993, between senior officials of the Department of Education, Culture and Employment, Keewatin Campus of Arctic College, Department of Public Works, Keewatin Divisional Board of Education, the chair and the members of the Coral Harbour Education Council, that the new community learning centre for Coral Harbour will be a "stand-alone" facility, not attached to the east wing of Sakku School. Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Qujannamiik. Mr. Arvaluk, we'll need to get a copy of the motion to the Members who need translation, so we will take five minutes.

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

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**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

The committee will come back to order. Mr. Arvaluk has read the motion into the record. The motion is in order. To the motion, Mr. Arvaluk.

**MR. ARVALUK:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The reason I brought this up is because we have been getting phone calls and letters. I also got a reply, by letter, from the Minister about this. I was hoping for a more positive response. Why the Minister changed his mind is not stated in the letter. It sounds like there was a unilateral decision to change the agreement that this joint meeting had agreed upon earlier.

I only understood that his consultation meeting in Coral Harbour must have been important and expensive, because not only one department went in. There was the Department of Public Works and Services, Education, the vice-president of Arctic College, director of the Keewatin Divisional Board of Education and the whole local education council met. I also understand that this was an open meeting with the community. Anyone who wanted to attend was welcomed, along with the school principal.

This was a meeting to decide how the school extension was going to be built, and planned, along with the Arctic College idea. They felt strongly that an east wing is needed for the regular school. The Minister's letter stated that there is a 71 per cent utilization ratio at the moment. But, he does not consider other requirements of the school that he was planning; that is, a study room, extended education classroom,

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a meeting room, cultural inclusion teaching area and office space for CEC. These are not funded through CEC. Coral Harbour is very active in this area. They need the space on a permanent basis.

My argument against this motion, Mr. Chairman, is that it is very, very sad when a community has been given positive hope, and gets hyped up and makes their plans -- they tell the community on the radio programs that they had a great meeting with senior officials and what they had come up with -- and the department turns around ten months later or so and unilaterally decides to cancel what was agreed to in the joint meeting in Coral Harbour.

I am concerned about the correspondence that has come to me from the Coral Harbour education council requesting the reinstatement of the regional agreement, to have it respected. If it is not going to be respected, then at least go back to Coral Harbour and come up with an alternate solution, rather than unilaterally coming up with the 1995-96 capital estimates without any consultation with the community at all. Qujannamiik.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Qujannamiik. To the motion. Mr. Minister.

**HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:**

Mr. Chairman, it is too bad that an impression was left that somehow an agreement was reached. There seems to be a fundamental difference between interpretations of that meeting. I'll ask Mr. Kaulbach, who was at that meeting, to speak in a few minutes. On the matter of the renovations to the east wing and the idea of it moving to Arctic College, the advantage of that was we would have one central location for the delivery of both adult and school-aged children educational program delivery.

As a result of that change, what we did was added five new classrooms, one science class, library and resource area, increased staff area, dental suite and internal renovations to the west section. What we also have just approved is \$180,000 worth of work that was supposed to be carried out next year, to be carried out now so that we can renovate the classrooms. That is going ahead already.

I think the problem, with the letters going back and forth, is that there has either been a misunderstanding or an unwillingness to go back to what was actually said at the meeting. As far as the staff is concerned, and I have to believe Mr. Colbourne and Mr. Kaulbach, the issue is, there would need to be an appropriate community educational plan that dealt with future educational development. That was the basis of the discussion. There was an agreement that we would do the renovations and, in the future, that our 1998-99 commitment is an additional new wing for \$1.48 million. That would also address the college programming. It would allow us, if it were necessary, to get rid of the east wing, depending what we saw as the need and use of that section.

That, generally, is the impression that was left in the information I have received so far. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. Minister, you requested Mr. Kaulbach to speak to the motion. For the Minister, Mr. Kaulbach.

**MR. KAULBACH:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. During my attendance at that meeting, a request for a new stand-alone learning centre was made. The department listened to the various alternatives and the understanding that was left at that point was that the department would evaluate these alternatives and work with the community in coming up with a comprehensive plan to offer adult education in the community.

The option that was chosen was to put them into the east wing and increase the school allocation for the spaces they would lose. The long-term needs would be addressed through an additional program, based on final evaluation of that existing wing. Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you. I would like to apologize. The rule of committee of the whole only allows Members of the Legislature to speak to the motion. To the motion. Mr. Arvaluk.

**MR. ARVALUK:**

Mr. Chairman, then Mr. Kaulbach's comments will be withdrawn from Hansard?

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you. They're already in the record, so we will keep them in the record. To the motion. Mr. Gargan.

**MR. GARGAN:**

Mr. Chairman, I just have one question to ask the Minister regarding this. It's with regard to the Department of Education, Culture and Employment, regarding their policies regarding adult education centres or community learning centres. Is it the policy of the government to have those included as part of an elementary school or a junior high school?

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you. Mr. Minister, to the motion.

**HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, wherever it's cost-effective. That's the nature of what we're trying to do now. The problem is that we don't have the resources that we used to have, and we have to be more prudent and careful about how we expend our capital money. There are ways of planning the projects so that we isolate the adult programming from the high school or the primary educational program area.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you. To the motion. Mr. Gargan.

**MR. GARGAN:**

So adult learning centres are part of Arctic College programs. The direction for the department then is to include Arctic College programs as part of the mainstream education; elementary, junior or senior.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you. To the motion, Mr. Minister.

**HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:**

Thank you. Yes, because what you have to do is understand that there's a continuum of education going from one grade to the next to adult

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programming. The other issue is that it allows for access to the resources that are in a particular school. For instance, let's talk library. A lot of programming that is being done for the adult programming also requires them to have access to a library for research, resource material, computers, that kind of stuff that can be shared more effectively.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you. To the motion, Mr. Arvaluk.

**MR. ARVALUK:**

Mr. Chairman, I'm not in a position to comment on policy, but I could see that...I'm from Coral Harbour. I've been in that school many, many times. I have, in fact, participated in instruction in life-skills programs, especially on the land, et cetera, or pre-employment life-skills programs. It's a big, big problem that in Coral Harbour, the adult education program is very active and there are mothers who are attending that school, attending that Arctic College. As soon as it's 3:30, the children of those students in Arctic College

come in to the Arctic College, start bothering their mothers who are trying to study, trying to go to school. Having the same place for children and adults does not work because in a small community, it's inevitable that you are going to have the parents and the children going to school in the same place. And you know how children are. After school, they want to see their parents. Most of them go home to see their parents, but a lot of them have parents who are going to school there. It's really bothersome.

I guess my comment in this case, to this motion, is that the cost-effectiveness which is quite marginal, would be compared to the quality of education. I don't think we could argue that. I don't think we should be allowed to argue that. Qujannamiik.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you. To the motion. Mr. Whitford.

**MR. WHITFORD:**

Mr. Chairman, I heard what Mr. Arvaluk is saying. It makes a fair argument towards the separation of these two learning centres, if I understand correctly what he's saying and what he's proposing. I guess it does make some sense, in terms of the fact that he's aware of what is taking place in that community and how this is going to affect the people in that area; particularly adult students who may be seeking another chance at getting an education that was not afforded them earlier on when circumstances would have been different. Once they take the big step towards getting to school, we need to offer them every assistance to remain there. One of them is the ability to study in an environment that's less obstructive from other external distracting stimuli.

If the honourable Member understands his community well enough -- and he appears to -- and he's making some suggestion towards improving on a good system already, I think that it certainly is within the mandate of the Department of Education to look at that and make sure that, in fact, what is being offered to students there is the best. If a stand-alone is the answer to some of the problems, then I think it would not be that onerous a task to do that. There may be some costs attached to that that I'm not aware of. But if it's possible, then it certainly should be looked at. It's a worthwhile motion to support. Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you. To the motion, Mr. Minister.

**HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:**

Thank you. One matter of concern to me, for instance, is the unwillingness of Members maybe to appreciate the advantages of a situation like this. What is happening is that there may be a situation, even in the schools, where the adult students will have access to the business labs, to the science rooms, to industrial arts, even to the gymnasium, as generally has not been the case. The so-called separate community learning centres only provide classrooms, they don't provide those additional resources.

The other point I wanted to make is that even with regard to classes -- and I know my honourable colleague knows this full well, Mr. Arvaluk -- and the significant requirement of dollars even now to keep up and maintain schools to meet the needs of children. So when we're trying to find a way to save the resources and be capable of providing the programming, some of these considerations have to be made and given to ensure that we can utilize all the facilities available.

So that is the situation and we're promoting it wherever we can across the Northwest Territories so that we can use more of our money much better. I think that wherever we can save money and get better results and returns, that's where we're trying to head. Knowing the consciousness of the honourable Member, that he would want any Minister to be careful and to be more responsive while at the same time being cognizant of the costs. I understand, and I also appreciate the comments that are being made. I do think there's a major misunderstanding and it needs to be resolved.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you. To the motion. Mr. Arvaluk.

**MR. ARVALUK:**

The last comment I'm going to make is that in the budget, you'll see that you have over \$2.9 million for the school extension for Coral Harbour in the following pages. I seem to have seen somewhere, the awarding of a contract information that, I think, the lowest bid -- who is doing the work there now -- if I recall that letter properly, was something along the lines of \$1.8 million. That's over \$1 million under the original budget. Surely that \$1 million is sufficient to have that stand-alone building built in Coral Harbour

because you have saved so much from the school extension. Qujannamiik.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Qujannamiik. To the motion. Mr. Gargan.

**MR. GARGAN:**

Mr. Chairman, just one final comment. I have no problem supporting the motion and one of the reasons is because, in my opinion, the department has two standards. I refer to the larger communities who have the luxury of having stand-alone buildings. I'm sure we're not going to have an adult education building connected to St. Pat's, or St. Joseph's, or any other school. I know of programs that are delivered are done in an apartment, I think, seven floors up in the Yellowknife Panda II building. I see a situation where the smaller communities are not given the opportunity to make those choices.

The government says that we look at the most economical way of doing it and that is to combine them and we'd look at why

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we should combine them. I've made arguments in that area too with the Minister, and the Minister is well aware of it. Up to now, we haven't seen anything progress anywhere with regard to why I feel that adult education should be separate from the mainstream education. I have no problems if the community has that opportunity, if they want to have a separate structure, as opposed to having it as part of the elementary or junior high school; I think they should have that choice. I don't think it should be imposed on them.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you. To the motion. Mr. Minister.

**HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:**

Thank you. I don't want to debate this issue but I'll tell you this, at this particular juncture, we're approximately \$21 million short for school programming, capital programming for elementary school K-12. We need to find a way to run programs much better. All I'm suggesting to the honourable Members is that the more we try to organize this, the better it is. In some communities we may be able to address the capital separately but in working together, it's my view we can come to a solution, but that's the

only way we can do it. We have to look at the cost and look at the increase in our school-aged population because it's very, very significant.

I can tell you this, in the Keewatin region, for instance, what had not been planned is 200 more students going in the school program that were not there last year. That's the increase in growth in those communities. These are the kinds of problems we're encountering. The adult programming, too, is expanding very significantly. These are the kind of things we are trying to consider in terms of planning for our capital projects. I need the honourable Members to appreciate that that's the issue.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you. To the motion. Mr. Gargan.

**MR. GARGAN:**

Mr. Chairman, the other issue, too, is with regard to the kind of community transfer initiatives and the self-government issues that are coming up. As long as this government holds the purse strings, it's still up to them to determine how it should be done, as opposed to the communities determining that. I think it's really counterproductive that you keep talking about giving more control to the communities, community transfer initiatives, self-government initiatives, while at the same time, the government says we can't because it's not economical. I think we have to start allowing the communities to determine that themselves.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Qujannamiik. To the motion.

**AN HON. MEMBER:**

Question.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

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

---Carried

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Keewatin, total region, \$10,000. Agreed? Mr. Dent.

**MR. DENT:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It doesn't show up in our budget books here but I understand there are a

couple of projects and I would like to know if -- in the five-year capital budget plan -- we could get the Minister to outline what they are? One has to do with the expansion of a trade centre for about \$1 million and there's another project called...I'm sorry, I can't pronounce the second part of the name, but it was for about \$800,000. They're shown in future years, Mr. Chairman, and because these things have a habit of carrying on and showing up, finally, in the year that they are, I just wanted to know what they are.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you. Keewatin, total region. Mr. Minister.

**HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:**

Mr. Chairman, even though the issue is not a matter of our capital budget now, the plan is 1999-2000, with \$880,000, and 1998-99, \$65,000. The Inuit cultural institute, \$50,000 for 1996-97, and \$525,000, I believe, 1997-98. In the year 1999-2000, a potential for another \$225,000.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Qujannamiik. Keewatin, total region. Mr. Dent.

**MR. DENT:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the Minister for that information. I'm actually more interested in just what the projects are, what the reason for them is?

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Qujannamiik. Minister for Education.

**HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:**

It's just a projection. It's an additional bay, I believe, for the trade centre, in anticipation of additional requirements, which is the expansion to the trade centre in Rankin and the Inuit cultural institute. It is a commitment that we've made to the Inuit Cultural Centre as a result of the Dene Cultural Institute and other cultural organizations.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you. Keewatin, total region, \$10,000. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

---Agreed

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you. Kitikmeot, total region, \$70,000. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

---Agreed

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you. Thank you very much. Total buildings and works, \$4.348 million. Mr. Patterson.

**MR. PATTERSON:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, what I'm about to raise I understand is an operations and maintenance issue and I know we're in capital, but just as the Standing Committee on Finance in its report acknowledged that these things are interrelated and should be raised now, I do want to raise this issue in committee of the whole.

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The issue I'm concerned about, Mr. Chairman, has to do with the allocation of base funding in the Arctic College when the new colleges are established in the new year. I'd like to be specific and give some examples. I'm concerned that there's no nursing program in Nunavut. I'm concerned that there's no native studies program in Nunavut. And I'm very concerned about trades training. I understand that there is now only one location designated for trades training of apprentices in the Northwest Territories and that's at Thebacha Campus. There is a base, I understand, of some \$1.1 million and eight permanent person years. It seems to me, Mr. Chairman, that some of those person years and some of that base funding have been dedicated to students from Nunavut. There is obviously going to be a desire, as we move towards Nunavut and as we establish a Nunavut Arctic College, to have trades training take place closer to home in the three Nunavut regions.

I'll give one other example, Mr. Chairman. There are two environmental technology and renewable resource programs now in place in the college, one is located at Thebacha Campus and one at Nunatta Campus. It seems, however, on the face of it, that there are disparities and inequities in the funding. The RRTP program at Thebacha has a budget, I understand, of some \$400,000 and five person years,

yet a comparable program at Nunatta Campus has a budget of only \$300,000 and three person years.

I guess I'd like to ask the Minister, Mr. Chairman, how the department is going to handle the allocation of the existing base funding when the new colleges are established. I would like to make it clear that I'm just concerned about equity and fairness, nothing more. I think there should be some way of making a fair division of the existing O and M resources. Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Mr. Minister, although the issue is dealing with O and M, I'll allow the question. Mr. Minister.

**HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm concerned about equity, too. That's why I raised the whole matter of some base resources that are required for Kitikmeot. I think that that's fundamental because we cannot consider delivering a base of resources if we don't look at the situation, particularly if they don't have the facilities in place to deliver programs in the region.

As I pointed out earlier to the honourable Member, I think the way the formula has now allowed us to work these things out will be much more equitable.

I understand the concern that has been raised, but I think we have to realize that our experiences, first, in any new program, as the one that the honourable Member pointed to which is nursing, needs to allow us to at least gain some experience in the delivery of that program. I do understand the need for us maybe to evaluate whether we have to consider expanding it. But I think our short-term experience, as was the case for the teacher education program, will only teach us an ability to deliver better.

I also understand the point that was raised about the technology program, driver education or heavy equipment operator programs. But I think it's a matter of how we...We have to ask ourselves a question as to how it is that we can collectively deliver those programs. Once we do that, then I think...For instance, there have been some programs that have been delivered in Nunatta that have not been delivered in Thebacha or any of the western campuses, it's been the total responsibility of Nunatta. In some cases that may not happen. It's unfortunate, Mr. Chairman, that I didn't have a chance to get the kind of advice that Mr. Wilman gave Mr. Patterson



because I think the best situation would have been to allow the Nunavut Arctic College board to try to address these particular matters and resolve it between the total board component.

I think the application of the new formula, developing the plan of action, and then determining the investment that's necessary for these programs would better resolve the concern the honourable Member has raised, because I think that's the only way we can all resolve it. In some cases, aboriginal organizations are spending their own money to have some of these programs delivered, as a result of claim agreements.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you. Total buildings and works, capital estimates. Mr. Patterson.

**MR. PATTERSON:**

Mr. Chairman, I happen to be from one riding in Nunavut, but I hope the Minister understands that my questions were directed about the Nunavut Arctic College and all its campuses including the Kitikmeot and the Keewatin.

Mr. Chairman, I understand the Minister's response to be that there's a corporate plan being developed and that there is a formula for the allocation of funding that is in place. I guess what I'm curious to know is when we come back here in February, will the new funding allocation formula be reflected in the O and M budget. My understanding is that the corporate plans are not concluded yet. So I agree that there should be long-term plans and that maybe, hopefully, we will continue to share programs into the long-term future. But I would like to know what's going to happen April 1, 1995. Will there be some adjustments if inequities have been identified through the new allocation formula? Will this result in some changes? I don't pretend to understand or recommend on what will be equitable, I've just cited some examples. The Minister mentioned a few more -- heavy equipment is another one. But I'm just wondering, will we start to see the results of this new formula in the new O and M budget. Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you. Again, we are dealing with the capital estimates. Mr. Minister.

**HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:**

Thank you. No, what you're going to see initially is the whole issue of the split decision, because that's all we can deal with at this particular juncture. What we then have to move to is dealing with campuses, and then dealing with equity. Those are the three components to what we're trying to do.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Qujannamiik. Thank you. Total buildings and works. Mr. Patterson.

**MR. PATTERSON:**

So, Mr. Chairman, is the Minister telling me that, even though we've set up new headquarters facilities for the new colleges with administrations that are now up and running, that the Nunavut Arctic College will simply inherit all of the existing programs and funding that are located in

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Nunavut, without any change? I have a concern about whether that is fair. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you. Mr. Minister.

**HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:**

Thank you. The honourable Member knows that even when we created boards of education, it didn't mean equity in the system existed. What we needed to do was split the various institutions and resources they had. Once that happened, we then dealt with general, basic services and then with the equity issue. I think that's the fairest way of approaching it. First of all, you haven't even approved the splitting of the college. We hadn't done that. So, in that sense, we haven't got to that point.

But, I can assure the honourable Member that one component that was also dealt with was the funding formula. I indicated to you that I would come back with a formula. It is now in place. It is going to be used in the future by Arctic College and, as we move along, I believe we'll be able to deal with the issue of appropriately resourcing the programs which are going to be in place, both in Nunavut and in the western territory.

One other component that shouldn't be overlooked is the idea of one college assuming a specific responsibility. Not all programs have to be in both

places. One college can assume a responsibility in one area to ensure appropriate financial expenditures.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Qujannamiik. Total buildings and works. Mr. Patterson.

**MR. PATTERSON:**

Mr. Chairman, I know this department is good at doing long-range planning. I would like to ask the Minister, assuming the Arctic College passes in this session -- and I know it is presumptuous to assume anything at this point -- what is the department's plan to implement the two new college administrations? What is the target date? Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you. Minister of Education.

**HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:**

Thank you. What we need to do is first split the budgets, the way they are right now, then look at the issue of base services, deal with that, and hopefully soon after, deal with the equity issue. That all requires investment decisions, which is not part of the resourcing we can review in this budget.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Qujannamiik. Mr. Patterson.

**MR. PATTERSON:**

Mr. Chairman, I'm very interested in the Minister's response. I guess I would like to respectfully suggest to him, isn't the best time to look at the equity issue when you're looking at the budgets? If you split the budgets first and look at the equity issue later, you have to claw back resources that may not be appropriately divided. As you pointed out, there may be a program in Nunatta that should also be offered in another location.

I would suggest that the logical time to deal with the equity issue is before you split the budgets, so the budgets are established on a fair basis. Rather than split them, assume there is an equitable allocation now and then try to fix it up later when you have two colleges up and running. That would seem to be a much more difficult task. Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you. Minister of Education.

**HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:**

I don't know how to answer the question because the honourable Member knows you can't divide it that way. It doesn't work like that. With great respect, it doesn't work that way. What you need is a plan of action, and we are trying to advise you about what the plan of action is.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Qujannamiik. Mr. Patterson.

**MR. PATTERSON:**

Mr. Chairman, does the Minister foresee any new trades training capacity in place for the Nunavut Arctic College, whenever it is established in the new fiscal year? Is there a possibility that there could be even one or two of the eight PYs that are now in place given to at least start some trades training closer to home in the Kitikmeot, Baffin or the Keewatin? Use an existing shop, or whatever, but get some training going a little closer to home, along with the establishment of the new college. Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Qujannamiik. Mr. Minister.

**HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:**

I guess anything is possible, but the fact is, based on the way we're trying to make division and the way the structure is set up, we cannot do it immediately. I do see the potential and the opportunity for trades training in Nunavut. But, it's all a matter of planning. I'm sorry I can't pick up a magic wand and say, the infrastructure must change tomorrow. It doesn't work like that. But, I do agree with the honourable Member that we need to plan this out, with the view of ensuring there is that trades component in Nunavut.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you. Total buildings and works. Mr. Patterson.

**MR. PATTERSON:**

Mr. Chairman, it has been a long time since I've been in Cabinet and I have probably forgotten everything I knew, but it seems to me, from what I know of the process, that when legislation is passed and when the Minister goes to the Financial Management Board to

set up the new budgets for the two new college administrations, there will be a transfer of funds from NWT Arctic College to Nunavut Arctic College and the western Arctic College, or whatever it is going to be named.

There will be two new budgets from one. I guess what I'm asking the Minister is, in setting up these new budgets, would he undertake -- recognizing that the long range corporate plans are not in place and recognizing that the infrastructure is not in place -- nonetheless to see if he could address the issue of equity in establishing those new budgets? Or, at least begin to address the issue of equity?

I think it is going to be easier to do it when you are dividing up the pie, rather than afterwards. I think it is going to be a lot easier to do it that way. With respect, I think the Minister may not have a magic wand, but he has some authority because he is going to be recommending those base budgets to the Financial Management Board. I just want to ensure there is some fairness when that is started up. Thank you.

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**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Mr. Minister.

**HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I didn't think I was an unfair person. I always made the assumption that I was fairly fair and reasonable and that whatever decisions we were making were based on some sense of fairness. Now, the problem with the idea that everything must be equal -- and that's the concept that the honourable Member is proposing...If everything must be equal, then we have a problem. But on the matter of equity, I think we can move the process so that in the end there's some equity in the system. The problem you presently have is that there's infrastructure in place, there are people delivering programs and we have to maintain those at this particular juncture. But I can assure the honourable Member that the intention once we divide the dollars, based on the delivery of programs in place now, there will be two issues; one, infrastructure and, two, equity and programming. Those are the three components and they will be dealt with. The problem is that you can't do it immediately because of the way the structure is set up right now, but we will deal with it.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Qujannamiik. Mr. Patterson.

**MR. PATTERSON:**

I'll leave this one, Mr. Chairman. I just want to make it clear I do have great faith that the Minister is going to be fair, that's why I'm appealing to him now to start exercising those powers before everything is said and done. I also want to make it clear that I understand that equity doesn't mean equality. I understand that full well. I'm not suggesting that there be a 50 per cent allocation of the resources. But I am suggesting that where there are anomalies that are obvious, now is the time to at least begin to make a move to correct those.

I know that the Fort Smith heavy equipment instructors make journeys to places like Lake Harbour and offer courses. I've heard great compliments to some of those people for the good work that they do. Maybe now is the time to say we're doing a lot of that anyway, maybe we can locate one of those people and keep up the good work. That's the kind of thing I'm talking about. I think that the programs have developed in an ad hoc fashion over the years, and not necessarily with rhyme nor reason.

I'm just saying yes, I understand the full long-range plans are not in place, infrastructure is not in place, but if the Minister could look for these -- at least these apparent anomalies -- and use his good offices with his Cabinet colleagues and with the college board -- and I know they have a major role to play with this, although the Nunavut Arctic College board is still non-existent as I understand it, it's ready to be formed and I appreciate that the Minister has appointed new people to lay the foundation, but they're not in place now so I guess that's why this little, small voice here is saying could you do something now or start doing something now, please. Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you. Total buildings and works, \$4.348 million.

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

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**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you. Equipment acquisition, headquarters, total region, \$75,000.

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

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**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you. Total equipment acquisition, \$75,000.

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

--Agreed

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Contributions. Total region, \$385,000. Mr. Antoine.

**MR. ANTOINE:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This item deals with community museums contributions and historic buildings contributions. I'm concerned about this. I'd like to ask the Minister a question. I'm aware that there's a new heritage service policy in the territorial heritage building capital contribution schedule being developed. I would like to ask him if this policy and schedule have been developed, and if they're not developed, then when can we expect to see something like this? Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you, Mr. Antoine. Mr. Minister.

**HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:**

Thank you. Yes, Mr. Chairman, they've been done. I can provide the Member with a copy of the policies.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you. Mr. Antoine.

**MR. ANTOINE:**

On this historic buildings contribution, I just want to say that in my constituency, in Fort Simpson, there is a historical society that has been formed for a number of years, and has been locally involved having meetings and so forth. They're interested in saving some of the older buildings. There are a couple of

older buildings in the community that were built back in the 1930s and 1940s with logs that were hewn by axe, with dovetail notches that were done with an axe, and some of these buildings are still there. There are two of them in Simpson that I'm aware of. Also, there's an old barn that was used by the experimental farm that's still there.

This heritage centre group would like to acquire land some place in the community and put these old buildings on it, so that the heritage of 1930s and 1940s could be saved. If they don't do that, these buildings will eventually rot, deteriorate and get destroyed, such as a lot of other good buildings were destroyed. This is the type of thing that communities are doing. I'm sure there are other communities that would like to save their historic buildings, such as churches and so forth that we've helped in the past. This is in line with it. These buildings were built by the local people back 50 or 60 years ago, and require saving.

Along with that, this group would also like to bring all the old equipment that's laying around up the river; such as, there was equipment there for doing farming in the old days that is still around that could be saved. People do contribute their time to

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sit together in a committee in a community to talk about these things which are very important to them. It's important to our history, as well. This historic buildings contribution is \$60,000 for this year, and there's a community museums contribution of \$175,000. I think these are good contributions, but the group in Simpson...I don't know whether they've applied. I know they have had a lot of meetings and have decided, and they're dealing in the communities on how to do this. If this government could support them and help them out in their endeavours so that they could save some of these historic buildings.

We're waiting for the policies and schedules. I know about three years ago, the Standing Committee on Finance noticed that in those days it seemed -- and maybe it's a coincidence -- that only in the Ministers' ridings, buildings of a museum nature were allocated. When we asked, there was no policy in place. So we asked for a policy and now a policy is in place along with schedules. I'm glad that the government is making a policy so that other places could have contributions go to them, not only to the Ministers' ridings. It's just a coincidence, perhaps, but that's the way it seemed at that time.

--Laughter

I would just like to say, Mr. Chairman, that this is a good contribution. Too bad I don't see anything for my constituency in here. Hopefully, in the future, there will be something there. Mahsi.

**AN HON. MEMBER:**

Hear, hear.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you. Contributions, headquarters, total region, \$385,000. Mr. Dent.

**MR. DENT:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Following up on Mr. Antoine's comments, can the committee ask for a breakdown of where this money has been spent in the current year and ask if there have been any plans for where the money will be spent next year?

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you. Mr. Minister.

**HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:**

Thank you. Iqaluit, Norman Wells, Fort Smith and the Inuit Cultural Institute...Oh, mobile equipment? I thought you were talking about community museums. I just wanted to show there was nothing in my constituency.

Just one moment, and I'll give you the details. Thank you. There is no specific identification, apparently. What we do is transfer that to Arctic College and before we transfer, they determine the need and it is transferred as a contribution to the Arctic College board.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Qujannamiik. Mr. Dent.

**MR. DENT:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I was wondering about historic buildings contributions. Could we find out where the contributions have gone for this current fiscal year and whether or not there is any plan for the distribution of the \$60,000 that is shown there?

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you. Mr. Minister.

**HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:**

That hasn't been determined yet. That is by application. I was giving you information about community museums, including Iqaluit, Norman Wells, Fort Smith and the Inuit Cultural Institute, before. For historic buildings, it depends on application to the department. That is the basis on which the policies are applicable, similar to Mr. Antoine's suggestions.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Qujannamiik. Mr. Dent.

**MR. DENT:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In the 1994-95 budget, there is \$50,000 for this project. Is the Minister saying they received no applications for this money, to date?

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you. Minister of Education.

**HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:**

No, Mr. Chairman, I was looking at the \$60,000 in the budget. Do you want previous year allocations?

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Member for Yellowknife Frame Lake.

**MR. DENT:**

Mr. Chairman, my request was for this current year's allocation; whether the \$50,000 in the current year has been allocated.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

The honourable Minister.

**HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:**

Apparently, Mr. Chairman, that has not been allocated to date.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you. Contributions, headquarters. Total region, \$385,000.

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

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**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you. Fort Smith, total region, \$427,000.

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

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**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you. Baffin, total region, \$200,000. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

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**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you. Keewatin, total region, \$300,000.  
Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

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**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Kitikmeot, total region, \$150,000.

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

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---Laughter

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Mr. Ng, do you want the money?

---Laughter

Total contributions, \$1.462 million.

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

---Agreed

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you. Total activity, \$5.885 million.

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

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Educational Development

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Page 16-13. Educational Development. Buildings and works. Total region, \$85,000.

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

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**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you. Fort Smith, total region, \$6.322 million.  
Mr. Antoine.

**MR. ANTOINE:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On the Bompas School renovation/addition in Fort Simpson, I just wanted to clarify that this building originally started out 30 years ago as a student residence, called a hostel. It was renovated very quickly into some classrooms. Now this building is being renovated again and there is an addition being put onto it. I just wanted to tell the department that it is a long time in coming. This project is a good project for the community and I don't have any problems with it. Thank you.

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**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you. Fort Smith, total region, \$6.322 million.

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

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**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you. Inuvik, total region, \$1.157 million. Mr. Dent.

**MR. DENT:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have a question on the school addition in Fort Good Hope. I noticed in the project substantiation supplied to us, in the Standing Committee on Finance, that there were some changes required to the capital plan to acknowledge that a complete new funding model had to be applied to this community. My question is, how did this new funding model relate to the new capital standards and criteria.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

The honourable Minister of Education.

**HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:**

Thank you. It adopted the new standards and criteria.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you. Inuvik, total region, \$1.157 million.

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

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**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

On the next page, Baffin, total region, \$7.996 million.

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

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**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you. Keewatin, total region, \$431,000. Mr. Dent.

**MR. DENT:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I wonder if we could get an explanation for the new school in Rankin Inlet. This is a new project this year that hadn't gone through the standard five year process. I wonder if we can have some of the reasons why it had to be advanced so quickly in the capital plan?

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you. Mr. Minister.

**HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:**

Thank you. What had happened is we completed an evaluation of the community and regional needs. And, what we found was that there was a significant growth in student population.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Mahsi cho. Keewatin, total region, \$431,000.

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

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**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you. Kitikmeot, total region, \$500 million...

**AN HON. MEMBER:**

Go easy now!

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Oh, sorry. I was trying to help my colleague over there. \$5.467 million.

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

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**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Total buildings and works, \$21.458 million.

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**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

---Agreed

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you. I still have thirty seconds, but I will recognize the clock. Thank you. I would like to thank the witnesses on behalf of the committee, Mr. Minister and the witnesses. Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

I call the House back to order. Item 21, report of committee of the whole. The honourable Member for Natilikmiot, Mr. Ningark.

ITEM 21: REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, your committee has been considering Bill 1, and Committee Report 10-12(6), and would like to report progress with two motions being adopted, and, Madam Speaker, I move that the report of the committee of the whole be concurred with.

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Your motion is in order. May I have a seconder for the motion? The honourable Member for Yellowknife South, Mr. Whitford. To the motion.

**AN HON. MEMBER:**

Question.

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

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

---Carried

Item 22, third reading of bills. Mr. Clerk, item 23, orders of the day.

ITEM 23: ORDERS OF THE DAY

**CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton):**

Madam Speaker, there will be a meeting of the Nunavut Caucus immediately after adjournment this evening. There is a meeting tomorrow at 9:00 am of the Ordinary Members' Caucus.

Orders of the day for Friday, October 21, 1994.

1. Prayer
2. Ministers' Statements
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4. Returns to Oral Questions

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  6. Oral Questions
  7. Written Questions
  8. Returns to Written Questions
  9. Replies to Opening Address
  10. Petitions
  11. Reports of Standing and Special Committees
  12. Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills
  13. Tabling of Documents
  14. Notices of Motion
  15. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills
  16. Motions
    - Motion 11, Increase in Wages and Benefits for Family Violence Prevent Workers
  17. First Reading of Bills
  18. Second Reading of Bills
  19. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters
    - Tabled Document 14-12(6), "Open for Business" - Privatizing the Northwest Territories Power Corporation
    - Tabled Document 23-12(6), Report of the 1993-94 Electoral District Boundaries Commission Northwest Territories
    - Minister's Statement 11-12(6), Return to Session
    - Committee Report 6-12(6), Report on the Review of Bill
- 3 - Guardianship and Trusteeship Act
- Committee Report 10-12(6), Report on the Review of the 1995-96 Capital Estimates
  - Committee Report 11-12(6), Report on the First Annual Report (1992-1993) of the Languages Commissioner of the NWT
  - Bill 1, Appropriation Act, No. 1, 1995-96



- Bill 2, Aboriginal Custom Adoption Recognition Act
- Bill 3, Guardianship and Trusteeship Act
- Bill 5, Mine Health and Safety Act
- Bill 7, An Act to Amend the Arctic College Act
- Bill 8, An Act to Amend the Public Utilities Act

20. Report of Committee of the Whole

21. Third Reading of Bills

22. Orders of the Day

**MADAM SPEAKER:**

Thank you. This House stands adjourned until Friday,  
October 21, 1994 at 10:00 am.

**---ADJOURNMENT**