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MEMBERS PRESENT

Honourable Jim Antoine, Honourable Goo Arlooktoo, Mr. Barnabas, Mr. Enuaraq, Mr. Erasmus, Mr. Evaloarjuk, Honourable Sam Gargan, Mrs. Groenewegen, Honourable Stephen Kakfwi, Mr. Krutko, Mr. Miltenberger, Honourable Kelvin Ng, Mr. Ningark, Mr. Ootes, Mr. Picco, Mr. Rabesca, Mr. Roland, Mr. Steen, Honourable Manikot Thompson, Honourable John Todd.

ITEM 1: PRAYER

Oh, God, may your spirit and guidance be in us as we work for the benefit of all our people, for peace and justice in our land and for the constant recognition of the dignity and aspirations of those whom we serve. Amen.

SPEAKER (Hon. Samuel Gargan):

Thank you, Mr. Barnabas. Good morning. (Translation) To begin with, I would like to thank the members representing the people of Nahendeh and the Sahtu for joining me in supplying Pages for the Assembly this week. I would also like to thank the Pages for the great job they did in assisting us in our duties. I hope they enjoyed their time in the capital, had a positive experience and learned something about how our territorial government is run.

On another topic, I would like to thank members and staff of the Legislature for joining me in yesterday afternoon's barbecue. Javaroma should also be thanked for doing a great job of catering this event. It was nice to take some time to get together away from our work environment and enjoy the beautiful weather, good food and excellent company. (Translation ends) Orders of the day. Item 2, Ministers' statements. Item 3, Members' statements. Mr. Picco.

ITEM 3: MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Member's Statement 462-13(5): Resemblance to Well-Known Personalities

MR. PICCO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, in a front page article earlier this month in the Yellowknifer written by Mr. Jeff Colburne, a reporter for News North, the headline said, So long Jerry, George, Elaine and Kramer. Hello Dave, Larry, Natalie and Ed. Mr.

Speaker, a picture below the article showed a television set with Chris, Larry and Ed stating we could be stars in another universe. Mr. Speaker, sometimes I feel like I am in another universe, right here in the Legislative Assembly. The gist of the article was to find northerners who could match the characters on the hit TV show Seinfeld. Our own Member, Groenewegen, thought she had a perfect match for that very debonair, suave, intelligent and much loved character, Kramer. She said it was yours truly.

--Applause/Laughter

Mr. Speaker, it has been said that I resemble TV stars and movie actors before. I have been mistaken for Jack Tripper, also known as John Ritter. I have been compared to Frank Sinatra with my wonderful approach to vocal phrasing. This morning, Mr. Miltenberger saw me looking at the mirror and said, not to worry you look very handsome and movie star like. I thank him for that. Mr. Speaker, some of the comments in the article about me were questionable like having a steam cleaner following me around all day in the Ledge. Well, as I just explained, Mr. Speaker, it is not surprising that a steam cleaner would follow me around seeing how everyone and everything wants to be closer to me. Mr. Speaker, the article, of course, was in jest and that is the spirit I took it in. As a political figure, you have to take all compliments and disparaging remarks in stride. I, Mr. Speaker, will try to keep my sense of fair play and humour and will be available for autographs after the sitting. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

--Applause

MR. SPEAKER:

Members' statements. Mr. Ootes.

Member's Statement 463-13(5): Osteoporosis Run/Walk

MR. OOTES:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is hard to follow Mr. Picco from time to time. Mr. Speaker, this weekend hundreds of Yellowknifers will be participating in the Third Annual Walk and Run to fight osteoporosis. Organizers hope to raise \$10,000 with the event that will go toward education and awareness programs. Osteoporosis is a very serious and widespread disease; 1.4 million Canadians suffer from it including many northerners. Osteoporosis affects bone mass

and over time, leads to low bone density leading to painful and debilitating fractures of hips, spine and other bones. People over 50 years of age are particularly vulnerable to this. Osteoporosis affects one in four women and one in eight men over 50. It is important to realize how prevalent this disease is. Although this is a painful and disabling condition, it is preventable if you start early enough with proper nutrition and regular exercise. I am getting involved this weekend by taking the time to MC the function for this Sunday's event.

Earlier this week, I sent around information to all MLAs explaining the merits of getting involved this weekend. I challenge all Members and the staff to take part in one of three events on Sunday. Either the team obstacle course, the five-kilometre walk or, for the more ambitious among you, the timed ten-kilometre run. It only takes a couple of hours of your time, and it benefits all of us as northerners. Finally, Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the Arctic Runners Club and the YWCA for sponsoring this event again this year and the Yellowknife Fire Department for providing the organization and central venue. It is volunteers like them who make this event possible. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. this Sunday at the fire station. I would urge all Yellowknifers to attend and even those visitors and MLAs. Thank you.

--Applause

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MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Members' statements. Mr. Rabesca.

Member's Statement 464-13(5): Rae-Edzo High School Graduation Ceremonies

MR. RABESCA:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow I have the privilege to congratulate and participate in the graduating ceremonies for 11 students from Rae-Edzo. I would also like to congratulate all graduates from across the Northwest Territories. Mr. Speaker, these young people have worked hard over the past 12 years to get to this point in their lives. Now they are prepared to go out into the world to secure a job or to go on to further their education. This is a great moment in their lives. They will have to make many decisions over the next while. What do I want to do for the rest of my life? Where will I go to college, who will help me get what I want?

Mr. Speaker, we have all gone this road before, but for these young people this will be their first time out. Today, Mr. Speaker, these young people have more opportunities available to them than any other graduating class has ever had. The diamond industry is now offering many new and interesting types of jobs. New technologies are also providing interesting career choices. The world is waiting. Make the right moves. Furthering your education can be your most important decision. I would now like to read the names of the eleven graduates for Rae-Edzo: Clayton Bishop, Joanne Champlain, Pam Lafferty, Jeffery Mantla, Lianne Mantla, Alice Naedzo, Tiffany Wedawin, Priscilla Wetrade, Leona Rabesca, Phoebe Ann Wetrade and Alice Zoe-Chocolate. These young people should be proud of their accomplishments, as I know their families, community, region and myself are. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

--Applause

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Members' statements. Mr. Miltenberger.

Member's Statement 465-13(5): Adoption Act

MR. MILTENBERGER:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the Adoption Act is finally before this House for passage and I would just like to commend the very many people who have worked on this particular piece of legislation in the last ten years. It is one of four pieces of the Family Law Act that has been brought before this House and it will finally be the final piece in terms of modernizing the Child Welfare Laws of the Northwest Territories. This has been worked on since 1989. This particular last piece of legislation will bring much needed changes to the whole area of adoption, both private and departmental. I hope the people of the Northwest Territories recognize that now they will have child welfare laws that are second to none in Canada. I look forward to this spirited debate, but this is a much overdue piece of legislation that will cap a ten-year effort to bring our child welfare laws into the 21st Century. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

--Applause

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. I have been requested to recognize some students in the gallery. The grade seven French immersion class from William MacDonald School and

their teacher, Guy Paradis. Welcome to the Assembly. Members' statements. Mr. Roland.

Member's Statement 466-13(5): Establishment of an Electoral Boundaries Commission

MR. ROLAND:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On April 1, 1999, two new territories will be created, the yet to be named western part of the Northwest Territories and Nunavut. After April 1, 1999, the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories will be made up of the remaining 14 MLAs from the western NWT. Mr. Speaker, residents of the town of Inuvik and the Beaufort Delta leaders have expressed concern about continuing to operate a 14-Member Legislative Assembly after the next territorial election scheduled for the fall of 1999. Mr. Speaker, at the last two conferences, the Beaufort Delta leaders passed two motions directing their three Beaufort Delta MLAs to call for an Electoral Boundaries Commission to review the current allocation of constituencies of the western NWT as we proceed with the creation of two territories. At the appropriate time, Mr. Speaker, I will be tabling these two motions of the Beaufort Delta leaders.

--Applause

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Members' statements. Mr. Krutko.

Member's Statement 467-13(5): Fort McPherson Water Supply Concerns

MR. KRUTKO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My statement today is in regard to the water supply problem we have in Fort McPherson which was supposed to be a P3 initiative, but to date I have heard in the last week this project has been deferred until next year. The water problems still occur where we do have a lot of concerns, especially about the quality of the water in Fort McPherson and a number of chemicals which is being used to process that water at the present time. There are eight or nine different types of chemicals that are used in processing the water. Mr. Speaker, I feel it is pretty alarming that this issue was supposedly one of the emergency crisis which I brought up in this House several times. I was hoping that this would be resolved as soon as possible to improve the quality of water for the residents of Fort McPherson. Mr. Speaker, I was very much taken

aback after a meeting with the Minister to see this project has been deferred. I believe that the quality of water improves the quality of life, especially with the high instance of cancer in my community of Fort McPherson.

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There has to be a link between the water and the cancer rates that have skyrocketed in the last number of years where people in Fort McPherson do not trust their water supply. They are using all their alternatives to get water from elsewhere. Yet, we continue to talk about this issue and raise it. I would like to ask the Minister later on today, some questions in regard to the reasoning behind the deferral of this project and also what is being done to improve the quality of water in Fort McPherson at this time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Members' statements. Mr. Erasmus.

Member's Statement 468-13(5): Drug Abuse Resistance Education Graduation Ceremonies

MR. ERASMUS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Last night, I attended a graduation ceremony at Ecole St. Joseph School Gym. It was for approximately 100 grade six students from Weledeh Catholic School and Ecole St. Joseph School who have been taking a Special Drug Awareness Program offered at their schools by the RCMP. Mr. Speaker, this was not just about saying no as we so often have heard. This program was actually 17 hours of lessons which focused on learning about the effects of drugs, the consequences of taking them, ways to say no, building self-esteem, saying yes to positive alternatives and how to take a stand. Mr. Speaker, the program has been financially sponsored by the RCMP, the local Elk's Lodge, First Air, the Royal Bank and the Yellowknife Catholic Schools. It is in response to challenges today when there are so much peer pressure and new challenges facing the youth and the fact that we need to provide them with alternatives and to provide them with support. Mr. Speaker, I ask all the Members here to join me in congratulating the students as they have successfully completed their program. Thank you.

--Applause

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Members' statements. Mr. Barnabas.

Member's Statement 469-13(5): Poor Condition of Highway 3 Between Yellowknife and Rae-Edzo

MR. BARNABAS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, last year, myself and my colleague, Mr. Enuaraq, had time to visit Rae and Rae-Edzo. Along the way we had to zig zag potholes on the road. My colleague had to hold onto the dashboard because it was so rough, and not because of my driving. He was sweating like hell. We had time to visit James Rabesca, MLA for Rae and Joe Rabesca, Mayor of Rae, after that we had to chat as to how to avoid the potholes along the way. We took our time going back to Yellowknife. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. This is just about our third year in office and we are still in trial and errors. I would like to caution the Members about unparliamentary words used in this Chamber. Members' statements. Mr. Antoine.

Member's Statement 470-13(5): Appreciation to Nahendeh House Pages

HON. JIM ANTOINE:

Mahsi, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to talk about the Pages who are here with us this week. I just want to say, first of all, I represent six communities, the most communities of all of the MLAs in the Legislative Assembly. I was allowed to bring only three, so I brought three Pages from my three communities. However, there will be opportunities in the future, I hope, to bring other Pages to this House. First of all, I want to say that along with the other Pages from the other communities, I have had the opportunity to have with us today, Caralee Jumbo from Trout Lake and Carla Norwegian from Jean Marie River, John Paul Tanka from Nahanni Butte. Mr. Speaker, along with the other Pages from other communities, they have had a good experience here, with us. At first, when they came here, they were very shy and not sure of what they were getting themselves into. Over the days, we all could see they have gained in self-confidence, and they have gained in experience. They have done a good job here for us this week. The other day, I asked three young people from my constituency what they think about this Legislative Assembly and if they could see

themselves doing this kind of work. Easily, they said that sure, we could do this kind of work eventually. It is a good sign, Mr. Speaker, that there are going to be other people following us in this line of work and they have no problem in saying that they could do this kind of work. It is a good opportunity for young people to come in here from other communities. It is a good program. I would like to thank all the Pages, especially, the three from my constituency and the Legislative Assembly for allowing this opportunity. Thank you.

--Applause

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Members' statements. Mrs. Groenewegen.

Member's Statement 471-13(5): Positive Working Relationship With Cabinet Ministers

MRS. GROENEWEGEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, a recent article in the Hub announcing BHP's choice of Yellowknife for the diamond sorting and valuation facility had a little final paragraph that suggested that I had a testy working relationship with senior Members of this government. Mr. Speaker, this comment was not substantiated with a quote or reference of any kind. However, Mr. Speaker, on the contrary, I feel I have a good working relationship with our Ministers. Since the last sitting of this Legislature, I believe I have had the pleasure of hosting most of them in my community. I have had the pleasure of Mr. Kakfwi attending the Annual General Meeting of the Northwest Territories Fisherman's Federation, where Mr. Kakfwi expressed this government's continued concern and support for the commercial fishing industry on Great Slave Lake. Mr. Antoine attended as we held two meetings on the Constitutional Working Group, one in Enterprise and one in Hay River, which were well attended and a lot of interest was shown. Just this week, Minister Ng met with our hospital CEO and board chairman over lunch with myself, and we had a chance to discuss health related issues in Hay River. Minister Thompson and Premier Morin attended in my riding just this week to meet with the residents of Enterprise and, although, we would always wish to meet with our constituents under happy circumstances, there are challenging problems, but I do thank them very much for taking time from

their busy schedules to attend in my riding. Of course, Mr. Speaker, as one of my neighbouring MLAs drops by quite frequently when we take a few minutes and go for lunch or have a coffee. It was only earlier this spring, when Mr. Todd graced us with his presence at the NWT Chamber of Commerce banquet as our guest speaker. I believe Mr. Arlooktoo did pass through, although visiting Mr. Speaker's riding, he was through Hay River just recently. What I would like to say, Mr. Speaker, is that I do continue to enjoy good working relationship with our Cabinet. I do support the work they do and appreciate very much the attention, they pay to my riding. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Members' statements. Mr. Evaloarjuk.

Member's Statement 472-13(5): Baffin Leaders Summit

MR. EVALOARJUK:

(Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am not reading from written material, but I would just like to say today in my Member's statement that the Baffin leaders will be having a summit July 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th for all of the mayors and other leaders in the Baffin and Keewatin region. Perhaps, if the Ministers have been invited, maybe even the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs would like to attend the meeting. Any other Ministers who would like to attend the meeting to speak to the leadership could perhaps attend. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (Translation ends)

--Applause

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Members' statements. Item 4, returns to oral questions. Item 5, recognition of visitors in the gallery. Item 6, oral questions. Mr. Picco.

ITEM 6: ORAL QUESTIONS

Question 577-13(5): Hepatitis C Compensation Agreement

MR. PICCO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, over the past several weeks and in this House during the last sitting, I had asked the Minister of Health, Mr. Ng,

questions concerning the Hepatitis C negotiations and finding an agreement reached by the territorial and the provincial Health Ministers with the federal government on compensation for the Hepatitis C sufferers. However, Mr. Speaker, over the past couple of weeks, we have learned that there have been problems with that original initial agreement that was reached. I wonder if our Health Minister could update us on the status of the NWT position on the health care compensation for Hepatitis C sufferers? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

The Minister of Health and Social Services, Mr. Ng.

Return To Question 577-13(5): Hepatitis C Compensation Agreement

HON. KELVIN NG:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, in respect to the original agreement that covered the individuals impacted between January, 1986 and June, 1990, that agreement between the federal government and all jurisdictions remains intact. As some Members may have seen through media reports, the Government of Ontario and the Government of Quebec have pledged additional dollars to compensate individuals who were outside of that window period. There was a meeting of Ministers of Health subsequent to that, which did not open up the package per se. What was agreed upon was that some working groups made up of officials from jurisdictions would sit down to try to work out some of the options that could be looked at and report back to the Ministers in approximately, I believe, three weeks from now. Mr. Speaker, thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. Picco.

Supplementary To Question 577-13(5): Hepatitis C Compensation Agreement

MR. PICCO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, as the Minister earlier mentioned, some of the provincial jurisdictions have, indeed, tried to add extra monies to the pot for the Hepatitis C victims. What is the position of the Government of the Northwest Territories in regard to the original agreement and to any extra compensation

that would be available for the Hepatitis C sufferers?
Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Ng.

Further Return To Question 577-13(5): Hepatitis C
Compensation Agreement

HON. KELVIN NG:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, as I indicated, along with other jurisdictions, the Northwest Territories supports the original agreement that was made in respect to any additional potential compensation that is going to be developed in conjunction with the working group in identifying what some of those options may be before we would formalize a position. However, the Northwest Territories on a national scale is a small part of the whole Hepatitis C issue. Although, we do have individuals who are impacted, our objective is to try to reach a national consensus that we can provide to all individuals who are impacted, Mr. Speaker, thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. Picco.

Supplementary To Question 577-13(5): Hepatitis C
Compensation Agreement

MR. PICCO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate that. The Minister mentioned earlier that the Northwest Territorial jurisdiction on a national scene is a small player or the impact is less with our sufferers. We still have people who are impacted by the Hepatitis C situation through no fault of their own, Mr. Speaker. I wonder how many individuals are we talking about in the Northwest Territories and what type of financial compensation or financial qualifications that will occur for the territorial government? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Ng.

Further Return To Question 577-13(5): Hepatitis C
Compensation Agreement

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HON. KELVIN NG:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the Northwest Territories has approximately 14 individuals, I understand, who are impacted in that window period. Financial compensation per se has not been clearly defined yet, in that there is a global allocation that has been identified and agreed upon, but the details of how the payments will be made, and in what forum is going to depend a lot on the working groups that are sitting down now making the outline of the details of that financial package that may be offered to these individuals. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. Picco.

Supplementary To Question 577-13(5): Hepatitis C
Compensation Agreement

MR. PICCO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, is the Northwest Territories represented at the working groups who are looking at the compensation packages for Hepatitis C? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Ng.

Further Return To Question 577-13(5): Hepatitis C
Compensation Agreement

HON. KELVIN NG:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I do not know if we have an actual representative on it, but certainly we are privy to the information that comes forward, but I will check into that and advise the Member. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Oral questions. Mr. Roland.

Question 578-13(5): Two Percent Increase to
Employees Salaries

MR. ROLAND:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question at this time will be directed to the Minister of FMBS. In response to a written question, the Minister replied

to the pay scale and the information that is out there for the UNW employees. He mentioned the 2 percent increase that would be happening once accepted on this upcoming year, and 1998-99 and the following year of a two-year agreement. He did state early on in his response that the 2 percent was not part of the March 31, 1998 base salary. Could the Minister clear that up? Is it, in fact, 2 percent increase on the base salary or is this a transitional 2 percent which would not be taken into a new collective agreement when a new bargaining process happens? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. The Minister responsible for the Financial Management Board, Mr. Todd. Two questions.

Return To Question 578-13(5): Two Percent Increase to Employees Salaries

HON. JOHN TODD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think I have said on a number of occasions that, at least in our opinion, there is absolutely no down risk, if you want, to any of the UNW members now employees. My understanding is that there will be a 2 percent increase in 1998-99 to the base salary. There will be an additional 2 percent increase to the employees in 1999-2000 to the base salary.

MR. SPEAKER:

Oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. Roland.

Supplementary To Question 578-13(5): Two Percent Increase to Employees Salaries

MR. ROLAND:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So, the inference that you replied in the written question of a transitional phase, that does not apply here. The 2 percent is on base salary and will be part of the base salary for employees who are red-circled when the next round of bargaining occurs if this one is accepted? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Todd.

Further Return To Question 578-13(5): Two Percent Increase to Employees Salaries

HON. JOHN TODD:

Well, Mr. Speaker, I will double check with my Deputy Minister, Mr. Voytilla, but my understanding of it in the notes I have is there is a 2 percent increase to the base in 1998-99 and a 2 percent increase in the base in 1999-2000, but just to get real clarity on this, because as I said the other day there was a fairly long complicated response, I will get clarity from my deputy at the break and have an opportunity to talk to my colleague. I believe it is to the base salary and there should be no changes. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Oral questions. Mr. Krutko.

Question 579-13(5): Deferral of Fort McPherson Water Supply Project

MR. KRUTKO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs, Ms. Manitok Thompson. It is in regard to my Member's statement about the P3 Initiatives, Public/Private Partnerships, they are looking at new ways of developing projects. One of the projects I felt was a priority was the water problem we have seen over the last couple of years in Fort McPherson and trying to find a way to resolve it. In regard to a briefing I had last week with the Minister about this particular item, I was appalled to hear that this project has been deferred for a year. I would like to ask the Minister, why is it that the Fort McPherson Water Supply P3 Project has been the only one that has been deferred to date in regard to the P3 Initiatives? Why is it?

MR. SPEAKER:

The Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs, Ms. Thompson.

Return To Question 579-13(5): Deferral of Fort McPherson Water Supply Project

HON. MANITOK THOMPSON:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This project is also a priority of my department. I think there has been a misunderstanding with the community. We have not deferred this project. It is still our priority. It is up to the community if they want to go ahead with it. The community may have thought that it has been deferred, but it has not. It is

up to the community what they want to do with it. We have approved it. It is ready to go and the department will be there for the community when they want us to proceed with the project. We just need direction from the community. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. Krutko.

Supplementary To Question 579-13(5): Deferral of Fort McPherson Water Supply Project

MR. KRUTKO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In a briefing that was held last night regarding the Government Operations Committee, I do have copies of a document in a presentation by the people who are heading up the P3 Initiative, it clearly states that the project has been deferred for a year. Could the Minister check with the department that is heading up the P3 Initiative along with her department and the community to clarify this issue because it states that it has been deferred and will be implemented a year from now? Can you clarify that for me, please?

MR. SPEAKER:

Ms. Thompson.

Further Return To Question 579-13(5): Deferral of Fort McPherson Water Supply Project

HON. MANITOK THOMPSON:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. At the AGM in Hay River, the department will be meeting with the mayor of Fort McPherson and we will be giving him some information. At this time, this is our priority, and we will do everything we can to help the Member because he has been working very hard on this initiative and also give the information out to the community the best we can. It is also our priority. I do not have the documentation that he is talking about, but we will proceed with this project. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. Krutko.

Supplementary To Question 579-13(5): Deferral of Fort McPherson Water Supply Project

MR. KRUTKO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In light of the water problems in Fort McPherson, I would like to ask the Minister, because the problem seems to be the quality of the water, has her department been taking regular water samples of the water source in Fort McPherson in the last couple of years, and have they been keeping a record on exactly what the quality of that water is and exactly what chemicals are being used? Is there a possibility of getting a copy of those reports?

MR. SPEAKER:

Ms. Thompson.

Further Return To Question 579-13(5): Deferral of Fort McPherson Water Supply Project

HON. MANITOK THOMPSON:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, we will get the answers to his questions. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Oral questions. Mr. Enuaraq.

Question 580-13(5): Pangnirtung Runway Relocation

MR. ENUARAQ:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question will be directed to the Minister of Transportation, the honourable Mr. Antoine. Mr. Speaker, it has been some time now that the residents of Pangnirtung have been asking to have their airport runway relocated. I understand the federal officials from Ottawa and from the Department of Transportation were in Pangnirtung not too long ago. I was wondering if the Minister could update this House on the relocation of the runway in Pangnirtung? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

The Minister of Transportation, Mr. Antoine.

Return To Question 580-13(5): Pangnirtung Runway Relocation

HON. JIM ANTOINE:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, we did have a tour of some of the Baffin communities in the winter time with members representative of the federal government, Transport Canada. We did visit the

honourable Member's community of Pangnirtung to see if we could get some partnership arrangements going with the federal government to look at some of these airports which require attention. This is one of them. Mr. Speaker, this government does not have the financial capacity at this time, to do the major relocation of the community airport in Pangnirtung. We need to make some sort of arrangement. If we could get commitments from the federal government, Transport Canada, then it would be easier to do it. However, following the visit with the officials of Transport Canada, there has been no movement at all on their part. Apparently, there were some personnel changes within that department and it seems as a result of that the process that we had agreed upon has been slowed down. I will get back to the Member on exactly where this whole process is at as soon as I can. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Oral questions. Mr. Picco.

Question 581-13(5): Nunavut Leaders' Meeting

MR. PICCO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, in about six weeks, the Nunavut leaders are scheduled to meet in Nunavut. It will be a very important meeting to update people and Members of this House and all the organizations involved in the creation of Nunavut with the progress to date. My question is for the Deputy Premier, Mr. Arlooktoo. There was concern at the last meeting that it was a closed door meeting and the public was not allowed. Has any thought been made to opening the meeting this time around to the public, like previous meetings? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

The Deputy Premier, Mr. Arlooktoo.

Return To Question 581-13(5): Nunavut Leaders' Meeting

HON. GOO ARLOOKTOO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, at the last meeting, we did have several working sessions in the beginning that only the working parties were involved in. We did open the meeting in the end to inform the public on what the discussions had been and to allow the public and media to ask questions. At this point in time, we have not

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discussed the issue on whether we would follow the same process or not. We are planning to have a conference call in the next few days between myself, the Minister of DIAND and the NTI president on such issues as location, chairmanship, et cetera, I can certainly bring up the issue. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Oral questions. Mr. Picco.

Question 582-13(5): Planning for Nunavut Celebrations

MR. PICCO:

Earlier, three or four months, I was involved in some discussions concerning the planned Nunavut celebrations and represented the Deputy Premier at a meeting. I am wondering has the Deputy Premier been involved in any discussions as the Deputy Premier of the Northwest Territories government concerning the Nunavut celebrations and what aspect, financial contribution and other contributions that the territorial government will be making toward these important celebrations. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

The Deputy Premier, Mr. Arlooktoo.

Return To Question 582-13(5): Planning for Nunavut Celebrations

HON. GOO ARLOOKTOO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First, I do appreciate the fact that the Member agreed to represent me. I could not attend the meeting that I was invited to for the Nunavut celebrations. Other than some correspondence I have received from Mr. Amagoalik on the emblem and on the flag, I have not been intimately involved in the discussions about the celebration. I, along with Mr. Todd, have focused our attention on actual government functions, programs, capacity, the contracting out functions of the real groundwork of division and have basically left the issue of celebrations and that part of the program to the committee which was selected to do the job.

MR. SPEAKER:

Oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. Picco.

Supplementary To Question 582-13(5): Planning for Nunavut Celebrations

MR. PICCO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, will this government be providing logistic and other help to the organizers of the Nunavut celebrations? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Arlooktoo.

Further Return To Question 582-13(5): Planning for Nunavut Celebrations

HON. GOO ARLOOKTOO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, we have been quite involved in all other aspects of the planning for division, the major conferences that have occurred on Social Development, Justice and the Abilities Conference that have just happened. We have made our staff and expertise available. In some cases, we have provided some funding to help to defray the costs. Here again, with the arrangements for the celebrations, we do have our staff and some of our experts involved, and yes, indeed, we are and will remain involved. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Oral questions. Mr. Picco.

Question 583-13(5): Baffin Fisheries Quotas

MR. PICCO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of RWED. About three weeks ago, I presented a position paper to the federal Standing Committee on Fisheries in Iqaluit concerning fishery quotas for Nunavut and in particular the Baffin region. There has been quite a concern that, indeed, the federal government is still involved in a court case with NTI concerning the allocation for Fisheries and the quotas of such belonging to the straddling stocks and the adjacency of fisheries quotas in Nunavut. Could the Minister for RWED update us as to this government's position with his correspondence with Mr. Anderson concerning this issue? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

The Minister of Renewable Resources, Wildlife and Economic Development. I realize the Member for Iqaluit made reference to a court challenge on this, and I advise the Minister to be careful in the way he responds to this question. Mr. Kakfwi.

Return To Question 583-13(5): Baffin Fisheries Quotas

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, we are, of course, as a government interested in doing what we can in the area of fisheries to have recognized protection given to the rights of Inuit under their claim and the right of the Baffin people to share in the fishing quotas that are allocated by the federal government every year. We will continue to be diligent in carrying out those duties. I can provide to the Member on Monday an updated report on what the Fisheries Minister is contemplating to do in respect to those points.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Oral questions. Mr. Krutko.

Question 584-13(5): Funding Criteria for Health Programs

MR. KRUTKO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Health and Social Services, Mr. Ng. It is in regard to an issue which I brought up earlier in the week in relation to funding for the Tl'oondih Healing Society. I had a meeting with the Minister and I have also received correspondence from the Tl'oondih Healing Society. One of the concerns I have is with the way the programs have been funded and the support for funds to communities, especially communities dealing with community wellness issues, as in the case of Fort McPherson, where they do have a lot of problems especially with youth, the alcohol and drugs problems and suicides. I would like to ask the Minister, what does it take for a community, the Tl'oondih Healing Society which has received support letters from organizations such as the hamlet office, the band council, the Status of Women, and yet, they are still being denied access to funds to deliver programs in Fort McPherson, especially in the area of community wellness? I would like to ask the Minister, why is the department setting such higher restrictive criteria for communities to access funds to deliver

programs on behalf of the residents of these communities?

MR. SPEAKER:

The Minister of Health and Social Services,

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Mr. Ng.

Return To Question 584-13(5): Funding Criteria for Health Programs

HON. KELVIN NG:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, it is the board that deals with the disposition of funds for alcohol and drug programs within their service area and in this case, the Inuvik Regional Health and Social Services Board. As I had indicated to the Member in our telephone conference with the officials from the Tl'oondih Healing Society, I would try to endeavour to find out where the funds were going in the Inuvik service area and see what kind of proposal have been coming forward from the Tl'oondih Healing Society to the board, as well, to see if there was some kind of process to try and assist them to obtain funding, if they could provide a service for the board to their community. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Oral questions. Supplementary. Mr. Krutko.

Supplementary To Question 584-13(5): Funding Criteria for Health Programs

MR. KRUTKO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I, too, would like to know exactly what funds are being allocated to the Inuvik Regional Health Board and where it is being spent. From my knowledge to date, the Tl'oondih Healing Society has not received any monies from the Inuvik Regional Health Board. The direction I decided to take along with the government, is that they will be allowed to access funds through the Inuvik Regional Health Board through proposals being put forth and so on, but yet to date, they have not received any funding from the Inuvik Regional Health Board, yet that is the agency in Fort McPherson which delivers the Mental Health Program. If they are capable of developing and delivering the Mental Health Program, why are they inadequate to deliver programs to allow them to assist

the residents in Fort McPherson in dealing with the alcohol, drug and related incidences that they feel are critical to work on at this time? I would like to get that cleared up. We fund these institutions, yet we do not see the funds flowing into the communities where we are saying the problems are. It seems like they are locked up at the Inuvik Regional Office. I would like to know exactly why is there such a restrictive process and why is that money not being accessed by the communities?

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Mr. Ng.

Further Return To Question 584-13(5): Funding Criteria for Health Programs

HON. KELVIN NG:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, as I indicated in those same discussions with the honourable Member present, in Fort McPherson there certainly seems to be a competing interest in another society that is providing some of the community wellness initiatives and services for their constituents. As I had indicated, I have tried to find out the details of what organizations were getting what source of funding from the Inuvik Regional Health and Social Services Board and try to work out a solution that could benefit the community as a whole. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Oral questions. I would like to, again, remind the Members about asking questions concerning their preamble and repeating their preamble, in their supplementaries. Mr. Krutko.

Supplementary To Question 584-13(5): Funding Criteria for Health Programs

MR. KRUTKO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, could the Minister tell me if there are alternative sources of funds that can be accessed since there does not seem to be any cooperation between the Inuvik Regional Health Board? Are the funds available at the head office or within the department in which they might have a better chance of receiving funds from this government?

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Ng.

Further Return To Question 584-13(5): Funding Criteria for Health Programs

HON. KELVIN NG:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, not from the Department of Health and Social Services. We have tried intentionally to put all of the funding for delivery of programs, Community Wellness Programs, Alcohol and Drug Programs, Mental Health Programs, Social Services Programs out to the regional boards for distribution in an effort to try to bring some more accountability and responsiveness at the regional level to those program providers. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Oral questions. Final supplementary, Mr. Krutko.

Supplementary To Question 584-13(5): Funding Criteria for Health Programs

MR. KRUTKO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, could the Minister commit to possibly getting back to me on this matter within the next week or so, so I do not have to wait until session is over in case I do have to raise other issues on this matter? Can I put this issue to rest, once and for all, knowing that something will be done on this matter as soon as possible?

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Ng.

Further Return To Question 584-13(5): Funding Criteria for Health Programs

HON. KELVIN NG:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I will commit to getting back to the Member as soon as possible, but in our discussions of two days ago, I believe we outlined a process where the TI'oondih Healing Society was writing a letter requesting certain information from the board. They were going to send a carbon copy ourselves, and we are going to wait for a response from the board before we pursued the next step, Mr. Speaker. I will commit to doing it as soon as possible, but given that we have reached an agreement on the steps, I will have to wait for those steps to take place. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Oral questions. Mr. Barnabas.

Question 585-13(5): Report on Nanisivik Fatality

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MR. BARNABAS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, it has been almost over a month since the accident occurred in Nanisivik. I have written a letter to the Minister of Transportation as to what the status report is. My question to the Minister of Transportation is, why has the status report on the accident not been given to me, even though I wrote them a letter? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

The Minister of Transportation, Mr. Antoine.

Return To Question 585-13(5): Report on Nanisivik Fatality

HON. JIM ANTOINE:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would like to apologize to the honourable Member if he has not received a response. We have taken this accident very seriously. Safety at the workplace is a very important factor for us in the Department of Transportation. Once again, I would like to apologize to the honourable Member. We will see where this response is within the Department of Transportation and we will get back to him as soon as we can. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Oral questions. Mr. Ootes.

Question 586-13(5): Conflict of Interest Process

MR. OOTES:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Deputy Premier in regard to the conflict of interest hearings. There was an announcement yesterday on the radio. I had a question for the Deputy Premier as to the process. What would the process be from here with regard to the conflict of interest hearings?

MR. SPEAKER:

The question is out of order. The Minister cannot confirm or deny a media report. Oral questions. Mr. Picco.

Question 587-13(5): Employment Insurance Fund Surplus

MR. PICCO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Finance. Mr. Speaker, over the past year there has been a fiscal windfall by the federal government in UI premiums. As we know, Mr. Speaker, the cost of doing business in the north is quite high. Some provincial jurisdictions are moving toward asking the federal Minister to decimate that money into the hands of employers and jurisdictions. I am wondering, Mr. Speaker, what the position of the Government of the Northwest Territories is on the surplus on the EI Fund and have any discussions taken place between our Minister and the federal government with regard to this? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

The Minister of Finance, Mr. Todd.

Return To Question 587-13(5): Employment Insurance Fund Surplus

HON. JOHN TODD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, there has been considerable debate by both provincial and territorial colleagues with respect to what some would say is real and some would say perceived huge surpluses in the UIC budget. No consensus has been reached with the federal Minister on what course of action the federal Minister should do and how it impacts upon provincial and territorial jurisdictions. It is still very much in the discussions stages at this time. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. Picco.

Supplementary To Question 587-13(5): Employment Insurance Fund Surplus

MR. PICCO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I guess the Minister has confirmed that he has been involved in the discussions. I am wondering, could the Minister

inform this House and the people of the Northwest Territories what the position of the Government of the Northwest Territories is on this surplus in the EI Fund? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Todd.

Further Return To Question 587-13(5): Employment Insurance Fund Surplus

HON. JOHN TODD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On issue of this magnitude, Mr. Speaker - and that was the point I was trying to make in my earlier response - we are trying to work through with our territorial colleagues, for example, in the Yukon and some of our provincial allies, and what would be an appropriate position we would take which would meet our needs and some of the provincial needs. At this time, that has not been clearly defined. We are still in discussions and the negotiation stage. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. Picco.

Supplementary To Question 587-13(5): Employment Insurance Fund Surplus

MR. PICCO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I know that the finance Minister has a good working relationship with Mr. Paul Martin, the Federal Finance Minister. Will Mr. Todd be bringing this issue up with Mr. Martin in his very soon meeting over the course of the next few weeks? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Todd.

Further Return To Question 587-13(5): Employment Insurance Fund Surplus

HON. JOHN TODD:

That is a very important national issue, as I am sure my colleague knows, and certainly, I would be only too happy to bring them up and share them with Mr. Martin. My only point that I am trying to make is, you need to try and reach a consensus and gather some support on these issues. Therefore, you need to give

us some flexibility as we move forward in negotiations. Certainly, it is an important one and we will deal with it expeditiously and report back to the House.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Oral questions. Mr. Roland.

Question 588-13(5): Billing for Prescription Medication

MR. ROLAND:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my

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question at this time is directed to the Minister responsible for Health and Social Services. Mr. Speaker, at my last constituency meeting held in Inuvik, a concern was raised by a person regarding the billing of prescription drugs. I would like to know from the Minister concerning aboriginal peoples, who are entitled to prescription drugs over the counter, has there been any changes where billing practices have changed where it was once covered before by the Health Care Plan, where now certain drugs are being charged to aboriginal peoples?

MR. SPEAKER:

The Minister of Health and Social Services, Mr. Ng.

Return To Question 588-13(5): Billing for Prescription Medication

HON. KELVIN NG:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, it is my understanding that the Non-Insured Health Benefits Program, the federal program for aboriginal people, continues to be in effect, but as I have indicated in the past in this House, they review their lists of eligible drugs and medications that can be used for services.

Sometimes, when they make amendments to those lists, they fail to notify the pharmacists and physicians in a timely fashion. Sometimes, the physicians are not given the notice prior to the pharmacist getting it and it causes some problems where a physician may continue to be prescribing a drug that is not on the qualified list. In that instance, the pharmacist may charge because it is not a qualified drug under the Non-Insured Health Benefits listing, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. Roland.

Supplementary To Question 588-13(5): Billing for Prescription Medication

MR. ROLAND:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Whose responsibility is it to notify the constituents of the Northwest Territories, especially those who are affected by these possible changes as to which drugs qualify under the plan? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Ng.

Further Return To Question 588-13(5): Billing for Prescription Medication

HON. KELVIN NG:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, it is the Medical Services Branch of Health Canada who runs the Non-Insured Health Benefits Program. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. Roland.

Supplementary To Question 588-13(5): Billing for Prescription Medication

MR. ROLAND:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Is your department made aware of any changes that would come up, so that we can be a little more proactive in this area? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Ng.

Further Return To Question 588-13(5): Billing for Prescription Medication

HON. KELVIN NG:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, all changes for any coverage under the Non-Insured Health Benefits Program go directly to the aboriginal organizations. We, as a matter of courtesy, get a copy of those changes after the fact. It is my understanding that the

initial changes go to the aboriginal organizations first from Health Canada. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Oral questions. Final supplementary, Mr. Roland.

Supplementary To Question 588-13(5): Billing for Prescription Medication

MR. ROLAND:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Regardless of who receives the copy first, could we not be proactive in notifying residents who would be affected by the changes? Would that be so difficult to do? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Ng.

Further Return To Question 588-13(5): Billing for Prescription Medication

HON. KELVIN NG:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I do not know if we would try to notify the residents, but certainly, we could try to advise the physicians or the practitioners who are prescribing the drugs as soon as we would be aware of any proposed changes to the drug formula, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Oral questions. Mr. Barnabas.

Question 589-13(5): Report on Nanisivik Fatality

MR. BARNABAS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To follow up on my question earlier to the Minister of Transportation, at this time, I would like to direct my question to the Minister of UNW. Today I still have not received any report from UNW since that accident yet. I was wondering if there was any report available? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

The Minister of Finance, Mr. Todd.

Return To Question 589-13(5): Report on Nanisivik Fatality

HON. JOHN TODD:

I wish I was the Minister for the UNW, Mr. Speaker. We would have signed an agreement by now, but I understand my colleague is talking about the WCB and the accident which occurred in Nanisivik. I was in discussions as late as yesterday with the WCB and I am optimistic that they will get an answer today. If not, certainly Monday morning and I apologize to my colleague. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Oral question. Mr. Krutko.

Question 590-13(5): Meeting of Highways Planning Committee

MR. KRUTKO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the

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Minister of Transportation, Mr. Antoine. It is in regard to these upcoming meetings in Normal Wells and Inuvik with regard to the roads and what not. I raised a question with the Minister in regard to the possibility of having the community of Aklavik make a presentation to the committee. I was wondering, is it possible for the Minister to invite the community of Aklavik to the meetings scheduled for Inuvik in regard to the Inuvik/Tuktoyaktuk road, so that they can possibly make a presentation at that time to the Planning Committee on Roads? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Antoine.

Return To Question 590-13(5): Meeting of Highways Planning Committee

HON. JIM ANTOINE:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the strategy in the next little while is to have a meeting in Inuvik and there, we will be bringing in the stakeholders. We are going to do the same thing for the Mackenzie Valley and the Slave Geologic Province. Bringing in the stakeholders would be the mayors, chiefs and different leaders of the community together to have a workshop regarding the road between Inuvik and Tuktoyaktuk to see what it will encompass. We will be looking at everything that is going to be encompassed in the whole approach. Such as, there are settlement lands we have to deal with. There are crown lands, and so forth, and the type of training and

so forth. Everything is going to be discussed, hopefully, at these workshops. It will be a stakeholder's meeting for the Inuvik/Tuktoyaktuk road. There might be a possibility to raise the issue of concerns for Aklavik there as well. The main purpose of that stakeholders' workshop would be to deal with the Inuvik to Tuktoyaktuk road. If Aklavik wants to be invited, we will invite them. Perhaps, there will be an opportunity to raise your concerns there. However, we could have our own people go into Aklavik, as we spoke about earlier by the department itself, solely just to deal with what it will encompass and what types of strategies would be required to start thinking about a road from, let us say, the Dempster Highway into Aklavik. There are two ways of dealing with it. I would prefer to go with my officials directly to Aklavik, with some of the planning staff, and deal directly with Aklavik first, to deal specifically with their request for the road. On the other hand if they want to participate, we could do that too. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. Krutko.

Supplementary To Question 590-13(5): Meeting of Highways Planning Committee

MR. KRUTKO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank the Minister for making that effort to go into the community. Does the Minister have any idea when and how soon it would be possible to hold a meeting with the community of Aklavik and his departmental staff?

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Antoine.

Further Return To Question 590-13(5): Meeting of Highways Planning Committee

HON. JIM ANTOINE:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, during the summer, there will be opportunity to find the time, there are still a few days open for me this summer to go into Aklavik. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. Krutko.

Supplementary To Question 590-13(5): Meeting of Highways Planning Committee

MR. KRUTKO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Can the Minister attempt, through letter or what not, to coordinate this effort with his department and the community to ensure that they are made aware ahead of time, so that they could coordinate this effort along with his department, and also ensure the right personnel are at this meeting? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Antoine.

Further Return To Question 590-13(5): Meeting of Highways Planning Committee

HON. JIM ANTOINE:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes.

MR. SPEAKER:

Oral questions. Mr. Picco.

Question 591-13(5): Meeting of the Aurora Fund Board

MR. PICCO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Chairman of the Aurora Fund Board, Mr. Todd. Mr. Speaker, could the Minister tell us when was the last meeting of the full board of the Aurora Fund? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

The Minister of Finance, Mr. Todd.

Return To Question 591-13(5): Meeting of the Aurora Fund Board

HON. JOHN TODD:

Mr. Speaker, I cannot remember. It was probably a month or so ago. I would have to look into it.

MR. SPEAKER:

Oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. Picco.

Supplementary To Question 591-13(5): Meeting of the Aurora Fund Board

MR. PICCO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, during the last meeting of the Aurora Fund Board which was maybe a month or six weeks ago, was the Minister and the board fully updated at that time on the status of the Aurora Fund and the number of loans that have been met? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Todd.

Further Return To Question 591-13(5): Meeting of the Aurora Fund Board

HON. JOHN TODD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. What we normally do when the board meets, it meets to sanction, if you want, the Investment Committee's recommendations on loans. I could check and determine what the status is of the request of

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my colleague with the relationship to how many loans were given out. Do you want me to publish it again or table it in the House? I would be only too happy to.

MR. SPEAKER:

Oral question. Supplementary, Mr. Picco.

Supplementary To Question 591-13(5): Meeting of the Aurora Fund Board

MR. PICCO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, while the Minister is gathering the information and tabling it in the House, which we appreciate, I wonder if the Minister could tell us if, indeed, the second Aurora Fund is now fully subscribed? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Todd.

Further Return To Question 591-13(5): Meeting of the Aurora Fund Board

HON. JOHN TODD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Actually, it is oversubscribed. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Oral questions. Final supplementary, Mr. Picco.

Supplementary To Question 591-13(5): Meeting of the Aurora Fund Board

MR. PICCO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I think the Minister said the fund was oversubscribed. I do not know how that is possible, but could the Minister tell us what the value of the fund is then, if it has been fully subscribed?

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Todd.

Further Return To Question 591-13(5): Meeting of the Aurora Fund Board

HON. JOHN TODD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. What I meant by oversubscribed is, you need x-amount of people, with x-amount of dollars for the total amount of the fund. Sometimes you have more than x-amount of people, you get more than x-amount of dollars. Therefore, you are over the total amount of the fund. That was what I meant by oversubscribed. I will provide my honourable colleague all the information on the Aurora Fund early next week. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Oral questions. Mr. Ootes.

Question 592-13(5): Value of Public/Private Partnership Projects

MR. OOTES:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is on the P3 Projects. I wonder if the Minister could tell us of the projects that were announced, the pilot projects and the guesstimate of value. Could the Minister tell us what that guesstimate is? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Minister of Finance. Mr. Todd.

Return To Question 592-13(5): Value of Public/Private Partnership Projects

HON. JOHN TODD:

I think in round numbers I said on a number of occasions we are looking somewhere in the region of between \$80 million and \$100 million. It depends really on what happens. If you read the newspapers this week, Iqaluit wants \$48 million hospital and we have consistently said you get \$25 million. It really depends on how it is all going to fall out, but based upon a rough guesstimate on an ideal scenario where everything would go out to public tender as we have talked about, when all the projects are identified, it is somewhere in the region between \$80 million and \$100 million. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. Ootes.

Supplementary To Question 592-13(5): Value of Public/Private Partnership Projects

MR. OOTES:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, that is what I was curious about. The next question is, could the Minister tell us how that will be reported in the financial statements of the territorial government? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Todd.

Further Return To Question 592-13(5): Value of Public/Private Partnership Projects

HON. JOHN TODD:

It will be reported as an expenditure as kind of a lease arrangement. It will be reported in terms of financial statements.

MR. SPEAKER:

Oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. Ootes.

Supplementary To Question 592-13(5): Value of Public/Private Partnership Projects

MR. OOTES:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, does the Minister have some indication as to when he may be able to provide for us a projected cashflow indication of what the cost of this particular initiative is and the implications of it financially for the territorial government? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Two questions. You have used your final supplementary. Mr. Todd.

Further Return To Question 592-13(5): Value of Public/Private Partnership Projects

HON. JOHN TODD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, it is difficult and I am not trying to evade the question. We try to fast track some of these projects: one, to get them on the ground; two, to create some economic activity; three, to create some jobs, et cetera. My guess will be that we may be lucky, given the lateness of the day, some of the complications that have arisen and some of the questions that have been asked, to get 50 or 60 percent of these projects up and running this year, to get them started. It is difficult to project what the cashflow is going to be until such time as we go to public tender or RFP, whatever process we end up using, and we get the proposals brought forward. We have an obligation and a

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responsibility, and that it is consistent, that we must examine each project on its own merit and my staff must be able to demonstrate to me there is an affordability issue over a short or long-term. It would be difficult for me to predict today how far along it will take before these projects are sufficiently settled, if you want, to determine the cashflow, but certainly, we are doing it on an individual basis and as soon as we get it, we will definitely provide it to the Members. I know it is an important long-term issue for them. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Oral questions. Mr. Picco.

Question 593-13(5): Funding Arrangements for Baffin Hospital

MR. PICCO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, earlier in a response to Mr. Ootes, Mr. Todd mentioned the Baffin Regional Hospital and a \$48 million request. I should clarify that there was no request for \$48 million for the Baffin hospital. That was a study to indicate the cost of a new facility would be \$48 million. I am just going to follow up on that under the P3 initiative. Mr. Todd mentioned a \$25 million envelope that he has set for

the hospital construction. I am wondering if the financial contribution that now is forthcoming in answer to earlier questions in this House by the Health Minister from the federal government, if Mr. Todd could indicate if that monies could be used toward the \$25 million that we already have allocated under the P3 initiative for the Baffin hospital and have that money in a revenue stream for the Baffin hospital, so that we can actually get to the point where we could have the facility that the study indicated? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

The Minister of Finance, Mr. Todd.

Return To Question 593-13(5): Funding Arrangements for Baffin Hospital

HON. JOHN TODD:

A very important question my honourable colleague has asked me and I will take the question as notice to be sure. I will give him the appropriate accurate answer earlier in the week.

MR. SPEAKER:

Question has been taken as notice. Oral questions. Mr. Ootes.

Question 594-13(5): P3 Initiative Accounting Process

MR. OOTES:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would like to address again the P3 process with regard to a balance sheet and cashflow projection at the end. It would seem to be critical for us as a government to understand what the financial debt load might be down the road. Could the Minister tell us using the perimeters of the P3 with regard to the Auditor General's approach in this, could he confirm that there are certain stipulations that the Auditor General would require in order to meet the P3 process? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

The Minister of Finance, Mr. Todd.

Return To Question 594-13(5): P3 Initiative Accounting Process

HON. JOHN TODD:

My honourable colleague is correct. There are obligations that we have, an entity to meet the Financial Administration Act, to meet other legal fiscal obligations and we are under discussions with the Auditor General at this time to get a clear definition of what his expectations are so we can develop and design the policy accordingly.

MR. SPEAKER:

Oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. Ootes.

Supplementary To Question 594-13(5): P3 Initiative Accounting Process

MR. OOTES:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the Minister spoke in reply to an earlier question that it is difficult at the moment to get the cashflow projection. However, could the Minister do a projection of a cashflow sheet for us? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Todd.

Further Return To Question 594-13(5): P3 Initiative Accounting Process

HON. JOHN TODD:

Again, my honourable colleague, of what?

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Ootes.

Supplementary To Question 594-13(5): P3 Initiative Accounting Process

MR. OOTES:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, in the normal course of corporate business, we would say we are going to spend \$80 million to \$100 million. Can we get an idea of what that would cost us on an annual basis? A cashflow projection, in other words, and what the stipulations are at the end? There would be a 10 or 25 percent buyout hypothetically. That is what I am driving at, so that we get a clear picture, Mr. Speaker, in the end, of what our financial picture will be.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Todd. I heard two questions.

Further Return To Question 594-13(5): P3 Initiative Accounting Process

HON. JOHN TODD:

I believe, I originally said that we thought that the ballpark figure, and I believe I said it to the committee and I said it before, that it was going to be in that range. If you spend all the money, let us a \$100 million deal, depending on what the price of money is and depending on what the deal is, depending on what the time and investment is, a ballpark figure is somewhere in the region of \$20 million on an annual basis, based on a \$100 million worth of leases. Based on \$100 million worth of P3 projects, but I do not think that is the way to handle it, if I may, Mr. Speaker. I think we need to work each project, as I said, based on its merits and we need to develop a cashflow. There has to be a return for an investment somewhere here for the government. We are intent to do that. I am reluctant, not because I do not want to, I am reluctant to fully understand my honourable colleague's question. I could say that \$100 million worth of projects out there, I can work on the assumption that money is going to cost 7 percent, that the investor is going to want 9 percent return on investment and

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therefore, it will cost us the following. I could do that. There are a thousand of those scenarios. We need to get out there and get the RFPs out, get some meat on the agreements and then, do a comprehensive cost benefit analysis and provide my honourable colleague and others with that. Right now, we are trying to develop the boiler plate to do that so we can do it quickly and provide the Members with the net result. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Oral questions. Final supplementary, Mr. Ootes.

Supplementary To Question 594-13(5): P3 Initiative Accounting Process

MR. OOTES:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, we are looking at \$100 million hypothetically this year, 80 to 100 and a cost in the neighbourhood of \$20 million per year in mortgage costs. Could the Minister tell us are we able and in a position to do that amount of substantial P3 projects every year or is this just a one time shot that we are looking at? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

The question is out of order. Do you want to rephrase the question, Mr. Ootes?

Supplementary To Question 594-13(5): P3 Initiative Accounting Process

MR. OOTES:

Thank you. I would like to, Mr. Speaker. This year, we are looking at the projects as pilot projects. Can the Minister tell us that these will be used as examples and will do the same volume next year? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Todd.

Further Return To Question 594-13(5): P3 Initiative Accounting Process

HON. JOHN TODD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Unfortunately, I cannot predict the future. I wish I could. The reality is, I am going to be serious with this because I know the importance of the issue to my honourable colleague as well as to myself. A detailed cost-spend analysis is going to be done on those projects. That cost-spend analysis has to be done and there has to be a return for investment, one way or the other, by this government. When we have done that we will then know what the short and long-term fiscal obligations are to this government and the future governments. This Finance Minister, under the P3 projects, does not want to leave a legacy of debt for future governments if they cannot afford it. The affordability issue has been essential right from the very beginning I would ask my colleague to be patient on this issue and he will get the answers he wants. Should he get elected in the next election, he will be able to deal with what happens next year. I cannot predict what is going to happen next year.

MR. SPEAKER:

Question period is over. Item 7, written questions. Item 8, returns to written questions. Item 9, replies to opening address. Item 10, petitions. Mr. Evaloarjuk.

ITEM 10: PETITIONS

Petition 4-13(5): Pay Equity and the Collective Bargaining Process

MR. EVALOARJUK:

(Translation) Mr. Speaker, I would like to present a petition dealing with the matter of pay equity and the collective bargaining process and the outstanding pay equity complaint from the current collective bargaining process. Mr. Speaker, the petition contains 16 signatures of residents of Pond Inlet and, Mr. Speaker, the petitioners request that the Government of the Northwest Territories separate the outstanding pay equity complaint from the current collective bargaining process that is being negotiated at this time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (Translation ends)

MR. SPEAKER:

Petitions. Mr. Ootes.

MR. OOTES:

Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to return to item 7, written questions.

MR. SPEAKER:

The Member for Yellowknife Centre is seeking unanimous consent to return to item 7, written questions. Do we have any nays? There are no nays. Mr. Ootes, you have unanimous consent.

REVERT TO ITEM 7: WRITTEN QUESTIONS

Written Question 17-13(5): Termination Benefits for Employees

MR. OOTES:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, this is in regard to termination benefits for employees. My written questions are:

1. Is there one central specialist charged with implementing the layoff guidelines to ensure all employees are treated fairly. If not, would you consider hiring one, just to make sure the fairly complicated guidelines are implemented consistently across the board?
2. How many layoffs related grievances have been filed against the government since 1995?
3. What is the status of those claims?
4. With those grievances that have been settled, how many were settled in favour of the employee?

5. How many of these came as a result of guidelines being misapplied or misinterpreted?

6. Has this resulted in the government re-evaluating how these layoff guidelines are applied?

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Written questions. Mr. Barnabas.

Written Question 18-13(5): Transfer of Art and Artifacts to the Nunavut Legislature

MR. BARNABAS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my

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written question will be addressed to the House Leader.

1. With regard to the division of assets and liabilities, the new Nunavut Legislative Assembly will be completed in 8 months. When will the Inuit Arts and Inuit Artifacts be transferred to the new Nunavut Legislative Assembly?

Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Written questions. Item 11, reports of standing and special committees. Item 12, reports of committees on the review of bills. Item 13, tabling of documents. Mr. Roland.

ITEM 13: TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

Tabled Document 101-13(5): Beaufort Delta Leaders Conference Resolutions Regarding the Establishment of an Electoral Boundaries

MR. ROLAND:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I will be tabling documents of the resolutions from the Beaufort Delta Leaders Conference, one dated October, 1997, on the Electoral Boundaries Commission, and another resolution dated March 30, 1998, on the Electoral Boundaries Commission. Thank you.

Tabled Document 102-13(5): Report of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner on a Complaint in Relation to the Member for Tu Nedhe

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Tabling of documents. In accordance with section 81 of the Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act, I wish to table a report of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner that I received earlier this morning in the matter of a complaint under part III of the act in relation to the Member for Tu Nedhe. Tabling of documents. Mr. Miltenberger.

MR. MILTENBERGER:

Mr. Speaker, I was going to seek unanimous consent at the appropriate time to return to item 5.

MR. SPEAKER:

The Member for Thebacha is seeking unanimous consent to return to item 5, recognition of visitors in the gallery. Do we have any nays? Mr. Miltenberger, you have unanimous consent.

REVERT TO ITEM 5: RECOGNITION OF VISITORS IN THE GALLERY

MR. MILTENBERGER:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize two gentlemen in the gallery, Mr. Bob Beaulieu, one of the north's finest athletes. My former supervisor, Breynat Hall, a pretty fine guy and another one of my schoolmates, Morris Zoe, from Fort Rae, working for BHP. Thank you.

--Applause

MR. SPEAKER:

Recognition of visitors in the gallery. Item 14, notices of motion. Mr. Erasmus.

ITEM 14: NOTICES OF MOTION

Motion 18-13(5): Support for Additional Funding for Education

MR. ERASMUS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Monday, June 1, 1998, I will move the following the motion:

Now therefore, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Iqaluit, that the Legislative Assembly strongly recommends the Executive Council increase base funding to the Department of Education, Culture and Employment in the current 1998-99 fiscal year by

the minimum of the 6 percent reduction that occurred over the past two years. Thank you.

--Applause

MR. SPEAKER:

Notices of motion. Mr. Roland.

Motion 19-13(5): Establishment of Northwest Territories Electoral Boundaries Commission

MR. ROLAND:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Monday, June 1, 1998, I will move the following motion.

Now therefore, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Yellowknife Frame Lake, that the Northwest Territories Electoral Boundaries Commission be established in accordance with part 1 of the Electoral Boundaries Commission Act;

And further, that the Northwest Territories Electoral Boundaries Commission in preparing its report, shall take into consideration:

- a) the geographic and demographic considerations, including the sparsity, density or rate of growth of the population of any part of the territory and the accessibility, size or shape of any part of the territory;
- b) any special community or diversity of interests of the inhabitants of any part of the territory;
- c) the means of communication among various parts of the territory;
- d) the minimum and maximum number of Members of the Legislative Assembly authorized by the Northwest Territories Act;

Further, the Commission should strive to maintain a balance between urban and rural populations when recommending the boundaries of constituencies;

Furthermore, the Commission should take into consideration the cultural and linguistic interests of the territories and its

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present land claim boundaries when recommending the boundaries of constituencies;

Furthermore, take into consideration any other similar and relevant factors that the Commission considers appropriate. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Notices of motion. Item 15, notices of motions for first reading of bills. Item 16, motions. Item 17, first reading of bills. Mr. Todd.

ITEM 17: FIRST READING OF BILLS

BILL 18: Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 1, 1998-99

HON. JOHN TODD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Nahendeh that Bill 18, Supplementary Appropriation Act, No 1, 1998-99, be read for the first time. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. The motion is in order. To the motion. Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried. Bill 18 has had first reading. First reading of bills. Item 18, second reading of bills. Mr. Todd

ITEM 18: SECOND READING OF BILLS

BILL 18: Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 1, 1998-99

HON. JOHN TODD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Nahendeh that Bill 18, Supplementary Appropriation Act, No 1, 1998-99, be read for the second time. Mr. Speaker, this bill makes supplementary appropriations for the Government of the Northwest Territories for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1999. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. The motion is in order. To the motion. To the principle of the bill. Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried. Bill 18 has had second reading and accordingly stands referred to Committee of the Whole. Second reading of bills. Item 19, consideration in committee of the whole of bills and other matters. Bill 15, Adoption Act and Bill 18,

Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 1, 1998-99, with Mr. Steen in the Chair.

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

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):

I call the committee to order. For consideration today in Committee of the Whole we have Bill 15, Adoption Act, and Bill 18, Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 1, 1998-99. Could I have some direction from the committee as to how we shall proceed? Mr. Ootes.

MR. OOTES:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move that we consider Bill 15, Adoption Act, followed by Bill 18, Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 1, 1998-99. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):

Thank you, Mr. Ootes. I do not believe that it is necessary to move. Do you recommend?

MR. OOTES:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for the correction. I recommend that we proceed in the order of Bill 15, Adoption Act, followed by Bill 18, Supplementary Appropriation Act No. 1, 1998-99. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):

Thank you, Mr. Ootes. Does the committee agree that we should proceed in that manner?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):

Thank you. We will proceed after our noon break.

--Break

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):

I would like to call the committee back to order. As agreed before the break, we will deal with Bill 15, Adoption Act. At this time I would like to invite the Minister of Health and Social Services, Mr. Ng, to introduce the bill.

HON. KELVIN NG:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am pleased to appear before you today to discuss the Adoption Act. There are a number of changes to this legislation based on the extensive public consultation process undertaken last spring and further discussions with the Standing Committee on Social Programs.

The major change is the restructuring of the act. The committee had requested that the bill contain a clearer division between private and departmental adoptions. I believe that this distinction has been accomplished. Other significant changes include:

- a preapproval process for all adoptions;
- notice for all family adoptions;
- consideration of the views of children younger than 12 when determining placement;
- supporting placement preferences of the child, the parent and extended family;
- more checks on out-of-territories placements;
- involvement of the aboriginal community, where the parent and child consent;
- reviews for decisions on placement and post-adoption assistance;
- open access to adoption information after the child reaches the age of majority;
- automatic followup when a child revokes their consent to an adoption and
- encouraging the mother to identify the father.

The Adoption Act before the House today is the result of eight years of work and extensive consultation across the Northwest Territories. This legislation is significantly improved and reflects many of the issues and concerns expressed by the standing committee and the public.

I would like to thank the many individuals, staff and organizations who have commented on and shaped this act. I look forward to answering any questions the Members may have later on. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):

Thank you, Minister Ng. I would now

like to invite the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Social Programs, Mr. Enuaraq, or another Member of the Standing Committee on Social Programs, Mr. Roland, to make the comments of the committee on the bill.

MR. ROLAND:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Standing Committee on Social Programs reviewed Bill 15, Adoption Act at its meetings on April 21st and 22nd, and on May 26, 1998. The committee appreciates the efforts of the Minister of Health and Social Services and his officials in responding to the committee's concerns and addressing the questions and recommendations of the committee throughout the review process.

As Members are aware, Bill 15 is a redrafted version of Bill 5, Adoption Act. Bill 5 was introduced during the fourth session of the 13th Assembly as a part of the family law package of four bills. The other bills were the proposed Child and Family Services Act, Family Law Act and Children's Law Act. At that time, the standing committee conducted an extensive public review of all of the family law bills and held public meetings in eight Northwest Territories communities. Following its review, the committee presented its report on the review of the Family Law Bills to the Legislative Assembly on October 6, 1997.

In its report, the standing committee recommended the Adoption Act be redrafted to create a clear distinction between departmental and private adoptions. In addition, the committee outlined a number of other concerns that were brought to its attention during the public hearings. The government agreed to redraft the bill in accordance with the committee's recommendations, and subsequently introduced Bill 15 on February 27, 1998. The other three bills that were a part of the family law package were passed in October 1997. They have not yet been proclaimed in force.

Given the committee's previous extensive review of Bill 15, the scope of the review of Bill 5 was restricted to conducting a thorough examination of the bill to determine the nature and extent of the revisions and whether the committee's recommendations had been met. The committee mailed a stakeholder package to northerners, advising them of the background to the bill and the committee's intentions for the review. Written submissions were invited.

The committee recognized upon its initial review of Bill 15 that many of the issues raised in its Report on

Family Law Bills had been resolved. Primarily, the reorganized bill will result in legislation that is clearer and easier to use. However, the committee continued to have concern with some aspects of the bill, and Members discussed these issues extensively with the Minister and his officials. As a result of these discussions, 16 motions were passed in standing committee to amend Bill 15. Some of the motions were minor technical amendments. As well, several substantive issues were addressed.

Committee Members were concerned that the bill contained no provisions addressing the question of the identification of the father of the child to be adopted. While the committee recognizes the problems associated with mandatory requirements, Members felt that the bill should acknowledge that this is crucial information that must be made available to the child if possible. As a result, a motion was passed in committee to require adoption workers to encourage a parent to identify the other parent of the child.

As the committee had recommended in its report, Bill 15 contains new provisions allowing parents to appeal decisions of the director of adoptions to vary or terminate financial assistance. The bill also contains changes to the appeal provisions in other areas of the bill relating to the approval of private non-family adoptions and applicants for departmental adoptions. These appeals would now be heard by a person or persons designated by the Minister from outside the department. The committee agrees that these changes have resulted in an improved appeal process.

However, the committee was concerned that an appeal of a change to financial support is made directly to the Minister, rather than to a designated person. In the committee's view, a review and decision by someone from outside the department would be more appropriate and would be seen to be more independent. Following discussion with the Minister, the committee was assured that as a part of the review process, the Minister would obtain the recommendations of an objective third party from outside the department before a decision is made. This is to be incorporated in the regulations made under the act.

The committee had recommended that a provision would be included in the bill to give preference to extended family members in an adoption decision, in a similar manner to section 90 of the current Child Welfare Act. During our discussions, committee

Members agreed with the Minister that it would not be appropriate to create a hierarchy of preferences, but felt that the importance of extended family should at least be one of the factors for consideration within the context of a departmental adoption. As a result, the bill was amended to provide that the family or extended family relationship between the child and prospective adoptive parents would be considered when determining the best interests of the child.

The committee had raised a concern in its report that the bill does not require a preplacement report to be completed where a child is to be adopted privately outside the Northwest Territories to a family member. The bill was amended in standing committee to provide that where such an adoption is to take place, the director of adoptions will notify the Northwest Territories director of Child and Family Services, in addition to officials in the receiving jurisdiction. This will better enable any child welfare concerns to be addressed.

Committee Members extensively discussed with the Minister the issue of the placement of the child when a parent revokes his or her consent to an adoption. The committee agrees that the overriding issue is that where there are questions or disputes about the suitability of the child's placement, the child must be kept safe and there should be an avenue to apply to court. The bill was amended to ensure that a parent who consented to the adoption and did not revoke consent is promptly notified of a revocation, where possible. In those circumstances, the child will remain with the adoptive parents until an application is made to court to determine the issue.

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The committee had recommended in its report that the bill include a mandatory requirement for an investigation in circumstances where a child revokes his or her consent to an adoption. While the bill contained provision allowing the court to interview the child, Members felt that this was not sufficient, in part because the matter may never proceed to court. The bill was amended in committee to provide that where a child revokes his or her consent to an adoption, a copy of the revocation will be provided to the director of Child and Family Services. The committee was assured that the revocation would be considered to be a triggering event requiring an investigation.

The bill was also amended in committee following a suggestion by the NWT Branch of the Canadian Bar Association. The bill now requires that where an

application is made for a review of a refusal to approve a proposed placement, the review must be conducted within 30 days.

Mr. Chairman, committee Members may have additional comments or questions on this bill as we proceed. This concludes the standing committee's comments on Bill 15, Adoption Act. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):

Thank you, Mr. Roland. I will now offer Minister Ng the opportunity to bring in witnesses if he wishes. Mr. Ng.

HON. KELVIN NG:

Yes, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):

Do we agree, the Minister may bring in witnesses?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):

Thank you. You may bring in the witnesses, Sergeant-at-Arms. Could I have the Minister introduce his witnesses, please, to the committee.

HON. KELVIN NG:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. To my right, David Ramsden, Deputy Minister of Health and Social Services and to my left, Shawn Flynn, Legislative Counsel, Department of Justice. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):

Thank you, Mr. Ng. Welcome to the committee. The floor is now open for general comments by Members on the bill. Mr. Erasmus.

MR. ERASMUS:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I do not know how we got to this point because the Social Programs Committee had received a submission from the Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated joint submission and the Social Programs Committee was supposed to take a closer look at their submission to see if there was any merit to some of the arguments they put forward and whether there might have to be some amendments

made. We have not done that yet. I do not quite know how we got into this situation because while there has been a letter written to NTI, the Social Programs Committee has not taken another look at this submission to see whether some of the points that have been made should be included for amendments or whatever. I would like to ask that we do not proceed with the clause-by-clause of this bill until we have had time to adequately look at the submission that was put forward by NTI. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):

The Minister will respond after we have heard the other general comments on the bill. I have on my list Mr. Enuaraq from Baffin Central and Mr. Evaloarjuk, in that order. Mr. Enuaraq.

MR. ENUARAQ:

(Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to support Roy Erasmus' comments. We have also received a letter from NTI recently. They were a little bit behind responding to the committee, also, the Minister has received a letter and we have not really looked into the bill, yet. I would also like to include the submission from NTI. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (Translation ends)

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):

Thank you, Mr. Enuaraq. I now recognize Mr. Evaloarjuk.

MR. EVALOARJUK:

(Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In regard to this bill, I would like to thank the committee. They have been very busy and have done a good job. I know that because I was adopted by grandparents. I also believe that we should not proceed with this bill until we find out who we are. Some of us are Inuit, white and some of us are Dene. We all have different cultures. When we are talking about the Nunavut government, we also want to deal with the adoption policy because we are different in each community. I know we will never have the same tradition and culture. I do not really know what kind of amendment we are talking about, but I would also like to receive more information from NTI. I agree as well with the comments that were made this morning. All adoptions are different. It was mentioned that when a child is adopted, the child has to be told who their real parents are and who the adoptive parents are. I did not find out until later on when I was older that I was

adopted. I thought my father was my older brother, until I reached adulthood. It is Inuit tradition to let the adoptive children know who their parents are. The elders usually say because there is no law in Inuit tradition, but I do not know anything about white society. Some adoptive parents, some of us who have adopted children, we usually tell our adopted children, when I pass away, you will go back to your natural parents. I am saying that perhaps in the future, if the children are not treated properly from adoptive parents, they will be taken away and perhaps the adoptive parents will have to pay fines or perhaps they could end up in jail for at least six months. This is not the Inuit way of life. We do not deal with money when we are talking about adoption. I would like to make a comment that I think we should delay this bill until we have a Nunavut government because the adoption law will be dealing with the Inuits from Nunavut. We have different cultures. Some of us will not agree with the law. Perhaps even if we do pass the bill right now, amendments will have to be made in the future. Thank you. (Translation ends)

--Applause

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):

Thank you, Mr. Evaloarjuk. The Member for Iqaluit, Mr. Picco.

MR. PICCO:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, the letter and proposed amendments of the proposed Adoption Act, Bill

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15 have had quite extensive public hearings, public submissions and, I believe the review period lasted almost 12 months during 1996-97. Public hearings were advertised in all regional centres for eight months. The new information that has been put forward by NTI, I have not had a chance to really to look at it. I understand we only received a copy of it on the 26th, which was Tuesday. We had a chance to briefly see it yesterday. This seems to be mostly a Nunavut question and I would suggest that the Nunavut Caucus be given an opportunity to discuss the proposals and the submission by NTI before we can have any further deliberations on the bill. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):

Thank you, Mr. Picco. The Member for Mackenzie Delta, Mr. Krutko.

MR. KRUTKO:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I too feel that at this time we should withdraw this bill and allow for a more meaningful involvement and meaningful role for the aboriginal communities. I have heard these similar concerns from my community, especially from the chief and band council. When children are taken from the community because individuals may have personal problems socially in regard to alcoholism or whatever, it should be the decision of the aboriginal community to say where these aboriginal children are going. The whole idea of custom adoption which is an aboriginal phase and process has been done for numerous years in which we are trying to deal with the whole aboriginal question at the community level and allowing the communities to have a more active role in regard to how those adoptions take place, also exactly how it affects the aboriginal organizations regardless if it is the Gwich'in, Inuvialuit, the Sahtu or whomever. There has to be a more meaningful role for the aboriginal community. We have heard from the numerous federal reports in regard to the commission on the aboriginal process which was chaired by Mr. George Erasmus. There were a lot of concerns regarding adoptions and that process. I feel there has to be more meaningful role, especially when it comes to aboriginal people and children who lose their aboriginal culture through adoptions and not knowing where they came from, whom they are related to and also what their cultural background is.

I feel, Mr. Chairman, there should be a standing down of this bill in which there should be more meaningful involvement by aboriginal communities, organizations, and exactly as to how the aboriginal child will be dealt with and also, exactly what rights do the family have as an aboriginal person who may not understand the rights they have as parents in giving up the rights of their children to the Department of Social Services or whoever may be the agency. Mr. Chairman, we should at this time withdraw this bill and allow for a meaningful discussion by the aboriginal groups and the people in the Northwest Territories.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):

Thank you, Mr. Krutko. I have the Member for Fort Smith, Mr. Miltenberger.

MR. MILTENBERGER:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It is fairly obvious that at the 11th hour here, people are looking at what is being proposed and the late submission by NTI after repeated requests for their input and that there is some confusion, at least in some sections. Mr. Chairman, this bill has been worked on as one of four particular bills to update the Child Welfare Act. I can understand if there is a need to take a time out here to make sure we are all clear on a process, given the response to NTI's late submission. Mr. Chairman, there is absolutely no way at this juncture that we should be pulling this bill to put it back through another ten-year process or six month process. This Legislature does not have the time and I think we have a fundamental obligation to the children of the Northwest Territories to update our adoption laws. This does not infringe on custom adoption. There has been extensive public consultation on this bill. It is important to take the time out to look at how we are going to deal with NTI's response and possible amendments, but Mr. Chairman, there is no way that I could support having this bill pulled at the very best, bring it into the House and vote on it possibly Monday, when we get our chance to touch base on these other late-breaking events. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Thank you. I have Mr. Steen, Mr. Ootes and Mr. Todd. Mr. Steen.

MR. STEEN:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I will start off by complimenting the Standing Committee on Social Programs for the amount of work they put into this bill and the department. I note that on the information I have been supplied with, they have suggested amendments to the Adoption Act, which have been ongoing now for at least ten years. I can confirm that, Mr. Chairman, because I believe it was in the mid-1985, in that area I had the privilege of being on the Family Law Reform committee representing the Inuvialuit Regional Corporation for a short term and the Adoption Act, was one of the concerns at that time. This has been around for a long time. Taking that into consideration, and also taking the amount of time the committee has been involved in redrafting the act into consideration as well, you would think that all concerns would be addressed by this time. However, we must take into consideration that political jurisdictions have been changing dramatically over the last number of years. I note that the Nunavut Social Development Committee is strongly opposed to this legislation at this time. Mr.

Chairman, I have great respect for the Nunavut Social Development Committee and I have great respect for the amount of work they have been doing in trying to have these types of legislation available in Nunavut. I do not believe that simply because they did not show up at the time the committees held their meetings, we should ignore the fact that they seem to have legislative input into this type of act that would have a great impact on the residents of Nunavut. We cannot ignore that fact. We also have to take into consideration that I note under self-government negotiations in the Beaufort, one of the duties and responsibilities that could be passed onto the self-government group would be the Adoption Act, and adoption authority. I do not know if this suggests that they would come out with new legislation or not, but we must take that into consideration.

There seems to be not as much objection to having the bill inactive in the western part of the territory whenever and have the amendments to it made at an appropriate time to have it taken into consideration under self-government agreements and what type of authority these agreements would give to the aboriginal groups, but I note that in Nunavut both NTI and

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Nunavut Social Development Committee would like to see this bill delayed until April 1, 1999. They were asking the Minister not to enact the bill until that day. I am fully in support of this because I do not see if we live with the existing bill for 15-years while it was being reviewed, another six or eight months is not going to make that much of a difference. Mr. Chairman, I will be putting forward a motion to amend the act as proposed at the appropriate time today, to suggest that this act should not come into force until April 1, 1999. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Thank you. I have Mr. Ootes and Mr. Todd in that order. Mr. Ootes.

MR. OOTES:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I wish to move that we report progress on this item because it is felt that the committee should have a look at the item that was discussed earlier and reconvene on this particular bill on Monday, to conclude it. My understanding is that there is no intent of delaying this bill in consideration in this session. I get a feeling from some committee

members that they would like to discuss a certain item. Then, I would like to proceed with the Supplementary Appropriation Act. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Thank you. Mr. Ootes, are you making a motion to report progress? You have indicated that you are, in fact, making a motion.

MR. OOTES:

Mr. Chairman, I make a motion to report progress on this item and proceed with the supplementary

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Perhaps, you would like to defer the item, but you are indicating you want to report progress. Do you wish to make a motion? What do you want to do?

MR. OOTES:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I make a motion that this item be deferred until Monday.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Thank you. There is a motion to defer the item that we are discussing on the table Bill 15, Adoption Act. Mr. Ootes, you have to have the motion in writing. We will take a break until the motion is ready for distribution in writing. Thank you.

--Break

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Thank you. We have a motion. The motion is written. Would the mover of the motion please read the motion and put it into record? Mr. Ootes.

Committee Motion 40-13(5): To Defer Consideration of Bill 15, Adoption Act

MR. OOTES:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move, that we defer further consideration of Bill 15, Adoption Act, at this time.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Thank you, Mr. Ootes. The motion is in order and is not debatable. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried. We will defer the item at this time. I would like to thank the witnesses

for appearing before the committee. Thank you very much.

Thank you, as agreed to previously, we will be dealing with Bill 18, Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 1, 1998-99. Mr. Todd is the lead Minister in this regard. Mr. Todd, are you ready, prepared?

HON. JOHN TODD:

Yes, Mr. Chairman, I am. Supplementary Appropriation No. 1, requests authority for additional appropriations of \$40.354 million made up of \$16.108 million for operations and maintenance expenditures and \$24.246 million for capital expenditures.

These supplementary funding requirements include approximately \$9.3 million which will be offset by new revenues or other means. As a result, the net funding requirement is \$31 million.

A number of interdepartmental transfers are also included in the supplementary appropriations which do not require additional funding.

The additional appropriations have been provided for in the estimated supplementary appropriation requirements included in the 1998-99 main estimates; however, they do consume much of our available supplementary reserves and we will have to be very vigilant over the balance of this year.

The operations and maintenance appropriation requirements include:

1) \$5.6 million related to the Public/Private Partnership Initiative of which \$4.5 million is related to development and design of projects which are costs which would be charged to capital or normal projects. The other \$1.1 million is for the costs of project management for additional P3 projects and general P3 expertise and support.

This \$5.6 million will be offset by a transfer from current capital appropriations and \$3.4 million of it will be recovered from the Private partners on the projects.

2) \$3.172 million is for the Income Support Food Allowance to provide for an 8 percent increase to the base food scale rate and to adjust the cost zone for a number of communities.

3) \$2.508 million constitutes a base adjustment for the Department of Justice to address staff deficiencies in the Corrections Program.

4) \$2,227,500 million is for implementation of the new Peoples oft Human Resource Management System. This will be recovered from departmental systems charge back fees over the next five years.

5) \$1.101 million is for the establishment of an Elections Office in Nunavut for the first election and the ongoing cost of the office of the Chief Electoral Officer. This amount will be recovered from the federal government.

6) \$1 million is to fund the ongoing changes to the

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NWTTA Collective Agreement which included changes to the Northern Allowance.

Capital appropriation requirements include:

1) \$20.145 million in capital carry-overs from the 1997-98 fiscal year. The funding was approved and lapsed in the 1997-98 year and is required to complete ongoing projects in the 1998-99 fiscal year.

2) \$2.050 million is to address the Yellowknife Office Space Rationalization Plan. This amount should be recovered from the federal government as part of the incremental costs in creating two new territories.

3) \$2 million is for the New Roads Initiative announced by the Minister earlier this year.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Thank you, Mr. Todd. Mr. Todd.

HON. JOHN TODD:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I wonder if I could have the cooperation of my colleagues, if I was to move a motion and ask that we extend sitting hours to conclude this item?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Thank you. You will have to determine, if you get cooperation you have to make a motion now. Mr. Todd.

HON. JOHN TODD:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to move a motion that we extend sitting hours today to conclude this item.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Thank you. There is a motion on the floor to extend the sitting hour until we conclude this particular item, Bill 18, Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 1, 1998-99 and it is not debatable. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried. We will extend sitting hours until we conclude this item.

I am informed that there was no review of the committee. Bill 18 is going directly to Committee of the Whole. Mr. Minister did you wish to bring in your witnesses? Are we agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Thank you. Go ahead. For the record, Mr. Minister, Mr. Todd, would you please introduce your witness to the committee.

HON. JOHN TODD:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the cooperation of my colleagues today. With me to my immediate right, is Mr. Lew Voytilla, Deputy Minister of the FMB.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Welcome to the committee, Mr. Voytilla. General comments. Do we have general comments on this particular item? Mr. Krutko.

MR. KRUTKO:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In this supplementary, I believe there are monies that have been allocated for lease improvements. Does that include the Lahm Ridge Tower lease?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Mr. Minister.

HON. JOHN TODD:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The monies that are allocated for the Yellowknife Office Space Rationalization Plan are due to the situation that will take place with respect to division. There will be a

requirement for downsizing offices and a requirement for some changes to be made within it. I do not have the detail of the offices that are involved, but I am certainly prepared to provide it to the Member and to the House.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Thank you, Mr. Krutko. Are there any further general comments or questions from the Members? Mr. Krutko.

MR. KRUTKO:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Regarding the office space plans in place for Yellowknife, do they have a rough estimate as to, out of that \$2 million, how much of that has been spent on the Lahm Ridge Tower?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Thank you. Mr. Todd.

HON. JOHN TODD:

Mr. Chairman, I think I indicated in my response that I am prepared to provide the Member and the House with the full detail of the offices that require downsizing and the changes that need to be made with respect to this expenditure. I do not have that with me today. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Thank you. Yes, Mr. Todd, you did indicate initially that the information will be provided to the honourable Member. Mr. Krutko.

MR. KRUTKO:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Is there a chance that we can have that information before we conclude this item?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Thank you. Mr. Todd.

HON. JOHN TODD:

No, Mr. Chairman, I cannot provide that for you right now. The honourable Member knows that I cannot do that. I would suggest, as I have, that we are prepared to provide that material to the House as soon as I can.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Thank you. We are dealing with Bill 18, Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 1, 1998-99. Are there any further general comments? Do we agree that we can get into detail now?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Page 5, Bill 18, Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 1, 1998-99, Legislative Assembly, operations and maintenance, Office of the Chief Electoral Officer. Not previously authorized, \$1.101 million. Agreed?

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SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Total department, \$1.101 million. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Page 6, Executive, operations and maintenance, Executive officers, Cabinet Secretariat. Not previously authorized, negative \$199,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Subsequent page, Executive, operations and maintenance, \$199,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Thank you. Subsequent page, executive, operation and maintenance, Financial Management Board Secretariat, Directorate. Not previously authorized, negative \$158,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Labour Relations and Compensation Services. Not previously authorized, negative \$2.227 million. Mr. Todd.

HON. JOHN TODD:

I think it is important, for the record, Mr. Chairman, that this expenditure is not a negative one.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

I am sorry, my mistake. Not previously authorized, \$2,227,500. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Audit, budgeting and evaluation. \$5.6 million. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Mr. Krutko.

MR. KRUTKO:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Could the Minister tell me if the Fort McPherson Water Supply Project is part of the \$5.6 million?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. JOHN TODD:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There was a problem, as the Minister of MACA outlined in an earlier response today to a question by my honourable colleague, that there was some difference of opinion at the community level. My understanding is that has been worked out. The Minister of MACA gave assurances to the Member that we are going to proceed with this important initiative that has been outstanding for some time. I can concur today that we intend to do

that and that it will be done within the fiscal framework that is being presented here. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Thank you. The answer is affirmative, Mr. Krutko. Audit, budgeting and evaluation, \$5.6 million. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Total department, \$7,470,500. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Page 8, Municipal and Community Affairs, operations and maintenance, Emergency Services, special warrants. \$144,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Regional operations. Not previously authorized, \$669,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Total department, special warrants. \$144,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Not previously authorized, \$669,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Page 9, Public Works and Services, operations and maintenance, Directorate. Not previously authorized, negative \$6,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Assets Management. Not previously authorized, negative \$991,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Total department, negative \$997,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Page 10, Health and Social Services, operations and maintenance, Children's Programs. Not previously authorized, \$75,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Community Health Programs. Not previously authorized, \$622,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Primary and Acute Care Programs. Not previously authorized, \$431,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Total department, \$1.128 million.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Page 11, Justice, operations and maintenance, Community Justice and Corrections. Not previously authorized, \$2.497 million. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Law Enforcement. Not previously authorized, \$195,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Lawyers' support services. Not previously authorized, negative \$75,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Total department, \$2.617 million. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Page 12, NWT Housing Corporation, operations and maintenance. Not previously authorized, \$218,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Total department, \$218,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Page 13, Education, Culture and Employment, operations and maintenance, Directorate and Administration. Not previously authorized, \$3,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Thank you. Culture and Careers. Not previously authorized, \$2.405 million. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Educational Development. Not previously authorized, \$1.188 million. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Total department, \$3.596 million. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Page 14, Resources, Wildlife and Economic Development, operations and maintenance, Corporate Management. Not previously authorized, negative \$3,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Resource Management and Economic Development. Not previously authorized, \$164,500. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Total department, \$161,500. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Page 15, Executive, capital, Directorate, not previously authorized, \$788,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Total department, \$788,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Page 16, Municipal and Community Affairs, capital, Community Operations. Not previously authorized, \$7.239 million. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Total department, \$7.239 million. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Page 17, Public Works and Services, capital, assets management. Not previously authorized, \$2.453 million. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Petroleum products. Not previously authorized, \$180,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Total department. Not previously authorized, \$2.633 million. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Page 18, Health and Social Services, capital, Community Health Programs. Not previously authorized, \$1.699 million. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Total department, \$1.699 million. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Page 19, Justice, dealing with capital, Community Justice and Corrections. Not previously authorized, \$390,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Total department, \$390,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Page 20. NWT Housing Corporation, capital. Not previously authorized, \$4.121 million. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Total department, \$4.121 million. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Page 21, Education, Culture and Employment, capital, Culture and Careers. Not previously authorized, \$2.103 million. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Education Development. Not previously authorized, \$496,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Total department, \$2.599 million. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Subsequent, page 22, Transportation, capital, Highways. Not previously authorized, \$2 million. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Motor Vehicles. Not previously authorized, \$79,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Ferries. Not previously authorized, \$75,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Community access roads. Not previously authorized, \$131,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Page 23, Transportation, capital, airports. Not previously authorized, \$1.802 million. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Total department, \$4.087 million. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Page 24, final page of the Supplementary Appropriation No 1, Resources, Wildlife and Economic Development, capital, Resource Management and Economic Development. Not previously authorized, \$460,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Forest Management. Not previously authorized, \$157,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Corporate Management. Not previously authorized, \$73,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Total department, activity, \$690,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Thank you very much. We are dealing with Bill 18, Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 1, 1998-99. It is in your green binders down below somewhere. Bill 18, Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 1, 1998-99, clause 1. Agreed

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Clause 2. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Clause 3 of Bill 18. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Clause 4. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Clause 5. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Clause 6. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Clause 7 of Bill 18. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Schedule E, part one, vote one, operations and maintenance. Total operations and maintenance, \$16.108 million. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Part two, vote two, capital. Total

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capital, \$24.246 million. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Total supplementary appropriation in part one and two, \$40.354 million. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Bill as a whole?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Thank you. Does the committee agree that Bill 18 is ready for third reading? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Thank you. Bill 18 is now ready for third reading. It is a little slow this time. I would like to thank the honourable Minister and the witness for appearing before the committee. What is the wish of the committee? Mr. Krutko.

MR. KRUTKO:

I would like to make a motion to report progress.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):

Thank you. There is a motion on the floor to report progress and it is not debatable. All those in favour? All those opposed? Motion is carried. I will rise and report progress to the Speaker. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

The House will come back to order. Good afternoon. We are on Item 20, report of committee of the whole. Mr. Ningark.

ITEM 20: REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MR. NINGARK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, your committee has been considering Bill 15, Adoption Act and Bill 18, Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 1, 1998-99, and would like to report progress with one motion being adopted, that Bill 18 is ready for third reading. Mr. Speaker, I move that the report of the Committee of the Whole be concurred with. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Seconded by Mr. Evaloarjuk. The motion is in order. To the motion. Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried. Third reading of bills. Mr. Todd.

ITEM 21: THIRD READING OF BILLS

BILL 16, An Act to Amend the Income Tax, No. 2

HON. JOHN TODD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Nahendeh, that Bill 16, An

Act to Amend the Income Tax, No. 2, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. The motion is in order. To the motion. Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried. Bill 16 has had third reading. Third reading of bills. Mr. Arlooktoo.

BILL 17: An Act to Amend the Territorial Court Act and the Justices of the Peace Act

HON. GOO ARLOOKTOO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Aivilik that Bill 17, An Act to Amend the Territorial Court Act, and the Justices of Peace Act, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. The motion is in order. To the motion. Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried. Bill 17 has had third reading. Third reading of bills. Item 22, orders of the day. Mr. Clerk.

ITEM 22: ORDERS OF THE DAY

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton):

Mr. Speaker, there is a meeting of the Nunavut Caucus immediately after adjournment. For Monday, there is a meeting of the Standing Committee on Social Programs at 9:00 a.m. and the Ordinary Members' Caucus at 11:00 a.m.

Orders of the Day for Monday, June 1, 1998:

1. Prayer
2. Ministers' Statements
3. Members' Statements
4. Returns to Oral Questions
5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery
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7. Written Questions
8. Returns to Written Questions

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10. Petitions
11. Reports of Standing and Special Committees
12. Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills
13. Tabling of Documents
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17. First Reading of Bills
 - Bill 5, An Act To Amend the Financial Administration Act, No. 2
18. Second Reading of Bills
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 - Bill 15, Adoption Act
20. Report of Committee of the Whole
21. Third Reading of Bills
 - Bill 18, Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 1, 1998/99
22. Orders of the Day

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. This House stands adjourned until Monday, June 1, 1998 at 1:30 p.m.

--ADJOURNMENT