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YELLOWKNIFE, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1988

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ITEM 1: PRAYER

---Prayer

SPEAKER (Hon. Red Pedersen): Mr. Nerysoo.

Point Of Privilege

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to rise on a point of privilege to correct a deceitful commentary, an erroneous expression of fact, by Mr. David Miller on the CBC news at 7:30 this morning. Mr. Miller stated that I had turned my back on an agreement I had negotiated, which protected the language rights of the French-speaking and the aboriginal people of the NWT. Mr. Speaker, nothing could be further from the truth and all previous and present Members of this Assembly can verify this.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Miller does not know the history of the language debate in this House. How quickly CBC forgets that I had to carry the Official Languages Act through the Legislative Assembly in Fort Smith and a special session in Yellowknife in 1984...

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Nerysoo, the Chair wishes to remind you that we have a new rule concerning statements such as this that require one hour notice before being given. Would you wish to seek unanimous consent?

MR. NERYSOO: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

MR. SPEAKER: Any nays?

---Agreed

Mr. Nerysoo, continue please.

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you. I wish to thank my colleagues for giving unanimous consent.

Mr. Speaker, I not only received criticism from Members of the 10th Legislative Assembly, but criticism from CBC reporters for introducing the languages act which was intended to protect the rights of French-speaking residents and the aboriginal people of the NWT. During the negotiations I believed, and still do, that we have an obligation to live up to the spirit and intent of the repatriated Constitution of Canada. This includes an obligation for the NWT to provide services in French and English to the people who speak those languages, but to us, the obligation goes further; it goes to our responsibility, as well, to the aboriginal community and to those who speak the aboriginal languages of the NWT.



Commitment Of Government Of Canada To Development Of Aboriginal Languages Negotiated By Mr. Nerysoo

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to have negotiated the agreement outlining our commitment and obligation to the development and protection of aboriginal and French language rights. I am proud to have achieved an obligation on the part of the Government of Canada to the development of aboriginal languages in the NWT. This occurred by committing the Government of Canada to provide \$16 million to our government for the development of aboriginal languages, especially when the initial offer was \$250,000 for a period of three years.

Mr. Speaker, we received a commitment to negotiate an ongoing agreement. What results from this depends on our ability to articulate our position and convince future federal governments to provide ongoing financial resources.

Mr. Speaker, for the first time in history, the Government of Canada agreed to accept the recognition of aboriginal languages. The agreement also obligates the Government of Canada to pay all costs of French services and programs. What our government must do is to carry out our obligations to provide this service and develop the appropriate programs to accomplish this. I believe that the government has stated in this House their efforts in this regard. I do not apologize for the negotiations that I undertook and I do not apologize for the agreement that I reached in committing this Assembly and the NWT in recognizing English, French and all seven aboriginal languages as official languages of the NWT.

Mr. Speaker, I am also proud to say that I rose in this House approximately one year ago to speak in opposition to an amendment as proposed by the previous government. Mr. Speaker, I wish to remind Mr. Miller that only Mr. Richard and I rose to oppose such an amendment. I said then, and I continue to believe that the obligations that I negotiated in the language agreement in 1984 are obligations that I will not retract from and I am committed to living up to those obligations and commitments.

Ongoing Commitment Made Clear Yesterday

Mr. Speaker, during my statements yesterday, I made it clear of my ongoing commitment and my caution to government about the amending and changing of the commitments and obligations of the Legislative Assembly to the languages act. Further, Mr. Speaker, when this issue was being negotiated I indicated to the federal Minister during negotiations, and it was later confirmed by the Executive Council, that this Assembly should introduce the appropriate legislation.

Further, this legislation would protect in its totality all languages that were indicated as official languages in the NWT, not just one section.

What is interesting Mr. Speaker, is that the previous federal government saw fit to withdraw its legislation with a view that this Legislative Assembly would introduce its own legislation regarding the protection of languages in the NWT. Mr. Speaker, the section to which we refer as being part of the language agreement was not only intended to protect French and English. It was also intended to protect the aboriginal languages of the NWT.

I do believe the issue we dealt with in debating Mr. Richard's motion dealt with the constitutional issue and not the manner in which language is protected in the NWT. It dealt with the ability of our Assembly to decide for itself the manner in which we can and would protect languages, whether they be French, English or aboriginal languages. If I were to express my own concern -- and in fact to clarify my personal concern about languages, it would be dealing with the Loucheux language, not dealing with a language which has been thoroughly developed and which in fact has received significant recognition.

Erroneous Statements Made On CBC By Mr. David Miller

Mr. Speaker, it is obvious that Mr. David Miller on CBC did not have the courtesy of finding out all the facts about the negotiations and about the issues that led to the languages agreement. Mr. Speaker, what causes me more concern is that the accusation was made by a person who is supposedly responsible to provide factual and truthful information to the public and as such, worse, he made such erroneous statements without having the courtesy of speaking to me, to have clarification of my position, but allowed only Members for Yellowknife to have their positions made public through interviews and coached from the Assembly debate.

Mr. Speaker, the statement by Mr. Miller from CBC disappoints me but I know that despite my efforts to clarify and rectify this situation, Mr. Miller would not be prepared to, and will not, explain the reasons he has taken the position and made such an erroneous public comment. Mr. Speaker, I also know that I am challenging the media and that this many times is a no-win situation. But I feel strongly that there is an obligation on the part of those who are involved in such an important method of communication, that they have a responsibility to provide the public, especially the North, with factual information, not personal biases that have developed because of personal differences with those on whom they report.

Mr. Speaker, this Assembly and every Member counts on the media to inform the public of what is occurring here in this Assembly. We, and I, place much trust in the integrity of those that carry out such an important task. I just wish to request of the media some commitment that they will do their work to the best of their ability and with a view to being fair to all Members of this Assembly and not only those that they personally favour in this Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, I also challenge CBC to rectify the misrepresentation of fact as stated by Mr. Miller and I am prepared to have an in-depth discussion and interview to clarify much of the history that led to the language agreement. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Nerysoo. Item 2, Ministers' statements. Item 3, Members' statements. Mr. Ernerk.

### ITEM 3: MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

#### Member's Statement On Letter To Editor Of Edmonton Journal

MR. ERNERK: Mr. Speaker, as a Member of the Legislative Assembly, I rise to inform this House of the contents of my letter to the editor of the Edmonton Journal, Ms Linda Hughes: "I read your editorial entitled 'A Blow to Trappers', February 12th, 1988, with great gratitude as a trapper and an MLA representing many, many trappers in the Keewatin Region and the Northwest Territories. I applaud your observations regarding 'British leather goods, shoes, purses and such should also carry descriptions of how cattle are slaughtered. Sausages could carry labels with detailed explanations of how abattoirs kill animals.'

"We Inuit helped British explorers when they came to our homelands to colonize us. We fed them and clothed them with fur. We took time off to transport them by dog teams. They, the British, owe so much to the Inuit. Support us in our struggle to fight animal protectionists.

"Incidentally, Queen Elizabeth II supports Inuit and all native people of Canada in their continual struggle in recognition of aboriginal rights. Her husband, Prince Philip, as president of the International World Wildlife Fund, sees 'no problem' with trapping." Signed, "Yours sincerely, Peter Ernerk, MLA, Aivilik." Thank you.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Ernerk. Item 3, Members' statements. Item 4, returns to oral questions. Mr. Wray.

### ITEM 4: RETURNS TO ORAL QUESTIONS

#### Return To Question 062-88(1): Increase Of Salaries And Benefits, Hay Plan

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a return to oral Question 062-88(1), asked by Mr. Lewis on February 17th, regarding the salary and benefits for senior managers on the Hay Plan.

The only changes which have been made to the terms and conditions of employment for senior managers on the Hay Plan have been in the restructuring of the method by which salary increases are administered. The past practice was for cabinet to review and set economic and performance increases every year. This resulted in inconsistencies in the application and administration of salaries and in the granting of salary increases below that paid to unionized employees annually since the introduction of the Hay Plan. For example, just over the past six year period, salaries



for Hay Plan employees fell behind that of unionized employees by nine per cent in base salary and 14.8 per cent in merit pay. As a result of this erosion in salaries, we had managers earning less than the staff under them, and some employees had to take a drop in salary in order to accept a promotion into a Hay Plan position.

To address the problem of compression, cabinet approved a one-time increase in the salary base for Hay Plan employees of seven per cent. To address the problem of inconsistencies in the administration of Hay Plan salaries, cabinet has adopted the following policy: Base salary increases will be tied to salary increases granted to unionized employees, subject to review by cabinet annually. The 4.5 per cent increase granted to employees covered by the NWTPSA collective agreement has been approved for Hay Plan employees. Performance increases will be administered automatically on April 1st of each year. The average performance increase granted to Hay Plan employees will be the same as that granted to unionized employees. However, individual employees may be granted performance increases depending upon individual achievements. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Returns to oral questions. Mr. Patterson.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have two returns to oral questions by Mr. Gargan, on the same subject.

Return To Question 061-88(1): Meeting Of LEA, Fort Providence

A meeting of the Fort Providence community education committee was called on November 2, 1987, in the Elizabeth Ward School in the conference room. Unfortunately there was no quorum, so the members present informally discussed the items on the agenda, which included a proposal for a hostel facility in Fort Providence. No minutes were taken of this meeting because there was no quorum.

Following this informal meeting, the chairman of the committee contacted Mr. Gargan, MLA, Deh Cho, on this matter. The regional superintendent of Education for the Fort Simpson area has informed the chairman that Mr. Gargan's proposal concerning a hostel facility should be formally considered by the community education committee and a motion passed indicating their decision. The next meeting of the committee will be held tonight and the issue will be considered then. The committee chairman will send a copy of the decision made by them directly to Mr. Gargan.

Further Return To Question 029-88(1): Conflict Of Interest Within LEA, Fort Providence

Mr. Speaker, I have another return to Question 029-88(1), on the question of conflict of interest of a chairman of a local education authority.

Government employees are eligible to be elected as members of a local education authority. Teachers, classroom assistants, adult educators and individuals who are permanent employees of the local authority, however, are not eligible, as described in sections 19 and 20 of the Local Authorities Elections Act:

Section 19(2). A person is not eligible to be nominated or to stand as a candidate if the person is (c) a full-time permanent employee of the local authority in receipt of a salary.

Section 20. A person is not eligible to be nominated or to stand as a candidate as a member of a local education authority, if the person is (a) a teacher, a classroom assistant or an adult educator, as defined in or within the meaning of the Education Act; and (b) is employed in a school or adult education centre administered by the local education authority.

As the current chairman of the local education authority in Fort Providence was not a teacher, classroom assistant, adult educator or employed by the local education authority prior to the 1987 election, and is not now in any of these positions, the chairman was eligible to be elected and continues to be eligible to be a member.

The public service regulations and the conflict of interest guidelines apply to GNWT employees and to individuals working on a casual basis with the government. The chairman has been working on a casual basis with the Department of Education since last October to develop native language program materials. The public service regulations and the GNWT conflict of interest guidelines apply to casuals with respect to their employment with the government. Employees are prevented from benefiting financially from any business or employment outside the public service because of their position with the government.

The Conflict of Interest Act also applies to all residents of the Northwest Territories and it addresses situations where individuals on local education authorities may be in conflict of interest because they may make direct or indirect financial gains as a result of a decision of that local authority. Where such a situation occurs, it is the duty of the member to disclose their interest as soon as possible after the beginning of the meeting.

Mr. Speaker, the chairman, Ms Margaret Thom, has been advised by the department that as she is employed by the GNWT to work on native language materials, she may frequently find herself in a conflict of interest situation in her role as a member of the Fort Providence community education committee. If that situation occurred during a meeting of the local education authority, Ms Thom would have to declare herself in conflict of interest. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Returns to oral questions. Mr. Allooooloo.

Further Return To Question 050-88(1): Return Of Artifacts

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a reply to oral Question 050-88(1), asked by Mr. Kilabuk on February 12th, concerning return of artifacts. Many of the Americans and Europeans who hunted whales in Cumberland Sound in the late 1800s and early 1900s bought and traded for artifacts from the Inuit who lived there and took them back to their home countries. Since the artifacts were obtained legally and such a long time ago, we cannot simply demand that they be returned. Many artifacts from Cumberland Sound and elsewhere in the Northwest Territories remain in private hands. The Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre attempts to purchase them for the government when they are offered for sale. Other artifacts have wound up in museums around the world where they are displayed so that others can learn about the Inuit.

You are probably aware that the Departments of Culture and Communications and Economic Development and Tourism have worked with people in Pangnirtung to make Kekerten Island a territorial historical park. This is one of the places where Inuit and whalers lived and worked together and will now be preserved so that no more artifacts are taken away. A visitor centre being built in Pangnirtung will have exhibits on the Inuit and whalers, and artifacts from the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre are being returned to Pangnirtung for the displays. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Returns to oral questions.

The Chair would like to recognize in the gallery, His Worship the Mayor of Spence Bay, David Tucktoo. Welcome.

---Applause

Returns to oral questions. Item 5, oral questions. Mr. McLaughlin.

ITEM 5: ORAL QUESTIONS

Question 067-88(1): GNWT Position Re Sale Of NorthwesTel

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister responsible for Government Services. Over the last couple of months since it became public knowledge that CN was going to sell NorthwesTel to the private sector or to the highest bidder basically, there has been quite a bit of media coverage on both television and radio concerning the groups and the involvement of the Yukon government and its position and I would like to hear from the Minister what the current position of our government is on this and what steps are being taken, if any, to involve our government in that purchase. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. McLaughlin. Mr. Minister.



Return To Question 067-88(1): GNWT Position Re Sale Of NorthwesTel

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Thank you. The Member gave me previous notice of this question so I would like to thank him for that. The allusion to this particular issue being in the media is true. We have, I think, a lot of interest in the North about the proposed sale of this particular company. For the information of the Members, there is a brokerage firm by the name of McLeod, Young and Weir based out of Toronto, that has been chosen to handle the sale of NorthwesTel and they have indicated to us that the bidding specifications should be ready by mid-March or early April. At this time, it is not known to us how long the bidding process will be open. The firm will be travelling to Whitehorse on February 24th for a couple of days to do an assessment and has indicated a willingness to discuss the sale of the company with interested parties.

What is known to us about the present terms and conditions is that:

- 1) weight will be given to those bids which ensure the interests of employees and of communities including Whitehorse;
- 2) the sale process will take account of the essential nature of the services provided and of the importance attached to NorthwesTel in the community in which it operates;
- 3) employee interests will be protected through conditions of sale, among them the requirement that the new owners honour all current labour agreements and maintain existing pension benefits;
- 4) the new company must be at least 80 per cent Canadian owned.

In regard to the position of the GNWT, we have been asked directly by interested parties and through the media have been pressured publicly to take certain positions allying ourselves with certain interested parties. Our general position has been to say that we leave our options open. We do not know what the terms and conditions are going to be and until we know, our view is that we should not ally ourselves with any particular group, corporation or company. We have been having talks with different companies as to their particular interests. The native corporations have expressed a strong interest in the sale of this company, as have southern companies as well. We have arranged for a meeting tomorrow afternoon between our staff and the representatives of some of the native corporations to discuss just what is happening currently with the proposed sale.

We met as well with Bell Canada about two or three weeks ago in Montreal to assess what their position was and basically their's is the same as ours, which is not unusual at all. Until the terms and conditions are known, they do not want to indicate any position at all or preference for the type of bid they may want to put forward. Basically, we are all in a position where we are waiting for the terms and conditions to come out and, based on that, we will take a position, either to get directly involved or to stay out of it, which is as good an option as any. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Supplementary, Mr. McLaughlin.

Supplementary To Question 067-88(1): GNWT Position Re Sale Of NorthwesTel

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just one other point I would like to ask about. I have heard, and it is not really something that I could say is substantive, that there is the possibility that Bell Telephone might be interested in selling off their northern operation. I was wondering if what could be accomplished eventually, or something that could be considered by the Minister and the Executive Council, is having an NWT telephone company that serves us and have the Yukon off with their own corporation so that we could headquarter our company in the NWT. I was just wondering if this is a consideration that the government might be looking at -- dividing the utility between the two territories so we could headquarter our side, where most of the revenue comes from anyway, in the NWT.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Kakfwi.

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Could I get the Member to ask the question again?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. McLaughlin, could you repeat your question?

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Basically, what I am asking is: Has the Executive Council heard of any possibility that Bell Telephone would like to get rid of its northern operation in the Eastern Arctic? And given that possibility, would they be considering the idea of dividing the existing NorthwestTel corporation into a Yukon business and a Northwest Territories business, so that eventually we could have one telephone system serving the whole Northwest Territories and headquartered in the NWT?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Further Return To Question 067-88(1): GNWT Position Re Sale Of NorthwesTel

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: One of the questions that we asked Bell Canada in our discussions was about their operation in the Eastern Arctic, because it is known that it is not a money-maker. We asked what their plans were and whether there were going to be any changes in the way their operation in the Eastern Arctic is taken care of, within their company. As I recall, the president said it was probable but not in his lifetime. Bell, as you know, is a huge telecommunications company. It is huge enough that it is highly regulated by the federal government. So any changes that are made come, apparently, very slowly and not without a great deal of scrutiny and study by the government. So that is the information I have as to whether or not we can divide NorthwestTel. Again, we have to see what the terms and conditions of the sale are. Once we know those, I think we would be in a position to decide what can be done.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Oral questions. Mr. Zoe.

Question 068-88(1): Reorganization Of Fort Smith Regional Office

MR. ZOE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On Monday, February 15th, I directed my question to the Government Leader on the Fort Smith decentralization. In my questioning I asked the Minister to table the implementation plans to devolve the Fort Smith regional office. Mr. Chairman, the Minister indicated that the plan was basically Tabled Document 6-88(1). I would like to ask the Minister, is my assumption correct that this plan that Mr. Black was charged with was never really written and this particular report does not exist?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Government Leader.

Return To Question 068-88(1): Reorganization Of Fort Smith Regional Office

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, Mr. Black prepared implementation plans in the form of a submission to the Financial Management Board, which is a confidential cabinet document. I have given the Member everything that is pertinent to the reorganization, save for that confidential document. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Supplementary, Mr. Zoe.

MR. ZOE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, if I may, I would like to elaborate a little more on this issue. There was...

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Zoe, you should not elaborate, just ask the question.

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Supplementary To Question 068-88(1): Reorganization Of Fort Smith Regional Office

MR. ZOE: I will try not to elaborate. Mr. Speaker, if I can direct my question, through you, to the Government Leader, it appears to me that the implementation that has been occurring currently is based on the initiative of the individual departments. Am I correct in my assumption?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Patterson.



Further Return To Question 068-88(1): Reorganization Of Fort Smith Regional Office

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, the matter of government organization and regional organization is something that falls under the responsibility of the Government Leader. So it would be correct to say that the initiatives for this reorganization came from the Department of the Executive, within the Government Leader's responsibilities. I suppose that is one department but it really embraces the executive branches of all departments of government. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Oral questions. Mr. Arlooktoo.

Question 069-88(1): Future Plans For Lake Harbour Airstrip

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is directed to the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs. I am getting tired of repeating myself regarding the airstrip in Lake Harbour. I am very happy that you have written me a letter regarding the priorities of the department and I understand the contents of the letter that you have given me. But I am now asking the Minister of MACA, whether he has shelved the whole plan for the Lake Harbour airstrip and if what he has stated in his letter is the only work his department is going to be doing and there are no plans at any time in the future, to work on the airstrip in Lake Harbour.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Wray.

Return To Question 069-88(1): Future Plans For Lake Harbour Airstrip

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. No, that is not the case and I apologize if the Member misunderstood me in our meeting last week. I gave him the commitment, which was reinforced by the Government Leader the other day, that I will send people to Lake Harbour to determine the cost of the proposal that Mr. Arlooktoo made to me in our private meeting last week. Once I have the results of that study and know the cost figures involved, then I will be in a better position to make a decision with regard to the Lake Harbour airstrip. But until such time that I know the cost of the proposal that Mr. Arlooktoo has made, I am not in a position to make a decision. However, the Lake Harbour airstrip is being looked at and will be looked at. Whether or not I will have those figures before the end of this session, I do not know, but rest assured that we are looking at Mr. Arlooktoo's proposal.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Oral questions. Mr. Gargan.

Question 070-88(1): Position Expressed By Fort Providence LEA

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Education concerning his responses this afternoon. On November 2, I believe, the local education authority did not meet informally. I also got a letter from the chairman of the local education authority two months later, on January 4, with a clear position of the local education authority concerning the hostel facility and adult education facility. I would like to ask the Minister if I am correct to assume now that the chairman has acted improperly in establishing the position of the local education authority and that instead the chairman did act on her own behalf and on her own interests and established her own position and not that of the local education authority?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Patterson.

Return To Question 070-88(1): Position Expressed By Fort Providence LEA

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do not know if it is my place to judge whether the chairman acted improperly or not. Mr. Gargan may have his opinion on that. But I would like to assure Mr. Gargan that because there was not a quorum at that meeting and it only represented informal discussion of the item with a less than full membership of the local education authority, the Department of Education will disregard that letter as reflecting the position of the local education authority on the subject in question and instead we will rely on a decision which I expect is to be taken tonight based on a full quorum of the committee and a properly constituted meeting. So we will disregard that earlier letter and rely on the advice from a full meeting. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Oral questions. Mr. Richard.

Question 071-88(1): Government Options Re Sale Of NorthwesTel

MR. RICHARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister responsible for the NorthwesTel issue. It arises out of Mr. McLaughlin's questions. Two aspects, I guess, concern me, Mr. Speaker. What is the government's time frame in terms of choosing one of the options it is looking at? I guess there is a concern I have that we are going to sit, not idly by, but on the sidelines and it will be too late when we make our move. We will be left out in the cold. That is one concern I have. The other one is, in looking at the options that involve getting in bed with one or more private sector entities, what will be the process of choosing the bed partner or the private sector corporations that our government will become involved with in a bid to acquire the utility company? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Richard. Mr. Minister.

Return To Question 071-88(1): Government Options Re Sale Of NorthwesTel

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: The company, or the government I guess -- it is CN, a crown corporation, that presently owns NorthwesTel -- have indicated they would like to move fairly quickly on it when it does happen. But the terms and conditions are not known. Our view has been to say, "Look, we were invited to take a position where we would be a member of a consortium with the Yukon government and a number of native corporations and possibly some private business people in putting forth a northern-based bid." We have let the corporations and Yukon government know that we need to leave our options open until we know what the terms and conditions are; that it is premature to take a final position but rather we should have early open discussions and dialogues with all possible interested people to see what all our varying options are.

When the terms and conditions become known, we could move fairly quickly on choosing an option. It is a profitable company so there is a lot of interest. We, as a government, do not want to necessarily take a position that we should own the company or even a part of it but we are of the view that northerners should be afforded the right, the opportunity to buy it and manage it outright if possible. Hopefully, the terms and conditions will allow that but I do not know that specifically, Mr. Richard. You are talking about bed partners and what is our process for choosing a partner. Our process has been to let people know we are interested. We think it is a public concern but we would try to support whatever process would best give the opportunity in the sale of NorthwesTel for it to be northern owned and managed. That is about as specific as I can get right now, I think. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Oral questions. Mr. Lewis.

Question 072-88(1): Comments By Billy Erasmus On Education Services

MR. LEWIS: Mr. Speaker, this question is for the Minister of Education. I note that the president of the Dene Nation, Mr. Billy Erasmus, in a recent statement has requested the Minister of Education to step down from his job so that someone could do the job full time. He has also asked that the transfer of education from the federal government to the territorial government, which took place more than 20 years ago without any written agreement, be renegotiated so that native people can control their education system. Since the Minister has always shown himself responsive to the native people of the NWT, what kind of response does he intend to give to Mr. Erasmus?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Lewis. Mr. Patterson.

Return To Question 072-88(1): Comments By Billy Erasmus On Education Services

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I must say I was quite surprised to read of that motion in the press because I had not been asked by the Dene Nation to account for myself as Minister of Education at their recent leadership meeting, or otherwise, in recent months. I had a meeting with the president of the Dene Nation yesterday, as a result of that story, and I was assured that the chiefs do not think I am incompetent, but they feel that my duties as Government Leader could interfere with my ability to do a proper job in this most important area of Education. I think there is some merit in that concern and I have indicated that I may not last long in this job since a cabinet shuffle is planned in the next short while.



Mr. Speaker, I thank the Member for his comments about the need to continue to be concerned about the special interests of native people in education. In that context I am pleased we are into the second year of, I think, a very successful arrangement with the Dene Nation, whereby they are producing a Dene studies program through an annual contract with us, which is now, this year, being pilot-tested in several schools and should be available for implementation at the high school level by next school year. I think that from all accounts they have done an excellent job in producing that Dene studies program.

Mr. Speaker, as far as the transfer of education responsibilities is concerned, I told Mr. Erasmus that my preference would be that Dene control over education and Dene involvement in education be negotiated with the present Government of the Northwest Territories; that through divisional boards of education or variations on the divisional board model; I felt that there could be greater involvement of native people in administering schools on behalf of the Department of Education where native people are in a majority. In this connection I informed him that we are working actively with the Dogrib Tribal Council toward a model for devolving administrative control in the Dogrib communities. We have also provided support to the Deh Cho Regional Council to ask them to come up with new models and new approaches which would give the people of the Deh Cho region more direct control over education.

So the position that I took with Mr. Erasmus and the position that I take now is that this is the best way to achieve Dene control over education. I oppose and do not believe it makes sense to have separate school systems for the Dene and other students in the system. I expect to have a co-operative working relationship in an ongoing way with the Dene Nation to resolve their concerns along those lines. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Oral questions. Mr. Pollard.

Question 073-88(1): Report On Reorganization Of Fort Smith Region

MR. POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Government Leader. It concerns the topic that Mr. Zoe was questioning the Minister on earlier, and that is, was there a Black report? And what relationship did it have to the Cotterill report? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Pollard. Mr. Government Leader.

Return To Question 073-88(1): Report On Reorganization Of Fort Smith Region

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, I can do no worse than quote from Mr. Black himself in an interview recently given to the Slave River Journal. He said his report that followed the Cotterill report on how to best devolve the regional office was never really written and does not exist today. So apart from the submission made to the Financial Management Board, which was primarily a financial document, there is no report other than the so-called Cotterill report. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mr. Pollard.

Supplementary To Question 073-88(1): Report On Reorganization Of Fort Smith Region

MR. POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If I can also quote the next paragraph that the Minister was quoting from, and I quote Mr. Black, "The moves came from a scaled-down version of the report." I would ask, then, is there a scaled-down version of the Cotterill report?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. Patterson.

Further Return To Question 073-88(1): Report On Reorganization Of Fort Smith Region

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The so-called scaled-down version of the Cotterill report, as I understand it, basically involved a series of options that were presented to cabinet and provided an indication of some options for directions that we could take, following on the Cotterill report. As for a scaled-down version of the Cotterill report, Mr. Speaker, I have tabled a scaled-down version of the Cotterill report in this Assembly. I believe it is Tabled Document 6-88(1). It lays out a summary of the essentials of that report. There is not a lot of

information on this reorganization, apart from secret cabinet documents, that this Legislature does not have. We have revealed all and we have also indicated that we are reviewing and prepared to review the implementation of that reorganization before the new fiscal year comes into effect. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Oral questions. Mr. Arlooktoo.

Question 074-88(1): Response To Petition 5-87(2)

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of the Housing Corporation. In November, in the last session, I tabled Petition 5-87(2) from Lake Harbour, requesting apartments for single people in Lake Harbour. I have not heard to date what has been planned. I would like to get a response on this. Perhaps if this has not been considered, it is about time it should be. I see many of the staff behind you who are just waiting to be handed some work to do. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Arlooktoo, for that observation. Mr. Minister.

Return To Question 074-88(1): Response To Petition 5-87(2)

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: In response to the petition in question by the Member. The Lake Harbour housing association requested four public housing duplexes. For the last two years the Housing Corporation has worked closely with the housing association boards through its community planning process, to involve local housing associations in the planning of new housing deliveries. I think that is an important point. I am trying to think where MLAs come into the planning. I am not certain, but we will get to that later. The most recent housing needs survey, conducted by the corporation in January of 1987, agrees entirely with the petitioners in their finding that the primary need for housing in Lake Harbour is for two-bedroom duplexes suitable for young families. As a result of this survey, the 1987 capital plan allocated two units for Lake Harbour in the upcoming 1988-89 housing season and three more units in 1990-91.

Even though the needs survey recorded a definite need for two-bedroom duplexes available through the public housing program and recorded no households interested in the home-ownership assistance program, the board of the Lake Harbour housing association, in consultation with the hamlet council, opted for the delivery of two HAP houses in 1988-89. The staff of the district office of the Housing Corporation in Iqaluit, I am told, was unable to persuade the Lake Harbour board to choose a public housing duplex instead of two HAP houses.

The Housing Corporation is aware that the supply of public housing in Lake Harbour does not meet the needs of small families. This is the information we had but the role of the corporation under the community planning process is to inform and advise the local organizations and representatives of their housing options. In the end, though, it is the community that decides the delivery program and the size and type of new housing a community should get. It is therefore suggested that the petitioners seek clarification from the board members as to why these particular choices were made.

Then there comes a problem. One of the HAP units that was allocated for Lake Harbour has already been allocated but, because of a lack of eligible applicants, allocation of the remaining unit has been deferred until next fall for possible delivery in 1988-89. As smaller public housing units of one or two bedrooms are available only in duplexes or fourplexes, it is no longer possible to change the global allocation for 1988-89. In the meantime, the Housing Corporation staff of the Baffin district is working with the Lake Harbour housing association in reviewing the feasibility of converting a four-bedroom duplex to one or two-bedroom units.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Oral questions. Mr. Ernerk.

Question 075-88(1): Comprehensive Evaluation Of HAP

MR. ERNERK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the honourable Minister of the Housing Corporation. As I understand it, the Housing Corporation was undertaking a comprehensive evaluation of the home-ownership assistance program, which was to have been completed in September 1987. One of the aspects that was to have been investigated is the possible impact of the program on the unsubsidized home-owner. Can the Minister responsible for Housing table in this House this comprehensive evaluation program if it has been completed? Thank you.



MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Ernerk. Mr. Kakfwi.

Return To Question 075-88(1): Comprehensive Evaluation Of HAP

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: On the review of any particular program I think that once it is made available to the housing associations I do not have any difficulty in sharing it with the MLAs. Because housing is such a basic service and a service that is sorely underfunded, in my view, in relation to the degree of need in the North in the communities, any reviews that are done should come to the immediate attention of the MLAs, so that they can provide help when budgets are proposed, to make sure that all the resources that are required to meet the housing needs are supported when the time comes. So I have no difficulty if the report is available. I am not certain if it is but if it is I will have it tabled as soon as it is available.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Oral questions. Mr. Ernerk.

Question 076-88(1): Funding For Keewatin Youth Council

MR. ERNERK: Mr. Speaker, thank you. (Translation) I tabled a document saying that the Keewatin Youth Council has been established. If the Minister responsible for Youth has seen the recommendations of the youth council in the Keewatin, in one of the resolutions it states that they would like to get some funding from the department. If the department has sent them funding I would like to know. If it has not been sent already, are they going to be assisting them in the way of funding?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Ernerk. Madam Minister.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I can assure the honourable Member that I will take his question under notice. I currently do have my department reviewing the whole responsibility as Minister of Youth. I will get back to the honourable Member as soon as possible. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Madam Minister. You are taking the question as notice. Oral questions. Mr. Lewis.

Question 077-88(1): Privilege Of Speaking In French

MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, in light of Mr. Ballantyne's excellent presentation in French yesterday, can I now assume that this is a working language of this House or is it just a special privilege to be enjoyed by the House Leader? This is directed to the Hon. Michael Ballantyne.

MR. ERNERK: In French.

AN HON. MEMBER: En francais.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Ballantyne.

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HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Merci, M. Lewis...

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...question tres intelligent. I think Mr. Lewis has a valid point and if...

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Mr. Lewis is aware of the agreement that Mr. Nerysoo alluded to in his statement earlier today. The agreement is that at the end of 1989 we will be officially bilingual, in which case the records and documents of this House will be available in French.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Supplementary, Mr. Lewis.

MR. LEWIS: My question was, Mr. Speaker, in light of Mr. Ballantyne's precedent yesterday of using French in this House and being allowed to do so by the Speaker, does that mean that French is now a working language of this House?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Richard. Point of order.

MR. RICHARD: Mr. Speaker, I would ask, sir, that you clarify the arrangement that you have, your office has with Members of this House, that on notice any one of us can speak French in this Assembly and that you and your office will provide translation in the booth behind us. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Richard, you are absolutely correct. The Speaker's office has an arrangement that if contacted by any Member who wishes to use French in this Assembly, we will provide simultaneous translation services. French has also been used in this House prior to Mr. Ballantyne using it yesterday, both by Mr. Richard and by other Members as far back as 1970. Oral questions. Mr. Richard.

Question 078-88(1): Priority Of Takeover Of Labour Relations

MR. RICHARD: Merci beaucoup.

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My question is for the Government Leader and it concerns the devolution office in his Executive portfolio. I understand, Mr. Speaker, that labour relations which are a federal responsibility, are on the list of federal responsibilities that the government wishes to eventually take over in the devolution process. My question is, where on the list of priorities for federal responsibilities that the government wants to devolve, do labour relations sit? The reason I ask, Mr. Speaker, is in view of the recent reaction of the union representing federal nurses who are going to be transferred just a few months from now, in April. I appreciate there is a court case and I am not asking the Government Leader to comment on the court case because I understand it is under urgent appeal. But it does at least question the existence or non-existence of a collective bargaining regime. In view of the other responsibilities, such as NCPC, that our government proposes to take over, I am wondering if it would not be wise to move labour relations up toward the top of the list so that it does not have as much of an impact when we deal with the other takeovers or the devolution of other responsibilities. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question 078-88(1): Priority Of Takeover Of Labour Relations

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, although it has been discussed as a potential area for transfer, to date there have been no communications with the appropriate federal Minister on the responsibility for labour relations. I think to be direct with the Member, Mr. Speaker, the chances of labour relations being a subject of immediate consideration for transfer are minimal, in light of the fact that our plate is quite full right now. Furthermore, as I understand the federal responsibility, by taking over responsibilities covered under part five of the Canada Labour Code, the GNWT would have authority over labour matters on a local level which would include hamlets, certain mining industries, etc. But as far as the NCPC and Health transfers are concerned, Mr. Speaker, my understanding is that in both instances employees can be covered under the Public Service Act, and therefore we are not impaired at the moment. We are not unable to deal with these federal employees under our present jurisdiction and our present legislation. Having the responsibility for labour relations would not make these transfers any easier. That is my understanding, Mr. Speaker. So it is a subject that will be considered but the government does not consider it an immediate priority. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Oral questions. Mr. Kilabuk.

Question 079-88(1): Approval Of Applications For Home-Ownership

MR. KILABUK: (Translation) Mr. Speaker, my question is very short and I will not repeat myself. This is directed to the Minister of the Housing Corporation. For those people who want to own their own houses in the Territories, who approves the applications? Is it the community association or is it approved by the Executive Council?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Kilabuk. Mr. Kakfwi.



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HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: The allocation of HAP in a community is done usually by the housing authority of the particular community or it may be by a group such as the community council, the band council, or the Metis locals. It varies from community to community. The attempt by the corporation is to make sure that once an allocation of units is made to a community, the community, through whichever group is agreed to by the community, and the corporation make the final allocation and that it is done under certain terms and guidelines. As to the responsibility as an Executive, we do not have anything to do with allocating the units to specific individuals.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Supplementary, Mr. Kilabuk.

Supplementary To Question 079-88(1): Approval Of Applications For Home-Ownership

MR. KILABUK: (Translation) I do not think I was clearly understood. There are a lot of people who want to own houses in one community and there are two or three people who are given approval. I was just wondering if they get approval from the communities or the Executive. That is what I was asking. Only some of the people who want to own their houses are given approval, even though there are quite a few people who want houses in the community. That is the question I wanted to ask. Thank you, Mr. Minister.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

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HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: The program... (Microphone not switched on)

...in a certain way and I can speak briefly to it. One of the requirements to be eligible for a HAP unit which allows you to own the house outright, is that you have to demonstrate some ability or capacity to make sure, once the material is delivered for your unit, that you can convince the corporation -- I guess the staff and mostly the community -- that you can finish building the unit. All people are generally eligible for it but you have to be able to convince your community that you are going to be able to finish the unit. You also have to demonstrate to and convince your community that you have an income capability of supporting yourself in a private home.

The intent of the HAP program is not to give private home-ownership units to people who are just, in turn, going to go back and ask for assistance to provide fuel, food and things for themselves. It is targeted at people who have demonstrated some capability to fend for themselves, to be within a certain income level. There is another requirement. If you have a high income -- I am sorry I do not have the specific figures for his region or his community. The home-ownership program is intended for people that can demonstrate an ability to have money so that they can support themselves in their own private home, but also not have such a high income that it would perhaps take away from those people that this social type of housing is really intended for, which is originally low income people. I might add that something I have asked the Housing Corporation to undertake is to look at programs that can also provide home-ownership for those people who have too high an income for the HAP program. It keeps coming up again and again that you are not eligible because you make too much money by a few thousand dollars or whatever. I think it is a real problem because the intent is to provide the possibility of home-ownership to everyone in the community. I know the banks and the lending institutions are not interested or willing to lend moneys to people in the small communities where there is no market value for houses. So again, a long-winded response to a short question.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Oral questions. Mr. Crow.

MR. CROW: Mr. Speaker, a point of order. Mr. Speaker, when all the MLAs and the Ministers are speaking we have to address you as Mr. Speaker. Why does the Minister of the Housing Corporation -- I have been listening to him and he does not address you as Mr. Speaker or say thank you to you.

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MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Crow. I am sure your point of order was noted. Oral questions. Mr. McLaughlin.

Question 080-88(1): Relocation Of WCB Offices

MR. McLAUGHLIN: I have a question for the Minister responsible for the Workers' Compensation Board. As the Minister is aware, the board presently leases space from the City of Yellowknife in city hall. That lease is going to run out and the city wants them to relocate. While I was the Minister I always thought that that operation of government could move somewhere else. I would like to ask the Minister: With this relocation and the board making some noises that they are going to build their own building here in Yellowknife, what is the status of this possible move? What is the status of their being able to put up their own building here in Yellowknife, which they do not presently have the legislative authority to do?

MR. SPEAKER: Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

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HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: I want to assure the honourable Member that I do not want to be looked at as moving everything out of Yellowknife but I will assure him that it is under review. I have recently requested that the Workers' Compensation Board chairman place their plans on hold, as I would like to bring this issue up in cabinet as a consideration to be reviewed. I also believe it is a part of the government that could be operated in another community, although that is for this government to determine, whether or not that is their wish. I would also like to make honourable Members aware that legislation has to be changed before the Workers' Compensation Board can own any properties or buildings. So therefore, no doubt it has to come through this Assembly.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Madam Minister. Oral questions. Mr. Gargan.

Question 081-88(1): Allocation Of Tags For Bison Hunting

MR. GARGAN: I would like to address my question to the Minister of Renewable Resources. It is again with regard to the allocation of tags for the bison herd. I believe the Minister in his reply last week indicated that he was going to refer this whole tag situation to the Mackenzie Valley Wildlife Federation. Mr. Speaker, the surrounding communities in my area, Fort Simpson, Fort Wrigley, Hay River Reserve, have been requesting from the community of Fort Providence that they be given a certain amount, depending on what they get. To date, they cannot make that commitment until the Minister decides what is the best way they can deal with the tag situation. I believe it is within his power to designate these tags. I would like to ask the Minister when does he intend to move on resolving this whole quota issue?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

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HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all I would like to inform the Member that whenever the issues between communities, such as tag allocations, should be resolved, we try to let the communities deal with them before it has to come to the Minister. In this case we have approached the chief of Fort Providence and chief of Fort Rae to agree on the tag allocations for these wood bison. I feel that if they cannot come up with an agreement, then I will take this to Mackenzie Valley Renewable Resource Management Board for their recommendation to me and I will have to make the decisions on the tag allocations. But first of all I would like to leave it to the communities to work out a suitable solution on this. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. Gargan, is that a supplementary?

MR. GARGAN: I would like to remind the Minister that nowhere in the NWT are communities put in the situation that Fort Providence and Fort Rae are in. In most cases in their...

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Gargan, you are into points of debate. You said this is a supplementary to your question.



Supplementary To Question 081-88(1): Allocation Of Tags For Bison Hunting

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Speaker, nowhere in the NWT are communities put in the same situation as Fort Providence and Fort Rae are. The government has put those communities in this situation. They have not done that to any other communities. I think it is up to this government to resolve that whole issue. It is not up to the communities. They did not create that problem. It is this government that did that. I am asking the Minister whether he intends to act within his own power to resolve that.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

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HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If the Member would like me to interfere in this, I will. But I would like to inform the Member, that this sort of tag allocation, I understand, is very new to the Western Arctic, but it is not new to other parts of the NWT, especially the Eastern Arctic where polar bear tags are allocated for communities. I am aware of a few communities where they shared tags, especially Pond Inlet and Arctic Bay, where we have a quota of eight polar bear and we share the quota. The hunters and trappers associations in these communities come up with an agreement without the department's interference. I am willing to make a decision if the Member wants me to but for this year there are only 20 animals allowed to be killed; of these, 16 tags will go to general hunting licence holders in that area, and four tags will be done by lottery. For next year we are proposing that there will be 40 animals taken out of that bison area. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. Gargan, supplementary.

Supplementary To Question 081-88(1): Allocation Of Tags For Bison Hunting

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Speaker, just again to ask the Minister. In the Western Arctic, for example, Bay Chimo are given, I believe, 950 tags for caribou to be distributed between Detah, Yellowknife, Fort Rae and Rae Lakes, so there is one community that is being recognized to distribute those tags. That is not the situation in my area. Why does the Minister not recognize that the bison herd is established in my area, the Fort Providence area, and on that basis you can make a decision to say this is how many tags the community should have and they in turn would distribute them depending on the number of requests?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Further Return To Question 081-88(1): Allocation Of Tags For Bison Hunting

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In this situation we have a commitment to Providence and a commitment to Fort Rae. My first option would be that these two communities work out the allocation of quotas. I feel that we have a commitment to these two communities which have restrained their hunting and trapping in that area for a number of years for the wood bison to grow in that area. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Zoe.

Question 082-88(1): Tabling Of Cotterill Report

MR. ZOE: Mr. Speaker, on February 11th I asked a question of the Government Leader on the Fort Smith decentralization. I would like to ask him that same question, is the Government Leader prepared to table in this House the Cotterill report? I need a simple answer, yes or no. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Zoe. Mr. Government Leader.

Return To Question 082-88(1): Tabling Of Cotterill Report

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, I take it that the Member does not want to hear the many good reasons for my answer. The answer is no. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Government Leader. Oral questions. Mr. Butters.

Question 083-88(1): Eligibility For Home-Ownership Assistance Program

MR. BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I wish to address this question to the Minister responsible for Housing. I would have him treat this as a written question. I will not put it in writing because I know he cannot read my writing. I would ask him what elements are included in the development of the HAP client affordability formula and what criteria are of necessity considered by Housing Corporation officials and housing association members before accepting or rejecting an application?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker...

---Laughter

---Applause

I should say something about that actually. The good Member, Charlie Crow, asked something and I wonder if I could just ramble for a minute and then get back to Mr. Butters?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister, under replies to a question, you cannot comment on a point of order unless you want to raise a point yourself.

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: How about a point of order? Thank you. I should explain the background to that particular absence of protocol. There is a reason for it and I thought it would come up eventually. It came sooner than I thought, so very observant of Mr. Crow.

This Legislature and this institution is one that as a citizen of the Northwest Territories, more specifically as an activist in the whole fight for recognition of aboriginal rights in the North -- for many years, as you know, the Dene Nation as an organization did not recognize the legitimacy of this government and it was only in 1978 that the chiefs formally endorsed the idea of supporting individual candidates for election to this Legislature. I was one particular individual who was very reluctant to support such a move at the time. It does not say much about my particular feelings now but the whole point of it is that, I guess, it would take me a little while to get totally comfortable with something that I fought very strongly against for many years. I was just giving myself the luxury of, you might say, sliding into it at my own leisure, but with prompting I do not mind.

I noticed a little note in the Ontario Legislature that said, "Speaker: This label is afforded to that Member who was given the undesired position of having to speak to the monarch of the day on behalf of his peers." I know you do not have that discomfort now but I am becoming a little aware of the goings-on in this House and I believe I can comply with the protocol, if you want to call it that, or the procedure.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, honourable Minister. Now we should comply with the reply to the oral question that was posed to you.

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: In response to the question from Mr. Butters, I would like to take notice of it and give him a very detailed written response, perhaps tomorrow or next week.

MR. RICHARD: You are learning very quickly.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. Butters.

MR. BUTTERS: I am in no rush for the response just as long as I have it before his department comes before the House.

MR. SPEAKER: Was that a question, Mr. Butters?

---Laughter



Thank you. Oral questions. Mr. Lewis.

Question 084-88(1): Projected Budget Surplus

MR. LEWIS: Mr. Speaker, during the review of the government budget in the standing committee on finance we had to deal with words like "surpluses" and "deficits" every day so that by the time we finished the review we thought we knew what money the government had in its capital reserve. That figure is not the same one that is being reported in the press. So, for the sake of public knowledge, Mr. Speaker, I would like the Minister of Finance to give maybe an explanation of what could have gone wrong in reporting to the press the amount of money we have in the bank -- \$30 million, instead of a much smaller figure. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The last question that was directed to me was answered by Mr. Richard and I never got a chance to respond to it and I wonder if there is a new rule in the House, where a shadow Member can answer Members for a Minister if they are not happy -- not a point of anything, just a point of interest.

---Laughter

MR. SPEAKER: Your point of nothing, Mr. Ballantyne, has been taken. Continue.

Return To Question 084-88(1): Projected Budget Surplus

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you. I am glad Mr. Lewis gave me the opportunity to try to explain the reality of the budget. I will not give the honourable Member the impression that I can understand the total workings of the media. It is something that will take probably a longer study than I have days on this planet. It was very clear in the budget document exactly what the surplus was. It was \$1.4 million surplus. I think that was very clear and we are looking at a projected accumulated surplus at the end of the year of about \$16.7 million. That was also very clear. What happened, I think, in the Yellowknifer review of the budget is that they added in a supp reserve which will be expended. I think that is where they got the seven million dollars. But I want to assure the honourable Members in this House that we are looking at a surplus of \$1.4 million in the 1988-89 fiscal year and we are projecting between \$16 and \$17 million in accumulated surplus at the end of that fiscal year. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Oral questions. Mr. Kilabuk.

Question 085-88(1): Delay In Receiving UIC Benefits

MR. KILABUK: (Translation) Mr. Speaker, I do not think this is the responsibility of the territorial government. However, it is a concern of my constituents. Maybe I will direct it to the Minister of Personnel. We are all aware that many people are receiving Unemployment Insurance Commission benefits if they work for more than 20 weeks. There has been a lot of problems associated with that. They do not get their benefits for up to one month and they are not eligible to get social assistance during that time. Many people have been waiting for a long time for their benefits to come, even though they should have received it two weeks prior to that time. Since this is a federal responsibility, can you, as a Minister, try to find out how people can get the benefits faster? People who are unemployed and those people who have no resources from hunting, how can they receive their benefits sooner? Can you help these people to get their benefits sooner?

MR. SPEAKER: Madame Minister, Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

Return To Question 085-88(1): Delay In Receiving UIC Benefits

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have recently directed my department to review the Social Services regulations. I am fully aware that a committee has been struck and is reviewing the regulations to address the problem that the honourable Member specifically indicated. There is a problem with the time frame for getting UIC benefits, as opposed to the time frame for eligibility under the Social Services assistance program. I am sure this is going to be rectified in the near future and I can assure the honourable Member that this is specifically being looked at.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Madam Minister. Oral questions. Mr. Nerysoo.

Question 086-88(1): Review Of Regulations Re UIC Benefits

MR. NERYSOO: Just a supplementary to Mr. Kilabuk's question. Is the Minister going to make this House aware as to the final recommendations of the government once they have been approved, with regard to the process.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Madam Minister.

Return To Question 086-88(1): Review Of Regulations Re UIC Benefits

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, currently the committee is reviewing the existing regulations to determine what regulations need to be amended or updated. I will be informing this House once the regulations are recommended for approval. I would just like to assure the honourable Members that I will keep them aware of the current events that are happening in respect to this.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Madam Minister. Oral questions. Mr. Kilabuk.

Question 087-88(1): Concerns With UIC System

MR. KILABUK: Mr. Speaker, I really appreciate the response that I received but I would like you to further consider this. I live in Pangnirtung and I have to send my UIC report to Iqaluit and then to Winnipeg and then to Edmonton. I want to see a system that is more effective.

MR. SPEAKER: Madam Minister.

Return To Question 087-88(1): Concerns With UIC System

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I recognize the problem that the honourable Member has expressed and this is my initial purpose for directing the department to initiate such a committee to review these concerns that are being encountered by different Members in the Territories. So therefore we will be recommending an expedient type of responses to these certain issues.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Madam Minister. Oral questions. This would appear to conclude oral questions.

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

ITEM 7: RETURNS TO WRITTEN QUESTIONS

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Mr. Speaker, return to written Question W3-88(1), asked by Mr. Nerysoo to the Minister of Education; written Question W4-88(1), asked by Mr. Pudluk to the Minister of Government Services; written Question W6-88(1), asked by Mr. Nerysoo to the Minister of Renewable Resources.

Return To Question W3-88(1): Canadian-American Institute For Northern Native Languages

Hon. Dennis Patterson's return to Question W3-88(1), asked by Mr. Nerysoo on February 15, 1988:

Arctic College will soon be releasing information in the News/North and the Native Press on this program. Information will be made available through the Thebacha and Aurora Campuses, as well as the program centre in Yellowknife. Information brochures have also been sent to the Dene Nation and the Metis Association.

This summer program, offered through the University of Alaska, includes a variety of courses from which students may choose to study two during the three weeks it is being held. The courses being considered for the program this summer are: interpreter skills; radio and TV production in a native language; introduction to comparative Athapascan grammar, Tlingit and Loucheux; language policy and planning in Tlingit and Athapascan languages; English language skills; linguistic anthropology, kinship; language teaching methodology; and literacy in specific languages, Gwich'in, Tlingit and Carrier-Sekani.



This program is designed for teacher trainees, interpreter-translators and radio and TV personnel. Six students in the Western Arctic teacher education program, WTEP, will be selected to participate this summer. Their transportation costs, room and board in residence and their tuition will be funded through WTEP. Other agencies in the NWT may request more information about this program and choose to sponsor their employees.

The general public in Alaska, Yukon and the NWT may also apply to participate, but no student financial assistance would be available in the NWT as the program is too short to qualify for the NWT student financial assistance program or for a Canada Student Loan. Participants will be responsible for paying their own costs, or they may be sponsored by their employers or through training programs such as WTEP.

Return To Question W4-88(1): Price Of Fuel Oil At Resolute Bay

Hon. Stephen Kakfwi's return to Question W4-88(1), asked by Mr. Pudluk on February 15, 1988:

Bent Horn crude oil at Resolute Bay is only being tested by NCPG for generating electricity. After one year of testing, a decision will be made as to whether or not to continue with this product.

Imperial Oil has the responsibility to provide petroleum products in bulk to Resolute Bay. These products are obtained from southern markets and prices reflect the high cost of transportation to the North. GNWT purchases heating fuel from Imperial Oil at Resolute Bay for distribution within the community. The decision to use the Bent Horn crude oil for heating fuel purposes will be made by Imperial Oil. According to them, this product has a low flash point, will vaporize at room temperature and is not safe to be used as a heating fuel. Products with a low flash point could ignite at room temperature and an explosion could result.

Return To Question W6-88(1): Input Into Strategy For Arctic Marine Conservation

Hon. Titus Alloo'oo's return to Question W6-88(1), asked by Mr. Nerysoo on February 17, 1988:

Comments or input to the strategy document may be provided by writing directly to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans or by raising them at regional meetings which will be arranged by Fisheries and Oceans later in the year.

The Department of Renewable Resources hosted a workshop in Yellowknife, September 30 to October 2, 1986 to review a preliminary strategy. Workshop participants reached consensus on the purpose and 10 principles of the present strategy. My department is currently reviewing this document and will be providing comments to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

Any Member of the Legislative Assembly wishing to comment or have input to the strategy may respond directly to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans as indicated earlier or may provide me with their comments and concerns. These will be included in the response to be made by the Department of Renewable Resources.

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

Item 8, replies to Opening Address.

Item 9, replies to Budget Address.

Item 10, petitions. Mr. McLaughlin.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: I am sorry Mr. Speaker, someone was speaking to me when you passed by written questions and I was wondering if I could just go back to the written questions to ask a question.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

MR. SPEAKER: Do I hear any nays to unanimous consent? Mr. McLaughlin, go ahead.

ITEM 6: WRITTEN QUESTIONS

Question W8-88(1): Economic Development Loans And Grants

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism. How many times since January 11, 1984 has the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism overruled the decisions of boards established to give out grants and loans and to oversee the management and collection of various loans? Also, how many times has the Minister asked for the boards to reconsider their decisions? In each case, what was the value of the loan, grant or write-off and the name of the business, as well as the community where the business was operating? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. McLaughlin. We are on Item 10, petitions.

Item 11, reports of standing and special committees. Item 12, tabling of documents. Mr. Zoe.

ITEM 12: TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

MR. ZOE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would like to table Tabled Document 63-88(1), a newspaper clipping from the Slave River Journal entitled, "Bureaucrats say no more jobs to leave Fort Smith." Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Zoe. Item 12, tabling of documents. Item 13, notices of motions. Excuse me, back on Item 12, tabling of documents. Mr. Kakfwi.

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Yesterday I indicated that I would table the following document: Tabled Document 64-88(1), presentation on behalf of the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories before the Ontario Legislative Assembly Select Committee on Constitutional Reform, as presented February 16, 1988. That document is here for tabling.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Tabling of documents. Mr. Patterson.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to table the following document: Tabled Document 65-88(1), Conflict of Interest Act, and General Provisions under the public service regulations. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Tabling of documents. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Mr. Speaker, in accordance with section 184(1) of the Elections Act, I wish to table Tabled Document 66-88(1), the election return and declaration on behalf of Arlene Hache.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Item 12, tabling of documents. Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Speaker, I would like to table Tabled Document 67-88(1), First Annual Report of "Choices", a Three Year Action Plan to Address Spousal Assault, 1986-89, as prepared by the ministerial committee on spousal assault. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Item 12, tabling of documents. Item 13, notices of motion. Mr. Zoe.

ITEM 13: NOTICES OF MOTION

Notice Of Motion 5-88(1): Cotterill Report

MR. ZOE: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Monday, February 22, 1988 I will move the following motion: Now therefore, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Hay River, that the Government Leader table in this House the Cotterill report on the decentralization of the Fort Smith Region. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Zoe. Notices of motion. Mr. Lewis.



Notice Of Motion 6-88(1): Special Committee On The Northern Economy

MR. LEWIS: I give notice, Mr. Speaker, that on Monday, February 22, I shall move the following motion: Whereas the special committee on the northern economy was established by Motion 17-87(2); and whereas Rule 94(2) requires that the terms of reference of all committees be approved by the Assembly; now therefore, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Aivilik, that the following terms of reference for the special committee on the northern economy be approved. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Lewis. Item 15, motions. Mr. Nerysoo.

MR. NERYSOO: I was going to raise a point of order, Mr. Speaker, in that when motions are being introduced there is no need to introduce the preambles but only the resolution.

MR. SPEAKER: The Member is correct, thank you. Item 15, motions. I am sorry. I skipped one there.

Item 14, notices of motion for first reading of bills.

Item 15, motions. Mr. Lewis.

MR. LEWIS: Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to proceed with my motion on the establishment of the terms of reference for the special committee on the economy.

MR. SPEAKER: Unanimous consent is being sought. Are there any nays? I hear nays. Mr. Lewis, you do not have unanimous consent.

Item 15, motions.

Item 16, first reading of bills.

Item 17, second reading of bills. Item 18, consideration in committee of the whole of bills and other matters: Report of Standing Committee on Finance on the 1988-89 Main Estimates and Bill 1-88(1), Appropriation Act, 1988-89, with Mr. Zoe in the chair.

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

PROCEEDINGS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO CONSIDER REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE ON THE 1988-89 MAIN ESTIMATES; BILL 1-88(1), APPROPRIATION ACT, 1988-89

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): The committee will come to order. As the Members are requesting a time out here, I will take a short recess for coffee.

---SHORT RECESS

The committee will come to order. Mr. Ernerk.

Department Of Economic Development And Tourism

Casinos In The NWT For Tourism

MR. ERNERK: I would like to mention the issue of gambling houses, casinos, which I think would be a good thing for the NWT as long as there are proper research studies undertaken to control the situation. For instance, if there were an establishment of casinos up here, as long as it could benefit certain community-based organizations or regional organizations or territorial organizations, I think that is one of the things that could become a very viable, successful business.

I know that there is a casino in Dawson City in the Yukon. I have been to casinos in the Bahamas and other parts of the world that I have been to. I guess in each country where there are casinos there have to be rules and regulations to control the crowd. In the Bahamas I believe the rule was that the local people from that country were not allowed to gamble. It is basically a tourism effort benefiting the country and if we are able to take a look at all the rules and pieces of legislation that govern casinos or gambling houses in Canada, I am sure we would be able to establish two or three in the NWT. I would like to know more about this idea, especially from the Yukon's point of view. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mahsi cho. That is very interesting. Mr. Minister.

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman, the matter of having gambling houses, as the Member has talked about, would be a very new thing to the NWT and the Yukon have more experience than we do in this matter, in Dawson City. I would be prepared to have a report done that examines the way that the Yukon government operates and administers their gambling undertakings and provide that to the Member and the MLAs. But I must say that as a jurisdiction, as a government, we have no experience and are not aware of any serious studies that have been done by our government in this matter, either.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Mr. Ernerk.

Bingos And Raffles, Legalized Gambling In NWT

MR. ERNERK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just to carry on the discussion further. In so many ways we already have a form of gambling in the NWT. A lot of gambling goes on when we have nightly bingos, for instance. That is gambling. That is legalized gambling, recognized by the GNWT, because you have to get a licence to operate bingos. We already have gambling in the way of providing casinos, casino nights, across the NWT. You have to get your licence from the GNWT in order to operate a casino night. So we already have different forms of casinos or different forms of gambling right across the NWT. The other thing is selling raffle tickets. That is another form of gambling. So we have many different types of legalized gambling, according to the laws of the NWT.

My idea is to promote tourism. Tourism is a good thing. There could be many, many issues with regard to the issue of tourism. There are all kinds of things that go with tourism: benefits at the community level; benefits at the regional level. That could really mean a lot of things, aside from employment opportunities: promotion of the NWT; promotion of various aspects of life in terms of cultural organizations in the NWT. So this is not a new thing, as I said in my opening remarks. It was discussed during the years between 1970 and 1975. I am merely trying to generate the discussion among all the people.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Do you have any comments, Mr. Minister?

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: Just to say that I appreciate the comments of the Member and if there is interest in having our department or government look into the possibility of supporting gambling on the scale that the Member talks about, we can look initially at the Yukon jurisdiction to see how they do it and just how they regulate and manage that activity. It will certainly give us an idea of how we, perhaps, could get into that business, if this is what is the desire. All I am saying is that I am prepared to look into the matter on behalf of the Member and the Assembly, if that is the desire.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Mr. Ernerk.

MR. ERNERK: Mr. Chairman, I appreciate that offer.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. General comments. Mr. Nerysoo.

Uses For Railway System To Hay River

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would certainly like to thank the Member for Hay River for allowing me to pursue the questions that I am going to pursue now. Has there been any review or study done with regard to the possibility of taking advantage of the railway system that goes to Hay River, in terms of developing the tourist industry as well as a transportation system for the NWT?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mr. Minister.

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman, our department has not done anything in that matter. Not to say that we cannot, if we get direction and recommendations. But to date we have not done anything.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mr. Nerysoo.



MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I know that it is really not my constituency and I think that Mr. Pollard knows the advantages of this particular item in terms of encouraging or at least enticing tourists to utilize those tracks and also the possibility of using the service. I would ask the department if they could consider working with the Member and the residents of Hay River and possibly the Big River Tourist Association to review this particular issue and to consider how we might take advantage of developing that railway system to the benefit of the residents of the NWT and the residents of Hay River.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mr. Minister.

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman, I would be very pleased to do a study of the possibilities of using the railway, related to all aspects, and I guess tourism can be one of them. We would be very pleased to do a study and provide the Member with the report when it is completed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Mr. Butters.

MR. BUTTERS: Relative to the comments raised by the two preceding speakers, I would suggest that there is a community already in existence where such gambling could be legalized and carried on. I think it is currently represented by the honourable Bruce McLaughlin. That community, interestingly enough, is at the end of the railway line described by the honourable Member for Mackenzie Delta. So think of all the fun you could have, getting on the train at Edmonton or Peace River and gambling a little bit as you go north and stopping off for a week at Pine Point and flying out. I think that would be quite an interesting package that we could use to compete with some of the American watering holes.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: Well, Mr. Chairman, we will extend our review and study to Pine Point.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): General comments. Mr. Nerysoo.

#### Updating Tourism Information On NWT In Whitehorse

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have a couple of other questions in terms of information and maybe more a matter of expression of concern on the information being made available to people who go to Whitehorse. I believe there is an information centre in Whitehorse that provides written material from the NWT. I had a chance to look at some of that written material and I really think there is a need to update the material, to update it in terms of the potential sites that people can view in the NWT, the other tourist attractions and facilities and services that they might take advantage of as well. Further, the audio-visual material, I think needs to be updated as well. It is quite outdated. Could the government consider updating that material and consider updating other information?

The other thing I would suggest is that the government reassess how we are going to provide that information in Whitehorse as well, in terms of whether or not we could do a contractual arrangement with some individual to do that work in the summer, in particular, as opposed to having the Yukon government -- because we are not, at this particular time, having very good success in terms of the presentation that is being made on our behalf. So we are not getting very good mileage out of that.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Before I ask the Minister to reply, the Chair would like to recognize Mr. Yutaka Takenaka, special assistant to the Japanese Ambassador to Canada.

---Applause

Mr. Minister.

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman, I was going to say to the Member, it is funny you should say that because just a few days ago I wrote the Minister of Tourism in the Yukon, Mr. Porter, suggesting that we do much more co-operative work with respect to our governments' tourism promotion in the Yukon. I have written to him and we intend to co-operate with the Yukon government in their tourist facilities, both in Whitehorse and Dawson City. So it is something that we are working on to do a much better job in the Yukon in terms of the promotion of the NWT.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mahsi cho. General comments. Mr. Nerysoo.

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Does that letter also suggest or encourage meetings between our officials and their officials?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mr. Minister. Mr. Braden.

MR. BRADEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There is a cross-border committee of deputy ministers, I believe it is called, and we will be meeting in a month or six weeks. One of the issues that is on the agenda is how to establish more co-operative ventures with respect to tourism promotion of the two jurisdictions. I might just add that we will take steps to upgrade and update the information as the Member has requested.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mr. Nerysoo.

Advising Members Of Meeting

MR. NERYSOO: Could the Minister make the Members from the Delta and the Beaufort, those constituencies close to the areas that are affected, aware of those meetings and what the results might be of those discussions, so we are kept up to date on the meetings? I might, Mr. Chairman, indicate that I am interested in trying to work with the Yukon government, as well, and if at any time I can be of assistance or work with our government to help them promote a better working relationship, I certainly am prepared to do that.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mr. Minister.

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: I certainly appreciate the offer and advice and without question we will keep the Member advised and, wherever possible, involved.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mahsi cho. General comments. Mr. Morin.

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Minister, does your department have any programs in the works for management training at the community level: entrepreneurial programs for local people in the smaller communities, possibly proposal writing training, and things like this? For the programs that are going to be available from the government, what we need in the small communities is people trained just to be able to apply for them. With all the economic activity that we hope to see, we have to make sure that our people are trained properly to take advantage of it. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mahsi cho. Mr. Minister.

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman, not to pass the buck but it is a fact that the Department of Education runs programs that involve business management and entrepreneurial training and I would be pleased to provide the Member with the courses that are available. I am also aware that the department is involved in a committee that advises the Department of Education with respect to the type of courses that they should put on, linking what is needed out in the communities and out in business with the Department of Education, to be sure that they run and provide the right type of courses. I would be pleased to provide the Member with all the information with respect to the various courses that are available.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mahsi cho. Mr. Morin.

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Minister, the way I understand it, right now the training available is through Thebacha Campus in Fort Smith and it is a two year or four year training program. Is your department not interested in putting on programs at the community level, in the community? Perhaps a concentrated type of program where a guide, for instance, does not have to know everything about accounting and everything about bookkeeping but he does have to have a quick rush over those things. A program that maybe could be done in about a month and maybe then you would have greater interest in it. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mahsi cho. Mr. Minister.



Short Courses In Communities

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman, I am advised that in the past there have been seminars and workshops, things of that sort of a very short nature, not long lengthy courses as are provided in the college system. Our department has been involved in recommending and supporting these community courses but it has been the Department of Education that has run them. If a person wants to get any training or education with respect to business, he really has to go to the college system. Apart from that, there are short duration seminars or workshops that are held occasionally at the request of a community. The possibility exists to have workshops and seminars in the community but the request should be made by the community. Certainly the MLA can be involved in requesting that the department run certain courses or seminars. It is there to be had, if people are interested, but I think if a course is to be held in a community, somebody in the community that is concerned and interested will have to make the request to the Department of Education.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Mr. Morin.

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Minister, is it possible at all to get assistance from your department for specific projects? Let us use an example. If the band in Snowdrift might want to take on a capital project on their own, to form a legal society and maybe build their band office, would there be money or expertise available from your department to assist the band in actually putting together a proposal to give to the Minister of Public Works, for example?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: Yes. That is the nature of our service and program, to help people who are interested get into business and be involved in projects. It is something that we do all the time.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. General comments. Mr. Lewis.

Using Waste Heat To Produce Foodstuffs

MR. LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, although the special committee on the economy is not under way yet, we are very interested in local projects. There is a growing consensus I think that this is where the government should be emphasizing its efforts. So my question is this. In very remote places, there has been much talk over a long period of time about using waste heat to do various things. There is an abundance of water in the form of snow. There are all kinds of ways to heat. The cost of produce in many of those places is very, very high. If we look at the example of Newfoundland -- which may not turn out to be a good example by the way -- they are attempting to grow things there. If they are successful, then that may be a kind of model for many of our small places, where, if you can produce foodstuffs, you can also keep animals. You could raise animals through growing your own local produce throughout the year. Is the Minister aware of the projects that have been undertaken of this kind using waste heat in communities so that they can produce foodstuffs and maybe also feed animals as well?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman, there are three projects that I am aware of. One is a greenhouse in Pond Inlet that the department has been involved in, which uses heat I think from the hotel. My department just recently funded a person in Norman Wells to have a greenhouse, which I believe is using waste heat to grow vegetables. And apparently there is another project starting up in Iqaluit that the government may be involved in. So we are involved in at least three projects that I am aware of.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Mr. Lewis.

MR. LEWIS: Supplementary then, Mr. Chairman. Is this an area where perhaps there could be some work done? It seems to me that the work that is being done in Newfoundland is the result of special technology developed by a certain Mr. Sprung from Calgary. Is it something perhaps which our Science Institute could look at; the technology of growing produce in remote places and developing an appropriate technology for that? That is the first question.

Coal For Greenhouse Heat In Pond Inlet

The second one: The Minister was out of the House when I raised the question last week. It was half in jest perhaps, Mr. Chairman, but I did remind Members that there had been a coal mine in Pond Inlet in the 1920s, which was used up until fairly recent years. Is he aware that that resource also exists in Pond Inlet, which could also be used perhaps to supplement the waste heat program that they are now using for that greenhouse there?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman, with respect to the first question, I am not aware but I can get my officials to become very quickly up-to-date on the technology that the Member refers to that is used in the Maritimes. With respect to the coal mine in Pond Inlet, I had not been aware of the past use of coal but we can certainly look at that as one of the import replacement projects. I am aware of native people's use of coal down the Mackenzie River and other communities along the Arctic Coast in the West. So it is a matter that I will have my department look at.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. General comments. Mr. Morin.

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Minister, does your department use private businessmen who live and work in the North to represent the GNWT at meetings or seminars in the South? And if you do, how do you pick these people? Do you go from region to region or do you take them all from the Fort Simpson region or where do they come from? Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman, the answer is yes. We do occasionally have private business people represent our government at seminars and activities in the South. What immediately comes to mind are the trade tools related to tourism and when that occurs, we send people who are involved in the tourist business to attend and represent the NWT. When it involves arts and crafts we send people who are involved in a particular area to represent us. Oftentimes we have our own staff combined with private individuals. So our representation, I am advised, has been very effective in the past.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. General comments. Mr. Pollard.

MR. POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. First of all, Mr. Chairman, I would like to declare an interest in this department in the particular area that licenses fishing lodges. My wife and I own one and we are licensed by that department. I am just declaring an interest.

An Agricultural Policy For NWT

Anyway, first of all, I do not want you, Mr. Chairman, to think that we on this side, and Henry and Sam and Michael, are always critical. I would like to be complimentary to the Minister for the efforts his department is putting into agriculture, particularly south of the lake. I know there was a problem with Agriborealis but I think that will be straightened out and...

AN HON. MEMBER: That is Yellowknife's.

MR. POLLARD: I realize that. It should have been Hay River. But south of the lake, Mr. Chairman, there has been a tremendous amount of support for agriculture from this department. However, on the subject of agriculture, I would like to ask the Minister when there will be an agricultural policy for the NWT, because at the present time there is not one. If the business grows much more we are going to be behind the eight ball. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman. The matter of agriculture is one of the 13 tasks that was given to the department, and our department has done a major review and study on agriculture in the North. That paper is going through the process of cabinet and will eventually, likely, be one of the initiatives of our government. It is a matter that this government is wrestling with. It is recognized in all of this that land claims are not settled and a lot of this has a bearing on the usage of land, and so forth. But within these parameters, apart from making available large tracks



of land, I think the government has got a number of options it will consider. I think the Member will be pleased with the results of our work to date. It is a matter that the department and government is contending with and in the next few weeks and months, the matter of agriculture will come forth as one of the initiatives of our government.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Mr. Pollard.

Tracking Economic Ventures

MR. POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On another subject. I think Mr. Morin touched briefly on it. Does this department track economic ventures, particularly of the major kind that may be coming on, such as a pipeline, before they are started and duly advise Education or other departments of the requirement for staff down the road? Does the department also track potentials in economic development for particular kinds of jobs, say five or seven years down the road, so Education could be attuning their programs to bringing northern people into the work force in that five or seven year period? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman, our department does track economic projects that are soon to become reality or those that are still on the horizon. I think that our department has been involved and tracks projects. I do not know whether we track five or seven years down the road, but I am aware of our department's activity in being up on and aware of all the projects that are likely to come on. We have staff involved in the oil and gas industry and in the mining, as an example.

We have had meetings with IPL and in recent weeks with mining people and oil and gas people. So our department is involved in interfacing and interacting with companies that are involved in the North. We have had meetings with IPL in respect of the possibility of a pipeline in future years. We deal with possibilities of business and employment as these projects would come on. I cannot say truthfully that we necessarily track job possibilities five or seven years down the road, but immediately and when the project is likely to come into reality, we deal with the business and the training components.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): General comments. Mr. Pollard.

MR. POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Is this department aware of the GTP?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mr. Minister.

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: No.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mr. Pollard, could you interpret what GTP is?

MR. POLLARD: Well, Canada has a GNP, gross national product, so I was just asking if there was a gross territorial product. Do we know what we are producing up here and what it costs?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mr. Minister.

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: Yes, I do. And at the moment I think it is \$1.1 billion.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mr. Pollard.

MR. POLLARD: That was billion. Canadian. Does the Department of Economic Development have a target of where it would like to see that number in, say, two or three or four years? Are you shooting at a target to take us somewhere?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mr. Minister.

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: No, I am advised that we do not.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mr. Pollard.

Success Rate Of Assisted Businesses

MR. POLLARD: With regard to assistance to business in the NWT, where the GNWT through this department assists businesses, by way of grants or contributions, to get off the ground, does the department keep track of the success and failure rates of those particular businesses that they assist?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: Yes, the department does keep track of all the businesses that we do assist. We have information for 1986 and we have helped 700 businesses and provided 300 jobs. Of the businesses that we assisted, there are very, very few that have failed. Most of the businesses that we helped have gone on to be successful.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Mr. Pollard.

MR. POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. During SCOF I understand that the Minister did send that information to the Minister of Finance who did not pass it on to our committee but sent it back to the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism. I wonder if the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism would be prepared to send that information directly to the standing committee on finance. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mr. Minister.

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman, we channelled all information to SCOF through the Minister of Finance because he was co-ordinating the information from our government. We were concerned that we do not have a mixture of information and that there should be some co-ordination. So the Minister of Finance was the channel through which we were sending information to SCOF. If there has been any delay I will try to make sure that the information gets to SCOF forthwith.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): General comments.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Point of order.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mr. Ballantyne, your point of order.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: A little clarification. I was going to wait until my response to the standing committee's report. That was not quite what happened. It was not sent back on my decision. I was not even sure that the Minister had had a look at the information that came to me so it was sent back to the Minister to have a look at. The decision as to whether or not it comes to the committee is the decision of the Minister, not mine. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. General comments. Mr. Pollard.

MR. POLLARD: I did not mean to get two Ministers at each other, Mr. Chairman, if you will excuse me. I wonder if the Minister could explain what the policy is on assisting businesses that may want to go into competition with existing businesses. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mr. Minister.

Sensitive To Business Competition

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman, our policy, of course, is to be very careful not to support any businesses that might result in conflict with a successful ongoing business. I think as a department in government we have done a lot better than a year or so ago when there was some criticism of our government for providing grants to businesses that eventually came in conflict with existing businesses. I think over the course of the last year our department has been very sensitive and conscious of that and we have even gone to the extent of getting advice and having the regional loans boards consider the grants over \$50,000 that our government provides, in an attempt to be sure that it is scrutinized and it gets some assessment or consideration from business, from people involved in the loans boards on a regional basis. I am not aware recently of any problems of any businesses that have been adversely affected by our grants programs. So our policy is generally to be very careful and not to provide any grants that would disrupt the market.



CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. General comments. If the committee does not have any further general comments, does the committee agree we go into detail of Economic Development and Tourism?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): We are dealing with the main estimates on page 16.08. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, with regard to the last comment that the Minister made with regard to the department being sensitive to existing businesses. Is that perhaps one of the reasons why it is so difficult for native people right now to get a licence to get into the guiding business? Is that one of the reasons?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: No, Mr. Chairman, that is not the reason.

Directorate, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Directorate, total O and M, \$1,485,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Policy And Planning, Total O And M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Policy and Planning, total O and M, \$851,000. Mr. Richard.

MR. RICHARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Under this division there is a reference to one of the responsibilities which is to evaluate the performance of departmental policies and programs. Mr. Chairman, I guess what I wanted to know or ask the Minister, just so that I can be convinced that this is actually happening, is the results of these evaluations. More specifically, if any programs or policies of the department have been evaluated as failures or as non-starters or not worthy of renewal and therefore terminated. Have the evaluations been carried out to that extent so that we have found out where we are not spending money wisely and have made a knowledgeable decision to terminate, as a result of that evaluation? Could the Minister give me examples of where that might have been done? Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask Mr. Braden to answer that because he is more familiar with that detail.

Evaluation Of Programs

MR. BRADEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just to give you a list of some of the evaluations that have been carried out by the department, we did an evaluation of our contributions programs. We have done an evaluation of renewable resource decision guidelines and we have participated in an evaluation of the EDA agreement. We are doing an evaluation, as the Minister mentioned yesterday, of the privatization initiatives of the government. We have done an evaluation of obstacles or a study, rather, of obstacles to entrepreneurship. There is an evaluation done of the Expo '86 project and a study that was just released very recently, Mr. Chairman, with respect to an evaluation of strategies to improve NWT business opportunities related to mining. A study is being done with respect to options for entrepreneurial opportunities for women and youth and we are doing a follow-up on an earlier review of NWT government grants and contributions programs. So, Mr. Chairman, I just provide that to the Member as a list of some of the evaluations related to internal programs that we offer, but also, as was noted yesterday, the opportunities that are available in the mining industry.

Further, with respect to the management for results system, in 1985 the department, in response to direction from the Financial Management Board, began the process of implementing a performance measurement system. As a first step in the process of implementation, the department reviewed its programs, services, policies, and legislation so as to tabulate the current range of programs and services both to the public and within the department. As part of this process, Mr. Chairman, the department developed its program and services manual which I believe was sent to the standing committee on finance.

There are some problems with respect to measuring the effectiveness of some of our programs. Measuring the performance with concrete outputs such as loans and contribution programs is relatively easy -- how many loans were processed, how long did it take to process them, where the applications were received from, etc. However, the performance of what we call soft programs to the public such as marketing assistance and professional advice is sometimes more difficult to measure.

With respect to progress to date, Mr. Chairman, the development work on the system is now complete and implementation is in progress. The department from the very start intended the system to assist managers in fine tuning their activity and programs so as to maximize the impact on the public. It is not meant to be an evaluation system. Our department is dedicated to the long-term use of the system and is dedicated to the development of a financial and human resources data base, to record and assess performance measurement indicators.

With respect to the Member's last question on whether evaluation produced a decision to drop a program, I cannot say in my experience that I am aware of one although we are in the process of examining our grants and loans contribution policies and the way they operate at the moment. I cannot really predict whether or not the cabinet or the Minister would agree to changes as a result of that evaluation. Thank you, sir.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mr. Richard.

#### Evaluating Effectiveness Of Loans And Grants Programs

MR. RICHARD: Mr. Chairman, when the deputy minister indicated that it is not always easy to measure the output of certain programs or policies, I can appreciate that we cannot quantify, but he mentioned that there was something done under the performance measurement system on the grants and contributions programs or policies of the government in that they are able to analyse how long it takes to process an application, to get the application for funds approved or rejected. I do not think that is the kind of measurement that should be done. All of these grants and loans programs have objectives and I do not have any of the objectives in front of me but I think it can be generally stated that they are to stimulate the economy. Can the department, under performance measurement, not measure whether these various loans and grants programs are effective or are fulfilling their mandate? Are they contributing to the economy?

Mr. Chairman, in the short time I have been in this Assembly, every session we are inundated with write-offs. Invariably they come from this department. We had a little controversy in the fall session about a \$45,000 item. With no disrespect to my absent colleague from Inuvik, the Inuvik parka shop for example. How many times has our government thrown money at that one enterprise, whether we were buying it, selling it or financing it? What has been learned from those write-offs and losses and failures? Is there not a way, not so much of measuring but of finding where the errors are made? When these loans are approved or rejected, is that decision being made with the knowledge of our past mistakes close at hand or in mind at the time? That is the sort of evaluation, Mr. Chairman, that I think should be taking place in this department.

There is another more minor project. I believe it is in this department. It came up in the Auditor General's report. I cannot remember the name of it. It was a pilot project for two years I believe, looking at providing bonding for small businesses in the North so they could bid on contracts; bonding that they could not obtain in the bonding market. The Auditor General simply pointed out that that pilot project was very poorly managed. I will not harp on that because we did that last year but my point on that project is, has anyone, after the two years, looked and said, "Well, is that something that we should continue, or is it worthwhile continuing at all?" Are those kinds of analyses and value for dollar measurements being done in this department? That is my concern. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mr. Minister.



HON. NICK SIBBESTON: Can I ask Mr. Braden to continue?

MR. BRADEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am also advised that the management for results system will also track the number of jobs created and businesses supported. It will also monitor the health of businesses that we are supporting so that if there is a problem arising, we can intervene to attempt to get the business back on solid footing and protect our investments. The Member raises a good point about past procedure, Mr. Chairman, based on the experience that both the Minister and I had very early on with respect to this portfolio. The experience involved considerable expenditure on the part of the department and the government.

Expert Advice Sought

We have an internal policy now whereby if a business comes to us seeking significant assistance, what we say basically to the business is that we regret that we cannot just run it by the Minister of the FMB to see whether or not a cheque for a quarter of a million dollars should be forthcoming. What we have done in several instances, Mr. Chairman, is we have brought in experts to examine the state of the business and see whether or not the government should consider contributing by way of loans or contributions. I know in one specific case, Mr. Chairman, where the work that was done by the outside experts actually helped the business come up with alternative financing arrangements which did not involve public money and also provided some very useful and timely business advice to the particular owners. So, Mr. Chairman, here is an example of where we are attempting to take, through some internal policies, some steps which not only protect the public purse but also try to help the business that is applying for assistance. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Mr. Richard.

MR. RICHARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The deputy minister earlier listed some of the evaluations that have been done. The first one he mentioned, I believe, was of the contributions program. Is this the same review that the Minister mentioned earlier in his answers to Mr. Pollard's questions? And if it is, if there is one evaluation or review or two, would it be possible, since I am not on the finance committee, for me to get a copy of that one document or those two documents, whichever it is?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman, I will certainly check with the department to see the evaluation that was done and if I deem it appropriate I will make it available to the Member. You are talking of the evaluation of contributions programs. Yes. I will look at that to see whether I can release it to the Member.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Policy and planning. Mr. Kilabuk.

MR. KILABUK: (Translation) Mr. Chairman, I would like to speak to another subject. Looking at the number of people sitting around the table, I think we have a rule for a quorum. Maybe the Clerk Assistant could try to pay attention a little bit closer on this. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Some Members stated that we do not have a quorum so may I ask the Sergeant-at-Arms to ring the bell? Thank you.

We have a quorum now.

Policy And Planning, Total O And M, Agreed

We are on policy and planning. Total O and M, \$851,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Tourism And Parks, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Tourism and parks, total O and M, \$6,852,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Continuing now. I would like to remind the Members that it is not the job of the chairman to recognize a quorum until the Member indicates it. Then the Chair will ring the bell. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pollard): Tourism and parks, page 16.10. Mr. Zoe. Total O and M, \$6,852,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Business Development, Total O And M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pollard): Business development. Mr. Zoe.

MR. ZOE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Can I ask the Minister if there was an evaluation done on the short term employment program, STEP, under business development? I understand from the previous comments to Mr. Richard's question that it seems an evaluation was never conducted for this particular program.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pollard): Thank you, Mr. Zoe. Mr. Minister.

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman, the answer is yes, and the program was one of the low priority programs in the department. So when there was a requirement to make some cuts to meet the target that was set by the government, the STEP program was one of those that we thought could be cut. So we decided to no longer have the program.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pollard): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. Zoe.

Deletion Of Popular STEP Program

MR. ZOE: So there was an evaluation that took place. But if I recollect, this particular program that the Minister has deleted from this particular budget was a very popular program for all the small communities that are spread across the Territories and I am quite disappointed that the department has taken this whole STEP project out. A couple of years ago, in 1985-86, I believe, this particular program was geared strictly for the HAP labour funding. And last year this program was divided up into various regions. The amount of money that was allotted last year was, I believe, \$420,000. This particular program was very popular. You could apply under this program for labour funding for HAP, for youth. It has been a short program. The maximum you can utilize this program is only for four months and I still think that the department has made a big mistake. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pollard): Thank you, Mr. Zoe. Mr. Minister, do you wish to comment?

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman, not really. Just to say again that the STEP program was a program that was used in the past to help provide the labour for the housing projects and as a department we saw it as a very short-term program. It is not one that supported business and people on a long-range basis. It was not a program to help people get on their own feet. So we did not deem it as being an important program of the department. Our general feeling is that if there is need for labour funds for housing projects, then perhaps that money should come from the Housing Corporation or some other department. But in terms of the department that is concerned primarily with encouraging business and encouraging and wanting people to get on their own economic feet, we did not think that program was an appropriate one. So on consideration of all of our programs -- without question, it was popular because everybody likes to receive free money to help them out with their houses. But we did not deem it to be an appropriate program of the department, so we cut the program.



CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pollard): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. Zoe.

Motion To Reinstate STEP Program, Carried

MR. ZOE: Mr. Chairman, I would like to propose a motion. I move that this committee strongly recommend to the Executive Council and also to the Department of Economic Development and Tourism that they reinstate the popular STEP program in the fiscal year 1988-89. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pollard): Thank you, Mr. Zoe. Your motion is in order. We have a motion on the floor. Mr. Zoe.

MR. ZOE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I indicated earlier that this STEP program has been very popular, not only in terms of helping communities with labour funding for HAP units but also to provide make-work projects for smaller communities where businesses are not developed yet. It is a make-work project that was geared for summer students. It is a very short program. It is good for only four months. Businesses sometimes utilized this particular program in the area of labour or getting short-term money when they were waiting for a larger amount from the government. That is when they applied for the short-term program. For the last couple of years it was geared basically to HAP, but that was not the case last year. There are various communities that applied in 1985-86: There were nine applications from the Keewatin Region, seven from Kitikmeot Region, one application from Inuvik Region, seven from the Baffin Region and nine from Fort Smith Region. So, Mr. Chairman, the statistics that I have given show that it is well utilized right across the Territories.

Last year, Mr. Chairman, the breakdown that they indicated was that the Fort Smith Region received \$145,000, the Inuvik Region \$20,000, the Baffin Region \$60,000, Keewatin Region \$133,000 and Kitikmeot \$62,000. This was the breakdown that was given to one of the Members who asked for a breakdown region by region last year. Mr. Chairman, this particular program was well utilized and I still do not understand where the civil servants from that particular department came up with this conclusion that this particular program is a low priority. Was it because of the number of applicants? I cannot see any rationale for them to delete this particular program out of this year's budget. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pollard): Thank you, Mr. Zoe. To the motion. Question being called. Those in favour of the motion? Those opposed to the motion? Abstentions? The motion is carried.

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MR. POLLARD: I hope, Mr. Chairman, that this does not mean that I have to sit on that side now.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Business development. Mr. Richard.

Minister's Quotations Re Write-Offs Of Loans

MR. RICHARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It is good to see you take a seat closer to us over here. Mr. Chairman, I have a series of questions for the Minister and some comments to make with respect to the Business Loans Board. I was concerned with the response that the Minister gave to Mr. McLaughlin during question period yesterday. It relates to the role of the Business Loans Board and the role of the Minister, particularly with respect to write-offs of loans granted under the Business Loans Fund.

Mr. McLaughlin yesterday, Mr. Chairman, asked a question relating to the controversial write-off of last fall and Mr. McLaughlin questioned the Minister as to when he felt he should be overruling the Business Loans Board on issues such as these write-offs. Mr. Chairman, I have the transcript of the Minister's response and he stated, and I quote, "The attitude that I take is that the Business Loans Board is simply an advisory board to myself, as Minister, and whereas they make recommendations and generally I abide by them, I should not see them as completely binding on me. So when the occasion presents itself to overrule them, I will use that discretion."

The Minister went on to say, "The attitude I take in considering whether a debt should be written off is, of course, the personal situation of the debtors in question, their ability to repay the debt; their age and experience in business; the financial resources that they have to meet the debt; whether they have other personal property or business interests that could meet the debt."

And it is the following part that concerns me. He said, "And finally, I think I do take into consideration the cultural background of the person." Mr. Chairman, I would ask the Minister to explain why that is a factor in the decision to write off a loan granted under the Business Loans Fund. So I would ask for an explanation of why that is a factor and if this write-off policy is in writing, could I see a copy of the policy?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Mr. Minister.

#### Consideration Of Cultural Background

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman, what I stated was simply my own views, I guess. So the discretion, the guidelines that I use in considering a matter that comes before me such as a write-off -- I guess what I meant by taking into consideration the cultural background of a person is the fact that I think it has to be recognized in the North that the native people have only been in contact with white people in the last hundred years or so. And in terms of the system of government and system of business that is in place in the North now, most native people have been in contact with this system only for the last 10, 20, 30 years and so the experience of native people in business is not one that extends back thousands of years as it does with white people. That is all I meant -- that in order to do a proper job, you have to take into consideration the cultural background of the person.

Without question, there is a difference between someone who operates a business in Yellowknife who is a white person who comes in from the South, who has generations and generations of family background that have been in business. So a person such as that, you may have less sympathy for and may not use your discretion to write off the debt. But native people do not have that long history of business experience and to them, business is a new endeavour. If some native people get into business and fail, then I think the government Minister should be open and should be conscious and somewhat sympathetic with them, to write off their debt if it seems appropriate in the circumstances. Culture is not the only consideration. There are a whole number of other considerations that I stated. And that is all I meant.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Mr. Richard.

MR. RICHARD: Mr. Chairman, I appreciate the Minister's candor when he says this is his personal view. I take it from that that it is not departmental policy to consider the cultural background of someone who owes the government money under the Business Loans Fund. It is my view, respectfully, Mr. Chairman, that it should not be a factor in the departmental policy. I would ask the Minister to state that clearly, that it is not government policy to consider the cultural background of a debtor who seeks to have his loan forgiven. I do not necessarily agree, Mr. Chairman, with this Minister's paternalism toward native people. But if I did agree with him I suppose I would agree on the front end of the loan.

We have in this country and in this NWT many programs, including loan programs, that do give preferential treatment to native people for the reasons that Mr. Sibbeston has given, to get the loan in their hands in the first place. But when on the other end you are assessing the debtor's ability to repay the debt to government, how can it possibly be a factor?

In the debate in this Assembly last November, Mr. Chairman, you will recall that Mr. Kilabuk pointed out an example in some years past of his, or one of his relatives' taking extreme efforts to repay a loan that was owing to the government and I believe at that time Mr. Kilabuk agreed with me that the instance before us should not have been written off and the government had not made efforts to follow through with the loan repayment program that had been set out in the first instance.

That issue, Mr. Chairman, dealt mainly with the Minister's overruling of the Business Loans Board. And I do not believe to this date we have had a satisfactory explanation of why Minister Sibbeston overruled his own Business Loans Board in that instance. But that is a separate issue and I wish to deal with that in a moment. Mr. Chairman, I would ask again, for the record, if the Minister could confirm that his statements to Mr. McLaughlin, in response to a question yesterday, do not reflect government policy.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you, Mr. Minister.



Personal View Of The Minister, Not Government Policy

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: If it somehow or another pleases Mr. Richard, I can say to him that what I stated was my own view. I was asked how I judged these things and I stated my view and that is personal to myself as Minister. It is not departmental policy and I will say to Mr. Richard that I insist that I am right in taking the view that I do with respect to write-offs. Because sitting here in Yellowknife and dealing with bank institutions -- perhaps Mr. Richard's experience is based on his life and experience here in Yellowknife. But I think that as a government and as a Minister I would be remiss in my duties if I did not occasionally in writing off business debts take into consideration the cultural background of the person. I will insist, and state, that I do believe that I was right and that I have the discretion and it is my decision to have made the decision I made and I do base it, in part, on the cultural background of the person. To say otherwise is to lie and to give the impression that you are so unfair that you never consider people's cultural background.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mr. Richard.

MR. RICHARD: Mr. Chairman, it is unfortunate that it seems that every time I get into a debate with Nick he has to resort to the "white people in Yellowknife" response. I am going to try not to debate this issue or any other issue at that level with him. But, Mr. Chairman, if the Government Leader could take time out from his media interview, I would like to ask a question of the Government Leader, if you would permit it, Mr. Chairman, about the government policy in this area. Because if this Minister is not following government policy in his personal carrying out of the mandate, then someone who is going to adhere to government policy should be holding that portfolio. And maybe since there is a shuffle coming up anyway I can help the Government Leader. Through you, Mr. Chairman, is it a government policy to consider a cultural background as a factor when deciding to write off loans under the Business Loans Fund?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman, I just want to say, on a point of order that the Member should have put his question to me and the Member is attempting to ask another Minister to see if he differs in his views with respect to the question he asked me. And I would say that is unfair. We are not dealing with the Government Leader's budget, we are dealing with the Department of Economic Development and I am the Minister in charge and he should keep his questions to me rather than running around trying to see if the Government Leader agrees with me on this point.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Minister. I agree that we are on business development and I would like to ask the Members to direct questions to the Minister of this particular department. Mr. Richard.

MR. RICHARD: Mr. Chairman, I will respect your ruling on Mr. Sibbeston's point of order, but I am going to have to go back to the Minister then and ask him to confirm that his answers yesterday, in answer to Mr. McLaughlin's question and to my questions just now -- I take it to be that there is a departmental policy on write-offs of business loans and separate and apart from that there is Mr. Sibbeston's personal list of factors when he decides to overrule the Business Loans Board and authorize a write-off of loans. Could he confirm that there are two policies: the departmental one and his own personal one and if he will do that, I will take up the larger issue of government policy with the Government Leader during question period, if I cannot do it now, through you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman, the matter of write-offs, particularly with sums above \$20,000 -- actually all write-offs are dealt with and governed by the Financial Administration Act and that act provides for the way in which you deal with a write-off. If it is over \$20,000 it has to come before the Assembly; if not, it is dealt with by the Financial Management Board in cabinet. But it all shows up in the territorial accounts.

The Member is looking for some government policy which governs this matter. It is really the Financial Administration Act and regulations that govern and there is, as far as I am aware, no set of clear guidelines that governs how the decision ought to be made, whether debt is forgiven or not. If it pleases or if it satisfies the Member, what I stated in terms of the way that I



approach the write-off is my own discretion, what I use, in order to consider whether it should be written off or not. It is not a department or government policy and it is one that I have used and one that I will either fall or rise on. So I would say to the Member that my consideration of the cultural background of the person is one personal to myself as Minister and it is not a departmental policy or guideline that is used.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. Richard.

MR. RICHARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am taking that as confirming that the Minister has his set of rules and I think Nick and I are entitled to disagree. I think he is in error on that and I guess I can put the Government Leader on notice that I am going to pursue the matter when you or some other chairman or Speaker will allow me to.

#### Overruling The Business Loans Board

Let me move to a related issue with the Minister and that is the overruling of the Business Loans Board. My concern here is a genuine one. I do not relate it specifically to the incident of last session but I guess it could be compounded by the Minister's admissions just now of his own personal philosophy on write-offs; that it may differ from department policy because when you have that dichotomy between a Minister and departmental policy it is not surprising that there will be occasions when the Minister will overrule boards and bureaucrats.

Mr. Chairman, we have a regime in place. We have a \$16 million loan fund. We have a Business Loans and Guarantees Act. That act establishes a territorial loans board, six regional boards. There are rules set out for the board meetings, for quorums. The Minister appoints people to these boards. The loans boards consider applications for loans and guarantees. The loans board rejects them if they do not meet criteria that are set out in the legislation. The loans boards make recommendations to the Minister. If the board rejects someone's loan application that applicant can appeal the decision to the Minister. It then provides that for loans that are approved, the Commissioner legally enters into a written loan agreement with the borrower on specific terms and conditions. The legislation also provides, Mr. Chairman, that those terms and conditions can only be changed by the Commissioner where the board and the Minister agree.

With that regime, with this Legislature having taken the trouble to enact that legislation, setting up that framework, my concern is that the Minister does not treat the role of the board seriously enough. I cite as an example of that the incident of last fall when the Minister stated in the House that one of these independent loans boards that was appointed by the Minister had received the application of the debtors to have their loan or part of their loan written off -- it was to allow the sale of a business to go to a band council, I believe, at a greatly reduced price, that was the purpose of the application -- the independent loans board that was appointed by the Minister rejected that application and, I have to presume, for valid reasons. Yet the Minister told us that he overruled the board and authorized the write-off anyway.

He also indicated -- I checked the transcript from last fall -- that his staff in the region had recommended to him that the board be overruled. In fairness to the Minister, there was a difference between the board and the regional staff. But, Mr. Chairman, as I look at the make-up of the board appointed by the Minister and his predecessors I see that he and his predecessors have appointed some pretty successful business people, native and non-native, I would say, Mr. Chairman, with respect, people with a hell of a lot more business experience than the Minister and his regional staff. I am concerned that the Minister is not taking the role of the board seriously enough. With that, Mr. Chairman, I guess I have my comments on the record and I guess my only question for the Minister is why is he treating this independent board as simply an advisory board as he stated to Mr. McLaughlin yesterday?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman, the Member, I think, is attempting to give the impression that I am disregarding the loans board at every occasion I can. I think things have got to be put into perspective. There are hundreds of decisions that are made by the Business Loans Board and I follow them. It just happened that in this one particular instance I went contrary to the decision of the loans board. There was only one instance that I did this. So for the most part the decisions of the Business Loans Board are followed. I rubber-stamp the decisions that they make.



I think it is important for me to state that generally I do follow the recommendations of the Business Loans Board. There is just one instance when I went contrary to their decision and decided to go according to my own regional staff who had recommended to me that I write off the debt. The decision is not one that I make alone. I brought it to the rest of my Executive cabinet colleagues and it eventually surfaced here in the Assembly for the Assembly to consider. So it received a considerable amount of consideration before it came before the Members here.

Business Development, Total 0 And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Business development, total 0 and M, \$10,153,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Economic Development Agreement, Total 0 And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Page 16.12, economic development agreement. Total 0 and M, \$7,323,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Finance And Administration, Total 0 And M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Finance and administration, total 0 and M, \$1,423,000. Mr. Butters.

MR. BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, if I could be advised by you, I realize I have been out of the House for a few moments and you are already two-thirds of the way through the department, but where does the NWT Business Council fall within these pages?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman, I believe it falls under the directorate.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Butters, it falls under the directorate. Mr. Butters.

MR. BUTTERS: It is not referred to specifically under the directorate but I can see that that is probably where it would be. I wonder if the Minister would accept a question with regard to that body?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Does the committee agree that we return to directorate? Mr. Butters.

MR. BUTTERS: You do not need to return to the directorate. Just if the Minister would accept the question under finance and administration. I think he will. I am curious as to the plans the Minister may have for the NWT Business Council. I know the council toured in Scandinavia and, more recently, in the Orient. What came out of those tours that will be or is being implemented in the Northwest Territories? Then I would like to get some indication of what the NWT Business Council will be doing in the coming year.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman, the NWT Business Council has provided my department with a report of the trip to Hong Kong and it is still being considered. I am in the course of considering the report.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. Butters.

MR. BUTTERS: I believe the second half of my question was, what is the Minister's intention with regard to the work of the NWT Business Council for the coming year? As a Member of the committee on the economy, which I expect will be able to put its terms of reference to the House in the near

future, I would feel that the council, which is co-chaired by the Minister, would probably have some very interesting suggestions to make to our committee. How does the Minister see the council interrelating with the special committee on the economy?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: We had a meeting a number of weeks ago with the chairman of the NWT Business Council and one official who works with the NWT Business Council. I have suggested that the activities of the NWT Business Council be held in abeyance for the time being pending a decision by the Government Leader as to who the Minister is going to be for the department. I just thought that the NWT Business Council has been in existence for a number of years and it is time to review the work and its purpose and so forth. So the NWT Business Council is really at the moment in abeyance and awaiting the decision of the new Minister of Economic Development, once the permanent assignments are given.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. Butters.

MR. BUTTERS: I asked initially under which category the NWT Business Council would fall. It appears it has already fallen. Do I understand that the NWT Business Council is now being dissolved? Is it kaput, no longer an operating body of this government?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: No, the NWT Business Council is not completed. It is not kaput or anything of that sort. I have just asked that their activities be held in abeyance pending new direction and pending decision as to whom the Minister of the department is going to be.

Finance And Administration, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Finance and administration. Total O and M, \$1,423,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Expo '86, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Expo '86. Total O and M. Blank? Nothing? Mr. Richard.

MR. RICHARD: This is the first year in many, Mr. Chairman, that this one has been zero. The evaluation that was mentioned in an earlier response by the Minister or his deputy, is that also a document that we could have access to, the evaluation of the Expo project that was done?

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: Can I ask Mr. Braden to respond?

MR. BRADEN: Yes, Mr. Chairman, we will make that available.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Expo '86, zero. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total Grants And Contributions, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Detail of grants and contributions. Do the Members have any questions regarding the detail of grants and contributions? Total grants and contributions, \$10,935,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Detail Of Work Performed On Behalf Of Third Parties

Western Arctic Land Claim Implementation, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Detail of work performed on behalf of third parties. Western Arctic land claim implementation. Total Western Arctic land claim implementation, \$159,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Northern Oil And Gas Action Program, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Northern oil and gas action program. Total northern oil and gas action program. Mr. Butters.

MR. BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if the Minister had an opportunity to discuss the future of this program with the Hon. Bill McKnight when he was in Yellowknife recently. It would appear that the program was in some jeopardy as a result of the discontinuation of oil and gas development. But the Gulf find in December should certainly turn that around and give the federal Minister encouragement to ensure the program does not lapse. I wonder if the Minister has any good news on that program.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman, I must apologize to the Member but I do not know. I was not present at the meeting with Mr. McKnight. I was sick at the time and I do not know whether it was dealt with at all.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Mr. Butters.

MR. BUTTERS: Although the item is here it probably more properly falls under the Hon. Nellie Cournoyea. Maybe she could address the question even though it is in the Economic Development section.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Ms Cournoyea.

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, yes, the topic of the northern oil and gas was brought up and we have had some favourable response from the Minister of Indian Affairs. The amount will be somewhat less but not so significantly less that many of the programs cannot be carried out. We may have to do a few months of bridging. However, it looks fairly favourable that he will be moving that along to the Treasury Board.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Ms Cournoyea. Total northern oil and gas action program, \$29,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Special ARDA, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Special ARDA. Total Special ARDA, three million dollars. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Inuit Community Human Resource Strategy, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Inuit community human resource strategy. Total Inuit human resource strategy, \$600,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total Department, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total department, \$3,788,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): The last two pages are information items. Are there any questions to those? Does the committee agree we go into capital?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): We are still on main estimates. If you could return to 16.07, program summary. Department of Economic Development and Tourism, total O and M, \$28,087,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): We will turn now to page 13.05 on capital estimates.

Tourism And Parks

Buildings And Works, Headquarters, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): We are in our capital books, 13.06, tourism and parks. Any questions on capital? Tourism and parks, buildings and works, headquarters. Total headquarters, \$145,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Buildings And Works, Fort Smith, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Fort Smith, total buildings and works, \$560,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Buildings And Works, Inuvik, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Inuvik, total buildings and works, \$295,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Buildings And Works, Baffin, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Baffin, total buildings and works, \$215,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Buildings And Works, Keewatin, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Keewatin, total buildings and works, \$310,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Buildings And Works, Kitikmeot, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Kitikmeot, total buildings and works, \$397,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Buildings And Works, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Total buildings and works, \$1,922,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Equipment Acquisition, Fort Smith, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Equipment acquisition. Fort Smith, total equipment acquisition, \$80,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Equipment Acquisition, Inuvik, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Inuvik, total equipment acquisition, \$15,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Equipment Acquisition, Kitikmeot, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Kitikmeot, total equipment acquisition, \$10,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Equipment Acquisition, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Total equipment acquisition, \$105,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Tourism And Parks, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Total tourism and parks, \$2,027,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Business Development

Equipment Acquisition, Headquarters, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Business development, equipment acquisition, total headquarters, \$25,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Equipment Acquisition, Inuvik, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Inuvik, total equipment acquisition, \$10,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Equipment Acquisition, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Total equipment acquisition, \$35,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Contributions, Headquarters, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Contributions, headquarters. Total headquarters, one million dollars. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Contributions, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Total contributions, one million dollars. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Business Development, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Total business development, \$1,035,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Page 13.05, total capital expenditures, \$3,062,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total Department, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Total Department of Economic Development and Tourism, \$31,149,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. That concludes the Department of Economic Development and Tourism. At this time I would like to thank the Minister and his two witnesses. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, I move that we report progress.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): I have a motion on the floor that is not debatable. All those in favour of reporting progress? Motion is carried.

---Carried

I will rise and report progress.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Zoe.

ITEM 19: REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE ON THE 1988-89 MAIN ESTIMATES; BILL 1-88(1), APPROPRIATION ACT, 1988-89

MR. ZOE: Mr. Speaker, your committee has been considering Report of the Standing Committee on Finance on the 1988-89 Main Estimates, and Bill 1-88(1).

Motion To Accept Report Of Committee Of The Whole, Carried

Mr. Speaker, I move that the report of the chairman of the committee of the whole be concurred with.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Zoe. Is there a seconder? Mr. Kilabuk. Thank you. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question being called. All those in favour, raise your hand. Thank you. All those opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Mr. Clerk, orders of the day.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Announcements, Mr. Speaker. There will be a meeting of the ordinary Members committee tomorrow at 9:00 a.m.

ITEM 20: ORDERS OF THE DAY

Orders of the day for Friday, February 19th, at 10:00 a.m.

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17. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters: Report of Standing Committee on Finance on the 1988-89 Main Estimates; Bill 1-88(1)
18. Report of Committee of the Whole
19. Orders of the Day

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. This House stands adjourned until Friday, February 19th at 10:00 a.m.

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