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YELLOWKNIFE, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1988

MEMBERS PRESENT

Hon. Titus Allooloo, Mr. Angottitauruq, Mr. Arlooktoo, Hon. Michael Ballantyne, Hon. Tom Butters, Hon. Nellie Cournoyea, Mr. Crow, Mr. Ernerk, Mr. Gargan, Hon. Stephen Kakfwi, Mr. Kilabuk, Mr. Lewis, Hon. Jeannie Marie-Jewell, Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Nerysoo, Mr. Pollard, Hon. Red Pedersen, Mr. Pudluk, Mr. Sibbeston, Mr. Zoe

ITEM 1: PRAYER

---Prayer

SPEAKER (Hon. Red Pedersen): Orders of the day for Wednesday, October 26, 1988. Item 2, Ministers' statements. Mr. Ballantyne.

ITEM 2: MINISTERS' STATEMENTS

Ministers' Statement 30-88(2): Workplace Safety Initiatives

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The recent tragic deaths of three miners in the Northwest Territories has underscored the need to recommit ourselves to workplace safety. This commitment must come from everyone, including government, industry, labour organizations and workers themselves.

For my part, I am undertaking an extensive review of my department's mining safety and occupational health and safety programs and services. I have held a series of underground mine tours as well as meetings with industry and workers' representatives. Jeff Gilmour, assistant deputy minister of Justice, has been assigned to conduct a detailed audit of the public services branch of the department, its resource levels, its personnel and its internal organization.

With respect to the department's enforcement responsibilities under the Safety Act, my department will be meeting with the construction association and the NWT Federation of Labour with a view to strengthening the industrial safety regulations to more effectively protect workers at industrial work sites throughout the Northwest Territories.

Mr. Speaker, concerning mine safety, a new director of mine safety has been hired. Mr. Walter Skelly has over 40 years experience in the mining industry. He commenced working in the Con Mine in 1948 and Giant Yellowknife Mine in 1951. He then rose through the managerial ranks with Eldorado Uranium Corporation, Gulf Minerals, and in 1983 became manager of the mines inspection unit of the Saskatchewan government, where he was responsible for over 30 mines. Mr. Skelly will be arriving to take up his new position in Yellowknife next month.

Following this session of the Legislative Assembly, I will be meeting representatives from each of the mine safety committees to determine ways in which the Mining Safety Act can be improved. I also want to more clearly define the responsibilities of the individual mine health and safety committees, and the territorial mine occupational health and safety board.

Mr. Speaker, we have a young and growing work force. Attitudes toward workplace safety must be substantially improved through consistent training, education, inspections, enforcement of statutory rules and prosecutions of breaches, where appropriate. We need the co-operative support from government, industry, labour organizations and workers themselves to accomplish this task. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Ministers' statements. Mr. Kakfwi.

Ministers' Statement 31-88(2): NWT Principals Go Back To School

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, school principals from the Kitikmeot and Keewatin Regions have just completed the third phase in a special training program to improve their administrative and leadership skills. By February, 1989, participating principals and superintendents from across the Northwest Territories will have completed the training program.

The program is designed and presented by staff from the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, along with experienced northern educators who act as workshop leaders. The program is designed to help our northern principals enhance their current skills and introduce them to procedures and ideas at the forefront of education administration. Emphasis in the training program is placed on the skills required by school leaders to work effectively within northern communities. An appreciation of cross-cultural situations, aboriginal languages and communications between home, school and community organizations is essential.

As the formal part of their training concludes, principals will undertake a final assignment. This portion requires them to develop and carry out special projects in their communities appropriate for their schools.

Northwest Territories certification will only be granted to those individuals who have satisfactorily undertaken all parts of the training program and have successfully completed two years service as a principal in an NWT school. Only two provinces, Ontario and New Brunswick, offer similar programs.

This kind of training will go a long way toward benefiting everyone involved in education. Approximately 60 principals and 10 superintendents of education will be completing this program and providing positive and more effective leadership in education because of it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Ministers' statements. Item 3, Members' statements. Mr. Lewis.

ITEM 3: MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Member's Statement On Birthday Wishes To Charlie Crow

MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to offer my best wishes to Charlie Crow. Today, Charlie Crow is 45 years old. He was born at a hunting camp on Richmond Gulf in Northern Quebec in 1943. We share a common interest in history, and I believe all Members of

this House will join me in wishing Charlie best wishes on his birthday because he has been a very important part of this history which has seen massive changes, probably faster changes than have taken place in other parts of Canada or even in the world. Although Charlie is only 45 years old today, Mr. Speaker, I would suggest he is also one of the wise elders of this House. Thank you.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: The Chair joins in the greetings, Mr. Crow. Members' statements. Mr. Crow.

Member's Statement On Birthday Wishes

MR. CROW: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I did not want my name mentioned in this House, especially when it is my birthday today. To my colleague for Yellowknife Centre, my appreciation for remembering my birthday today. He would not have ever found out unless it had been for my colleague for Yellowknife North who asked me to visit him last Saturday. We went over to his place to have dinner with him, myself and Mr. Lewis. My little girl is now two years old; her birthday is July 2. The happy birthday song that goes, "happy birthday to you" is the tune that she really likes and really enjoys hearing. I do not know how many times Mr. Lewis sang, because since my little girl liked the tune so much she asked Mr. Lewis to sing it for me. Because kids are very, very adorable, and whenever kids ask you to do something, Mr. Lewis would do it automatically. I am very grateful to him for doing so, and my appreciation for remembering my birthday. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Crow. Members' statements. Mr. McLaughlin.

Member's Statement On Health Issues In Supplementary Estimates

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Mr. Speaker. Yesterday, Members will recall that I asked quite a few questions on the Health issues in the supplementary estimates. I wanted to make sure that I said all I had to because I had visits from members of three of the hospital boards yesterday morning. I think I said everything I had to say yesterday, but I would like to make the point that I think even the Executive is pointing out that some of these matters are pretty small and inconsequential that have been turned over, or that they are purely administrative.

The thing is that the power for the boards, through the Department of Health, lies with them having the money in their budget to spend. As soon as you give the money to someone else to provide a service to you, and it is in their budget, they have control over the level of service they are going to give to you, not yourself. I think it would be a better situation if the money stayed in the Department of Health. The other departments would do the work and then send a bill to the Department of Health or to the boards and if they did not do good work the board would not have to pay it. I think what has happened here is that the Department of Health and the boards are losing an important part of control over health services by having this transfer take place. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. McLaughlin. Members' statements. Mr. Zoe.

Member's Statement On Responsibility For Capital Funding Of Band Councils

MR. ZOE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. During the budget session last year, Mr. Wray indicated that the question of the federal government providing capital funding for band councils has been an ongoing issue for over eight years. At that time, Mr. Wray also indicated that the federal government is clearly responsible for the provision of capital funding to band councils.

The federal government, however, claims that they turned all the funding for band capital to the territorial government in 1968, although there has been no funding provided since then specifically for capital projects. Mr. Speaker, this problem of responsibility must be resolved as

quickly as possible. Surely eight years is long enough to discuss this particular issue. It is now time for the two governments to get down to hard negotiations and to resolve this problem, which is affecting all bands in the Western Arctic. Thank you.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Zoe. Members' statements. That would appear to conclude Item 3 for today. Item 4, returns to oral questions. Ms Cournoyea.

ITEM 4: RETURNS TO ORAL QUESTIONS

Further Return To Question O98-88(2): WCB Allowance For Disabled Person, Fort Resolution

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I have a return to a question asked by Mr. Morin, October 24, regarding compensation for a constituent. The Member for Tu Nede was badly informed about this case. As a result of a recent medical examination and deterioration in this worker's medical condition, the Workers' Compensation Board has reassessed his permanent disability at 15 per cent. He will now receive a monthly pension of approximately \$328 and a lump sum payment of the difference between two per cent and 15 per cent retroactive to the date of the accident in 1983. The cost of the worker's travel to Yellowknife for the medical examination was paid by the Workers' Compensation Board and the worker received per diem allowances for the time he was away from home.

Further Return To Question O103-88(2): Improvement Of Highway To Prevent Traffic Fatalities

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I have a further reply to Mr. Brian Lewis who asked a question on highway conditions on the Yellowknife highway. Mr. Lewis inquired about what has been done to improve the highway to Yellowknife, particularly in light of highway fatalities in the past two years.

I would like to clarify a point regarding the cause of accidents on the highways. Highway conditions are not necessarily or directly the cause of accidents as intimated by Mr. Lewis. Very often accidents are a result of driver error or inexperience or many other reasons. Road conditions play only one part in most accidents, with responsibility for safe driving resting mainly with the driver. A couple of the serious accidents which occurred on the Yellowknife highway this summer appeared to be caused by the drivers becoming disoriented in the dusty conditions while passing another vehicle.

The majority of our highways in the NWT have gravel surfaces. As with all gravel roads in Canada these surfaces are far more susceptible to weather conditions than paved roads. Much more caution therefore, must be exercised when driving on gravel roads particularly during rainy weather when the roads are slippery and soft, and during long, dry periods when dust is a major problem. No level of road maintenance can eliminate these inherent characteristics of gravel roads.

Road System Affected By Weather Conditions

Regarding the condition of the road system in general this year, for the most part, driving conditions were normal. In the early part of the summer however, record rainfalls were recorded in the southwestern parts of the NWT and in the Yellowknife area. These rains caused some disruption to normal traffic patterns, the major consequence being massive washouts on the Liard and Mackenzie highways. In addition, general summer driving conditions on the Yellowknife highway varied from muddy during the rains, to very dusty following periods without rain. Highways staff were hard pressed to keep up with the changing conditions and worked diligently at providing the best level of service possible under the difficult circumstances. The rains coupled with the general lack of good gravel on the Yellowknife highway made driving conditions

poorer than normal, and it has taken some time to restore the road surface to its normal condition. Gravel surfacing has since been carried out this summer on some sections of the Yellowknife highway between Fort Providence and Edzo to restore the driving surface quality.

We recognize that major improvements are necessary and desirable. Therefore the Government of the NWT will, to the limit of available funding, upgrade and eventually pave those sections of the territorial highway network which carry the greatest traffic volumes, including both tourist and non-tourist traffic. In fact, the primary goal of the work program over the next 20 years is the reconstruction and paving of the Mackenzie highway west of Enterprise, and highway three to Yellowknife, in addition to work required as a result of roadway deficiencies in other areas.

Over the past several years, we have improved the territorial highway system. The number of passing zones has been increased over the years to provide a six kilometre dust-free section of road every 30 to 50 kilometres or approximately every half hour of driving. In addition there have been gradual increases in the length of paved sections. We now have 280 kilometres of pavement compared to less than 20 kilometres 10 years ago. This year for example, we paved the Fort Providence access road and the Yellowknife highway between Edzo and Rae and undertook major rehabilitation of the Fort Smith highway adjacent to Hay River.

Also, major improvements to signage have been made and are continuing. Regulatory and warning signs are a high priority and meet current standards. Efforts are being directed toward improving information signs to inform motorists of off-road facilities and destinations.

With the transfer of responsibility for the reconstruction of the Mackenzie, Liard and Dempster highways from the federal government to the Government of the Northwest Territories expected this year, the federal obstacles and constraints to achieving NWT priorities will be removed, and the programming of essential improvements to the total road network, including the eventual paving of the Yellowknife highway, will be made much easier. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Ms Cournoyea. Returns to oral questions. Mr. Alloo.

Return To Oral Question O128-88(2): Vacancies In Department Of Culture And Communications

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a return to Question O128-88(2), asked by Mr. Zoe, on October 25th, concerning vacancies in the Department of Culture and Communications.

The Department of Culture and Communications currently has 132 continuing positions. Of these positions, 23 were vacant on October 25, 1988, the date of the Member's question. Four positions have been vacant for less than one month. Four positions have been vacant for between one and two months. Another four positions have been vacant for more than three months. Seven positions are new positions that have not had a previous incumbent. Eighteen of the 23 positions are currently undergoing staffing action. Of the remaining positions, one will be actioned by the cabinet; one is in classification; one is being held until a community council can meet to appoint a candidate; and two are being held until a more senior position is filled. Thank you.

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

Further Return To Question O69-88(2): Inspection Of Oil Storage Tanks In Cape Dorset And Lake Harbour

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, on October 20th, Mr. Arlooktoo asked the Minister of Government Services Question O69-88(2). The question, specifically, was: "I wonder if the oil storage tanks in Cape Dorset and Lake Harbour cannot be inspected?" This was in relation to his concern with regard to water in the gasoline storage. He asked a supplementary question that when inspectors did travel to those communities they should consult with the local people as they were the people using the gas and they would know the problems.

Response to those questions, I would advise, is that Government Services staff from the Iqaluit office will be in Lake Harbour and Cape Dorset on Friday. They will take samples of the fuel as requested by the Member and speak with the contractors, hunters and trappers members and the general public. So, I believe that the Member's question has been responded to in accordance with his wishes.

Return To Question O121-88(2): Licensing Of Drivers On Highways

I have one more, sir, while I am on my feet. Yesterday the honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre, and I am not sure if he still wants this response, asked about the licensing authority for drivers' licences. There is no licensing board for the issuance of drivers' licences in the Northwest Territories. The authority for issuing drivers' licences is granted to the registrar of motor vehicles, through provisions in the Motor Vehicles Act. The registrar is authorized by the Motor Vehicles Act to grant a driver's licence to a person if he or she passes, by a set standard, a theoretical and practical driving examination conducted by a qualified driver examiner.

These tests include the requirement for a vision examination and, for some classes, a medical report is required. To ensure protection of the public, issuance of a driver's licence becomes a conditional privilege; one which is conditioned upon safe and lawful operation and one which can be revoked if that privilege is abused. Thank you, sir.

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

Further Return To Question O118-88(2): Licensing Of Dentists

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I have a reply to an oral question asked by Mr. Lewis on October 25th in regard to licensing of dentists. To practise dentistry in the NWT a dentist must meet the qualifications and requirements outlined in the Dental Profession Act. The registrar of professional licences in the Department of Justice is responsible for processing applications. If an applicant meets the requirements of the act, the registrar recommends to the Commissioner that a licence be issued to the applicant to practise dentistry in the NWT.

In the case of foreign graduates who do not hold Canadian registration, they must meet a number of conditions, including a letter from the Canadian national examining board stating that the applicant is eligible to write the Canadian national examining board examination. If the applicant is found to be acceptable, a recommendation to issue a registration certificate for a maximum time limit of three years is made to the Commissioner. An advisory committee to assist the registrar with the review of such applications and to make recommendations to the Commissioner regarding licences has been established. The act defines the licensing procedures and establishes a mechanism by which complaints regarding the practice of dentistry can be reviewed. These measures are meant to safeguard the public with respect to the practice of dentistry in the NWT. Mr. Speaker, the act is available and I have provided, in all Members' mail boxes, a copy of the act.

Further Return To Question O119-88(2): Licensing Of Physicians

With regard to the licensing of physicians, the licensing of physicians to practise in the NWT is regulated by the Medical Profession Act. The act and regulations define the qualifications and requirements that must be met by a physician prior to receiving a licence to practise medicine in the NWT. The act makes provisions for the Minister to appoint a medical registration committee to review all applications and make recommendations regarding the issuing of licences to practise medicine in the NWT.

Certificates of registration granted to persons eligible to practise medicine in the NWT are signed by the Minister. The act clearly defines not only the licensing procedures, but also the mechanism which someone may use to lodge a complaint if they have reason and evidence to believe that a physician is not practising appropriate medicine. The act is readily available, and also I would like to say that that act has been placed in all Members' mail boxes.

Further Return To Question O93-88(2): Contract For Dental Services, Keewatin Region

Mr. Speaker, I have one more reply, to Mr. Ernerk. This was asked on October 24, in regard to dental service in the Keewatin Region. The University of Manitoba has a contract with medical services branch to provide dental service to adults and referred children in all the communities in the Keewatin Region from April 1, 1988, to March 31, 1989. In June 1988, the Iqaluit dental group established a dental practice in Rankin Inlet with a resident dentist. The Iqaluit dental group met with the Keewatin Regional Health Board and requested that they receive a contract to provide dental services on a visiting basis in other communities in the Keewatin. The health board supported this request.

Medical services branch denied this request because the contract is in place with the University of Manitoba and the service which had been provided by the university for a number of years has been fully satisfactory. The university, however, will not make any further visits to Rankin Inlet this fiscal year.

Medical services branch is prepared to consider proposals in writing from private dentists wishing to provide dental services in the Keewatin for the 1989-90 year. They encourage dentists to consider a per diem method of reimbursement. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Madam Minister. Returns to oral questions. Item 5, oral questions. Mr. Zoe.

ITEM 5: ORAL QUESTIONS

Question O130-88(2): Headquarters Vacancies, Department Of Culture And Communications

MR. ZOE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Culture and Communications. Could the Minister indicate to me the number of vacancies within the department related to headquarters?

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

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

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

MR. ZOE: Supplementary. Yesterday I asked the Minister if he knows the number of vacancies. He indicated in his reply today, Mr. Speaker, that there are 23 vacancies within the Department of Culture and Communications. Of the 23, how many are related to headquarters? That was my question. How many?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: I will provide that tomorrow to the Member. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The question is being taken as notice. Oral questions. Mr. Arlooktoo.

Question O131-88(2): Funding For Additional TV Channels, Cape Dorset

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Culture and Communications, Titus Allooloo. In Cape Dorset there is one TV channel and in the upcoming month, toward the end of November, they will have 10 channels. When the hamlet of Cape Dorset was trying to obtain this service, they found it extremely expensive. I would like to know if Culture and Communications can provide some of this funding to assist the hamlet. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Arlooktoo. Mr. Allooloo.

Return To Question O131-88(2): Funding For Additional TV Channels, Cape Dorset

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In the NWT, our department does assist the communities who do not have a television or radio when they are trying to get CBC channel for the first time. But for the other channels, these are usually handled by the private sector. In the communities that I know of, our department has not assisted these communities when they are getting multichannels, other than CBC. The Government of the NWT sometimes assists the private sector through Economic Development and Tourism. Thank you.

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

Question O132-88(2): Government Reaction To Tabled Document 37-88(2)

MR. ERNERK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yesterday I tabled Tabled Document 37-88(2), entitled "Business Initiatives for the 90s", a position paper put together by the Keewatin Chamber of Commerce. This, I think, is a blueprint for economic development and tourism in the Northwest Territories. My question is to the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism as to what the government's reaction is going to be with regard to this particular document. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Ernerk. Mr. Kakfwi, are you handling this today?

Return To Question O132-88(2): Government Reaction To Tabled Document 37-88(2)

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, the report that the Member is referring to is being looked at by the Department of Education and the Department of Economic Development. It asked for a great amount of money which was far beyond the securability of the Department of Education to provide this for training alone. In any case, there is a response being prepared by the two departments and when the response is fully prepared it will be provided to this Assembly.

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

Question O133-88(2): Response To Keewatin Chamber Of Commerce Letter

MR. POLLARD: Supplementary to Mr. Ernerk's question to the Deputy Government Leader, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Jack Anawak, the president of the Keewatin Chamber of Commerce, wrote to the Government Leader on August 9th of this year, requesting that the chamber would like to meet some Members of the Executive Council, with regard to the paper. I would like to know if there was a response to that particular letter, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Kakfwi. Mr. Pollard, could you repeat your question please?

MR. POLLARD: I will try, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, a question for the Government Leader or, through the Deputy Government Leader, to the Government Leader. On August 9, 1988, Mr. Speaker, Jack Anawak, president of the Keewatin Chamber of Commerce, who put the "Business Initiatives for the 90s" document together, wrote to the Government Leader requesting that members of the chamber of commerce meet to discuss this document with Members of the Executive Council. I would like to know if that letter was replied to, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: I will get back to the Member on that. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The question is taken as notice. Oral questions. Mr. Ernerk.

Question O134-88(2): Funding For Inuit Children's Television Programming

MR. ERNERK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Education and it concerns the Inuit children's television programming called Takuginai. Mr. Speaker, this is the

only native language children's television programming that exists in all of Canada and the Inuit Broadcasting Corporation has been endeavouring to receive the much-needed additional funding from the Department of Education. Mr. Speaker, could the Minister of Education advise me if he is prepared to provide funding to the Inuit Broadcasting Corporation to continue the children's programming? It is my understanding that additional funding is now available from the federal government.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question O134-88(2): Funding For Inuit Children's Television Programming

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, the way that money was provided to this project in the past was in assisting with training -- providing support to this project through training moneys and when the training was finished, then our own capabilities were, you might say, depleted and the money that is set aside now for things like aboriginal languages is being fully utilized in the language centres and language projects across the country.

In previous years we had lapsed money because of difficulties in staffing and getting these projects under way. So the response to the people in IBC, the Inuit Broadcasting Corporation, since they started talking to me in the spring, was the same response that I have given everyone else that has asked for money: there is not any money available. Right now it does look like the money for the aboriginal languages is going to be fully utilized and that it is not possible for me to reallocate money anywhere else in the Education budget for this. There were other projects that had to be looked at and given priority. This is what I have been suggesting to the people in IBC. I understand, as well, that the Executive is looking at some way to assist the people in IBC. I do not know if it will be possible but I know that we are looking at it again, as recently as last week.

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

MR. ERNERK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Perhaps, I could get a better response from the Minister of Culture and Communications, Titus Allooloo.

MR. SPEAKER: There was no question in that. You cannot repeat the same question twice. You are entitled to an answer but not necessarily to one you like. Oral questions. Mr. Pudluk.

Question O135-88(2): Tendering Of Highway Snow Removal, Arctic Bay

MR. PUDLUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Perhaps this question should be directed to the Government Leader. The highway between Nanisivik and Arctic Bay is funded by government. Also, snow removal is the government's responsibility. When is this service going to be terminated and turned over to the private sector? When is it going to be tendered? Would you respond to that, please?

MR. SPEAKER: To the Minister of Highways.

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I will take that under advisement and reply tomorrow.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Madam Minister. The question is taken as notice. Mr. Gargan.

Question O136-88(2): Cost Of WCB Announcement In Globe And Mail

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Highways, presumably, to ask a question with regard to the Workers' Compensation Board. There was a newspaper clipping, Mr. Speaker, in the September 29th Globe and Mail which announced the appointment of Mr. Bernard A. Dohm to the Workers' Compensation Board as the general manager, chief operation officer.

I would like to ask the Minister, how much did it cost to put this announcement in the Globe and Mail, not that people in Toronto care, but could you find out how much it cost to have this announcement put in it?

Also, I would like to ask the government whether or not any of the northern papers have also had the opportunity to make this announcement, and further, how much it cost to have this position advertised.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Gargan. The question was directed to the Minister responsible for the Workers' Compensation Board, Ms Cournoyea.

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I just took a look at the size of the advertisement and certainly the advertisements generally cost so much per square inch. Since I am not really able to give you the answer, I will provide that tomorrow as well as the request as to whether the advertisement was in the Northwest Territories papers.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Madam Minister. The question is taken as notice. Oral questions. Mr. Zoe.

Question O137-88(2): Plans For WCB Headquarters

MR. ZOE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question will also be directed to the Minister responsible for the Workers' Compensation Board. Last year I posed a question to the former Minister asking what would be the possibility of communities to bid on WCB headquarters. At that time the Minister indicated that the board would be considering that option. I would like to ask the Minister if the board has considered this to date and if they did, what was the result and what are the Workers' Compensation Board's future plans? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Madam Minister.

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: In anticipation of the question, I had the information drawn out and I will bring that in tomorrow.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Madam Minister. You will have your answer tomorrow, Mr. Zoe. Mr. Pollard.

Question O138-88(2): GNWT Representation At Conservation Strategy Meeting

MR. POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of Renewable Resources. There is a meeting going on in Yellowknife today discussing the Canadian arctic marine conservation strategy, a discussion paper put together in December, 1987. I wonder if the GNWT is represented at that meeting, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

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

Return To Question O138-88(2): GNWT Representation At Conservation Strategy Meeting

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question O139-88(2): Community Representation At Conservation Strategy Meeting

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you. Supplementary to the question asked by Mr. Pollard. Are there representatives from the communities involved in this particular meeting and what role are they playing in the discussion?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Mr. Speaker, I would have to get back to the Member on his question tomorrow. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Supplementary question taken as notice. Oral questions. Mr. Lewis.

Question O140-88(2): Revision Of Dental Profession And Medical Profession Acts

MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was glad to get the information from the Minister responsible for Health. But the purpose of my question, Mr. Speaker, in answering this one also but asking this question too, was to find out whether the Minister knew her responsibilities and that applied to all the questions. So my question to the Minister of Health today is, the two acts that she has quoted, that is the acts governing the dental profession and physicians, are any of these acts currently being revised? Are there major revisions taking place? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Lewis. Ms Cournoyea.

Return To Question O140-88(2): Revision Of Dental Profession And Medical Profession Acts

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, the physicians act is not under revision. It is proposed that the Dental Profession Act be brought forward by next fall and it is on the schedule to be dealt with because it is a very old act.

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

MR. LEWIS: This is a new question, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Okay, Mr. Lewis. Proceed.

Question O141-88(2): Roberts Report

MR. LEWIS: Mr. Speaker, this question is to the Minister responsible for Social Services. Has the Minister had a chance to review a report that is known as the Roberts report on the Advisory Council for the Status of Women and the Women's Secretariat?

MR. SPEAKER: Madam Minister.

Return To Question O141-88(2): Roberts Report

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will take that question as the Minister responsible for the Status of Women. Yes, I have had a chance to review the report known as the Roberts report. Thank you.

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

Supplementary To Question O141-88(2): Roberts Report

MR. LEWIS: Mr. Speaker, since the Minister has had a chance to review this report, would she now give the opportunity for the rest of us to review it as well, by tabling it in this House, please?

MR. SPEAKER: Madam Minister.

Further Return To Question O141-88(2): Roberts Report

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Speaker, unfortunately I will not be able to give the report for tabling for a number of reasons. I will just name a couple. One is that I have distributed the report to my colleagues on the Executive to ask for their comments. The second is in regard to recommendations. They have to be placed in priorities depending on whether or not legislation

changes have to be put in place, as well as the financial implications which may have to be absorbed. These issues are still to be considered and therefore it would be premature to submit the report for tabling in this House. Thank you.

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

Question O142-88(2): Carcinogenic Effect Of Certain Foods

MR. PUDLUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Health. We know that cigarette smoking causes cancer. I am wondering if something has been done or a survey has been done as to whether second-hand smoke that would be going onto our food that we eat would be cancerous too. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I really do not know, but I will try to find out if that issue has been dealt with or has been addressed.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The question is being taken as notice. Oral questions. Mr. Ernerk.

Question O143-88(2): Federal Funding Of Takuginai Program

MR. ERNERK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I hate to ask the same question of the Minister of Education regarding the Takuginai program but I understand the Government of Canada has provided some funding to this extremely important program for Inuit. I wonder if the Minister could indicate to me how much the Government of Canada has provided in terms of funding to this particular programming.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: I would have to take the question as notice. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The question is taken as notice. Oral questions. Mr. Kilabuk.

Question O144-88(2): Repairs To Clyde River Dock

MR. KILABUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question will be directed to the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs. I was asked to bring this question from Clyde River with regard to the dock. I understand that this is not the responsibility of the territorial government but rather it is a responsibility of the federal government. But I was wondering if the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs could look into the problem of repairs needed to the dock in Clyde River. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Kakfwi, on behalf of the Minister.

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: I will see that the Minister gets the question.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Kakfwi. The question will be forwarded to the Minister responsible as notice. Oral questions. Mr. Lewis.

Question O145-88(2): Speakers To Explain Free Trade

MR. LEWIS: Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Deputy Government Leader. Since Mr. Simon Reisman is not available to come to explain to us what free trade is all about, has the government considered bringing in other people who may be able to enlighten us on this subject?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Deputy Government Leader.

Return To Question O145-88(2): Speakers To Explain Free Trade

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: The staff in the Department of Economic Development and Tourism are looking at a number of people that they could ask to appear as witnesses or experts before the committee.

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

Question O146-88(2): Economic Development Planner For Clyde River And Broughton Island

MR. KILABUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question will be directed to the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism. During the previous session I was told by Nick Sibbeston that they would be getting an economic development planner, that they would be receiving assistance from Economic Development and Tourism. My question is, are they getting this assistance that they were promised? I would like to get an answer for this, please. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Kakfwi.

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Again, I will take the question as notice and have a response prepared.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The question is taken as notice. Oral questions. Mr. Gargan.

Question O147-88(2): Difference In Application Of Quota System

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Renewable Resources. I would like, first of all, to thank the Minister for providing me with the wildlife regulations. Mr. Speaker, in there there is a territorial-wide ordinance regarding the management of wildlife. However, with regard to the last section of this particular regulation, there is the section on the quota system. I would like to ask the Minister whether or not there is any difference in the way the quota system is applied in Fort Providence as it applies to other communities, especially in the Eastern Arctic.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question O147-88(2): Difference In Application Of Quota System

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Mr. Speaker, a quota system is applied in the Eastern Arctic for polar bears, that would be comparable to quotas for wood bison in the Western Arctic. We have a quota for polar bears set up for each community in the Eastern Arctic, whereas in this area we have a quota set on the wood bison herd. The application of the quota is similar in both areas. Thank you.

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

Supplementary To Question O147-88(2): Difference In Application Of Quota System

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Speaker, I do not see any similarity when in the Eastern Arctic the quota is given to each community, as the Minister implied, and that in the area of Fort Providence the quota is set on the herd rather than a quota being set for a community. There is a difference. I would like to ask the Minister whether or not it is his intention to review the whole quota system so that there is a fair way of implementing the quota system. Also, I would like to ask the Minister, when is this recommendation from the Denendeh conservation board going to be received? The Denendeh conservation board did meet in Lac la Martre, I believe, on September 14th, I think it was, and it is now a month and a half. Surely there must be a response by now.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Further Return To Question O147-88(2): Difference In Application Of Quota System

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have received the recommendation from the Denendeh conservation board. I am looking into their recommendation at this point. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Gargan, supplementary.

Supplementary To Question O147-88(2): Difference In Application Of Quota System

MR. GARGAN: I would like to ask the Minister if he would be providing the recommendation to the Members in this House.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Further Return To Question O147-88(2): Difference In Application Of Quota System

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: I will be making my decision on this matter very soon.

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

Question O148-88(2): Musk-Ox Hunting Area

MR. ANGOTTITAUURUQ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. During the budget session I asked the Minister of Renewable Resources on the matter of musk-ox hunting area, because a number of people, the hunters that go out, pass musk-ox on the very first day they leave the community, and there is an area assigned by the Minister's department. The community is wondering whether they could get that area closer in order to save gas, because to go to the assigned area takes about a day and a half, and they can get musk-ox in a closer area. My question is, will his department be reviewing this policy? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question O148-88(2): Musk-Ox Hunting Area

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am aware of the situation that the Member is referring to. There is a certain area that is set aside on the edge of the range of the herd to encourage the increase in the population of the musk-ox. At this time, we are not allowing hunters to harvest from that edge area in order to increase the herd to other parts that do not have a population of musk-ox. At this time the department is not prepared to allow hunting in this particular area until we have information that the harvest will not hurt the herd increase. Thank you.

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

Question O149-88(2): Hunting In Sanctuaries

MR. GARGAN: I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Renewable Resources. I would like to ask the Minister whether or not, under the present law, there is any kind of regulation regarding sanctuaries; whether or not hunting is allowed in sanctuaries. Further, I would like to ask the Minister whether or not, in particular in the Fort Providence area, holders of general hunting licences for outside the sanctuary would be allowed to shoot there.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Mr. Minister, I would have to get back to the Member on this question tomorrow. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. The question is taken as notice. Oral questions. Mr. Zoe, you are allowed to break in on the first calling of oral questions. Go ahead.

Question O150-88(2): Names Of Positions Vacant In Culture And Communications

MR. ZOE: I am a little deaf today, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Minister of Culture and Communications on my earlier question I asked. I asked for the number of vacant positions in headquarters. Could I also ask that he provide me with the positions; if it is a senior position, the name of the position. Thank you.

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

Return To Question O150-88(2): Names Of Positions Vacant In Culture And Communications

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Yes I can, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question O151-88(2): Request For Return To Question On Custom Adoption

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Justice. Mr. Speaker, I directed a question with regard to the difficulties that myself and other people are experiencing with regard to the whole issue of custom adoption. The Minister did say that he was going to get back to me and I have not received anything to date. I would like to ask the Minister if he is finding some difficulty in answering my question. What seems to be the problem with that answer?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question O151-88(2): Request For Return To Question On Custom Adoption

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Mr. Speaker, I asked the Member for examples of people that were having problems and the Member just said today, and I was not going to bring it up in the House, he was having a personal problem and that was the only example he actually had. I did not think it was appropriate to discuss the Member's individual case here in the House. I think it is something that is a private matter. It is being handled in the courts right now. Unless I have other examples, it is difficult for me to note a trend. My inquiries to the department have been responded to. Generally there is no major change in the way these particular cases are handled in the courts.

I really want to emphasize too, that there was an erroneous news report that somehow or other there was some tie between a study being done on custom adoption and a possible delay in the courts. There is absolutely no connection whatsoever. With the information that I have right now, we were not able to find any sort of a trend that it takes longer now than it did in the past. I said I will pursue, if Mr. Gargan wants me to, his individual problem and I will deal with that privately with Mr. Gargan. Thank you.

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

Supplementary To Question O151-88(2): Request For Return To Question On Custom Adoption

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just for the Members' information, I waited exactly nine months. The Minister did indicate that there were some legal implications with regard to custom adoption. Now, I do not know what the legal implications are but perhaps the Minister might be able to tell me what seems to be the difficulty within the legal system that is causing the problems with regard to custom adoption.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Further Return To Question O151-88(2): Request For Return To Question On Custom Adoption

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Again, I do not want to comment on an individual case because individual cases sometimes pose specific difficulties so I do not think it is appropriate for me to comment on the case that is in front of the courts right now involving a Member of the Legislative Assembly. What I said previously was that if we were to change the existing process it might cause us some difficulties. The reason that we are taking a more prudent approach, including this, as we look at all other applications of family law, is because we do not want to get ourselves in a situation where the cure is worse than the disease. So I was referring to that. If we made any sort of change to the status quo, that could lead us into difficulties and I want to be able to anticipate those difficulties before we do it. Back to Mr. Gargan's case again, I do not think it is appropriate to discuss the merits of an individual case that is before the courts and especially a case of one of our MLAs here in the Legislative Assembly. It is just not the appropriate forum.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Gargan, supplementary.

Supplementary To Question O151-88(2): Request For Return To Question On Custom Adoption

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to remind the Minister of Justice that was a general question I asked. I was not referring to myself. There is a general concern within the communities that what was a fairly good practice is now being put into the hands of the bureaucracy. The judicial system has caused some confusion with regard to the whole process that was working fine in the first place. This is the difficulty that is happening, so I was asking the Minister, in general, what seem to be the difficulties that cause delays in this whole process of custom adoption?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Further Return To Question O151-88(2): Request For Return To Question On Custom Adoption

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: I tried to state my understanding of this earlier. I had asked the Member for other examples. We are not able to find the examples that he has talked about to show that there has been a big change in the way these things are being processed. Unless I can get more examples, we are not able to identify difficulties right now.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Gargan, your final supplementary.

Supplementary To Question O151-88(2): Request For Return To Question On Custom Adoption

MR. GARGAN: It used to be a simple process. The Minister did indicate that there are some big changes. What seems to be the big change that is causing this difficulty now?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Further Return To Question O151-88(2): Request For Return To Question On Custom Adoption

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: I do not think I said that but I will try to explain as clearly as I can. I have not been able to identify any major changes but at a number of conferences, people have wanted to look at the whole area of custom adoption. There are some people that think that the system is far too uncontrolled right now. In fact, there is not enough protection for people who are being adopted. At a conference in Iqaluit, the concern of the elders there was just that, and there was a motion to that effect. Other people find, as Mr. Gargan has, that the system is too bureaucratic and causes a lot of difficulties on the other side. So what I am saying is that we do not want to change what we are doing now unless we are assured that we can make the system better.

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

Question O152-88(2): Support For Including Language Rights Within Constitution

MR. ERNERK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Government Leader. Even if he cannot answer it or deal with it maybe I can direct this to the Minister of Culture and Communications. The Minister and the Tungavik Federation of Nunavut are now negotiating with the Canadian government in regard to Inuit language rights being recognized within the development of the Constitution. Can the Minister tell us if he can initiate support from the territorial government because this issue is a very touchy issue? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: To the Minister for Culture and Communications.

Return To Question O152-88(2): Support For Including Language Rights Within Constitution

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Tungavik Federation of Nunavut has written me a letter requesting support that they want this language issue recognized within the Canadian Constitution. Our government in the Northwest Territories is saying that we will be assisting you and supporting you if we will be able to work together. Our plans have been sent to the TFN because we know that the federal government does not want to deal with the language matters within the Canadian Constitution. We have informed the Tungavik Federation of Nunavut negotiators that if we can work together, maybe the Canadian government will understand. Mr. Speaker, with regard to the letter that I have sent to the Tungavik Federation of Nunavut, I will table it in this House so that the Members can see the letter. Thank you.

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

Supplementary To Question O152-88(2): Support For Including Language Rights Within Constitution

MR. ERNERK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Can you initiate support for TFN and can you inform the Canadian government that you are supporting the TFN matter?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister, you may choose your own answer to the Member.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: (Translation) In regard to the letter that I have sent to the TFN, I said I can table it in this House so you will be able to see it. Thank you.

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

Question O153-88(2): Alcohol And Drug Counsellor Pay Levels

MR. ZOE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I am going to direct my question to the Minister responsible for Social Services in regard to drug and alcohol programming. It was brought to my attention that this particular program is not working as well as it should, in terms of funding for the various groups. I understand that the level of funding for specific counsellor positions is inadequate and I believe that the average amount for a drug and alcohol counsellor comes to about \$20,000. I would like to ask the Minister if this is the case and, if it is, how does this compare to southern jurisdictions? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Madam Minister.

Return To Question O153-88(2): Alcohol And Drug Counsellor Pay Levels

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Speaker, in regard to the alcohol and drug division, this particular division funds projects for alcohol and drug programs. Proposals are forwarded to the board of management that this government put in place last year. Proposals that are forwarded to the board are reviewed and recommended whether they should be approved or not approved.

In regard to the amounts that are paid as a result of the proposal for alcohol and drug workers, they do range somewhere on an average of \$20,000 to \$22,000. However, with the allocated budget that we have with regard to the delivery of the alcohol and drug program, which amounts to approximately four million dollars, it is difficult to be able to ensure that everybody gets fair and equitable funding across the NWT to deliver such an important project.

The proposals that are submitted to our department are submitted by either the band councils or hamlet councils or friendship centres, in some cases, and they are the ones that determine the amount of funding to be disbursed to the alcohol and drug workers. So, it is a request on their behalf that they are to fulfil. I have never taken the time, as of yet, to compare across jurisdictions the amount of funding that alcohol and drug workers get. It is something to be considered. But I wish to advise the Member that the amount payable to alcohol and drug workers is determined by either a hamlet, band or, in some cases as I indicated, friendship centres who submit the proposal. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Madam Minister. Is that a supplementary?

MR. ZOE: Supplementary, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I bring this particular issue to the attention of the Minister so that she can seriously consider it for this upcoming budget. As you know, these particular people deal with individuals. It is quite important that it is a profession within itself and they deal with individuals, their private lives. The amount of money that the government pays our employees is much higher than the department is giving to communities that deal in this particular situation. I strongly urge the Minister to do a review across the country to see what pay levels are being paid in other jurisdictions so that it can bring this particular level up to standards. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Zoe, that is improper use of question period. There was no question in your supplementary. Mr. Gargan.

Question O154-88(2): Alternative To STEP

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Government Leader or the Deputy Government Leader. Last year the short term employment program, STEP, was eliminated by this government. I would like to ask the Minister whether or not the government has any intention of coming up with an alternative to the short term employment program that was so important in a lot of the communities that have a high rate of unemployment. Also, perhaps to justify for child care centres in these communities.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Deputy Government Leader.

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: I will take the question as notice.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Lewis.

Question O155-88(2): Inaction In Youth Portfolio

MR. LEWIS: Mr. Speaker, last October when the portfolios were given out to Ministers, the Minister for Social Services was also given the responsibility for Youth. That file is still empty. Does this mean that the government has been inactive in this area?

MR. SPEAKER: Madam Minister.

Return To Question O155-88(2): Inaction In Youth Portfolio

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. No, I would not indicate that that particular portfolio has been inactive. In fact, I could say I borrowed money from Social Services to be allocated for youth initiatives. We have in the past year distributed across the NWT a total amount of approximately \$400,000 for youth initiatives to combat alcohol and drug related problems. I am currently trying to formulate a budget for cabinet consideration in the future to be able to look at other areas that our youth may want to venture in. However, this is a small step toward trying to deal with some of the problems youth face today. Thank you.

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

MR. ERNERK: Mr. Speaker, this question is to the Minister who knows how to answer a question...

--Laughter

He may not be here. Mr. Speaker, I wonder if the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs could tell me as to the policy regarding charging for water for various housing categories; those who are living in housing association houses in the Keewatin Region, those living in government houses and those who...

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Ernerk, that question should probably be a written question. An oral question should be something that would normally be expected of the Minister to have the information in his head. So would you place that question as a written question under Item 6, please? Mr. Nerysoo.

Question O156-88(2): Overall Strategy For Youth Initiatives

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A supplementary to the question asked by Mr. Lewis to the Minister responsible for Youth. Is the Minister considering an overall strategy, in conjunction with her response to initiatives with regard to youth?

MR. SPEAKER: Madam Minister.

Return To Question O156-88(2): Overall Strategy For Youth Initiatives

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Yes, I am.

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

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask a question of the Minister of Social Services with regard to custom adoption. I would like to ask the Minister, being a mother herself, and being aware of the whole issue of custom adoption, why she has allowed the Minister of Justice to review the whole issue of custom adoption when, in fact, it was a good practice.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Gargan, in view of the fact that the Minister of Social Services has not been given a mandate by anyone to allow the Minister of Justice to do anything, that is the Government Leader's prerogative, to direct his Ministers, I submit that the question is a bit improper; but if the Minister wishes to respond to it she may do so. Mr. Gargan.

---Laughter

Question O157-88(2): Review Of Custom Adoption

MR. GARGAN: I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Social Services. During the winter session there was some concern expressed by Members here, before I went through the

whole adoption thing, about the law foundation reviewing the whole issue of custom adoption. This concern was expressed by a number of Members here, and the Minister still went ahead and allowed it to happen. I would like to ask the Minister why she allowed it to happen.

MR. SPEAKER: Madam Minister.

Return To Question O157-88(2): Review Of Custom Adoption

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: I believe, if I recall correctly, in the winter session I indicated to the honourable Member that custom adoption is a process that generally in the North would come through as a requirement or a request to be fulfilled by the social worker in the community. I probably did not make it clear that only the administrative process is fulfilled by our department. In regard to it going through the justice system, I believe the reason for it being in conjunction with the Department of Justice is because of the process of it going to the court system, and the court system is the mandate of the Department of Justice. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Madam Minister. Oral questions. Item 6, written questions. Mr. Ernerk.

ITEM 6: WRITTEN QUESTIONS

Question W17-88(2): Policy On Water Charges

MR. ERNERK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Could the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs provide this House with a policy regarding water charges for the following housing categories: commercial, private and the economic rates?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Ernerk. Written questions.

Item 7, returns to written questions.

Item 8, replies to Opening Address.

Item 9, petitions.

Item 10, reports of standing and special committees. Item 11, tabling of documents. Ms Cournoyea.

ITEM 11: TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I wish to table Tabled Document 38-88(2), Acquisition Agreement Among Her Majesty The Queen in Right of Canada, Northern Canada Power Commission, the Government of the Northwest Territories, Northwest Territories Power Corporation, May 5, 1988.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Madam Minister. Tabling of documents. Item 12, notices of motion. Mr. Arlooktoo.

ITEM 12: NOTICES OF MOTION

Notice Of Motion 19-88(2): Renewable Resources Officer Assistants Program

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Friday, October 28, 1988, I will move the following motion: Now therefore, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Baffin Central, Mr. Kilabuk, that this Assembly requests the Minister of Renewable Resources to review the Renewable Resources officer assistant program and consider placing assistants in Lake Harbour and Cape Dorset. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Arlooktoo. Notices of motion. Item 13, notices of motion for first reading of bills.

Item 14, motions. Item 15, first reading of bills. Mr. Ballantyne.

ITEM 15: FIRST READING OF BILLS

First Reading Of Bill 20-88(2): Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 2, 1988-89

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Slave River, that Bill 20-88(2), Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 2, 1988-89, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 20-88(2) has had first reading. First reading of bills. Item 16, second reading of bills. Mr. Ballantyne.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Mr. Speaker, I am asking for unanimous consent to proceed to second reading of Bill 20-88(2), Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 2, 1988-89.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The Minister has requested unanimous consent to give second reading to Bill 20-88(2) today. Are there any nays? Proceed, Mr. Minister, there are no nays. You have unanimous consent.

ITEM 16: SECOND READING OF BILLS

Second Reading Of Bill 20-88(2): Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 2, 1988-89

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Amittuq, that Bill 20-88(2), Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 2, 1988-89, be read for the second time. The purpose of this bill, Mr. Speaker, is to make supplementary appropriations for the Government of the Northwest Territories for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1989.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. To the principle of the bill.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 20-88(2) has had second reading. Mr. Clerk, Bill 20-88(2) has had second reading and is ordered into committee of the whole for today. Second reading of bills. Item 17, consideration in committee of the whole of bills and other matters: Committee Report 1-88(2), Tabled Document 2-88(2), Tabled Document 15-88(2), Tabled Document 21-88(2), Tabled Document 16-88(2), Tabled Document 10-88(2), Tabled Document 28-88(2), Bill 26-88(2) and Bill 20-88(2), with Mr. Zoe in the chair.

ITEM 17: CONSIDERATION IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF BILLS AND OTHER MATTERS

PROCEEDINGS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO CONSIDER BILL 20-88(2), SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION ACT, NO. 2, 1988-89

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): I would like to call the committee to order. Government House Leader, what is your preference today?

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: With the concurrence of the House, we would like to proceed with supp No. 2.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Does the committee agree that we deal with Bill 20-88(2)? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Bill 20-88(2): Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 2, 1988-89

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mr. Minister, would you be bringing in witnesses at this time and making your opening remarks from the witness table?

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Certainly, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): For the record, Mr. Minister, would you kindly introduce your witness?

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have with me Lew Voytilla, who is the deputy secretary of the FMB.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mahsi cho. With that, Mr. Minister, can we hear your opening remarks?

Minister's Opening Remarks

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 2, for 1988-89, contains appropriation authority requests totalling \$16,227,500 for operations and maintenance expenditures and \$8,415,100 for capital. Of the total amount of \$24,642,600, approximately \$8.2 million will be recovered through revenue offsets and cost sharing. A further \$7.8 million is related to capital projects from last fiscal year that were not completed on schedule. This funding was lapsed at the end of last year. It was established as a supplementary reserve in the 1988-89 budget. Considering the funding offset, the net cost of supplementary appropriation is approximately \$8.7 million.

Mr. Chairman, some of the major items included in the supplementary appropriation requests are: 1) the establishment of a budget to provide for the continued operation of the domestic and commercial power subsidy program; 2) an increase to base funding to accommodate the growth in dental insurance premiums; 3) revised budget authority for capital projects that were scheduled for completion in 1987-88 but for a variety of reasons had their completion dates delayed to 1988-89; 4) funding for enhancement to health benefits for non-natives and Metis aged 60 and over; 5) the funding to increase the territorial income supplement for senior citizens from \$85 a month to \$100 a month; 6) funding to establish NWT literacy strategy program; and 7) the establishment of budgets for corporate service costs in service departments related to the growth of government as a result of the health transfer.

The financing for these proposed expenditure items will come from three major areas. The first area is the supplementary appropriation reserve. This is a standard budgeted reserve for unforeseen expenditures during the fiscal year. Second, there is the capital carry-over reserve

which, we established in anticipation that not all capital projects will be completed to the projected schedule. Third, which is a new concept, is the inflation reserve.

With the exception of salaries, no inflationary increases were included in the 1988-89 main estimates. An inflationary reserve was established based on anticipated requirements. The net reduction in the three established reserves is a result of the request in the supp of \$16.64 million. Of this amount, \$6.5 million will come from the supplementary appropriation reserve, \$7.8 million from the capital carry-over reserve and \$2.1 million from the inflation reserve. That leaves the government with the remaining balance of \$11.6 million for supplementary reserves.

Special Warrants

Mr. Chairman, this supplementary appropriation includes 27 special warrants. Several factors have contributed to this. First and foremost is the absence of a spring session of the Assembly, which meant there was no opportunity to bring supplementary requests forward until this session. As a result, all the capital project carry-overs from 1987-88 required special warrants to enable construction to be completed during the summer. This alone accounted for 13 of the special warrants issued. The second factor contributing to the number of special warrants was the recommendations of the standing committee on public accounts, who chastised the government for not using special warrants in situations where the committee felt they should have been used. Mr. Chairman, these two factors account for the number of special warrants being presented to this Assembly. I hope that they will be taken into account when Members review the supplementary appropriation request.

The first page in the supplementary appropriation document contains a summary of current projections for revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1989. I will highlight some of those, Mr. Chairman.

Projected Increase In Revenue

Most significantly, Members will note that revenue projections for 1988-89 have increased by \$80.35 million. There are several reasons for this increase. The main reason, obviously, was the base transfer of health programs with the federal government and the transfer of non-insured health services, a total of \$58.663 million.

I think a very positive thing that happened was the higher operating grant from the federal government to do increases in the formula escalator, caused by increases in provincial and local government expenditures. That is an extra \$14.65 million. There is an NWT power subsidy recovery from the power corporation of three million dollars. A revision in the federal government schedule for EDA cost sharing with increasing the size of the 1988-89 program which accounts for \$2.526 million. Other recoveries through cost sharing of revenue from new and enhanced programs, insurance recoveries, literacy strategies, etc.

On the expenditure side, expenditures are higher by approximately \$85.5 million. In the case of O and M expenditures, this is mainly due to the transfer of health programs with the federal government which is \$58.663 million. For capital, the prime reason for the 1988-89 increase is to re-establish the increased funding for projects that were not completed in 1987-88.

After adjusting for revised estimated appropriation authority lapse, the 1988-89 surplus position is expected to be improved by approximately \$15 million, which results in a new projected year-end surplus of over \$57 million.

Corporate Services Budget

As I noted earlier, Mr. Chairman, this document establishes a corporate services budget in service departments that is required due to the increased size of the government as a result of the health transfer. This funding was included as part of the transfer for the federal government to cover costs that the service departments would incur providing services under the current mandates,

as a result of growth in government following the transfer. There are some incidents when the health boards received benefits from these corporate services, such as collective bargaining and labour relations and staff housing.

The corporate services include services to the Department of Health, which now has an expanded administrative function, services to the Department of Social Services for new alcohol, drug and community mental health programs and provision of services which may be required for the service departments affected by the transfer.

All other funding associated with the transfer will remain with the Department of Health. The health boards will continue to receive the program funding through a contribution with the Department of Health.

Mr. Chairman, I would like to emphasize, and as we get into the details of this supp, the Minister responsible for Health will give you a lot more details on the specifics of the supplementary appropriations in the Department of Health but there has been no reduction in funding for health programs as a result of the transfer. In fact, there has been an increase, significant increase, to health program funding because of the transfer and as I said, Ms Cournoyea will furnish you with more details of the health transfer and the Health supp.

Mr. Chairman, I am sure, after reviewing this document, your committee will find that the Financial Management Board is submitting for your consideration, supplementary appropriation requests that reflect prudent financial planning and the exercise of responsible financial management.

I am particularly pleased to present a revised financial outlook for the 1988-89 fiscal year which, after taking into consideration the supplementary request, projects an improved year-end surplus position.

Mr. Chairman, I would be quite happy to proceed with detailed questions and as we go through it department by department, Members can direct the questions to me and, if I am unable to answer them, to the Minister who has the responsibility for the department. If it so happens that we get into very technical, detailed questions and the Minister feels more comfortable bringing his or her staff in, then at that point the Minister would ask your indulgence, Mr. Chairman, if they could bring officials in if they are needed. So, with that we are prepared to proceed, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Mr. Pollard, the chairman of the finance committee. Any comments?

Comments From Standing Committee On Finance

MR. POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, the standing committee on finance has reviewed this document quite extensively and we have had appearances by the Minister of Health and the Speaker and the Minister of Finance and their staff.

I would, first of all, like to compliment Mr. Ballantyne, Ms Cournoyea and their staff for getting back to us with all these questions and answers that we asked throughout the review, Mr. Chairman. I think they have done everything they can to satisfy us. Some of the answers, by the way, were not exactly what we were looking for, as you well know, but nevertheless the questions were answered.

The committee had some concern that there were 27 special warrants in this document and I think the committee also understands the situation, that the Minister of Finance finds himself between the public accounts committee and the standing committee on finance. I think that is something that we will have to pursue further, Mr. Chairman.

The committee would like this committee to know of any movement of moneys from Health to other service departments in this document, and it is our understanding from the Finance Minister

and the Minister of Health that that will not set a precedent for the future with regard to health boards. It is my understanding, and I would like it confirmed by the Ministers, that the health board issue is going to be discussed another day, that it is not dead and that nothing in this document sets a precedent in that regard. I would like that assurance when I am finished speaking, Mr. Chairman.

I think the most significant part is the fact that we have jumped from \$15.5 million dollars projected accumulated surplus, to \$57 million. That is quite a jump, Mr. Chairman, and yet we hear constantly from Members who are Members of the Executive, on that side, saying to people on this side and in that corner of the House, Mr. Gargan, "No, you cannot have it, we do not have enough money but we are carrying \$57 million surplus." So, I think our committee will be reviewing that item, Mr. Chairman, and maybe in the context that why are we carrying such a large surplus and yet programs and requests for funding or increased services are being turned down?

The Minister said that this was great financial planning and our committee will review that to see if it is a great financial planning.

NCPC Power Subsidy

The other thing is that I think the Minister of Finance mentioned that there was a sum of three million dollars in this supp and I think, if I am not mistaken, he included it in the revenue. Is that correct? I think the Minister is nodding his head. Three million dollars in revenue and that was to do with the NCPC -- the moneys that the government gives out to give assistance to people using the power -- for the power subsidy -- three million dollars. That three million dollars is sitting in revenue and I would say to the Minister that it is a receivable that you expect to get. It is a receivable that I am not altogether sure you are going to get if the power corporation does not pay any dividends. If the corporation pays dividends, you are going to get the money. If it does not, then I think you are going to have to get that money from somewhere. If I recall, Mr. Minister, in discussing that matter, you said that the price of power would go up in the NWT, and I think that is important to point out at the beginning of this review.

Mr. Chairman, the standing committee on finance is pleased to refer this document to the Members of the committee here for further evaluation. There will be questions, as it is a complicated document, Mr. Chairman. There will be questions coming up from time to time, so I would ask that the standing committee on finance be given a chance to speak to each individual item as you get to it. Thank you.

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

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: I will respond to a couple of the comments of the chairman. I am sure Ms Cournoyea would like to respond to one of the comments of the chairman. I would like to give my assurances, as Minister of Finance, that the sums of money we are dealing with today in the supps are very separate from discussions we have had in the past, and will have in the future, as to the transfer policy. I was very happy to see that the committee is willing to keep them separate. We will save that debate for a later day when we actually talk about sums of money that are being used in the direct delivery of health care in the Territories. I would like to give Members my assurance of that, that this in no way precludes that debate from taking place, if Members want it to in the future.

The other point is the three million dollar power subsidy. I want to make something very clear. The Member is correct in that if for some reason the power corporation is not able to pay dividends, then according to the power corporation legislation they will have to find the money, and one way to find the money is to raise the rates. I want to make it very clear that in our negotiations for taking over the power corporation, that the price of the power corporation, and its debt load, was adjusted fairly significantly to allow for this to take place. It was the original intention that the power corporation would bear this responsibility and that the negotiations for the takeover allowed the financial capability for that to happen. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. General comments. Ms Cournoyea.

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, there was a suggestion that both the Minister of Finance and I should give assurances that in going through the document and approving the document, in the matter of health services and health expenditures, that this would not set a precedent on further discussions and it is quite separate from the health board discussion. Yes, I am committed to that, and we can proceed with the knowledge it is a commitment I will make.

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

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Firstly, let me indicate that I have been, as Members and the chairperson probably know, pretty vocal about the issue of health and the manner in which the funding has been distributed. I can indicate to Members in this House that after a review of the particular documentation and the presentation by the Ministers, that I am satisfied with the way in which the money is now being distributed. The issue of significant concern to me happened to be the issue of the public boards retaining their jurisdiction and responsibility. The Minister has indicated, and the Minister of Finance has indicated, that they are prepared to deal with that particular issue at a different time.

Working Committee Might Be Useful In Consultation Process

If, Mr. Chairman, I could make the following suggestion to the Minister. Perhaps it might not be a bad idea to set up a working group, a working committee of representatives, of both existing and possibly new boards, and possibly the aboriginal organizations, to work in conjunction with the Minister to try to work out what may be some of the questions that have arisen since the transfer that has taken place. So that in terms of the discussion in future we might have a resolution to the issue before we come forward with the debate with regard to that particular item. I wanted, Mr. Chairman, to indicate that while I may be approving the direction of the Executive Council I have not in any way wavered with regard to what I consider to be some of the responsibilities of protecting the interests of the public boards. When the issue is dealt with I will be vigilant in ensuring that the boards retain their jurisdiction and responsibility. I think we may have different views and different solutions, and maybe that is the issue that seems to be most important in trying to resolve what might be the differences.

One other item I did want to generally speak about, and although the Chairman did not mention it -- I just had a discussion with him -- I wanted to say to Members here and to the general public that all Members of the standing committee have supported, and will be supporting, the initiatives to support the elderly in extending pharmacare and medical services to the seniors. Also, the standing committee is supportive of the initiative with regard to the supplementary financing that is being approved and supported by the Executive Council and brought forward in the supplementary appropriation. What will occur, though, is that I have a specific question with regard to the particular item, and at the appropriate time I will be raising that. It had to do with ensuring that this government make certain that, if any supplementary support is being given to our elders, it does not result in the reduction of financial assistance being offered by the federal government under the old age security program, and that there will not be any additional taxation assessed against our elderly and seniors. That particular item, I hope, will be dealt with when we come to the appropriate item. I just wanted to make those comments, so we can get on with the supplementary appropriation.

I did also have one other item, but when we get to the issue of the Northern Accord I want to make general comments on the Northern Accord itself, and I have a suggestion I would like to make to the Minister and to our government. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mahsi cho. Member for Hay River.

MR. POLLARD: Mr. Chairman, just a point of procedure. This covers a number of departments and even though it is the Finance Minister's bill, will Ministers be available to Members of the committee to answer from their chairs in regard to their departments?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mr. Minister, I believe they are, if I am correct.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: That is right. At the outset I said that they would be available.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Are there any further general comments? If not, before we get into the details of the supplementary appropriation, we will take 15 to 20 minutes coffee break and we will return to discuss the details.

---SHORT RECESS

I call the committee back to order. Does the committee agree that we go into details of the supplementary appropriation?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): If the committee is agreed, it is in the green binders, Bill 20-88(2). We will be dealing with the details of the bill. Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 2, 1988-89. It is the beige document that is attached to the bill. Any questions on page one?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Page two, agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Page three, summary? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Page four, agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Legislative Assembly, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Page five, Legislative Assembly, O and M, total department, \$400,000. Agreed? Mr. Ernerk.

MR. ERNERK: Mr. Chairman, what is the Legislative Assembly Retiring Allowances Act?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mr. Minister.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: That is the act that provides for pensions for MLAs.

MR. ERNERK: Somebody tells me that if you stick around long enough -- I would stick around long enough but I am not sure about the Yellowknife Members.

---Laughter

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Order. Legislative Assembly, total department, \$400,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Executive

Energy, Mines And Resources Secretariat, Total O And M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Executive, operations and maintenance, Energy, Mines and Resources Secretariat, special warrant, \$45,000, and not previously authorized, \$376,000. Mr. Nerysoo.

MR. NERYSOO: Mr. Chairman, in this particular item of \$376,000 there was money with regard to the issue of the Northern Accord. Despite the fact that I may be dealing with the whole issue of the Northern Accord, I would ask that the government could at least reconsider pooling the resources together to deal with the question of negotiations for the Northern Accord. If I am correct, for the total Northern Accord work that is to be done and the negotiations, there is \$610,000 that has been identified and I would recommend that they consider at least a team approach in ensuring and carrying out the negotiations. I must indicate that Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and even Alberta carried out their negotiations on the issue of their accords based on a group set aside and a team approach. The argument might be made that the governments were larger. That was the case in Alberta, but when Newfoundland first took over their responsibilities in the area of energy and were negotiating the offshore, they had no department of energy, mines and resources and had no group that was identified for that particular responsibility. They set up a team to negotiate that particular issue of the offshore and the question of revenue sharing. I think that their examples have been set and maybe the government could consider that approach possibly with one Minister being responsible for that particular item.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Any comments Madam Minister?

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, I realize there is funding identification in various departments. It is the intent that the structure of the negotiations will be set up in such a way that all people who are in the different departments would be guided by the committee and the negotiator.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Energy, Mines and Resources Secretariat, special warrant, \$45,000, not previously authorized, \$376,000. Mr. Ernerk.

MR. ERNERK: Mr. Chairman, I know that this is supplementary for 1988-89. I take it that funding includes \$150,000 for the participation of aboriginal groups in the negotiations, total \$300,000. I recognize that this will most likely be divided equally among the Metis and Dene associations, the Inuvialuit Development Corporation, the Tungavik Federation of Nunavut. I am wondering as to when both the Government of Canada and the Government of the NWT expect to conclude negotiations with regard to the Northern Accord.

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

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, we discussed that particular issue. Certainly we have identified money for the remainder of this fiscal year and also for next year. It would really all depend on what the position of the federal government is. We anticipate being involved in this exercise for two years. However, Mr. Chairman, that would be entirely dependent on what reaction and where we are and how far the federal government is willing to go. I would like to say very clearly that if at the outset we find that the package we are looking for is too far apart and probably not achievable, we would probably report back to the House.

Energy Mines And Resources Secretariat Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Energy, Mines and Resources Secretariat. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Ministers' Offices, Total O And M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Ministers' Offices, \$155,000. Mr. Pollard.

MR. POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Standing committee on finance received a six page document this morning, Mr. Chairman, outlining the mandate and work plan of the Ottawa office. We have not completed review of that work plan so we reserve further comment in the meantime. The other thing is that I would like to ask the Minister for the record, Mr. Chairman, of the \$120,000, has any of that money been spent? If it has been spent, how does the Minister justify spending money from a supplementary appropriation? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Okay, I will try to answer the Member's question. The Member is correct. Part of this money has been spent and it has been spent under the provision that the government has the legal authority to expend funds as long as they are within this department's control activity and they will have enough money to cover off those expenditures if the supp is not approved by the Assembly.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Member for Hay River.

MR. POLLARD: Mr. Chairman, then I would ask the Minister, is there a certain amount of discretionary funds in that particular activity or if there was money used and the supp was not approved, which program or programs would suffer, Mr. Chairman?

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

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: The only way we can handle that is that we would have to institute a fairly severe restraint program in the Ministers' Office activity. It can include cutting down Ministers' travel and it would not be just in the Ottawa office, it would have to be restraint in the whole activity level and cutbacks in the whole activity level.

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

MR. POLLARD: Just a comment on that, Mr. Chairman. When you see that kind of expenditure being made then you start to ask yourself, did the government have too much money at the beginning? So, it just begs the question, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Ministers' Offices, \$155,000. Mr. Lewis.

MR. LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, the \$120,000 here, they take bits of it from different departments. Is that just a convenient way of doing it, or is it because these departments have a particular role to play in that office? I can understand Public Works and Highways, we have no highway down there but if we want something fixed up we have to get our department to do it. Economic Development and Tourism, maybe there is something there. Education, I understand that this will have a role to look after our southern students. Ottawa is not a municipality in the Northwest Territories so I do not know why MACA would be involved. Maybe the Minister could explain, is it just simply convenience or because these groups have an interest in this particular project?

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

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Well, what we did is that we canvassed the departments to find out what departments actually utilized the Ottawa office. Our feeling was that we should try to spread out the cost of this Ottawa office on, at least, a partial user-pay system. These are the departments that responded -- they did use it for different reasons. The Department of Public Works and Highways, mainly because of the possible transfer of the highway system to us. That has been going on for a while so they spent a lot of time in Ottawa. The Department of Education, besides the formal education, because it has to deal with CEIC, which has all sorts of training money and I am saying that the department uses the Ottawa office a lot. You could talk to each one of the departments as to why they use it. I will talk for my department, the Department of Justice. We are down there all the time on constitutional matters. So, we have no problem whatsoever, with contributing. As the years progress, I think we will formalize this even more and it might be in future years that other departments use it more. This is the beginning of the attempt to get the departments who use the particular capacity that we have in Ottawa, to chip in from their departmental base.

Ministers' Offices, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Ministers' Offices, \$155,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Executive Council, Secretariat, Total O And M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Executive Council Secretariat, special warrants, \$187,000, and not previously authorized, \$48,000. Agreed? Mr. Lewis.

MR. LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, under the Executive Council Secretariat I still cannot figure out why we are paying for a project manager to close down Pine Point when it has gone, it has been closed down for a while now. Why do we need this \$33,000? Where is he?

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

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: The individual is working somewhere else in government right now -- he is hiding in a closet.

---Laughter

His job finished on September 30th. It is another situation that if, for instance, the Assembly refused a supp then the department would have to find it internally. The fact is, the money has been spent, he did his job, the money has been expended. It is a fait accompli.

Executive Council Secretariat, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Is that answer satisfactory? Executive Council Secretariat, \$187,000, special warrants, and not previously authorized \$48,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Regional Operations, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Regional operations, special warrant, \$18,000. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Just to ask the Minister, what is a field service officer? I have not seen this definition before. I am wondering, also, about severance pay.

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

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: There are different names for this position but it is the Executive liaison officer type of position and in different communities it provides different functions -- provides the link between the Executive and various departments. In some communities, for instance, he can issue licences. It is a very useful position in a lot of communities.

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

MR. GARGAN: Have you found any use for that position in Fort Providence and Yellowknife?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mr. Minister.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: I did not hear the question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mr. Gargan, would you repeat your question?

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, just to find out what severance pay means. Is that a bonus of a sort?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mr. Minister.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Under the collective agreement there is a provision for severance pay and what this payment does is just fulfil our obligations under the collective agreement.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Regional operations, special warrant, \$18,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Science Institute, Total O And M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Science Institute, not previously authorized, \$415,700. Mr. Pollard.

MR. POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. With regard to the portion of the \$415,700 which is \$33,300, the matching grant. The standing committee on finance had a concern of whether or not there was a cap on the grant. Say, if they raised a million then we have to match it with a million, and I will ask the Minister to confirm that the cap is in that agreement, \$150,000. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: I will confirm that.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Science Institute, \$415,700. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, I understand that with the transfer of responsibility related to the Science Institute from the Department of Renewable Resources to the Executive, there was a transfer from Renewable Resources to the Executive. According to this statement here too, there is an equivalent reduction to the appropriation of the Department of Renewable Resources. If you turn to page 27, there is a reduction of \$347,000. I am just wondering if that was what the statement meant, that \$373,000 is taken off from the Department of Renewable Resources. So

in fact, the number should be maybe \$373,000 for the Department of Renewable Resources. Am I correct?

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

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: In Renewable Resources, if you look, \$8000 was taken off the directorate and \$365,000 out of the Science Institute so that is a total of \$373,000. Is that what you said?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Yes, you are under \$8000. It is in the directorate for Renewable Resources so if you add those two together it will come out to \$373,000, Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Science Institute, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Science Institute, \$415,700. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Executive, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Total department, operations and maintenance, special warrants, \$250,000; not previously authorized, \$994,700. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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NWT Housing Corporation, Total O And M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Moving on to page nine. Northwest Territories Housing Corporation, operations and maintenance, reduction of \$688,000. Mr. Ernerk.

MR. ERNERK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am wondering if I could ask that question that I asked under the written questions this afternoon with regard to commercial, private and economic rates for water charges under this particular activity, or should I wait until we get to Municipal and Community Affairs?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mr. Minister, do you wish to comment now or later?

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Well, I have the figures that he is looking for, I hope. Private users and commercial users pay two cents a litre which is the same as Yellowknife. I am sorry, four cents for private commercial and two cents for private non-commercial.

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

MR. ERNERK: Thank you for that information, Mr. Chairman. I am not sure we are the only ones in a place like Rankin Inlet who pay a flat rate of \$30 a month plus whatever litres or gallons we use on top of \$30. In Rankin, and I am particularly talking of private home-owners who are feeling the effect of unfairness of this whole program by the Government of the Northwest Territories, because private home-owners are the ones in Rankin Inlet, and I am sure it is happening in some other regions of the NWT, where the government is charging \$30 flat rate plus, did I hear you say, four cents a litre for private home-owners in a place like Rankin.

Now the reason why I think this is very unfair, Mr. Chairman, is because there are different water charges being billed to people who are living in Housing Corporation houses and to the government. On one hand the government says they would like to introduce private home-ownership to the communities in the NWT. On the other hand, it is an incentive to try to get all the money you can get from the private home-owners in a place like Rankin.

I am wondering if we in Rankin Inlet are the only ones who are experiencing that kind of situation, or is there anyone else in this House who is feeling the same kind of effect of this program that I know is very unfair to home-owners in a place like Rankin Inlet?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mahsi cho. Any comments, Mr. Minister?

New Policy Regarding Water Rates

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: My understanding is that in Rankin it is an either/or situation. There is either a \$30 a month flat rate if you do not have a meter, or you pay the two cents if you do have a meter and there is a minimum monthly fee, if you have a meter, of \$10. So it is not \$30 plus a metered rate.

If I can try to put it in some perspective. The reason the government, a year and a half ago, instituted a new policy was, one, because as the Member has correctly said, there were different rates being charged all over the NWT and there was a direct subsidy going to municipalities and it was really a very unstructured system. An attempt to try to relate it to economic rates -- to give you some examples, when I said it was two cents per litre, it is two tenths of a cent a litre. So it is less than that. It is two tenths of a cent a litre. One fifth of a cent per litre. But the real cost, for instance in Rankin Inlet the piped is seven tenths of a cent as opposed to two tenths of a cent. There is a very heavy subsidy and you can compare Rankin Inlet with other communities in the Keewatin. For instance, Rankin Inlet has quite a high economic rate so there is a fairly significant subsidy. But I see what the Member is saying. As a government we tried to rationalize the system and put it on more of a user-pay system so that, for instance, the Housing Corporation and housing association units, which are 75 per cent cost shared by the federal government, would pay their share and we tried to take the burden of private home-owners.

System More Fair Than Previously

The system, we think, is a lot fairer than it was. All private home-owners and commercial establishments are fairly heavily subsidized right now. The problem that we are going to find if we do not go toward user-pay is that at some point in time, we are not going to have enough money to provide the services.

If Mr. Ernerk is suggesting, and I can understand his point, that our rates are too high, is this where we want to spend what money the government has, on even higher subsidies for water rates? Essentially right now, the rates for somebody in private accommodation are, I think, fairly reasonable.

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

MR. ERNERK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I did not understand the first part of the Minister's statement. I understand the second part of his statement. What I am simply trying to say, Mr. Chairman, is that the government is being unfair to tenants of various homes in Rankin Inlet. I will use some of his words. He says "it is placing" -- I will editorialize some of his statements. It is placing a heavy burden on private home-owners, as well as commercial users, industrial sections of Rankin Inlet. I talked to one Rankin Inlet company this morning, a private company, that paid last month \$240 for water in Rankin. That is for washroom and making coffee, that is about all. Nobody is having showers, nobody is taking baths in that office. I am aware, Mr. Chairman, that the contractors installed water meters this year, I believe it was around March of 1988. Meters were installed in various homes in Rankin Inlet. The amazing thing about it was that they installed them in private homes first, and to commercial users. What I am saying is, Mr. Chairman, we do

not mind paying for water, as long as everyone else is paying the same kind of money for the use of water. I am telling you, it is placing a heavy burden on private home-owners in Rankin. There are not that many of us in Rankin who own private homes. The government has to be fair to those people. All I am asking for is fairness.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Any additional comments, Mr. Minister?

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you. I apologize to the Member when I got into some of the figures. I will try to be a little more concise. The program is applied equitably right across the Territories. It is the same for everybody across the Territories. To give a better example, a rate charged to a private commercial user four tenths of a cent a litre, it is one tenth of the actual cost, on an average. So we are subsidizing both commercial and private users to a great extent. This program has been in place right across the NWT. It was an attempt to do exactly as the Member is saying, to have a program across the Territories that was equitable.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. NWT Housing Corporation, reduction \$688,000. Agreed? Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: I understand that as far as the power subsidy goes, the rate in the Western Arctic now, I believe, is three cents, and in the Eastern Arctic it is two cents. The Minister is saying then that as far as the water subsidy goes it applies the same, regardless of the area. Am I correct?

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

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: It is the same in all non-tax-based municipalities right across the Territories.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Okay. Perhaps the Minister could tell me what the programs are that are now in place within tax-based municipalities with regard to water delivery.

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

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: I am not sure what you are asking about. Tax-based municipalities set their own rates.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mr. Gargan.

Tax-Based Municipalities

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, the Minister did indicate that the charge was four tenths of a cent a litre in non-tax-based municipalities. I would like to ask the Minister what does he charge the tax-based municipalities?

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

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: It is up to the communities to set their own rate, but in Yellowknife I know they try to base their rate as close as possible to cost. So, the tax-based municipalities will set their rate.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. I also believe, Mr. Minister, that the tax-based communities also receive a particular subsidy too, do they not?

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: The subsidy provided to tax-based municipalities was much, much less than that provided to other communities, and that whole policy area is under review right now.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, because of the rate, as it is, Mr. Ernerk does pay quite a bit more than I do. I am a private home owner myself. Mr. Ernerk pays about \$30, and in Providence it is around \$15 to \$20, so there is a difference. I would like to also say that a heavy burden is being put on senior citizens that own their own homes. In my constituency, for example, there are senior citizens that do own their own homes, but they are concerned that they get a bill every month, and they are obligated to pay it. They have been asking me what they should do about it, and the only thing that could be said is that if you do not pay you do not get water, so they are forced into that type of a situation. That is a concern of mine, and, Mr. Chairman, if it is appropriate I would like to make a motion. Mr. Chairman, I move that the senior citizens of the Northwest Territories be exempt from utility bills on water.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mr. Gargan, your motion is out of order. You cannot direct the government to do a specific action. I rule it out of order. Mr. Gargan.

Motion That Executive Council Consider Exempting Seniors From Utility Bills On Water

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, I will read my motion again. I move, that the Executive Council consider that the senior citizens of the Northwest Territories be exempt from utility bills on water. It is written right here.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Your motion is in order. To the motion. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just to mention that I appreciate the government's incentive in supporting the senior citizens but also I would think that people that are seniors in the North should be given special consideration with regard to utilities. On that matter I just brought to the attention of the Assembly, the Executive should consider seriously exempting senior citizens that own their own homes from water bills. It is pretty well straightforward. It was a concern brought to my attention and I am bringing it to the attention of the Members here. I am sure other Members will support that.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): To the motion. Mr. Ernerk.

Motion To Amend Motion That Executive Council Consider Exempting Seniors From Utility Bills On Water

MR. ERNERK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I do not have a copy of the motion but I would like to make an amendment. May I proceed? Thank you. My amendment, Mr. Chairman, would be: Be it further resolved that the Government of the Northwest Territories assess the method of water-charges to private home-owners.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Can I get a copy of your amendment? Mr. Pollard.

MR. POLLARD: Can we get copies of the motion and the amendment please, Mr. Chairman?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Okay, I will take a few minutes recess until I get this motion and amendment typed and translated so that it can be circulated to all Members. With that, we will take a few minutes break.

---SHORT RECESS

Motion To Amend Motion That Executive Council Consider Exempting Seniors From Utility Bills On Water, Ruled Out Of Order

If I could call the committee back to order. Mr. Ernerk, your amendment is out of order. I have a motion on the floor. To the motion. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, perhaps you would like to explain why it is out of order.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): The amendment is totally different. We are dealing with your motion, Mr. Gargan, which is dealing with senior citizens to be exempt from the utility bill, and Mr. Ernerk is dealing with private home-owners. So it is two totally different groups of people that you are dealing with. But that does not stop Mr. Ernerk from introducing another motion in this respect. Thank you. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

Motion That Executive Council Consider Exempting Seniors From Utility Bills On Water, Carried

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): All those in favour? Opposed? Motion is carried.

---Carried

Mr. Ernerk.

MR. ERNERK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to move the following motion: I move that the Government of the NWT assess the method of water charges to private home-owners.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Your motion is still out of order. You cannot direct the government to do a specific thing. All you can do is recommend. Mr. Ernerk.

MR. ERNERK: It seems to be okay to me but what seems to be the problem? Let me try again, Mr. Chairman.

Motion That GNWT Consider Assessing Method Of Water Charges To Private Home-Owners, Carried

I move that the Government of the NWT consider assessing the method of water charges to private home owners.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you.

MR. ERNERK: You are welcome.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Your motion is in order. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): All those in favour? Opposed? Motion is carried.

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Northwest Territories Housing Corporation, Total O And M, Agreed

We are back on page nine. NWT Housing Corporation, reduction of \$688,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Northwest Territories Housing Corporation, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Page 10, NWT Housing Corporation, capital, reduction of \$651,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Financial Management Board Secretariat, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Page 11, Financial Management Board Secretariat, O and M, special warrant, \$101,000; not previously authorized, \$125,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Financial Management Board Secretariat, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Financial Management Board Secretariat, capital, special warrant, \$24,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Finance

Treasury, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Page 13, Department of Finance, O and M, treasury, not previously authorized, \$35,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Comptrollership, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Comptrollership, special warrant, \$3,000,000; dollars and not previously authorized, \$180,000. Agreed? Mr. Pollard.

MR. POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, perhaps the Minister could explain in some detail to the House, the \$3,000,000 in the special warrant pertaining to the continued operation of the domestic and commercial power subsidy programs under the GNWT authority, its origin and where it goes from here, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

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

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: All we are doing is carrying on the existing program that previously was provided by the federal government. In the takeover of the power corporation from the federal government, allowance was made in the purchase price to allow financial capability of this ongoing commitment. At this point in time we intend to continue the program and under the Northwest Territories Power Corporation Act the corporation will be required to pay for the program.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Comptrollership, \$3,000,000 special warrant; and not previously authorized, \$180,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Fiscal Policy, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Fiscal policy, \$100,000, not previously authorized. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Finance, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Total department, \$3,000,000, special warrants; and not previously authorized, \$315,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Culture And Communications

Publications And Production, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Page 14, Culture and Communications, operations and maintenance. Publications and production, not previously authorized, \$22,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Public Affairs, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Public affairs, not previously authorized, \$23,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Culture And Communications, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Total department, \$45,000, not previously authorized. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Personnel

Staffing And Classification, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Department of Personnel, operations and maintenance. Staffing and classification, not previously authorized, \$100,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mr. Nerysoo.

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. With regard to staffing classification, I would like to get some assurances from the Minister that when there is classification work to be done, and staffing work to be done that the regional health boards or the communities affected will be consulted in terms of those classification decisions.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mr. Minister or Madam Minister.

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, I can give the honourable Member that assurance.

Staff Relations, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Staff relations, \$1,304,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Regional Operations, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Regional operations, \$632,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Personnel, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Total department, \$2,036,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Personnel, Staff Relations, Total Capital

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Personnel, capital. Staff relations, special warrants, \$640,900; not previously authorized, \$273,000. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, just with regard to the \$440,900. I just wanted to ask the Minister what was this. Was that to buy a private home or what? I just want to find out what this whole \$440,900 is for.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mr. Minister.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: The employee house purchase program provides for the purchase of the houses from employees who transfer or leave government service, providing the house can be sold at a fair price on the open market.

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

MR. GARGAN: In other words, the government bought a house for \$440,900, am I correct?

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

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: There were a number of homes involved. The best example is back in the early eighties we embarked upon a program where we sold government housing to employees with the understanding that if in the future they left and they could not sell their house then we would buy it back. This is more than one unit we are talking about.

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

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, perhaps maybe the Minister could provide me with details of that particular section.

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

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Certainly. I provided that information to the standing committee this morning and either the chairman can make it available to the Member or I am prepared to make it available to the Member also.

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

MR. POLLARD: I would be glad to make it available to the Member, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Staff relations, special warrants, \$640,900. Mr. Pollard.

MR. POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It looks as if there have been purchases completed in Fort Smith of some \$571,000. Almost \$10,000 worth of which was administration costs. Again in Fort Smith, there is almost another \$100,000 in progress, with offers of another \$350,000 outstanding to owners. Then there is another \$33,000 of units registered in the plan but no offers made. Is my math correct? Are we talking almost \$900,000 in the town of Fort Smith of either purchases completed, purchases in process, offers outstanding or units registered in the plan but no offers made? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Your numbers seem right.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mr. Pollard.

MR. POLLARD: Mr. Chairman, can I ask the Minister if these purchases are a result of reorganization or if it is only a percentage. How much of this \$900,000 is a result of the reorganization of the Fort Smith Region? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: I have no idea whatsoever. Perhaps the Minister does but I do not know.

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

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Yes, Mr. Chairman, a lot of the purchasing of the units is as a result of reorganization and a lot is in regard to termination of employees. There is, basically, no market on the purchasing at the local level for individuals to buy these, so therefore the government purchases them back under the employee purchase program.

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

MR. POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The first thing is that if the Government of the Northwest Territories is purchasing back, even two thirds of those houses because of the shuffling around of jobs in the Fort Smith Region, then we are ending up with, let us say, \$600,000 worth of assets sitting in Fort Smith, doing nothing. The Minister says that there is no market, there is no real estate market there. Presumably they are having to be looked after and maintained -- possibly there is heat in them, I am not aware of that, Mr. Chairman, but the fact is that this was a reorganization that was going to do good things in that particular area. I know your comments to date have indicated that it has not worked administratively, Mr. Chairman, and I would say that

in a fiscal sense the government is sitting with almost a million dollars worth of assets in Fort Smith.

I would like to ask the Minister of Finance, who is responsible for the treasury, presumably the inventory is well worth it -- his shekels have been paid out to buy these properties, what is the government going to do with those properties? Do you intend to fill them? If there is no real estate market and you cannot sell them, how much is it costing us to maintain those buildings? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Options For Use Of Fort Smith Buildings

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: The government obviously is aware of the situation and on top of the situation, as always. What we are exploring right now is other options for those buildings. One option is to convert them to public housing. This is one thing that we are looking at because there is a demand for public housing. To build new public housing will be at least as expensive as to convert these to public housing. We are looking at the possibility of a residence for students at Thebacha College. We are also looking at the possibility of selling them but the Member is right, there is a weak market. That is probably not a viable option for all of them but there is the potential. Maybe we can sell one or two of them and recoup some of our money that way. We do not consider it a total loss. There is potential and, in fact, with a little creative management, I think we can maybe turn it to our advantage.

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

MR. POLLARD: Mr. Chairman, again I am making an assumption, but I think it would be fairly accurate, two thirds of those homes, or the dollars paid out for those homes, was the result of this government -- and I have said it before -- raping Fort Smith and taking jobs away from a community that could not afford to give up those positions. I am not at all convinced that the reorganization of the Fort Smith area has been to the benefit of the people who live down there. I would ask the Deputy Government Leader if there are any plans to move anything to Fort Smith to, number one, fill up those homes and, number two, put something back into the community that has already been taken out by this government. Not only that, consider the number of jobs coming into Yellowknife, and I apologize to -- there is only one Yellowknife Member here at the present time, and I apologize, Mr. Ballantyne -- and the cost of housing here that those people are having to experience as positions come into Yellowknife, and yet the government is sitting with these fairly modestly priced homes, albeit they add up to almost one million dollars. Is the government giving some consideration to replacing some of those jobs in Fort Smith? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Deputy Government Leader.

Government Attempts To Offset Negative Effect Of Change

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Chairman, the government is quite conscious of the negative effect of moving and reorganizing and I guess it was initiated by the last Executive, and the last government, the previous Legislative Assembly. As a new government, we look at it and try to do whatever we can that would offset any negative effects of change. We have done what we could to cushion the impact of the disappearance of Pine Point and its economic base for the citizens there. The fact that Fort Smith had some positions and jobs moved out of there had a negative effect. The Government Leader has been there trying to let the people know that we are aware of it and if there is some way we can offset it, we will look at it, and the long-awaited answer is yes, if there is some way we can do it. We will continue to look all the time.

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

MR. POLLARD: I will not belabour the point, Mr. Chairman. The Minister of Finance is saying on one side here that public housing is being looked at, the Deputy Government Leader is indicating that possibly the Executive or the government is looking at doing something else. My contention would be, any way you cut it there is almost one million dollars on the ground that I am concerned about. It is going to cost money to look after, it could be one million dollars that could be in our bank account. Again, I point out that with that one million dollars this Executive could do some of the things that Members on this side, and that corner down there, Mr. Chairman, would like to see done. I would caution the Minister of Finance when he says he is looking at turning it over to public housing because if the Executive were to do something for Fort Smith and cause people to move back in there, then you would not have this housing available because it would be in public housing. No offence to the Member for Slave River, Mr. Chairman. I am sure they need public housing down there as much as they need it everywhere in the NWT. I am asking if some cohesion could take place when this thing is looked at. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Personnel, Staff Relations, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Staff relations. \$640,900 for special warrants; not previously authorized, \$273,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Justice

Directorate, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Page 18, Department of Justice, operations and maintenance, directorate, not previously authorized, \$77,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Legal Aid, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Legal aid, \$35,000, not previously authorized. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Lawyer Support Services, Total O And M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Lawyer support services, \$184,000, not previously authorized. Mr. Ernerk.

MR. ERNERK: Mr. Chairman, just by way of clarification on this. Under lawyer support services, where it says "provision of legal services to the Department of Health and the regional health boards, \$63,000". I am wondering, Mr. Chairman, if this means that there is a position made available to regional health boards, such as the Keewatin, or do these organizations require the services of lawyers? Is that what that means?

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

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: I will try to explain, Mr. Chairman. This basically is part of what the supps have come in with. This is extra legal services needed by the Department of Justice to service the increased Department of Health, and the only thing that we are talking about here

is -- very indirectly we are talking about health boards. For instance, it could be that part of the lawyer's responsibility would be to look at overall regulations in the area of health boards, but we are not talking here about direct services to health boards. We are talking about services to the Department of Health because they have 500 more employees. And because they have 500 more employees, there is more of a need for lawyer support. Again, we do not want to confuse the delivery of programs by a board, what we are doing here is just providing added administrative support to the department itself, because the department now has so many more employees.

Lawyer Support Services, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Lawyer support services, \$184,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Court Services, Total O And M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Court services, \$210,000. Mr. Pudluk.

MR. PUDLUK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I wonder if the Minister could explain about the 12-person juries under court services there, \$113,000. Are we talking about the 24 jurors in that courthouse? Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Mr. Pudluk, we are dealing with operations and maintenance, just the O and M for court services. The other page is capital for court services. There are two different items. Mr. Minister, would you like to comment on Mr. Pudluk's concern?

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: There are two areas of finances we are asking for. What we are doing is adding an extra office because we have the third Supreme Court Justice now, Mr. Richard, and I think it was last year, we expanded the size of the courtroom to accommodate a 12-person jury. We did not expand the size of the jury room itself where the jury has to deliberate. That jury room is too small so we are increasing it for 12. But some of the items are under O and M, like furniture, that sort of thing comes under O and M, and the actual capital renovations come under capital.

Court Services, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Court services, \$210,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Safety, Total O And M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Safety, special warrant, \$150,000; not previously authorized, \$23,000. Mr. Pudluk.

MR. PUDLUK: Thank you again, Mr. Chairman. Just an explanation. That new inspector or mining engineer, I am very happy about. My question is, is he going to travel to mining activities regularly or only when he has to go? Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mr. Minister.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Partly as a result of that meeting that I attended with Mr. Pudluk, in his constituency at Nanisivik Mine, it became really evident to us and I said it in my statement today, that a major area where we can improve, is in education and training awareness in all the

workplaces across the Territories, but specifically in mining. As a result of the preliminary work that our department did, I went to the Executive Council and FMB and asked for \$150,000 to begin work in this area. Basically what came out of those preliminary observations and preliminary work that we did was that the whole area of training and education is an area that we feel should be more developed. We tried to find some people to work with the mines for instance, to coordinate some training and education programs. On both on the industrial safety side and on the mining side we are going to be setting up programs between now and March, working with industry and with unions and with workers to see if we can put together better training and education packages.

These people will be spending a lot of time out at the mines. In the budget session I am hopefully going to be able to get some more resources to be able to have more inspections. So in the whole area of mine inspections, from the physical inspections themselves to better training and education programs, we hope to improve in the next three or four months.

Safety, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Merci beaucoup. Safety, special warrant, \$150,000; and not previously authorized, \$23,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Justice, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Total department for operations and maintenance. Special warrant, \$150,000; not previously authorized, \$529,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Justice, Court Services, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Justice, capital, court services, \$113,000 not previously authorized. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Government Services

Office Services And Communications, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Page 21, Government Services, operations and maintenance, office services and communications, not previously authorized, \$86,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Telecommunications, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Telecommunications, not previously authorized, \$188,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Government Services, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Total department, \$274,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Government Services, Petroleum Products, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Government Services, capital, petroleum products, special warrant, \$638,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Public Works And Highways

Project Management, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Page 23, Public Works and Highways, operations and maintenance, project management, not previously authorized, \$63,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Accommodation Services, Total O And M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Accommodation services, \$1,443,800. Mr. Nerysoo.

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If I could ask the Minister to provide, not necessarily at this particular time but during the session, an update of the accommodations that are available to medical professionals, whether or not there is presently a requirement or a lack of accommodation services. If the Minister can indicate whether or not there is a method in which that is going to be resolved.

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

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Yes, Mr. Chairman, we are presently working on that issue. The Member had raised and asked for the information previously. I will commit us to providing that as soon as possible.

Accommodation Services, Total O And M Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Accommodation services, \$1,443,800. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Buildings And Works, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Buildings and works, \$392,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Vehicles And Equipment, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Vehicles and equipment, \$5000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Utilities, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Utilities, \$456,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Operations, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Operations, \$40,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Public Works And Highways, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Total department, \$2,399,800. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Public Works And Highways

Transportation, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Public Works and Highways, capital, transportation, special warrant, \$984,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Accommodation Services, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Accommodation services, special warrant, \$78,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Public Works And Highways, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Total department, special warrant, \$1,062,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Renewable Resources

Directorate, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Page 26, Renewable Resources, operations and maintenance, directorate, reduction of \$8000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Wildlife Management, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Wildlife management, special warrant, \$100,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Policy And Planning, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Policy and planning, special warrant, \$75,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Science Institute, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Science Institute, reduction of \$365,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Fire Operations, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Fire operations, \$26,000 not previously authorized. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Renewable Resources, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Total department, special warrant, \$175,000, and not previously authorized reduction of \$347,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Renewable Resources

Conservation Education And Resource Development, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Page 28, Renewable Resources, capital, conservation education and resource development, special warrant, \$10,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Fire Operations, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Fire operations, special warrant, \$172,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Renewable Resources, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Total department, special warrants, \$182,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Municipal And Community Affairs

Directorate, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Municipal and Community Affairs, operations and maintenance, directorate, reduction of \$10,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Community Works And Capital Planning, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Community works and capital planning, \$1,171,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Municipal Affairs, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Municipal affairs, \$77,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Municipal And Community Affairs, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Total department, \$1,238,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Municipal And Community Affairs

Community Works And Capital Planning, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Municipal and Community Affairs, capital, community works and capital planning, special warrants, \$680,200. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Community Planning, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Community planning, special warrant, \$140,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Sport And Recreation, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Sport and recreation, special warrants, \$287,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Municipal And Community Affairs, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Total department, special warrants, \$1,107,200. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Health

Territorial Hospital Insurance Services, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Page 33, Department of Health, operations and maintenance, Territorial Hospital Insurance Services, not previously authorized, a reduction of \$2,306,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Supplementary Health Programs, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Supplementary health programs, a reduction of \$629,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Health, Total O And M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Total department, reduction of \$2,935,000. Mr. Nerysoo.

MR. NERYSOO: Mr. Chairman, I had wanted to ask one particular general question and I think that the Minister gave a reasonably good answer during our discussion in the standing committee on finance. If the Minister could indicate whether or not there is presently a review taking place which would consider possible adjustments to pay equity with those nurses and medical professionals that had originally worked for the territorial government prior to the health transfer taking place.

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

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, the issue is equity to nurses. We made one adjustment just recently which is reflected in the situation where we changed the grid. So we made that one adjustment and certainly in dealing over the next while with adjustments and with evaluation of this takeover, the government will be looking at the salaries and the payment to the nurses who have come over from the federal system. I feel this is a continuing review. The negotiations with the UNW, as well, will accommodate that in part.

Health, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Total department, reduction of \$2,935,000 Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Health, Territorial Hospital Insurance Services, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Department of Health, capital, Territorial Hospital Insurance Services, special warrant, \$3,017,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Health, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Total department, capital, \$3,017,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Social Services, Community And Family Support Services, Total O And M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Page 36, Department of Social Services, operations and maintenance, community and family support services, not previously authorized, \$1,109,000. Mr. Nerysoo.

MR. NERYSOO: Mr. Chairman, earlier I indicated that I would raise a specific question here. I do not necessarily require the answer at this particular time, but again I would ask the government to review the situation in which we are approving additional support to our senior citizens. I would ask that the government review whether or not there might be an effect on the senior

citizens' supplementary program, the old age security program, and whether or not there might be any decreases in that or whether or not any increases may result in additional taxation, taxes being assessed accordingly. I do not think it is our intention to have our senior citizens faced with that additional burden in providing the additional assistance to them.

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

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Obviously our intention was not to reduce that. I do not have the answer right here but I will find out and get that information back to the Member.

Social Services, Community And Family Support Services, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Community and family support services, \$1,109,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Social Services

Family And Children's Services, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Department of Social Services, capital, family and children's services, special warrant, \$492,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Corrections Services, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Correction services, special warrant, \$100,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Community And Family Support Services, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Community and family support services, special warrant, \$372,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Social Services, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Total department, special warrants, \$964,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Economic Development And Tourism

Economic Development Agreement, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Department of Economic Development and Tourism, operations and maintenance, economic development agreement, not previously authorized, \$4,008,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Business Development, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Business development, \$215,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Economic Development And Tourism, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Total department, \$4,223,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Education

Advanced Education, Total O And M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Page 39, Department of Education, operations and maintenance, activity, advanced education, special warrant, \$651,000; and not previously authorized, \$55,000. Mr. Ernerk.

MR. ERNERK: Mr. Chairman, I am looking at this advanced education. Under the first paragraph where it says, "Approval was given on May 13, 1988 to establish a life skills training program under which funding will be provided to hire labourers/trainees to work on home-ownership assistance program, HAP, units." I notice that these are training opportunities, these are training programs for the people at the community level and I do support training very much because I think it helps people to be able to do something in the end. What I am wondering about is, if after a training program of this nature, these people could go on to some other work, which I think is a good idea, which is something that I support. So my question, Mr. Chairman, to the Minister is, is there a job for these people after this training program? Thank you.

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

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Chairman, the reason that the money shows up in Education is because we have been requested for years to provide some assistance to people that are building houses in terms of labour money, in terms of providing money so that they can get training on the job, organized or unorganized, and this has been done. The department had agreed to be the source or channel for providing that money. In short, it is the labour money that we provide to people that are building HAP units.

Advanced Education, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Advanced education, special warrants, \$651,000; not previously authorized, \$55,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

School Program Development, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. School program development, reduction of \$40,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Schools, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Schools, \$1,450,000, not previously authorized. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Arctic College, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Arctic College, \$717,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Education, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Total department, special warrants, \$651,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Not previously authorized, \$2,182,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Education, Schools, Total Capital

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Department of Education, capital. Schools, special warrant, \$1,045,000. Mr. Ernerk.

MR. ERNERK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am most appreciative and thankful for the amount of \$580,000 for the Keewatin Educational Centre in Rankin Inlet. I wonder if I could have a breakdown of what this \$580,000 is all about, Mr. Chairman.

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

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: That information was given to the standing committee on finance. However, I am prepared to make it available to the Member, or I am sure the chairman of the committee would make it available to the Member.

Education, Schools, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Is that a satisfactory answer, Mr. Ernerk? Schools, special warrant, \$1,045,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Education, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Total department, capital, \$1,045,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Does the committee agree that we go clause by clause on Bill 20-88(2), Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 2, 1988-89? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Clause 1, application. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Clause 2, supplementary appropriation for 1988-89. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Clause 3, purpose of expenditures. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Clause 4, lapse of appropriation. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Clause 5, accounting. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Clause 6, commencement. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Schedule. Vote 1, operations and maintenance. Total operations and maintenance, \$16,227,500. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Vote 2, capital. Total capital, \$8,415,100. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Total supplementary appropriation, \$24,642,600. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

--Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Bill as a whole. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

--Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Does the committee agree that Bill 20-88(2), Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 2, 1988-89, is now ready for third reading. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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

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

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. At this time the Chair would like to thank the witnesses for appearing before our committee. Mr. Nerysoo has requested that I report progress. All those in favour to report progress? Thank you. All those opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

I will now rise and report progress.

MR. SPEAKER: The House will come back to order. Mr. Zoe.

ITEM 18: REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF BILL 20-88(2), SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION ACT, NO. 2, 1988-89

MR. ZOE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Your committee has been considering Bill 20-88(2), and I wish to report that Bill 20-88(2) is now recommended for third reading.

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 to that motion? Mr. Ernerk, thank you. All those in favour of the motion? Thank you. All those opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Item 19, third reading of bills. Mr. Arlooktoo.

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to go back to Members' statements.

MR. SPEAKER: Item 3, Members' statements. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Mr. Arlooktoo, proceed.

REVERT TO ITEM 3: MEMBERS' STATEMENT

Member's Statement On Clarification Re Wildlife Officers, Cape Dorset And Lake Harbour

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I mentioned this yesterday. There is a mistake in Hansard transcripts. It is completely reversed. I tried to say that Lake Harbour and Cape Dorset should be given assistance. It is written like there is no wildlife officer in Lake Harbour or Cape Dorset. What I said is that even though there is a wildlife officer in Lake Harbour and Cape Dorset, what I was asking about is that assistance to these officers be provided. I wanted that clarified as it is completely opposite to what I said. I hope that clarifies that. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Arlooktoo, for that clarification of Hansard. We will return to Item 19, third reading of bills. Mr. Ballantyne.

ITEM 19: THIRD READING OF BILLS

Third Reading Of Bill 20-88(2): Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 2, 1988-89

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Inuvik, that Bill 20-88(2), Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 2, 1988-89, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

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

---Carried

Bill 20-88(2) has had third reading. Third reading of bills. Item 20, assent to bills. Mr. Clerk, will you ascertain if the Deputy Commissioner of the Northwest Territories is prepared to assent to bills?

ITEM 20: ASSENT TO BILLS

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER HANSON: (Translation) Please sit down. By the authority vested in me by the Northwest Territories Act, I hereby assent to the following bills: Bill 2-88(2), Bill 3-88(2),

Bill 4-88(2), Bill 5-88(2), Bill 6-88(2), Bill 8-88(2), Bill 11-88(2), Bill 12-88(2), Bill 13-88(2), Bill 14-88(2).

MR. SPEAKER: Orders of the day, Item 21. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Announcements, Mr. Speaker. There will be a meeting of the Management and Services Board in the committee room immediately after adjournment. Tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m. there will be a meeting of the ordinary Members committee. At 10:00 a.m. tomorrow there will be a meeting of the standing committee on legislation and at 11:30 a.m. a meeting of the Nunavut caucus.

ITEM 21: ORDERS OF THE DAY

Orders of the day for Thursday, October 27th.

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18. Report of Committee of the Whole
19. Third Reading of Bills
20. Assent to Bills
21. Orders of the Day

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. This House stands adjourned until Thursday, October 27th at 1:00 p.m.

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