

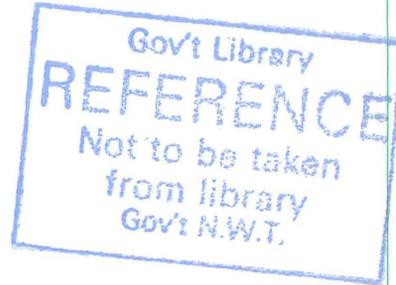


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YELLOWKNIFE, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 1989

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Hon. Titus Allooloo, Mr. Angottitauruq, Mr. Arlooktoo, Hon. Michael Ballantyne, Hon. Tom Butters, Mr. Crow, Mr. Gargan, Hon. Stephen Kakfwi, Mr. Lewis, Hon. Jeannie Marie-Jewell, Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Morin, Mr. Nerysoo, Hon. Dennis Patterson, Hon. Red Pedersen, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Pudluk, Mr. Whitford, Hon. Gordon Wray, Mr. Zoe

ITEM 1: PRAYER

---Prayer

SPEAKER (Hon. Red Pedersen): Orders of the day for Friday, March 3rd, 1989. Item 2, Ministers' statements. Mr. Ballantyne.

ITEM 2: MINISTERS' STATEMENTS

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Mr. Speaker, I would like to inform the House that the Minister of Health, the....

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Zoe, your point of order.

MR. ZOE: Mr. Speaker, I believe our Rules under Ministers' statements specifically refer to government policy and not announcements. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Item 2, Ministers' statements. Mr. Ballantyne, is there a statement contained in what you wish to do this morning and is it of an emergency nature? You have not filed this statement ahead of time.

Ministers' Statement On Absence Of Members From House

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Just to inform the House that Ms Cournoyea is in Rankin Inlet with Mr. Ernerk and will be returning on Monday. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Order. Item 2, Ministers' statements. Item 3, Members' statements. Mr. Arlooktoo.

ITEM 3: MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Member's Statement On Ukkivik Residence, Iqaluit

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was talking last week about Ukkivik Residence. In the Baffin Region, this topic has been raised several times. They say the

counsellors and supervisors at Ukkivik are saying they are doing a good job and in the Baffin Region they are saying that the Ukkivik Residence is in good condition. They told me that my words were out of order.

We would like to know who is responsible for Ukkivik. Is it the Department of Education or is it the employees of Ukkivik who are running the whole show over there? When I mention Ukkivik every day they have been saying that Ukkivik employees are doing a very good job and seem to be running the whole thing. I was wondering who was responsible for Ukkivik. As an MLA I felt that my words were correct.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Arlooktoo. Members' statements. Item 4, returns to oral questions. Mr. Patterson.

#### ITEM 4: RETURNS TO ORAL QUESTIONS

##### Return To Question 189-89(1): Nuclear Reactors As Source Of Power

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, I have a return to Question O189-89(1), asked by Mr. Gargan on February 23, 1989, concerning the Science Institute's review of the SLOWPOKE energy system. The Science Institute is waiting for information on the performance and costs of the proposed SLOWPOKE nuclear reactor. We have not heard anything recently from Atomic Energy Canada Limited.

A September, 1987 update from AECL indicated that the demonstration unit at Whiteshell, Manitoba, began to produce power on July 15, 1987 and operated for 166 hours. Operation at 200 kilowatts, 1500 kilowatts and then full power operation at 2000 kilowatts were scheduled for 1988. The Science Institute will not be taking any further action until additional information from AECL is available. Thank you.

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

##### Further Return To Question O204-89(1): Legal Aid Services In Iqaluit

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a return to an oral question asked by Mr. Crow on February 24, 1989. Maliiganik Tukisiiniakvik in Iqaluit regrets that the Member's calls were not returned, and they have no record of the two telephone inquiries made by Mr. Crow last year. The director, Mr. Neil Sharkey, placed a call to Mr. Crow to speak to him about this matter. If similar problems are encountered in the future, I would appreciate having them brought to my attention. Thank you.

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

##### Return To Question O269-89(1): Disposal Of Material In Beaufort Sea

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Mr. Speaker, I have a return to an oral question asked by Mr. Morin on March 2, 1989, concerning the disposal of material in the Beaufort Sea. Under the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, no material of this nature is allowed to be disposed of in the Beaufort Sea unless a permit is granted under the act.

The advertisement in question, by Gulf, is a notice of intent that they intend to apply for such a permit. The application was made to Environment Canada, who administer the act, and was reviewed by a committee which included a representative of the Government of the Northwest Territories. The committee expressed concern with the content of the 150 metric tons of blasting sand due to the possibility of the presence of heavy metals, for example lead and mercury. The committee also expressed concern with the 15.3 metric tons of hull coating material. The permit was not granted at this time and the applicant was directed to do a bioassay on the material to be disposed. The application will again be reviewed when the requested information has been provided. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Returns to oral questions. Item 5, oral questions. Mr. Angottitauruq.

ITEM 5: ORAL QUESTIONS

Question O291-89(1): Disposal Of Garbage At DEWline Sites

MR. ANGOTTITAUURUQ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question will be directed to the Minister of Renewable Resources, and I believe he is also the Minister responsible for the environment. In my constituency I believe I have three DEWline sites, and they are connected with the military. I have a great interest in these sites to see how they are disposing of their garbage, especially the hazardous materials they have. Last spring I went around the DEWline site; we were sealing around the DEWline site and looking for seal holes. Instead of finding seal holes, I found a number of dead foxes -- a whole lot of them -- around the garbage area. I said to myself, "These DEWline sites sure must really not be taking care of their garbage and their hazardous material." Their garbage system was close to the sea, and I thought to myself, "What about the seals and the fish, and what about the hazardous material that is killing all these foxes -- what if it goes on to the sea?" I would like to ask the Minister whether his department has a close relationship with the DEWline sites on how they dispose of their garbage.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question O291-89(1): Disposal Of Garbage At DEWline Sites

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Mr. Speaker, my department is aware of the foxes. This was brought to my department's attention. Last year there was a very large number of foxes around Gjoa Haven. This year there appear to be none, for unknown reasons. Some dead foxes were found but the animals were never brought to our department's attention for examination. It was suspected that the disease distemper caused the animals to die but there was no verification because the animals were never brought to the department for scientific research. I would encourage the Member to advise his constituents that if they are finding animals dead on the land that they bring them to Renewable Resources for verification.

As far as our work on the contaminants around the DEWline sites, I would have to get back to the Member as to what precisely we do in monitoring the contaminants. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. Morin.

Question O292-89(1): Dumping Of Sandblasting Material Into Beaufort Sea

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister responsible for the environment. Mr. Minister, in your reply today about the dumping of that sandblasting material into the Beaufort Sea, my question to you is, why has this government not taken a stand? Why should you even involve yourself in such a process? It is a waste of time and energy. You should just take a stand and say that is completely unacceptable to the people in the NWT. Will you do that? That is no way to handle our garbage, by dumping it into the ocean.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question O292-89(1): Dumping Of Sandblasting Material Into Beaufort Sea

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Mr. Speaker, our government, in representing the people of the NWT, is very concerned about dumpings of this sort. Right at this point our environmental protection is very weak in this area. That is the reason why I will be presenting amendments to the Environmental Protection Act that hopefully will come into force this fall after the Legislature sits again.

I would like to assure the Member that we are trying everything we can to protect the environment. Until such legislation has come into force we can only rely on the Canadian Environmental Protection Act which the federal government administers. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Morin, supplementary.

Supplementary To Question O292-89(1): Dumping Of Sandblasting Material Into Beaufort Sea

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Supplementary. Mr. Minister, will you make a public statement saying that is an unacceptable way of handling the garbage, by dumping it into the ocean?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Further Return To Question O292-89(1): Dumping Of Sandblasting Material Into Beaufort Sea

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Mr. Speaker, legally as the Government of the NWT we cannot make such a statement until it is proven that there are possible damaging materials to the environment. We have no legislation backing us to say such a thing until it is proven by Environment Canada or through their own act that the material is dangerous to the environment. But I can assure the Member that our government is working through a committee which looks at or reviews the material that the proponent is proposing to dump into the ocean. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Further supplementary, Mr. Morin.

Supplementary To Question O292-89(1): Dumping Of Sandblasting Material Into Beaufort Sea

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Supplementary. Mr. Minister, do you accept that as a reasonable way to get rid of our garbage, by dumping it into the ocean?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Further Return To Question O292-89(1): Dumping Of Sandblasting Material Into Beaufort Sea

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Mr. Speaker, no.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The Chair would like to recognize at this time the grade eight French immersion class from the William McDonald Junior High School with their teacher, John Stewart. Welcome.

---Applause

Mr. Angottitauruq. Oral questions.

Question O293-89(1): Handling Of Samples For Lab Testing

MR. ANGOTTITAUURUQ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is related to the first question I asked in regard to the dead foxes. Mr. Speaker, we try to protect the environment, and this time I will direct the question to the same Minister, the Minister of Renewable Resources and responsible for the environment.

I would like to protect the people that would have to bring samples of dead animals, or animals that are in an unnatural way. When they are bringing samples, when they take off for a hunt or to go to the tundra, they are not prepared to collect samples. When you find a dead animal there could be all kinds of diseases, and they do not know how it died. There could also be some contamination from that animal. When a hunter or a person has to handle it, they have to be very cautious about it. They are not prepared to have little plastic bags or containers to protect themselves. How can they protect themselves? Would he be able to go to the communities and

tell the communities? Because a lot of communities have renewable resources officers, and they have hunters and trappers. With respect to the safest way for a person to handle these samples, would he go to the communities and tell them how to handle these samples of animals to bring to the lab?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. Minister.

Return To Question O293-89(1): Handling Of Samples For Lab Testing

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Mr. Speaker, I would urge the Member to tell his people, or any other communities in the NWT, if the hunters do not have the necessary equipment to take the samples back to the community, they should notify a renewable resources officer in their community that there is a possible problem. Thank you.

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

Question O294-89(1): Responsibility For Operation of Ukkivik Residence

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Education. Who is responsible for the Ukkivik Residence? I am concerned about the day-to-day operations of the Ukkivik Residence. Is the Baffin Divisional Board of Education responsible, or is the Department of Education responsible for the operation of the Ukkivik Residence? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question O294-89(1): Responsibility For Operation Of Ukkivik Residence

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, the Ukkivik Residence is managed and operated by the Baffin Divisional Board of Education.

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

Supplementary To Question O294-89(1): Responsibility For Operation Of Ukkivik Residence

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do not believe that the Ukkivik Residence staff have any rules to follow. I believe that the Ukkivik director is responsible for maintenance of the Ukkivik Residence, and they do have a board of directors that meet every six months. I believe that the director is the one responsible for the decision-making process, not the board of directors. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Arlooktoo, I am not sure in the translation if I caught the question. Perhaps the Minister did. Mr. Kakfwi.

Further Return To Question O294-89(1): Responsibility For Operation Of Ukkivik Residence

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, the Member seems to be asking if his perception is correct that the divisional board is, in fact, not responsible or in control of the residence, but rather there is some individual that was hired by the board that is running the whole show by himself. I would say that is not the case at all. I think the Baffin Divisional Board is managing and operating the residence but there are staff that report to the board.

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

Supplementary To Question O294-89(1): Responsibility For Operation Of Ukkivik Residence

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Perhaps I should ask the question to the Government Leader. This may be more convenient because he knows the Iqaluit situation. Who is responsible for the Ukkivik Residence? I know that the Baffin Divisional Board is not responsible for the residence but they can make recommendations. I know this for a fact. But the Ukkivik Residence administrator writes recommendations to the board. Is the Ukkivik administrator responsible or is the Baffin Divisional Board entirely responsible for all decision-making in regard to the Ukkivik Residence? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Arlooktoo, our Rules do state that the question must be asked to the Minister directly responsible. It is quite specific so we will take this as a new question and, Mr. Minister, to you.

Further Return To Question O294-89(1): Responsibility For Operation Of Ukkivik Residence

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, I am sorry. I do not know what the problem is here. Does the Member think that there is a staff person that was hired by the Baffin Divisional Board that is exercising too much authority or that the board is not in control of that residence? If he is making that allegation then I think it is a serious allegation and should be said as such.

MR. SPEAKER: Point of order, Mr. Nerysoo.

Point Of Order

MR. NERYSOO: Point of order, Mr. Speaker. I did not hear Mr. Arlooktoo make any allegations to anyone. He asked a question about who was responsible for managing and running the Ukkivik Residence.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Nerysoo, that is correct. Mr. Arlooktoo, you had a supplementary.

Supplementary To Question O294-89(1): Responsibility For Operation Of Ukkivik Residence

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, a supplementary. I am just inquiring. I made a statement before in previous days and the Baffin Divisional Board of Education did not like my statement. I was trying to inquire as to who is responsible or who operates the Ukkivik Residence. I know that the Baffin Divisional Board of Education does not make the day-to-day plans or operations. I am not too sure whether they are happy with me or not, so that is the reason why I am asking the question as a Member of the Legislative Assembly. My constituents may not like the decisions that I make in the House, and the chairman of the Baffin Divisional Board of Education is not too happy with me. I would like to know who is responsible for Ukkivik Residence. I think they should have tried to resolve their problems; that is the reason why I am asking who is responsible for the residence.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. With that clarification, do you have a response, Mr. Minister?

Further Return To Question O294-89(1): Responsibility For Operation Of Ukkivik Residence

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, if the Member has concern about the way that the residence is run then I would say firstly that we are aware he has some concerns but we do not know the specifics of it. If he wants to be specific then I would be interested to hear it but I would suggest that it can be addressed by meeting with myself and officials so that we can clarify the concerns and have them forwarded to the Baffin Divisional Board. The board can clarify what the situation is there.

In the case of an operation like this I think the Member may be alluding to the fact that there is staff that are specifically hired to run the residence under policies and guidelines set out by the divisional board. If the Member has some difficulties with this, then we should address them, either in here or in a separate meeting where we would try to resolve that.

Again, there is staff that run the day-to-day operations. It is not the board that is actively running the residence on a day-to-day basis. If that is what the Member is asking, then he is right; the board is not in the residence running it. There are staff that are hired and the staff have terms of reference. They have contract obligations, I believe, to carry out their work under certain policies and guidelines. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. Lewis.

Question O295-89(1): Designation Of Services To Be Available In French

MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There are young people here again today who are in a French immersion program, as I understand it, so my question is to the Minister of Culture and Communications. Without getting into a lot of detail, could the Minister indicate to us what kind of services will the public be able to get from government in French, when French becomes an official language of the NWT? For example, can I go into my bank across the road here and do all my banking services in French if I want to? Could you give us a general outline of what you propose for making French an official language of the NWT, and what services people can get?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Allooloo.

Return To Question O295-89(1): Designation Of Services To Be Available In French

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We are hoping that by the end of 1990 our services within the government will be available in French to the French community. Last week there was a workshop looking at the implementation of French in our government, recommending to me what sort of services will be necessary. We are still working on the services that will be available within our government and to the public. I cannot say for sure at this point what services within our government will be provided because we are doing an assessment. At the current time, we are translating the acts and policies of our government into French so that they will be available to the general public in that language. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. Nerysoo was next.

Question O296-89(1): Management Contract For Ukkivik Residence To Be Tabled

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Could I ask the Minister of Education whether or not he could table in this House the terms of reference, or the management contract, for the Ukkivik Residence?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Kakfwi.

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

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The question was taken as notice. Mr. Zoe.

Question O297-89(1): Equitable Formula For Payment Of Home Care Support Employees

MR. ZOE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to Mrs. Marie-Jewell, Minister of the Social Services. Last year, Mr. Speaker, I raised a concern with regard to the inequities in employment benefits and pay for the employees who are providing home care support services to senior citizens. The Minister's response at that time, Mr. Speaker, was that she had directed

the department to try to come up with some equitable formula. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Minister if she has come up with this equitable formula and is it addressed in this particular budget? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

Return To Question O297-89(1): Equitable Formula For Payment Of Home Care Support Employees

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, our department has reviewed all the different facilities we have. However, it was difficult to be able to come up with an equitable formula mainly because of the fact that personal care units take into consideration different levels of services provided. Some senior citizens homes have attached to them a personal care unit and a senior citizens home, which require two different services. Some senior citizens homes basically have a personal care unit which provides probably more attentive care to seniors, and some are totally separated.

In regard to the salary, this is probably what causes the difference in salary. However, in regard to the benefits that different units get, I have asked the department to address that this year, mainly looking at whether there are particular units that have benefits, such as vacation travel or housing allowance; if so, they should be applicable in fairness across to all the other facilities. If this cannot be done, then one facility should not get them unless other facilities have them. That is we may be looking at cutbacks or possibly trying to find some way to address it. The department is addressing this particular issue and I certainly hope that we can come up with a fair system to address the inequity but I do not think we can apply a formula, an equitable formula, because of the different types of services required. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mr. Zoe.

Supplementary To Question O297-89(1): Equitable Formula For Payment Of Home Care Support Employees

MR. ZOE: Supplementary, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the answer that I received from the honourable Member for Slave River is inadequate to me at this time. The reason being, I raised this particular issue last budget. The answer, she told me, is that they are still addressing that particular concern. When is the department going to resolve this issue? The answer that I also received is that it is not addressed in this particular budget because the department is still addressing the issue. I would like to ask the Minister exactly when is she anticipating that she is going to resolve this particular issue?

MR. SPEAKER: Madam Minister.

Further Return To Question O297-89(1): Equitable Formula For Payment Of Home Care Support Employees

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Speaker, I do not know if I would agree with the Member. This year's particular budget does include an increase for this basic service and therefore it is just a matter of trying to implement a fair system for the different services required in this particular type of program.

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

Supplementary To Question O297-89(1): Equitable Formula For Payment Of Home Care Support Employees

MR. ZOE: Supplementary, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I figured my question was direct. When is she planning to resolve this issue once and for all? When, is the question.

MR. SPEAKER: Madam Minister.

Further Return To Question O297-89(1): Equitable Formula For Payment Of Home Care Support Employees

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Speaker, with the increase in the budget that is going to be proposed, if it is approved by this House, then we certainly anticipate having this particular concern addressed in this year's budget. But the Member is basically asking me to apply a system that is equitable to all facilities and I am saying that I cannot apply equitable systems because of the different types of services required in the facilities.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Arlooktoo.

Question O298-89(1): Unfulfilled Requests From Baffin South

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) Mr. Speaker, my question to the Minister or whoever is responsible; whoever wants to answer may answer. The Government Leader. The request for housing, I always mention these at the Legislative Assembly meetings. My community does not get any airports, does not get any gym, does not get any housing when we request it. Although we come through the Legislative Assembly to request the things we want for our community, we do not get them.

I wonder what the Ministers do to supply things to their constituents, when the other communities that we represent do not get anything from the government when we do request things. I would like to find out how requests from Ministers' constituencies are approved without ever going through the House. According to the requests that are made by my communities in my constituency -- and I have not been given any proper answers to all the requests that I presented to you at the Legislative Assembly. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Government Leader.

Return To Question O298-89(1): Unfulfilled Requests From Baffin South

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, there is a saying in politics that you can please some of the people some of the time but not all of the people all of the time. I think if our government were to deliver on every request that is made in this Legislature then we would very quickly be bankrupt and have a tremendous deficit.

I think our record in Lake Harbour, compared with any other constituency, is very good. The Member knows that we had planned to build a community gym last year, but that the lowest tender came in at such a very high price that it was agreed that we had to take another approach. The Member also knows that the Minister responsible has worked very closely with the community to come up with an alternative arrangement to build that community gym, which is going to be built this summer. It was delayed through no intention of our own. The money was budgeted but we simply did not have the \$1.6 or \$1.7 million that the lowest contractor bid for that project.

The Member also knows that work was done on the airport. The Member also knows that there is a replacement school in the capital plan for Lake Harbour. Mr. Speaker, I believe that in looking at the size of the community, and looking at an equitable distribution across the Territories, that community has done as well as anywhere else. I think one of the problems with housing, as the Member is aware, is that we are simply running out of sites for housing. I also would note that there is a new arena built in Cape Dorset this year.

I would say that the Member is doing as well as anybody else. I agree that we have not achieved every request. The issue of the mountain that prevents the lengthening of the airstrip is a long-standing one. I think it has been made clear in this Legislature that there are limits to what we can spend on building a new airstrip; and even if we did build a new airstrip, Mr. Speaker, there is a question about whether or not the airlines would introduce the larger aircraft, given the size of that community.

Mr. Speaker, I acknowledge that not every request has been met, but I believe that the Member's constituency is doing very well by comparison with any others. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mr. Arlooktoo.

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for your statement, Mr. Patterson. But looking at the other communities, I am sure you do your best to allot funding to requests that we make. When I went to see Apex in Iqaluit, and looking at Lake Harbour -- Lake Harbour has a little larger population than Apex -- and I look at the situations that way. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: I did not catch that question. Mr. Pudluk had a supplementary.

Question O299-89(1): Buildings In Ministers' Constituencies

MR. PUDLUK: Mr. Speaker, I would like to make a supplementary to Mr. Arlooktoo's question. I think he was really concerned about us ordinary MLAs putting in a petition or documents requesting community halls, schools; this takes about four to five years. Those Ministers' constituencies never put in any petitions requesting buildings. How come they are getting the same as other communities? They are getting more than the ordinary MLAs' constituencies. Thank you.

AN HON. MEMBER: Shame, shame!

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Patterson.

Return To Question O299-89(1): Buildings In Ministers' Constituencies

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, the capital planning process is based on the fairest and most objective assessment that we can do of the needs. It recognizes that there is never enough money to deliver all the requests, but we try to be as fair as possible. I know that with respect to schools, there is a formula in place which looks at the age of the school and looks at the operational capacity of the school. The Members for Baffin South and High Arctic have done very well with respect to schools, I believe, Mr. Speaker. There are new schools planned in both Cape Dorset and Lake Harbour, new schools have been built in Resolute Bay and Arctic Bay, and one is planned for Grise Fiord.

The community of Apex, which was referred to, Mr. Speaker, which has the oldest school in the Eastern Arctic, is still waiting for a new school. There is no new school planned in the near future. The schools in Cape Dorset and Lake Harbour will be built before there is any replacement for the school in the suburb community referred to, which happens to be in my particular constituency.

I would like to suggest, Mr. Speaker, that if there are perceptions of unfairness in the capital plan, then this is the place to discuss it. When we are in the committee of the whole dealing with the budget, including the capital plan, I would think that if there is a question on any particular project, then this is the opportunity in this session. The government is presenting the capital plan and the Ministers will explain on a particular case how the particular allocation was arrived at.

I think, in all cases, you will find that there was a needs allocation, and that there was an objective method of determining what projects were in the plan. We are here to defend and discuss those particular issues. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mr. Pudluk.

Supplementary To Question O299-89(1): Buildings In Ministers' Constituencies

MR. PUDLUK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the Government Leader for his reply to my rough question. Ordinary MLAs are not decision makers, but the Ministers are. When they are presenting the capital budget, by the time we see it, we cannot change it. I wonder if the Government Leader would be willing to sit with me in the future when they are making a decision on who is getting what, and where. Can we see it before they make decisions? When they were addressing the budget, we were shocked to see that there will be a tax on tobacco and liquor. I wonder if the Government Leader would be willing to sit with us before something like this happens. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Government Leader.

Further Return To Question O299-89(1): Buildings In Ministers' Constituencies

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, I believe that compared to any other government in this country, we have a very open capital planning process. The capital plans are discussed at regional councils, and Members of this Legislature know full well that they can request and receive information on capital needs in their constituency from the relevant Ministers. Mr. Speaker, there is a thorough review of the budget that takes place months before it is presented in this Legislative Assembly, whereby the capital plan is gone over in detail through the standing committee on finance, and that committee and its recommendations are taken very seriously by the government and do influence the capital plan. I think there have been many instances where requests from Members and recommendations of committees have influenced the shaping of the budget. You know this whole session in committee of the whole is of means to assist the government in developing its budget for the coming year. I think that is the purpose of the budget session; to point out ongoing needs and to advise the government on where the pressure points are. We try to respond as much as possible.

I can assure the honourable Member that in developing the budget in the summer months, which is when it takes place, we are very aware of the comments and concerns expressed by Members. As I said, we cannot ever deliver on all the requests, but we note them carefully, we note the motions and we try to respond as much as possible within the financial resources that are available to us. So if you have capital concerns, now is the time to let us know. The Ministers are here in public, ready to account for your questions and concerns, ready to defend the allocations and ready to accept your recommendations about what should be priorities for the coming year. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Nerysoo.

Question O300-89(1): Role Of MLAs In Capital Planning Process

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Probably most of the concerns arise from the fact that we do not have a capital plan longer than one year. I think that one of the concerns that Members raise about the capital planning process is to ensure that there is a longer-term capital plan that maybe recognizes the suggestions and needs on an ongoing basis. I would ask if the Government Leader could clarify for me the role of the Member of the Legislative Assembly in the planning processes, because I know for a fact that I was not consulted on any of the capital issues directly. In fact the only information I received was the fact that the regional council was reviewing the document and no advice was asked of me. So I would ask, at what time is a Member of the Legislative Assembly involved in the actual planning process?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Government Leader.

Return To Question O300-89(1): Role Of MLAs In Capital Planning Process

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, again I believe that the main issues that are addressed during sessions of this Legislature, and I would point to the fall session as an example, are constituency requirements. We listen to replies to the Commissioner's Opening Address. We listen to the questions and concerns. We listen to motions in the Legislature, very carefully, and the results of those recommendations are used to assist the government in developing its budgetary process. Similarly, we talk to MLAs, we respond to MLAs when they have requests for information and we discuss the capital budget in great detail when we appear before the standing committee on finance. Line by line, Mr. Speaker. So all these are opportunities for receiving advice from the MLAs.

As well, where requested, representatives of our government attend regional council sessions and provide information on capital planning. Now similarly, representatives of our government attend, regularly, meetings of community councils where the topic invariably is capital planning needs and requirements. Often, if Ministers are involved, then they would attend with the local MLAs. The subjects invariably are capital needs and how they can be addressed. So I do not think there is one simple answer to that question. I think many activities of our government are directed toward receiving input from community leaders and from MLAs on the capital plan. There is no one particular point where the discussion takes place, although the standing committee on finance is probably one of the key places for those kinds of discussions.

So all the activities that I mentioned influence the government in developing the capital plan. And then we come here and are accountable for the budget that is presented. If there are problems with the budget, or deficiencies, we hear about them and we consider them and discuss them. So all activities of government lead up to the creation of the budget. It may not be perfect, but I think it represents the best we can do toward meeting the tremendous demands that are put on us within the funds available. If there are flaws, this is the time to hear them.

The Minister of Education is prepared to defend the Education capital plan later this morning. If we get to that item then he will be prepared to justify every single item in that budget, including the projects that are not in the current fiscal year. We have a very open government and a very open budget-making process. I think if we were in the party system, then Members truly would not know what was coming in the plan and would truly be surprised by the budget. But that is not the case at all here. It is a much more open system and much more accountable, I believe, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mr. Nerysoo.

Supplementary To Question O300-89(1): Role Of MLAs In Capital Planning Process

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is a nice answer to evade the question. The question I was asking is: At what time is a Member of the Legislative Assembly involved in the capital planning process in the regions? Because as I indicated, it is great to talk about the plan in the standing committee process, but generally speaking the decisions have been made in the regions and are very, very difficult to change. So at what time in the early process are MLAs asked to have input in making decisions about the capital plan?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Government Leader.

Further Return To Question O300-89(1): Role Of MLAs In Capital Planning Process

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Well, I would say, Mr. Speaker, that any time an MLA wants to get involved in capital planning issues, then they can approach the government for information on a particular issue. There is no set time for involvement. Our offices are open and we are available at any time to discuss capital needs. We are available in question period, in every session of the

Assembly, to discuss capital needs. I think as far as the regions are concerned, through the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs, where most of the capital needs are dealt with, we meet with communities and we discuss in detail on a community-by-community basis with each community council, their capital needs. Those recommendations are passed on to headquarters. I think the period for MACA when these kinds of discussions take place at the community council, regional council level, is between May and July. That is the period prior to the government's finalizing of the budget which occurs in the latter part of the summer.

Similarly I know with the Department of Education, the meetings of the LEA and the meetings of regional education bodies are very often directed toward capital planning discussions. MLAs are involved and certainly can be involved in those kinds of discussions with regional directors and other public servants at the regional level and then with the Ministers and their officials at the headquarters level if an issue cannot be resolved to their satisfaction. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Nerysoo, supplementary.

Supplementary To Question O300-89(1): Role Of MLAs In Capital Planning Process

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If I could ask the Government Leader. Are call letters sent to every Member of the Legislative Assembly for capital planning projects?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Government Leader.

Further Return To Question O300-89(1): Role Of MLAs In Capital Planning Process

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, I am not sure what the Member refers to by a "call letter". A call letter, as I understand the term, is used to describe the process whereby the FMB indicates global targets to departments at the beginning of each budgetary planning process. When the total growth potential of the budget is identified by the FMB, then departments are given targets within which they must plan their budget. That target is put in what is called a call letter. That is an in-house departmental procedure which is used to ensure that, overall, the departments do not put forward requests that exceed the money available in a given fiscal year given the formula increase.

It would be inappropriate for the MLAs to receive departmental capital planning call letter targets because there is a separation between the Legislature and the Executive. We cannot have MLAs providing direction to departments that are accountable to a Minister. The Ministers...

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Do not look at me. I would like to go on that side.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: ...and department officials report to Ministers, not to MLAs.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: I will go over there and Whitford can come over here.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mr. Nerysoo.

Supplementary To Question O300-89(1): Role Of MLAs In Capital Planning Process

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is interesting but I would ask if the Government Leader could check into whether or not municipal councils do in fact see the call letters that have been directed to them by Ministers and if so, could he clarify for me and justify why Members of the Legislative Assembly cannot see those target figures if communities can see them.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Government Leader.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker...

MR. SPEAKER: Point of order, Mr. Morin.

Point Of Order

MR. MORIN: I have been trying to get your attention here to seek unanimous consent to extend question period.

Speaker's Ruling

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Morin, I am sorry. Our Rules do not allow you to use a point of order to obtain the floor to ask for an extension. The person having the floor must do so. Mr. Government Leader.

Further Return To Question O300-89(1): Role Of MLAs In Capital Planning Process

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, you know we are interested in being accountable in this Legislature. I find the question absurd. Mr. Speaker, the call letters, if I understand the term that the Member is using, or the target figures, are set by the FMB based on the formula financing prediction as to what overall growth is available to the government. Then based on that growth figure, the FMB provides global target figures for each department on what kind of a capital planning budget they are going to have.

Those call letters go to the Ministers and the deputy ministers. I would be very surprised if a call letter of that kind went to a community. It would be a breach of confidence if it did. In fact, I would think that the global target for the department would be of no interest to a community. How would the global target figure assist an individual community in meeting their own particular target requirements? So to my knowledge these call letters have a very narrow distribution to the Ministers and the deputy ministers of departments and they are the basis for developing a capital plan. They never provide as much money as we would like. That is why difficult decisions have to be made when all the requests are received from all regions. Sometimes we cannot answer them all, Mr. Speaker. I would find it very surprising if the call letter, as I understand it, goes to a community council. That would be an anomaly if that happened. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. Morin.

Question Period Extended

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I seek unanimous consent to extend question period.

MR. SPEAKER: Are there any nays? Question period will be extended today. Mr. Morin.

Question O301-89(1): Commitment To And Meaning Of Decentralization

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Government Leader. I would like to know if this government is committed to decentralization, and what does decentralization mean to you?

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

Return To Question O301-89(1): Commitment To And Meaning Of Decentralization

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, I tabled an amended government organizational policy in this House yesterday which provided a definition for decentralization. I will read from page two of the policy directive, clause seven. "Decentralization means the location of government functions related to the delivery of programs and services outside of headquarters, or, in the case of regional decentralization, outside of the main government centre." Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. Morin, supplementary.

Supplementary To Question O301-89(1): Commitment To And Meaning Of Decentralization

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Government Leader. When are you going to start taking things out of headquarters and moving them into communities or into regions? By what I see in this capital budget, the biggest move is everything is going to Iqaluit. That is at the top of the list the way our finance chairman broke it down for us to see where the money is going. Iqaluit is always on the top. So is that what that means to you? Just to give everything to Iqaluit and you are not thinking of the Western Arctic and you are not decentralizing out of Yellowknife?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Government Leader.

Further Return To Question O301-89(1): Commitment To And Meaning Of Decentralization

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Well, Mr. Speaker, this is getting a little bit close to home. If the honourable Member wants to go through the capital plan with respect to the constituency which I represent, then I would be pleased to discuss each and every item. Mr. Speaker, the reality is, whether we like it or not, that Iqaluit is the transportation and administrative centre for the largest region in the NWT. So there are services and facilities that go into that community to serve the region that inflate the capital plan over other communities.

Now for example, an Arctic College campus has been established in Iqaluit and there is a student residence in the budget for the coming year because there has been inadequate housing for students, the mature students with families, who want to take courses at the Arctic College. That is a project of some three million dollars. Mr. Speaker, that particular facility is not going to benefit any of the students from Iqaluit. They already have housing. The students that will be living in that residence are students from Kitikmeot, from Keewatin and from communities on Baffin Island. If the Member is suggesting that projects like that should not be in Iqaluit, and the student residence should be put in a community other than Iqaluit, then I would suggest that the students are going to have a very difficult time getting to class.

There are a number of projects, including a regional hospital, Mr. Speaker, which is also in the capital plan for Iqaluit, which will benefit the entire region. If those numbers are being calculated in saying that there is a disproportionate amount of capital funding going to Iqaluit, then I do not think that is fair, because those sorts of projects do not particularly benefit the constituency. They are either regional or territorial.

Similarly, there is a group home for handicapped adults which is going to serve the entire Eastern Arctic. I believe it was placed there because of the hospital facilities that are in that community. For better or for worse, those people need access to medical facilities. That is another project I would suggest, Mr. Speaker, that is a regional or even a territorial type of program. The same with the young offenders facilities, Mr. Speaker.

I think that if the analysis is done of constituency projects, such as housing, and regional or territorial projects, the analysis would show that the constituency capital for Iqaluit is much less than it seems.

I would say there was a terrible blip a few years ago when a \$40 million hospital went into this community. Would we have said at that time that Members from Yellowknife were benefiting? No, because that is a territorial facility. It benefits the Kitikmeot and the Inuvik and Fort Smith Regions. I do not think it is fair to just look at the global figure. I think you have to analyse whether projects are local or regional or territorial. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Supplementary To Question O301-89(1): Commitment To And Meaning Of Decentralization

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Government Leader, a supplementary. Maybe the Members are quite happy with the way decentralization is happening to the Eastern Arctic, with things being decentralized basically to Iqaluit. But I can tell you this is one MLA from the Western Arctic that is not happy. When are you going to start decentralizing things out of Yellowknife in the Western Arctic? You cannot continually keep everything in Yellowknife. We, in the small communities, in the regions, want government moved into our regions. Government is one of the highest employers in the North. You should either shit or get off the pot, because you...

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Morin, we have to keep parliamentary language, but I think your point got across. Mr. Government Leader.

Further Return To Question O301-89(1): Commitment To And Meaning Of Decentralization

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, I do not think that the record of this government is shameful with respect to decentralization. May I cite the NCPC headquarters? There was a lot of pressure and a lot of lobbying. We did not put the headquarters of NCPC in Yellowknife. The government made a decision that that facility would be in a community where the economic benefit would be more appreciated or more needed than in what, we all know, is a thriving capital city. We also received a fair amount of criticism, actually, for another decision that this government made, which had to do with the location of the young offenders facility. We did not put that facility in Yellowknife. It was put in a nearby community which offered comparable support and some advantages, namely Fort Smith. We also, Mr. Speaker, when we took over responsibility for forestry, kept in place the locus of the forest fire management, which did not happen to be in Yellowknife.

I just cite those three examples, Mr. Speaker, as opportunities where the government has had a chance to spread the economic benefits of government outside headquarters, and we took decisions, for which we received some criticism in some cases, but we took decisions in the spirit of decentralization. We will continue to look for logical opportunities to do the same with every new function that we take on. We will continue to look for every opportunity to inhibit the growth of headquarters. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Final supplementary, Mr. Morin.

Supplementary To Question O301-89(1): Commitment To And Meaning Of Decentralization

MR. MORIN: Supplementary, Mr. Speaker. Firstly, I would like to apologize to the House for my language previously. Sorry about that. I withdraw that comment, that last part there.

Basically, Mr. Government Leader, what I am getting to is that it is fine to move things into the communities, as long as they are moved out of Edmonton, or it is a new thing. However, when are you going to start decentralizing things that are here already in Yellowknife and moving them out into the communities?

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: They are not things; they are people.

MR. MORIN: People are involved too, but it is departments. When are you going to start doing that?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Government Leader.

Further Return To Question O301-89(1): Commitment To And Meaning Of Decentralization

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, I would like to assure the honourable Member that we have agreed, in cabinet, that we will scrutinize every opportunity within all departments for decentralization, where it makes sense and where it is cost-effective, and where it will continue

to result in a decent quality of service delivery. We are open to suggestions, Mr. Speaker. I think we have to look at the merits of each situation.

We have developed an amended organization policy which provides a procedure, hopefully, for fairly considering each case. We were pressed on the Workers' Compensation Board. I met with the Minister responsible for the Workers' Compensation Board, and to a man and a woman, Mr. Speaker, the Workers' Compensation Board, including the representatives from the regions, said that it simply did not make sense to move that board; that it would cost more; that it would be inconvenient to unions, employers and the people who patronize the board; that it had access to a hospital; that the concentration of industry and labour -- whether we like it or not -- is in this particular community. On the strong recommendation of that board, it was our view that we would cause more disruption and increased costs to businesses that are paying the bulk of the cost of the Workers' Compensation Board, by what would have been a fairly costly relocation. We scrutinized that particular opportunity and decided, I think for logical reasons, that it simply did not make sense. In principle, I would have liked to have seen the Workers' Compensation Board moved, but when we looked at the facts and consulted people who know more about the operation of the board than I did -- namely the members of the board -- the advice was very clear, even from members from the Keewatin. It is not in the interests of the effective operation of this board to move it.

So that particular opportunity has been rejected, but I can assure the Member that we are scrutinizing our departments and with every decision that we take, particularly as it relates to the growth of the government, we are looking for opportunities to decentralize, provided they make sense. I would say, Mr. Speaker, that if we look at total person year growth over the recent years, in headquarters and in the regions, we will find that, in fact, the growth has been in the regions.

The Housing Corporation is often cited as an example, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the Housing Corporation is, I believe, already as decentralized as it might be, perhaps with the exception of the district office in Yellowknife which serves the Dogrib area and Snowdrift. That is one that we are looking at as a possibility for decentralization. The Housing Corporation is one that is already decentralized substantially, with fairly autonomous regional operations.

If you look at many of our departments, including the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs, the Department of Public Works, they have a significant presence already in the regions. We are substantially decentralized to begin with. In that sense, Mr. Speaker, the opportunities for continuing decentralization may not be as great as, politically, we would like, but we will continue to look for every opportunity, and I can assure the Member that that is a commitment from the cabinet. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. Lewis was next.

Question O302-89(1): Document Showing Distribution Of Capital Projects

MR. LEWIS: My question, again, is to the Government Leader, Mr. Speaker. I noticed when we began this discussion on the capital plan that the Minister for Social Services was rather amused by the line of the questioning. I believe she may have a leaked document from the standing committee on finance. Does the Government Leader...

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: That is why we do not give you information.

MR. LEWIS: The first evidence of it, Mr. Speaker, I would like to make it clear in this House today that there is a document that exists which is not really agreeable to our Members and I will be, in fact, asking them to table that so that all people have it. It indicates the distribution of capital projects. There is a very high correlation between capital projects and the assignment of portfolios in this cabinet, and I very, very rarely use that word "cabinet", Mr. Speaker. But in this case there is obvious solidarity. So my question to the Government Leader...

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Point of privilege.

MR. SPEAKER: Point of privilege. Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: I challenge the Member to indicate that there was housing...(Inaudible. Mike not turned on)...and I ask him to withdraw the remark.

AN HON. MEMBER: It is not on the record.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Well, he heard me.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Butters, for one thing it is not a point of privilege; it may be a point of order but it is, in fact, not in the record. Mr. Lewis, will you continue and get to your question, please?

MR. LEWIS: I will continue with my question, Mr. Speaker...

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Point of order.

MR. SPEAKER: Point of order.

Point Of Order

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Does the gentleman remember his question, the preamble? Does he remember his reference to Ministers' constituencies? Does he remember his question and his preamble? If he does, then I would ask him to withdraw his remarks, as it affects me.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Lewis.

MR. LEWIS: I do not have perfect recall, Mr. Speaker, but I will repeat my preamble for the benefit of all Members. In the capital distribution it is pretty clear that the group of people that sit in the Executive Council, if you look at the way capital is distributed, obviously benefits, from a pure statistical point of view, and from a question of probability, that the people who sit on that side of the House benefit far, far more than the people who sit on this side of the House, in the distribution of capital. My point was that there must be solidarity within the group to achieve that degree of statistical consistency. That is the point I am making, Mr. Speaker. I did not refer to one individual Member in my statement.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Lewis, would you get to your question, then?

MR. LEWIS: My question was, after the preamble then -- it was the preamble the Minister wanted to hear. The question is this, has the Government Leader seen this document prepared for the standing committee on finance which shows this distribution of capital projects?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Government Leader.

Return To Question O302-89(1): Document Showing Distribution Of Capital Projects

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, I have not seen the document that the Member describes. I am not party to the deliberations of the standing committee on finance and I have not received any summary that would correlate cabinet responsibilities with capital projects and I would be very surprised if information assembled by whatever artful means would suggest that Ministers are abusing their privileges. Mr. Speaker, I resent the imputation of motives that is contained in the Member's scurrilous allegations. Mr. Speaker, Members of this cabinet who are appointed...

MR. LEWIS: Point of privilege.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: ...by this Legislature have a territorial responsibility. We take that responsibility seriously and we exercise it as fairly and as objectively as we can. If there are any indications of abuse of privilege, then there is a procedure of expressing the lack of confidence in the cabinet or the Minister. Rather than vague allegations contained in unknown documents, I would like to see the Member come out with some concrete charges with respect to particular Ministers and particular projects so we will have something other than nebulous imputations of motive to deal with...

MR. SPEAKER: Point of order, Mr. Nerysoo.

MR. NERYSOO: Point of order, Mr. Speaker, that the honourable Member should also make mention of the fact of the increased responsibility in jurisdictions which we have given the Government Leader to make decisions on our behalf, when he is making the suggestion that...

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Nerysoo, that is a point of debate. Mr. Government Leader, have you finished your reply?

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, the only point I would like to make in conclusion, is that by my rough calculations through the results of the process by which cabinet Members were appointed, namely by secret ballot of the caucus in this Legislature, the result happens to be that the eight Ministers who have been appointed on your decision represent approximately half the population of the NWT in our ridings. So we probably have a substantial portion of the capital and O and M budget in our constituencies. I do not think that is at all surprising or unusual, but I would again, Mr. Speaker, suggest that the Member should observe the Rules of the House in imputing motives and if he has some concrete charges, other than vague inferences, then let us hear them; and there is a procedure for dealing with them. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. Gargan was next.

Question O303-89(1): Providing Of Capital Plan To Members

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Finance. I understand that there is a process in place now with regard to the allocation of capital projects. This has been in the works now for some time, as the Government Leader indicated. I would like to ask the Minister of Finance if he might be able to provide us with the five or four or three year capital plan that he has.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Ballantyne.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Sorry, I missed the last part of the question.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Gargan, could you repeat please?

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, I am not too clear whether or not the government has a yearly exercise of allocating the capital plans. With the increase in this year's budget again, there must be plans made ahead of time to reflect the budget. I would like to ask the Minister of Finance first of all, if he has a five year capital plan, and if he does, could he provide it to the Members?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Ballantyne.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Mr. Speaker, as the Member is probably aware because this particular subject has come up in the House before, there are a number of departments involved in the capital planning process. I want to really emphasize, and I very much resent the statements made by Mr. Lewis that any favouritism is...

SOME HON. MEMBERS: (Inaudible comments)

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Ballantyne, you are answering Mr. Gargan's question, please.

---Laughter

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: I know Mr. Gargan was thinking that.

---Laughter

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Point of privilege.

MR. SPEAKER: Point of privilege. Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Speaker, in regard to the allegations the Member made about Ministers -- the allegations in his preamble before a question, indicating that capital funding was allocated to Ministers' ridings. I am requesting the Member to withdraw his comment indicating I have a leaked document. The document that I do have relates particularly to ridings and in particular to my riding. Last year's capital funding spent was \$2.306 million; this year being spent is \$1.628 million.

MR. SPEAKER: Mrs. Marie-Jewell, would you state your point of privilege and not debate it? I will rule on your point of privilege first and then if it is, it will be a debate. But no debate now. Could you state your point of privilege please?

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: My point of privilege is that the accusations alleged in this House by that particular Member are incorrect.

MR. SPEAKER: Mrs. Marie-Jewell, according to our Rules you do not have a point of privilege.

AN HON. MEMBER: She may have a point.

---Laughter

MR. SPEAKER: You may have a point of order under Rule 35(i) which states that a Member may be called to order by the Speaker if he "imputes false or unavowed motives to another Member".

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER: If you feel that you have such a point of order, you could state that.

#### Point Of Order

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Then I place those particular comments under point of order as opposed to a point of privilege. I ask that the Member withdraw or apologize for his comments and his allegations.

#### Speaker's Ruling

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mrs. Marie-Jewell, under Rule 37(3) it says, "The Speaker may permit debate on the point of order before giving his decision, but such debate must be strictly relevant to the point of order taken." With that in mind, I will allow a debate on this point of order. Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Point of order.

MR. NERYSOO: Point of order.

MR. SPEAKER: We will deal with Mrs. Marie-Jewell's point of order first. To the point of order. Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Member indicated in the House that I may have privileged information from the standing committee on finance. This particular document was given to me under the strictest of confidence from the chairman of the standing committee of finance, which I totally respected. However, the Member for Yellowknife Centre indicated today that Ministers are looking after their particular ridings and capital funding is being given to Ministers' ridings. According to this document, which I am willing to table in this House, my particular riding has had a decrease and not an increase or not even kept at a stable level. I resent the allegations the Member has made and I am requesting that he apologize or withdraw his allegations. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. Nerysoo.

MR. NERYSOO: Point of order, Mr. Speaker. I would suggest that you review the Hansard and have Mr. Lewis review the Hansard...

MR. SPEAKER: We are discussing this point of order. To the point of order. I will take your point of order after, Mr. Nerysoo. Is this to this point of order, Mr. Butters?

HON. TOM BUTTERS: I agree with your ruling, Mr. Speaker, but I do not think we can have a debate on a point of order unless we know exactly what we are discussing. I think that has to be known first.

MR. SPEAKER: The House will recess for coffee at this time.

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#### Speaker's Ruling

The House will come back to order, please. On the point of order raised by Mrs. Marie-Jewell which was on Mr. Lewis's preamble on his question to the Government Leader, the Chair, when listening to questions, ensures that Members' words do not contravene our Rules. When Mr. Lewis was asking his question I did not hear any words that I felt obviously contravened our Rules.

I have reviewed now the unedited Hansard surrounding this point of order and I feel that there are no words that contravene our Rules. I feel that all Members interpret other Members' words differently and of course, Members are free to do this. It is, however, not for the Chair to interpret the meaning of words and it would be, of course, improper for the Chair to even attempt to do so.

On the point before us, therefore, I feel that no rule has been broken at this stage and we will therefore continue with oral questions.

---Applause

We are on Item 5, oral questions and we were -- point of order, Mr. Ballantyne.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Mr. Speaker, I refer to a Speaker's ruling on Thursday, February 21, 1985. Mr. Lewis named a document in his preamble and Mr. Speaker, with your permission if I could read the Speaker's ruling of that time: "Well, I have not really heard any argument that would change my position on referring to a document as a matter of fact, as if it were presented to the House and part of the information that we have. On the other hand, inasmuch as this question evolves around a person, as long as the documents and so on are not named, it really does not disqualify Members from giving any reason that they think that the candidate should have the position or the candidate should not have the position. But they should not be using a specific document as evidence, that is not in the hands of the House."

Mr. Speaker, would you consider that ruling of a previous Speaker?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. Ballantyne, on your point of order, which I rule not to be a point of order, and the question you posed. Of course you do know that according to our Rules you cannot ask questions of the Chair. I have allowed you, though, to read it out so it will now be in Hansard. I will look at it over the weekend.

Mr. Lewis, would you complete your question?

MR. LEWIS: Mr. Speaker, am I supposed to finish the question that I started this morning or am I allowed to go on to another question?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Lewis, new question please.

MR. LEWIS: Okay, thank you, Mr. Speaker. Leaving the capital planning aside for a moment then...

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MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Lewis, I am sorry, I got distracted from my paper. On a new question, Mr. Gargan would be next. Mr. Gargan, Mr. Nerysoo and then you, Mr. Lewis. Mr. Gargan.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Mr. Gargan has already asked the question.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Ballantyne, for the answer.

Return To Question O303-89(1): Providing Of Capital Plan To Members

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you. I was in the midst of responding to Mr. Gargan's question three or four hours ago and I vaguely remember the question but I will try my best to answer it. I think Mr. Gargan was asking about a five year capital plan. I was beginning to say that this question has come up in the House and there is not a document per se, a five year capital plan, that this government has in its possession. This government for obvious reasons can define their planning only one year at a time because all we know is what the budget is going to be in the next year. What we do have are planning tools. Different departments have done needs assessments, have consulted with communities and we have a pretty good idea of what the needs in various areas are at the community level. That planning tool, year to year, is used as part of setting up our capital plan for the next year.

I think I have said this in the House before. One of the problems that we have of putting together a five year plan in a formal way is the expectations that it raises at a community level. Needs change and new priorities come up and I think not only here but in other jurisdictions they have found that the best way to deal with the whole concept is to do long-range planning, try your best, have information from each department of what the needs are year by year depending on what the priorities of the Assembly are. To give you an example, it was just last fall that this Assembly made it clear to us, in the form of a motion, that they found housing and day-care and education to be priorities. We had to take those priorities into consideration. We tried not to upset the long-range planning that the government had undertaken over the years. So to answer the Member's question, there is not such a document as a five year plan that I can make available to Members of the House. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. Nerysoo was next.

Question O304-89(1): Capital Planning Process Used By MACA To Be Tabled

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you. Hopefully to be a bit more constructive here, could I ask, Mr. Speaker, the Minister for MACA whether or not he could table in this House the planning process that MACA follows in its capital planning?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Wray.

Return To Question O304-89(1): Capital Planning Process Used By MACA To Be Tabled

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes certainly, Mr. Speaker, I gave the standing committee on finance that document and I would be pleased to provide it to the House. As a matter of interest, with regard to capital planning and the involvement of MLAs, I wrote a letter to every MLA on July 7, 1988, and just for the House's interest, only three MLAs -- Mr. Gargan, Mr. Kakfwi and Mr. Nerysoo -- replied to my letter asking for their comments on the capital plan.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. Morin was next.

Question O305-89(1): Replacement Of Teacher In Fort Resolution

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Education. Mr. Minister, are you aware that the grade one and two teacher in Fort Resolution has abandoned her position? She quit, basically, effective as of March 10. She faxed down a letter of resignation to our LEA, and our LEA chairman has been trying to get hold of Mr. Barry Clarkson, your regional director, for days now. He is in Yellowknife and refuses to return the calls as soon as he understands that the call is pertaining to this matter.

Will you give me some assurance that you will have a qualified teacher in Fort Resolution by March 13 to take this lady's place?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Kakfwi.

Return To Question O305-89(1): Replacement Of Teacher In Fort Resolution

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, the request from the Member will be responded to as quickly as possible. I do not know if there are any well-qualified teachers roaming around free somewhere in Canada looking for a job who would be willing and able to come up by then, or if there is someone in the North. We will do our best to make sure that the operation of the school and the instruction to the students is not disrupted for a long period of time. Thank you.

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

Question O306-89(1): Polar Bear Survey To Be Done By Southern-Based Company

MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Renewable Resources. I received information that a contract has been awarded to a southern-based helicopter company in Edmonton, and this means that the various interested companies in the NWT will obviously not be getting work. The deciding factor was the fact that this is a service provided through the continental shelf program, the polar shelf project. My question to the Minister is, can he verify that his department is, in fact, giving this contract to a southern-based company for the polar bear survey?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Allooloo.

Return To Question O306-89(1): Polar Bear Survey To Be Done By Southern-Based Company

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Mr. Speaker, the contractor who is supplying services to the polar shelf is not a southern-based contractor under our policy. He is a northern contractor and the contract has been awarded under the polar shelf contract. Indeed, we will be using polar shelf helicopters to do our survey on polar bears.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mr. Lewis.

Supplementary To Question O306-89(1): Polar Bear Survey To Be Done By Southern-Based Company

MR. LEWIS: Could the Minister identify this company, and also the community in which this company is based, Mr. Speaker?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Further Return To Question O306-89(1): Polar Bear Survey To Be Done By Southern-Based Company

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: I believe the company is Okanagan Helicopters, and they are based out of Norman Wells.

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

Supplementary To Question O306-89(1): Polar Bear Survey To Be Done By Southern-Based Company

MR. LEWIS: Is the base for Okanagan Helicopters then just a file in a lawyer's office, Mr. Speaker? Because I have not seen the base in the NWT for Okanagan Helicopters.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Mr. Speaker, I would have to get back to the Member as to what precisely the company has in their base in Norman Wells.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Angottitauruq.

Question O307-89(1): Renewable Resources Officer Trainee, Gjoa Haven

MR. ANGOTTITAUURUQ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question will be directed to the Minister of Renewable Resources, in regard to renewable resources officers. In Spence Bay they have had a renewable resources officer for quite some time now. They have a trainee who is a resident from that community working with the renewable resources officer and in Gjoa Haven we are on our second renewable resources officer. We do not have a trainee, or you might call it a deputy, in that community who is a local person.

I believe that good communication is needed with a renewable resources officer and especially for those who do not speak in English. When a person seeks information from a renewable resources officer either at the time of work or after working hours, they would have to get an interpreter. I am wondering if there was possible funding or salary or wages available for a trainee if the community wanted one in Gjoa Haven and I probably only require a yes or no and from where can we get the funding. I am seeking that answer, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. Minister.

Return To Question O307-89(1): Renewable Resources Officer Trainee, Gjoa Haven

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Mr. Speaker, in those types of communities we allow our officers to take in casual employees to assist them in dealing with the unilingual residents of those communities. I can look into this matter for the Member as to what we can do in terms of funding a renewable resources trainee in that particular region. Thank you.

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

Question O308-89(1): Certification Of Teacher, Fort Resolution

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Education. Mr. Minister, we have Dorothy Beaulieu in Fort Resolution who has been teaching kindergarten for the past 14 or 15 years. She does not have a teacher's certificate from the GNWT and what I am wondering is when will you give her a teacher's certificate or recognize her contribution to the community as being a very good teacher? If you are not right up to date on the issue I suggest that you check it out with Mr. Patterson, the Government Leader. He has been made aware of this issue when he was Minister of Education as well as when he was Government Leader. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Kakfwi.

Return To Question O308-89(1): Certification Of Teacher, Fort Resolution

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, I do not know what the question was but if he is asking if it is still under consideration, it is.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mr. Morin.

Supplementary To Question O308-89(1): Certification Of Teacher, Fort Resolution

MR. MORIN: Supplementary, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Kakfwi, if it is still under consideration, when do you think you will come to a decision?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Kakfwi.

Further Return To Question O308-89(1): Certification Of Teacher, Fort Resolution

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, one of the problems we face is that teachers are generally those that are certified; that is, licensed people who have taken a teacher education program or who have degrees in education, who are considered teachers in that formal respect.

There is a lot of concern that we should not water down the definition of what a teacher is. It is a profession. They consider themselves to be professional people. So there is need to uphold the integrity. Having said that, however, we do recognize someone that has been working in the classroom, has intimate knowledge and experience of teaching from a field experience, community-based experience point of view.

I do not know what the answer is. I guess part of it is to try to come to some sort of arrangement with individuals and at the same time respect the integrity of the profession. You cannot give somebody a degree, you cannot jump the requirements that people at least take basic methodology courses in teaching, before you declare them to be teachers. There has to be some other arrangement made, and I think that is where the hang-up is. I do not know when we will come to a satisfactory arrangement with everybody. The sooner the better, but I cannot answer the question as to when, definitely.

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

Question O309-89(1): Research On Delivery Of Services To Status Native People

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct my question to the Government Leader. Last year there was a working group established with the Department of Indian Affairs and this government regarding services to band councils in the areas of capital assistance; primary, secondary and post-secondary education for native people; health and medical services; core funding for Indian bands and economic support programs. This working group was supposedly coming out with a report by this December.

I would like to ask the Minister whether or not this whole issue of who is responsible for band councils and the delivery of services was to be addressed. I would like to ask the Government Leader if, in fact, meetings have taken place. Do we have any kind of documents to finalize what it is?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Patterson.

Return To Question O309-89(1): Research On Delivery Of Services To Status Native People

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, there has indeed been a working group established on the question of delivery of services to status native people in the NWT. The Member is indeed correct that they were to develop a report by December of last year. Mr. Speaker, there has been some slippage in that deadline, mainly because, unlike the federal government, the Government of the Northwest Territories does not keep records of expenditures based on race. When we were asked to develop figures on services to native people in the NWT, we had to basically construct the records on services to native people from our records, which are based on individuals rather than according to race.

So, Mr. Speaker, there have been some delays in assembling the information on what our government is spending on the specific native groups in the NWT. However, the information has been assembled recently, Mr. Speaker, and the working group has met very recently to compare the research that has been done between the federal and the territorial governments, and to develop a common data base so that we can describe the programs that we provide to native people. We will then be in a position to consider who should take responsibility. Once these figures have been finalized and agreed on, Mr. Speaker, then we will seek involvement of aboriginal organizations so that they, too, can have input into this important question. We are at the stage, Mr. Speaker, where the figures have been assembled and we are now about to continue consultation and involve the aboriginal organizations. That is where it is at, at the moment, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question O310-89(1): Response To Member's Written Request

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs. I would like to thank the Minister, first of all, for the letters that he responded with in regard to my request. When I wrote to him, he replied. However, the response to my request, I am not too happy with. Also, my request is not reflected in this year's capital estimates. I would like to ask the Minister whether or not he will be writing to me again, this spring, to tell me about my needs, or whether or not this letter that he is responding to, and the request I did make of his department, would be responded to in the future years -- or am I to be answering his letters with no apparent result? It is a good exercise.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Wray.

Return To Question O310-89(1): Response To Member's Written Request

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you. I cannot remember what the Member asked for but I am sure he asked for something. Indeed in July I will be writing to all the MLAs again and asking them for comments on the capital plan but the Member has to remember that with a \$50 million budget, I get \$300 million worth of requests. So essentially it means that I have to turn down five out of every six requests that I get. We also have to take into consideration the advice by the communities, the advice by the regional councils and to try and prioritize the capital plan on a territorial basis, based on need, population, age of buildings, etc.

I am hopeful that if the Member's constituency falls into the category of showing the greatest need then I will be able to respond in a positive way but I would hope that the Member is not suggesting that I stop writing the letters if I cannot respond positively. At least I would have the

comments of the Members and obviously they will take part in the consideration of the capital plan.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mr. Gargan.

Supplementary To Question O310-89(1): Response To Member's Written Request

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Speaker, the Minister did not have to respond to 24 Members, only three letters. I would like to ask the Minister, whether or not for Members that do make an effort of responding to his letter, some consideration should be given.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Wray.

Further Return To Question O310-89(1): Response To Member's Written Request

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Now that the point has been made I am sure I am going to get 24 letters this spring so the question becomes academic. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Nerysoo.

Question O311-89(1): Review Of Decision On Day-Care Funding

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I notice that the honourable Minister responsible for Social Services has been somewhat quiet today, so if I could ask, Mr. Speaker, has the government reviewed the issue of expenditures with regard to the two million dollars regarding day-care? Is the Minister or the government reconsidering its decision not to expend those dollars?

MR. SPEAKER: Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

Return To Question O311-89(1): Review Of Decision On Day-Care Funding

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Speaker, my previous decision to keep the two million dollars in a supp still has not changed, if that is what the Member is requesting.

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

Supplementary To Question O311-89(1): Review Of Decision On Day-Care Funding

MR. NERYSOO: Supplementary, Mr. Speaker. Could the Minister at least assure the Members of this House that that decision would be reviewed if there is any indication that the federal government is not prepared, in the immediate future, to provide the necessary financial resources for child care services in the NWT?

MR. SPEAKER: Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

Further Return To Question O311-89(1): Review Of Decision On Day-Care Funding

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Speaker, as I indicated to the Member previously, if it appears that the Child Care Act is not being passed by the federal government, I certainly will consider that request at a later date.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Further supplementary, Mr. Nerysoo.

Supplementary To Question O311-89(1): Review Of Decision On Day-Care Funding

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you. Further supplementary. In terms of the expenditure of those financial resources and in terms of the response of the federal government, is the Minister aware whether or not -- well, what is the status of the decision regarding the federal legislation?

MR. SPEAKER: Madam Minister.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Speaker, I think it has to be brought forth again in the House. However, I can find out exactly what the status is, so therefore I will take the question under notice.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. That supplementary was taken as notice. Oral questions. Mr. Gargan.

Question O312-89(1): Start-Up Grants For Child Care Facilities

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, right now in the NWT they do have what they call subsidies with regard to alcohol and fuel, power. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Social Services with regard to the child care program or the interim child care program. If a new program is to start -- and I believe every community requires that program -- start-up grants for space are \$1200 per centre, and \$750 for child care in the homes. This is across the NWT. I would like to ask the Minister whether there is any reasoning behind applying it evenly across the NWT, considering that there is a big difference between the cost of living, especially in the Eastern Arctic and the West, and the High Arctic.

MR. SPEAKER: Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

Return To Question O312-89(1): Start-Up Grants For Child Care Facilities

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: I believe, Mr. Speaker, the reason initially for the amount allocated was because it is a one-time only allocation of funds to start up new centres.

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

Supplementary To Question O312-89(1): Start-Up Grants For Child Care Facilities

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Speaker, I was not too clear on the answer. I asked the Minister whether or not for start-up grants they do have \$1200 for day-care centre space, and that is per child, I believe; and \$750 for day-care space in the homes. All I am saying is that these figures are the same across the NWT, while, in fact, start-up costs in the Eastern Arctic and the High Arctic would be, I believe, a lot higher than they would be in the Western Arctic. However, the start-up grants are even across the North. I just wanted to find out why that is, and should they not be on a scale that is more reflective of the economic situation of certain areas.

MR. SPEAKER: Madam Minister.

Further Return To Question O312-89(1): Start-Up Grants For Child Care Facilities

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Speaker, the start-up funding was, as I had indicated to the Member, intended to be a one-time only grant, basically to try to defray the cost of initial equipment, insurance, and other operating expenses that a new centre may incur. It was basically determined that a certain amount would be given to all centres on a flat rate. However, I do want to indicate to the Member that the subsidies that we will be giving to child care centres, and to parents or users of a child care centre, will be done on a sliding scale. We felt that the initial costs were an assistance to offset the initial costs of start-up, whether it be in a home or a child care centre.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Oral questions. Item 6, written questions.

DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr. Gargan): Item 6, written questions.

Item 7, returns to written questions.

Item 8, replies to Opening Address. Item 9, petitions. Mr. Angottitauruq.

**ITEM 9: PETITIONS**

MR. ANGOTTITAUURUQ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have Petition 8-89(1), from Cambridge Bay which has 162 names, and each page is signed by individual people. This is a petition to reduce the pupil/teacher ratio in NWT schools.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Angottitauruq. Item 9, petitions.

Item 10, reports of standing and special committees. Item 11, tabling of documents. Mr. Butters.

**ITEM 11: TABLING OF DOCUMENTS**

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I wish to table Tabled Document 57-89(1), the Annual Report of the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation for the period April 1, 1987, to March 31, 1988.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Butters. Tabling of documents. Mr. Zoe.

MR. ZOE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I would like to table Tabled Document 58-89(1), Report of the Regional and Tribal Councils Review Co-ordinating Committee. If I may, I have another one. I would like to table Tabled Document 59-89(1), Government Response to the Report of the Regional and Tribal Councils Review Co-ordinating Committee. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Zoe. Tabling of documents. Item 12, notices of motion. Mr. Zoe.

**ITEM 12: NOTICES OF MOTION**

**Notice Of Motion 10-89(1): Tabled Documents 58-89(1) And 59-89(1) To Committee Of The Whole**

MR. ZOE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Monday, March 6, 1989, I will move the following motion: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Mackenzie Delta, that Tabled Document 58-89(1), Report of the Regional and Tribal Councils Review Co-ordinating Committee; and Tabled Document 59-89(1), Government Response to the Report of the Regional and Tribal Councils Review Co-ordinating Committee, be moved into committee of the whole for consideration.

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

**Notice Of Motion 11-89(1): Recess Of The Fourth Session**

MR. LEWIS: Mr. Speaker, I give notice of motion that this Assembly recesses on March 16 and reassembles on April 4 until the business of this session is concluded.

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

Item 13, notices of motion for first reading of bills.

Item 14, motions. Mr. Lewis.

MR. LEWIS: Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to deal with my motion today.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Unanimous consent is being sought by Mr. Lewis to deal with his motion today. Are there any nays?

AN HON. MEMBER: Nay.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Okay. Item 14, motions. Item 15, first reading of bills. Bill 9-89(1). Mr. Ballantyne.

ITEM 15: FIRST READING OF BILLS

First Reading Of Bill 9-89(1): Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 3, 1988-89

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Amittuq, that Bill 9-89(1), Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 3, 1988-89, be read for the first time.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Ballantyne. The motion is in order. To the motion. Question being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 9-89(1) has had first reading. Item 15, first reading of bills.

Item 16, second reading of bills. Item 17, consideration in committee of the whole of bills and other matters: Bill 1-89(1), CR 1-89(1), 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 COMMITTEE REPORT 1-89(1), REPORT ON THE REVIEW OF THE 1989-90 MAIN ESTIMATES; BILL 1-89(1), APPROPRIATION ACT, 1989-90

Department Of Education

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): I would like to call the committee to order. We are dealing with the Department of Education. Mr. Lewis.

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

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): I have a motion to report progress. It is not debatable. All those in favour? Opposed? Motion is carried.

---Carried

I will now rise and report progress.

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

ITEM 18: REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF COMMITTEE REPORT 1-89(1), REPORT ON THE REVIEW OF THE 1989-90 MAIN ESTIMATES; BILL 1-89(1), APPROPRIATION ACT, 1989-90

MR. ZOE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, your committee has been considering Bill 1-89(1) and CR 1-89(1), and wishes to report progress.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Zoe. The House has heard the report of the chairman of committee of the whole. Are you agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

--Agreed

**MR. SPEAKER:** Item 19, third reading of bills. Item 20, Mr. Clerk, orders of the day.

**CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton):** Announcements, Mr. Speaker. There will be a meeting of the special committee on the northern economy tomorrow afternoon at 1:30 p.m.; meetings for Monday morning: at 9:00 a.m. ajauqtit; at 10:00 a.m. caucus.

**ITEM 20: ORDERS OF THE DAY**

**Orders of the day for Monday, March 6th.**

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5. Oral Questions
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7. Returns to Written Questions
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18. Report of Committee of the Whole
19. Third Reading of Bills
20. Orders of the Day

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you, Mr. Clerk. This House stands adjourned until Monday, March 6th, at 1:00 p.m.

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