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YELLOWKNIFE, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 1990

MEMBERS PRESENT

Hon. Titus Allooloo, Mr. Arlooktoo, Hon. Michael Ballantyne, Hon. Tom Butters, Hon. Nellie Cournoyea, Mr. Ernerk, Mr. Gargan, Hon. Stephen Kakfwi, Mr. Kilabuk, Mr. Lewis, Hon. Jeannie Marie-Jewell, Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Morin, Hon. Richard Nerysoo, Mr. Ningark, Hon. Dennis Patterson, Mr. Pedersen, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Pudluk, Mr. Sibbeston, Mr. Whitford, Hon. Gordon Wray, Mr. Zoe

ITEM 1: PRAYER

--Prayer

SPEAKER (Hon. Richard Nerysoo): Orders of the day for Wednesday, April 4, 1990. Item 2, Ministers' statements. The honourable Member for Yellowknife North.

ITEM 2: MINISTERS' STATEMENTS

Ministers' Statement 50-90(1): Daishowa Pulp Mill Review

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to announce that the Government of the Northwest Territories will be calling for formal environmental hearings on the Daishowa pulp mill project in northern Alberta. An application will be made to the federal court for leave for the Government of the Northwest Territories to intervene in a court action undertaken by the Dene Nation, the Metis Association, and several Alberta environmental groups.

The court action is based on those groups' position that the environmental impact assessment of the project in June of 1988 by the Alberta and federal governments was inadequate. Based on that impact assessment, the province of Alberta approved construction of the Daishowa kraft pulp mill and it is presently under construction.

Since that time the federal court has handed down the Rafferty-Alameda and Oldman Dam decisions which raised the issue of the adequacy of the type of review that was conducted on the Daishowa project.

Mr. Speaker, northern residents have a right to clean, safe water. They have the obligation to ensure everything possible is done to provide for zero discharge of industrial pollutants into rivers that flow into their territory.

AN HON. MEMBER: Hear, hear!

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: They must also ensure that southern provinces manage development activities, within their borders, so that they do not pollute downstream jurisdictions and that all developments on water bodies upstream of the Northwest Territories be properly assessed to make sure that the health and livelihood of Northerners are protected.

These are the principles which the Government of the Northwest Territories is upholding in the decision to intervene in the court action. Our position is clear. It was reflected in the recent hearings into the Alberta-Pacific proposal. It cannot be compromised. Thank you.

--Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Ministers' statements. The honourable Member for Slave River.

Ministers' Statement 51-90(1): Appointments To Status Of Women Council

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, yesterday this House gave final reading to the new Status of Women Council Act. The work supporting this act and the related changes to the Women's Secretariat, have been under way for 18 months. The former advisory council has worked hard to prepare for the new Status of Women Council Act. Financial agreements, employment policies and council procedures are now in place, ready for the new council to implement.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the past president, Katherine Peterson, and Barbara Jo May, Helen Hudson-MacDonald, Edna Elias, Peepeelee Nutaralak and Florence Barnaby, the members of the former advisory council, for their work and assistance in preparing for the new council. Their work and dedication to the equality of women in the Northwest Territories was greatly appreciated. Indeed, four members of the former council, including the president, Katherine Peterson, remained and worked with the council even after their terms had expired.

It is with pleasure that I am able to announce to the House today, the names of the members of this new council: Helen Tologanak of Cambridge Bay; Rebecca Kudloo of Baker Lake; Shirley Baton of Fort Franklin; Rita Arey of Inuvik; Linda Faye Williams of Yellowknife; Susan Sammons of Iqaluit; Sister Mary Agnes Sutherland of Fort Smith; Mary Koyina-Richardson of Fort Rae; and Bernadette Makpah of Rankin Inlet. These women bring with them experience and interests from every region in the Northwest Territories, which will together provide the Status of Women Council with the building blocks to create a new council.

In addition, and strictly as an interim measure to assist the new council to quickly and effectively put its affairs in order, I have appointed the council member from Yellowknife as president for a period of three months. This will give the new council an opportunity to meet and organize its business, and begin to address the important issues facing women in the Northwest Territories.

I look forward to following the work of the new council and its members, to seeing the results of their discussions and decisions and to tabling their annual reports in this House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Ministers' statements. Item 3, Members' statements. The honourable Member for High Arctic.

ITEM 3: MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Member's Statement On Murder In The High Arctic

MR. PUDLUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand today to announce that there has been a sad event that happened in my constituency. Last night there was a murder in the High Arctic. This is not a very happy event, especially where there is someone that has died as a result of some criminal action. There is a lot of information that the RCMP have, and there is a criminal in the community that is a repeater. It seems like the laws that are being amended in the NWT have not caught up to the wishes of our people. I

feel that we have to deal with those problems because there are a lot of criminal activities going on in the communities nowadays, and the world is changing, and the laws and the acts have to follow the wishes of the people. A lot of the RCMP in the community know that there is a criminal repeater in the community and they cannot do anything about it because of the law, and I feel it is time that we started amending the acts to protect the people. It should be noted that the RCMP should be more aware of the people that have committed crimes. I thought I should mention this as a Member's statement, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Members' statements. The honourable Member for Baffin Central.

Member's Statement On New Name For The Bay Northern Stores

MR. KILABUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We have to send our condolences to the relatives of that person that was murdered last night.

Mr. Speaker, since I can remember, the Hudson's Bay Company has assisted us in the northern communities and they have helped the people of the NWT with regard to furs and other food and clothing items. It used to be called the Hudson's Bay Company and a lot of us who are Members of the Legislative Assembly have worked for the Hudson's Bay Company. We made little money at that time, but it was a way of earning wages. I would like to say that the reason the Hudson's Bay Company has changed its name to Northern Stores is good. I was involved in the opening of Northern Stores in my community and I appreciate the name they have now because it suits the stores in the northern communities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Members' statements. The honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre.

Member's Statement On Social Problems Of The North

MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It was clear from the debate on violence yesterday that we wanted to be honest and frank and open with each other about the problems we face as a northern society. When we do so, Mr. Speaker, we do so in such a way that we reveal to the rest of Canadians what living in northern Canada is really like. Today's *Globe and Mail* has an editorial with the heading "Northern Canada's Bleak Statistics". When you read it, you would think the writer had listened to our debate on family violence yesterday. It tells of a suicide rate five times worse than the rest of the country; it tells about an unemployment rate of 50 per cent in some northern communities; it tells of child sexual abuse on a frightening scale; it tells of the failure of the government to get the public to pay serious attention to the problem of AIDS; it reports that the NWT has the highest per capita rate of alcohol-related offences in Canada; it points out that the Yukon and the NWT have the highest incidence of offences under the Criminal Code.

Frank debate, Mr. Speaker, helps create these negative images. It is now up to all of us to dedicate ourselves to creating a better vision of northern Canada where people are respected and not abused. We often sing of the "True North Strong and Free". Many of us believe that our greater freedom to conduct our own affairs which we achieved many years ago when we separated from the federal government, would allow us to solve our own problems in our own way. Unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, we have carried on as though we were simply carrying on programs of the federal government. We have not fundamentally changed. We are just as bureaucratic as the federal government ever was. We have

not used our special knowledge and imagination as much as we should have. There are no new bold visions. We continue to avoid fundamental issues or throw a few dollars at the problem hoping it will go away.

I agree with what Mr. Patterson said yesterday. What does Meech Lake or the Northern Accord really mean to ordinary people when we have such fundamental problems to solve? We have become so obsessed with the structure and apparatus of government we have lost sight...

MR. SPEAKER: Your time has expired. Members' statements. The honourable Member for Natilikmiot.

Member's Statement On Solutions To Social Problems In The North

MR. NINGARK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In regard to the topic that we were talking about yesterday, about the family violence in the communities and the NWT as a whole, and about suicide, even if we put some money toward solving some of the problems it seems that it is not just the young people who have the problem, it is also the adult people who have problems, especially when there is nothing else left for them to do, such as employment and other things to do in a community. It is very hard on their minds. That is why it becomes a problem. They become unhappy and they turn to something else. There are not enough recreational facilities and there are not enough adult education centres. Also, there is a lack of employment and job creation. All those things a government should bring up to be available to the public. We will be able to help a lot more in that way, because we cannot just talk about it; we cannot just try to solve the problem only after there has been a suicide or something else has happened already. Mr. Speaker, all these things that we can do as Members could solve a lot of problems. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Members' statements. The honourable Member for Baffin South.

Member's Statement On Discussions On Family Violence

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is going to be brief as I stand today and it is about our agenda of yesterday. I remember last year when we discussed it at the time, concerning the suicides in the NWT, there were a number of young people that killed themselves. During our discussions on family violence today we have heard that there has been a murder in the High Arctic. I would like to give my condolences to the family and the people that are here today. As Members of the Legislative Assembly we do not encourage this kind of thing happening. Murders and suicides keep happening every year and I would like everyone that is listening today to try and discuss in the Legislative Assembly something that will stop this kind of thing happening in the North.

The people of the NWT understand when we try to rectify things at the Legislative Assembly. We do not want the people just to wait for things to happen, they have to organize themselves in the community. They can start doing the things themselves in the communities. I would like everybody in the North who is listening today to know that we have to rectify this problem and the information has to be sent out to all the communities in the North, through the Minister and the Department of Social Services. These institutions are open to anybody who would ask for help. Anybody who wishes to get help can get help from these institutions. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Members' statements. The honourable Member for Yellowknife South.

Member's Statement On Solution To Social Tragedies

MR. WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to take this time to recognize the efforts of the social workers, psychologists, psychiatrists, mental health workers, the YWCA staff, the Native Women's Association, volunteers, the council for the Status of Women and the countless volunteers who work for the cause of furthering the rights of women and in the prevention of spousal and family assault.

Mr. Speaker, yesterday's debate only scratched the surface of a deeper underlying social tragedy. The solutions suggested and proposed are only a few and although they will help in their own way they will fall short of total eradication. Throwing money at the problem is not the solution and I know this is not the case in this particular government, but a combination of training and resources and training the resource pool will help to eradicate social violence.

Mr. Speaker, in addition I would like to encourage the unrecognized volunteers such as the Members themselves who day to day, in their own small way, assist people in dealing with their personal dilemmas. I think that people are fortunate if they can find somebody who will listen and I encourage these countless volunteers never to give up and to continue to make themselves accessible. I think that will reduce the load on all of the organized volunteers who are trying to combat spousal assault, family assault and other forms of violence. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Members' statements. Honourable Member for Aivilik.

Member's Statement On Formation Of NWT Youth Council

MR. ERNERK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My statement is toward the youth today. Everyone has a concern toward the youth. They need help because they are our future generation. Mr. Speaker, we had a meeting in Rankin Inlet concerning suicide this past week and we were trying to rectify some of the problems pertaining to the young people. If we are going to make any decisions we should not just talk about it, we should put into action some of the things we are talking about, in planning for the future of the youth of the NWT. I am supporting the programs. I think the Legislative Assembly and government should try to get a youth council going. Members of the Legislative Assembly should be helping the youth in the North. Also they should be getting together with their elders because they give good advice to us in our daily lives. I think a youth council in the NWT would be a good thing to get going, so they can meet and discuss their problems. I think this will be a good idea and I will be supporting putting this into effect. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Members' statements. Item 4, returns to oral questions. Honourable Member for Amittuq.

ITEM 4: RETURNS TO ORAL QUESTIONS

Return To Question O409-90(1): Cancelling Registered Traplines

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a return to Question O409-90(1), asked by Mr. Morin on March 26th, regarding cancellation of registered traplines in the South Slave region. The boundaries or other conditions dealing with registered trapping areas cannot be altered without the approval of the hunters and trappers association. It would take an amendment to the wildlife fur management area regulations to remove this requirement. We believe that to remove this authority would be a retrogressive step and it is doubtful that a majority of hunters and trappers from the area affected would support such a change.

Earlier this year we supplied the chief of the Fort Resolution Dene Band with information regarding several trapping areas that are registered to Fort Smith trappers. We also informed them that the Fort Smith Hunters and Trappers Association had agreed that area 840 was not an area they were using. I expect that it will be withdrawn from registration before next trapping season. All remaining traplines in question have historically been used by Fort Smith trappers. No further changes are planned.

When land claims are finalized and the wildlife boards are fully functional, there should be additional systems in place for solving resource harvesting disputes between communities. Thank you.

Returns To Questions O431-90(1): Lynx Incentive Program Payment To Fort Resolution HTA; O439-90(1): Minister's Statement On Lynx Incentive Program; O442-90(1): Clarification On Minister's Statement On Lynx Incentive Program; And Further Return To Question O488-90(1): Response Requested To Question O439-90(1), Minister's Statement On Lynx Incentive Program

If I may, I have another return, Mr. Speaker, to a question asked by Mr. Morin on March 28. This is answering Questions O431-90(1), O439-90(1), O442-90(1) and O488-90(1) asked by Mr. Morin on the provision of financial resources to harvesters. In the response to the written question by the Member on this issue, I have provided the detailed breakdown on the financial resources to harvesters. I would like to emphasize that I share the concern of the Member that harvesters should receive as much assistance as possible.

Over the past three years, the funding approved through the main estimates to provide assistance to harvesters has not changed. However, in both 1987-88 and 1988-89 our government was able to provide additional funds for harvesters. In this past year, we have been faced with a situation of financial restraint and we have acted accordingly. Therefore, we have not requested additional funds for harvesters this year.

Over the next year, we hope to provide the financial support system for harvesters. As I have indicated on a number of occasions, we hope to achieve this through the harvester income support review committee. As well, we realize that trappers have to receive special assistance to adjust to the changes in trapping regulations that are forthcoming. We have established a trap exchange program which will help trappers to obtain new types of traps that will be required in the future. We have also been conducting trapper education workshops and will continue this in the future.

The Department of Renewable Resources has always been supportive of trappers and recognized the value of this lifestyle to the cultural integrity of our northern residents. We will continue to support harvesters, wherever possible, and hope that a more equitable system is established in the future. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Returns to oral questions. The honourable Member for Slave River.

Further Return To Question O447-90(1): Attendance At Suicide Prevention Meeting, Rankin Inlet

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a return to an oral question asked by Mr. Ernerk on March 28, 1990, with regard to government attendance at the suicide prevention meeting in Rankin Inlet. I am pleased to advise, and the Member is probably aware, that the following government staff attended the suicide prevention forum in Rankin Inlet this past weekend.

But first of all, Mr. Speaker, I would like to point out that Kathryn Youngblut, president of the Canadian Mental Health Association, Northwest Territories division, and the assistant regional director for the Keewatin Region, Mr. Marius Tungilik, acted as co-chairs for the forum. Also, Chief Norman Yakeleya from Fort Norman, and the honourable Member for Aivilik, Peter Ernerk, were the guest speakers, and I thank them. About 50 to 60 people from across the Northwest Territories participated.

The following staff from the Department of Social Services attended: Greg Cummings, superintendent for the Keewatin Region from Baker Lake; Andrew Langford, director of alcohol, drug and community mental health services from Yellowknife; Jo MacQuarrie, who is the consultant for community mental health in Yellowknife; Ann Nishio, who is the community mental health specialist from Baker Lake; Norman McCallum, who is the alcohol and drug specialist in Rankin Inlet; Andrea Kamin, community mental health specialist from Coppermine; Ken Webster, community mental health specialist from Inuvik; Ethel Lamothe, alcohol, drug and community health specialist from Fort Simpson; Christine Tatti, who is the alcohol, drug and community health specialist from Yellowknife; Debbie Tynes is the regional supervisor from the Keewatin Region in Baker Lake; and Marie Ernerk, the social services worker from Rankin Inlet. Also, Edi Casimirri, the press officer from the Department of Culture and Communications in Yellowknife attended. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Returns to oral questions. Just prior to proceeding, I wish to make the honourable Members aware of visitors to the capital and to our Assembly, visitors who are adult students from Holman Island and their instructor, Grace Brown.

---Applause

Returns to oral questions. The honourable Member for Iqaluit.

Return To Question O242-90(1): Additional Person Year For Pelly Bay

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a reply to an oral question asked by Mr. Ningark on February 28, 1990, concerning an additional person year for Pelly Bay.

As the Member for Natilikmiot is aware, this government is under restraint measures imposed by the cuts in federal funding. These measures limit our capacity to increase spending, including the establishment of additional person years. We must look at innovative ways of increasing the level of service to the communities. The community of Pelly Bay is served by the Department of Economic Development and Tourism and the Department of Renewable Resources. The economic development officer stationed in Spence Bay visits Pelly Bay on a monthly basis, more often at the client's request. Other regional Economic Development and Tourism staff also visit the community on a regular basis. The department is looking at a number of ways of enhancing services including increasing the number of visits made by staff. The Department of Renewable Resources does not intend to hire a full-time renewable resources officer for Pelly Bay. However, the department is planning on enhancing its level of service in communities without full-time renewable resources officers. The regional office in Coppermine will be contacting the Kurtairojuark Hunters and Trappers Association this spring to identify the best way to achieve the level of services required. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Returns to oral questions. Item 5, oral questions. The honourable Member for Pine Point.

ITEM 5: ORAL QUESTIONS

Question O499-90(1): Use Of Waste Heat Generated By Diesel Units At Jackfish Lake

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask the Minister responsible for Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources a question concerning the diesel units that are located outside of Yellowknife at Jackfish Lake. It has come to my attention through a few people that since the diesel units from Pine Point have been relocated here, that there is a tremendous amount of heat being exhausted out through the cooling system into Jackfish Lake. Does she think it might be an opportune time for the corporation to consider using this excess heat to heat buildings in the downtown core area of Yellowknife, such as is done in Iqaluit and Inuvik by waste heat from the diesel units?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The honourable Member for Nunakput.

Return To Question O499-90(1): Use Of Waste Heat Generated By Diesel Units At Jackfish Lake

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. McLaughlin, I will not say yes to it. Mr. Speaker, the power generated by the diesel units that have been put on site certainly generate quite a bit of heat. However, there would have to be an investigation into the matter, mainly because we intend at the earliest possible time to provide hydro power to this community. So these units are considered temporary within the corporation's strategic plan. We have not had any requests from any of the local establishments for use of that power but certainly if there is anyone that is interested and wishes to purchase excess heat from the establishment we would be pleased, and I am sure the Power Corporation would be pleased, to investigate that possibility.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Oral questions. The honourable Member for Pine Point, supplementary.

Supplementary To Question O499-90(1): Use Of Waste Heat Generated By Diesel Units At Jackfish Lake

MR. McLAUGHLIN: I realize that the improved line coming into Yellowknife from Snare will be available probably before the end of the summer but even three or four years from now when the Taltson line gets extended around here from the Pine Point area, the possibility still exists that during the winter these diesel units may still have to run to supplement power. So I would ask her if she would have her officials look into the feasibility of this situation so that it could actually be a source of revenue for the corporation and possibly a cheaper supply of heat for the downtown core area of Yellowknife. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The honourable Member for Nunakput.

Further Return To Question O499-90(1): Use Of Waste Heat Generated By Diesel Units At Jackfish Lake

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I do not believe that was a question. That was a follow-up. I will certainly be willing to take into consideration any suggestion to fully utilize the Power Corporation's energy.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Oral questions. The honourable member for Yellowknife Centre.

Question O500-90(1): Ministerial Responsibility For Youth

MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Two and a half years ago the Government Leader, in assigning responsibilities to Ministers, assigned the responsibility for youth to the Minister responsible for Social Services, Hon. Jeannie Marie-Jewell. Does she still have that responsibility or has he changed it without telling us?

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member for Iqaluit.

Return To Question O500-90(1): Ministerial Responsibility For Youth

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, I would not make such a change without telling the House, especially Mr. Lewis. The Hon. Jeannie Marie-Jewell still has the responsibility for youth. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Oral questions. The honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre.

Question O501-90(1): Identification Of Youth Programs

MR. LEWIS: Mr. Speaker, since many of the problems we outlined yesterday really apply to the age group from 14 to 25, the groups that he has identified as the youth group, what has the Minister done to help that particular group of people during the two and a half years that she has had the responsibility?

MR. SPEAKER: New question, the honourable Member for Slave River.

Return To Question O501-90(1): Identification Of Youth Programs

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do want to advise the Member that across the Territories we have encouraged youth to group together and take on initiatives that would affect and assist the youth. I am aware that we have already assisted youth across the Territories with their initiatives and with their proposals to the tune of some \$250,000. So I must indicate to the Member that there has been some assistance toward youth initiatives as they have been coming into my office for requests. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Oral questions. The honourable Member for Aivilik.

Question O502-90(1): Clarification Of Return To Question O482-90(1), Guidelines For Hunting Of Migratory Birds

MR. ERNERK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Renewable Resources. It is with regard to a return to Question O482-90(1), guidelines for hunting of migratory birds.

Mr. Speaker, I do not quite understand his reply to my question yesterday with regard to trying to change the hunting season of migratory birds in the Northwest Territories. Could the Minister explain what he means in this reply?

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member for Amittuq.

Return To Question O502-90(1): Clarification Of Return To Question O482-90(1), Guidelines For Hunting Of Migratory Birds

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will

repeat my answer to the honourable Member in a different language so perhaps he will understand it.

Mr. Speaker, my response yesterday was that at our wildlife conference a couple of years ago I suggested that the Migratory Birds Convention Act was outdated. It was agreed to by England with the United States, respecting migratory birds in Canada. I sought and received support from other wildlife ministers in the country, that changes should be made to the Migratory Birds Convention Act to allow the northern people to be able to harvest those resources. The decision was then taken to the Government of Canada to the External Affairs Minister and the Justice Minister, to approach the United States to see if there could be changes to the Migratory Birds Convention Act. So far we have not heard from the federal departments, External Affairs and Justice, that they have pursued our request. At the present time, I feel that that is as far as we can go. Let me say again that in our meeting two years ago, I had strong support from the wildlife ministers of the country. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Oral questions. Honourable Member for Tu Nede.

Question O503-90(1): True Or False Statement Re Lynx Incentive Program

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Renewable Resources. Mr. Minister, in answering my questions today you said, "Therefore, we have not requested additional funds for harvesters this year". Mr. Minister, in the previous years the trappers have received incentive for lynx. My whole line of questioning was whether or not you could continue to make sure the trappers got that, but by another route, possibly through the HTA. Give the money to the HTA so it does not look like there is a bounty on lynx.

In your answer last Tuesday you said that the money has been given out in different ways than it used to be. You said that the money is not given out to individuals who trap lynx but it is given out to the HTA. This is basically why I was questioning you, to get this to happen, what you stated in this House. So once again I will ask you if this statement you gave on Tuesday of last week is a true statement?

MR. SPEAKER: Honourable Member for Amittuq.

Return To Question O503-90(1): True Or False Statement Re Lynx Incentive Program

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Mr. Speaker, in my response to his original question, I gave a report of the incentive that was given out to each community. In Snowdrift the trapper incentive was given out to the HTA to the tune of \$23,729 this year, along with the HTA general grant. Under the community harvesters assistance program they were given \$16,000. In the community harvesters assistance program special they were given \$8400. In Fort Resolution the trapper incentive grant was given out to the community to the tune of \$18,967, as well as the local wildlife committee core funding from our department. Under the community harvest assistance program we gave \$31,000 to the community. Under the special program we gave \$15,100. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Oral questions. Honourable Member for Tu Nede, supplementary.

Supplementary To Question O503-90(1): True Or False Statement Re Lynx Incentive Program

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Supplementary. I got all the information from you and I can read it. I understand

that, but the specific question is: The lynx incentive money for Fort Resolution is around \$17,000 and you stated here that the money has been given out in different ways than it used to be. The money is not given out to individuals to trap lynx, but it is given out to the HTA. A very simple question: Is that a true statement, Mr. Minister? That is all I am asking.

MR. SPEAKER: Honourable Member for Amittuq.

Further Return To Question O503-90(1): True Or False Statement Re Lynx Incentive Program

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Mr. Speaker, as far as I can see in the report that was given to the Member on his written question, and that report is in detail, the trapper incentives were given out to the two communities.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Honourable Member for Tu Nede, supplementary.

Supplementary To Question O503-90(1): True Or False Statement Re Lynx Incentive Program

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Supplementary. In your return to my question, on Tuesday, March 27th you made a statement, "The money has been given out in different ways than it used to be. The money is not given out to individuals who trap lynx, but it is given out to HTAs." I am talking about the lynx incentive money, Mr. Minister. The money that used to be given out to the trappers, you stated here that it is now given out to the HTAs. Is that a true statement? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Honourable Member for Amittuq.

Further Return To Question O503-90(1): True Or False Statement Re Lynx Incentive Program

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Mr. Speaker, I understand under the 1989-90 fiscal year there is no extra funding that is available to the trappers aside from the grants that we have given out.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Final supplementary, honourable Member for Tu Nede.

Supplementary To Question O503-90(1): True Or False Statement Re Lynx Incentive Program

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Minister, on Tuesday, March 27th, you stated, "The money has been given out in different ways than it used to be. The money is not given out to individuals who trap lynx, but it is given out to HTAs." Is that statement true, Mr. Minister? That is what I am asking. I am not asking for the answers you are giving me.

MR. SPEAKER: Honourable Member for Amittuq.

Further Return To Question O503-90(1): True Or False Statement Re Lynx Incentive Program

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Mr. Speaker, I believe it was last year that I requested and received one-time funding through a supplementary appropriation to the tune of \$33,080 to distribute to hunters and trappers associations in the communities, to give grants to HTAs that would normally be given to individuals to give them a lynx incentive. That was one-time funding, I believe. The Member is correct, we used to give incentives to individuals who trapped lynx. In that one-time-only supplementary appropriation that was approved by the Financial Management Board of our government I was able to do that. This year, apparently, it is not available.

Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Oral questions. The honourable Member for Natilikmiot.

Question O504-90(1): Location Of Tank Farm In Gjoa Haven

MR. NINGARK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess my question will be directed to the Government Leader. During my recent visit to Gjoa Haven I was approached by a very concerned resident of that community regarding the tank farm which, to my understanding, is right in the community. Given the potential for an oil spill, and the catastrophe that it would lead to, I wonder if the Government Leader is aware of the problem? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member for Inuvik.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I believe the Government Leader is aware of the requirement to relocate that tank farm as are other Members of the Financial Management Board. There is a timetable for doing that. I am looking for it now. I will probably have to take the question as notice and give the dates tomorrow.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member is taking the question as notice. Oral questions. The honourable Member for Baffin Central.

Question O505-90(1): Housing Corporation Policy On Payment For Damages

MR. KILABUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister responsible for the NWT Housing Corporation. The majority of the people rent houses from the NWT Housing Corporation and we also know that we usually have to pay for the damages that we do in the houses that we are renting. I would like to ask the Minister of the NWT Housing Corporation, in the whole NWT, because the housing associations within the communities have employees doing various jobs, I wonder if those employees are paid for repairing the damages for the housing association and if that is the case, there would not be a problem. But I am more concerned about unemployed people in the communities who have no source of income. If they were not able to pay for the damages, then that unit might be in bad condition, thinking that that employee is working for the housing association and he is getting paid for the work. It would seem that he would get duplicate payment for the same job. Is there such a policy where it does not apply just in some communities but in all communities in the Northwest Territories? The people who rent units from the Housing Corporation, are they aware that they have to pay for the damages that they incur with the unit? Is this the policy? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member for Inuvik.

Return To Question O505-90(1): Housing Corporation Policy On Payment For Damages

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Yes, Mr. Speaker, it is my understanding that they are aware that they would have to pay for damages which are incurred. I am not exactly sure what happens when the occupant is unemployed and the damage is considerable, but I would assume that the repairs are carried forward and the indebtedness is placed against the occupant's account. But certainly people have to pay for the damage that they create in any Housing Corporation house.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Oral questions. The

honourable Member for Baffin Central, supplementary.

Supplementary To Question O505-90(1): Housing Corporation Policy On Payment For Damages

MR. KILABUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I understand the Minister's response. I do not know if they are all aware. Maybe you can state that all the units that are rented out by the Housing Corporation should operate in the same way, where the unemployed people are considered the same way as the employed and that they be assisted in the same manner. My concern was that I was getting calls from my constituents, that on top of their rent they had to pay for the damages that they incurred if they were going to go by the policy. Maybe you can advise your staff in the Northwest Territories to inform every housing association. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The honourable Member for Inuvik.

Further Return To Question O505-90(1): Housing Corporation Policy On Payment For Damages

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. The honourable Member for Aivilik.

Question O506-90(1): Update On Clean-Up Of 1973 Oil Spill In Rankin Inlet

MR. ERNERK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Renewable Resources. Could the Minister update this House with respect to any plans to clean up the oil spill which occurred in 1973 in Rankin Inlet?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The honourable Member for Amittuq.

Return To Question O506-90(1): Update On Clean-Up Of 1973 Oil Spill In Rankin Inlet

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. During the summer of 1989 the pollution control division undertook to study the oil spill that the Member is talking about, utilizing the Rankin Inlet consultant who was hired to look into the possibility of making an assessment and also to make recommendations as to how to approach this oil spill that occurred. As a result, the preliminary results have been discussed with Mike Vaydik, regional director, along with the senior regional officials of Renewable Resources, Public Works and Government Services. Preliminary results were also conveyed to Mr. Tagak Curley, representing the hamlet council of Rankin Inlet on December 12, 1989, during the meeting in Rankin Inlet. The final report is expected by the end of January. I suppose the final report has been submitted. Upon finalization of the report, a meeting will immediately be convened between pollution control and the Government Services petroleum products division. At that meeting a strategy will be developed to include health officials, the hamlet of Rankin Inlet and the federal Fisheries and Oceans in further considerations regarding remedial action. I understand the officials from the Department of Government Services and my officials will be meeting tomorrow, Thursday, to develop a plan to clean up the oil spill in the summer. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Oral questions. The honourable Member for Aivilik, supplementary.

Supplementary To Question O506-90(1): Update On Clean-Up Of 1973 Oil Spill In Rankin Inlet

MR. ERNERK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, a supplementary. How long has the government known about this particular oil spill? It has been there since 1973.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The honourable Member for Amittuq.

Further Return To Question O506-90(1): Update On Clean-Up Of 1973 Oil Spill In Rankin Inlet

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Mr. Speaker, since 1973.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Oral questions. The honourable Member for Aivilik, supplementary.

Supplementary To Question O506-90(1): Update On Clean-Up Of 1973 Oil Spill In Rankin Inlet

MR. ERNERK: Mr. Speaker, how come it took so long to do something about it?

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member for Amittuq.

Further Return To Question O506-90(1): Update On Clean-Up Of 1973 Oil Spill In Rankin Inlet

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Mr. Speaker, I do not know. I was not there in 1973.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Oral questions. The honourable Member for Hay River.

Question O507-90(1): Policy On Only Northern Contractors Bidding On GNWT Contracts

MR. POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Government Leader. Mr. Speaker, last week I was asking the Minister responsible for the Housing Corporation about southern contractors building houses in the Northwest Territories. Our government spends a lot of money, as we all know, on contracts during the year, Mr. Speaker, so my question to the Government Leader is, is he prepared to bring in a policy this year that would specify that northern contractors who qualify under the business incentive policy, and only those northern contractors, be allowed to bid on contracts let by the Government of the Northwest Territories? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

AN HON. MEMBER: Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The honourable Member for Iqaluit.

Return To Question O507-90(1): Policy On Only Northern Contractors Bidding On GNWT Contracts

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to assure the honourable Member that I am well aware of the fact that, although I think we are doing very well in the area of architectural and engineering contracts, because of a policy favouring northern firms that was adopted some years ago by our Department of Public Works, there are many other areas of government contracting where we still have leakage, where contracts are awarded by our departments which go to southern firms, even though in many cases there are northern firms available to do the work. I can tell the honourable Member that is a matter of great concern to me. As a matter

of fact, I was just discussing it the other day with a cabinet colleague.

I can tell the honourable Member, in response to his question, that I am prepared to look, with appropriate Ministers, at new approaches that would eliminate leakage of contracts to southern companies. I am prepared to do something to fix up the situation which the Member is referring to. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. The honourable Member for Hay River, supplementary.

Supplementary To Question O507-90(1): Policy On Only Northern Contractors Bidding On GNWT Contracts

MR. POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am not interested in new approaches, and the contractors in the Northwest Territories are not interested in sympathy, sir. What they are interested in is action...

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...and the way the Government Leader can bring forward that action -- Mr. Speaker, all the Government Leader has to do is stand up and say, "Yes, I will bring forward such a policy". So I ask again, is he prepared to bring forward a policy this year that would reflect the question that I asked earlier? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The honourable Member for Iqaluit.

Further Return To Question O507-90(1): Policy On Only Northern Contractors Bidding On GNWT Contracts

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Well, Mr. Speaker, we do have a whole range of policies under the broad heading of "northern preference", which are designed to accomplish the end that the Member and I both support. However, Mr. Speaker, I do acknowledge that those policies are not working the way we would like them to work. The Member asks, will I be prepared to bring forward a policy. There is a policy in place. However, I will be prepared to review the policy and discuss with cabinet colleagues what is necessary to make sure the goal that the Member suggests is achieved.

I will be frank, I agree with the honourable Member. Qualified northern contractors are losing a lot of business to southern companies. It is a problem. I am aware of it, and yes, we will do something about it. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Oral questions. The honourable Member for Hay River, supplementary.

Supplementary To Question O507-90(1): Policy On Only Northern Contractors Bidding On GNWT Contracts

MR. POLLARD: Mr. Speaker, I think the Government Leader is leaping around like a person standing on hot ground. If the Government Leader supports what I say with such vigour, why does he not bring that policy forward this year and make a commitment to do so, Mr. Speaker? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The honourable Member for Iqaluit.

Further Return To Question O507-90(1): Policy On Only Northern Contractors Bidding On GNWT Contracts

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, I thought I had been very clear with the honourable Member. I acknowledge the problem. It exists. We are aware of it, and I will do something about it, but I do not know right now what we will

do. I have to review our present policies. Maybe the answer is to do away with some of our policies. Some of the provinces, I know, do not have any policies whatsoever and they take action simply by how the cabinet approaches the awarding of contracts. Maybe a policy is not the answer. Maybe we have too many rules now that are part of the problem. I am not prepared to say that I will bring forward a policy, but I am prepared to say that it is a problem and we will do something about it. When I say we will do something about it, I do not mean next year, I mean we will tackle the problem immediately, this year. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Oral questions. The honourable Member for Hay River, final supplementary.

Question O508-90(1): Government's Consideration Of A Formal Motion On Awarding Of Contracts

MR. POLLARD: Mr. Speaker, my question this time on the same subject, sir, to the Government Leader is, would he take more notice of a formal motion in this House directing the government to do such a thing? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: New question. The honourable Member for Iqaluit.

Return To Question O508-90(1): Government's Consideration Of A Formal Motion On Awarding Of Contracts

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, I have noticed the honourable Member's question and his concern. I have acknowledged it. I have said the government should be doing more and we will work to correct the problem by whatever means is appropriate. To answer the Member's question, Mr. Speaker, of course the government would pay attention to a formal motion from this Assembly, but the Member has already brought the matter to my attention and it is already something I have been concerned about. A motion would help, but it is not strictly necessary. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Oral questions. The honourable Member for Yellowknife South.

Question O509-90(1): Proposal For Awarding Dental Plan Contract

MR. WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister of Personnel. Some time ago there was a proposal calling for companies to handle the dental plan. I would like to know if this matter is being dealt with and the status on it.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The honourable Member for Slave River.

Return To Question O509-90(1): Proposal For Awarding Dental Plan Contract

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Yes, Mr. Speaker, the matter is being dealt with. Currently there is a recommendation to the Financial Management Board to award a contract to a company called Green Shield Prepaid Services Incorporated. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Oral questions. Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, supplementary.

Supplementary To Question O509-90(1): Proposal For Awarding Dental Plan Contract

MR. WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Madam Minister, is this a northern company?

MR. SPEAKER: Honourable Member for Slave River.

Further Return To Question O509-90(1): Proposal For Awarding Dental Plan Contract

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Speaker, unfortunately it is not. The committee that evaluated the proposal applied the northern business incentive policy when evaluating the two northern proposals received. The committee adjusted the bid price by the required 10 per cent and further awarded an additional 10 per cent in eligible points for the rating guides. The lowest bid put forth by a northern proposal was 57 per cent higher than the committee's recommendation.

MR. SPEAKER: Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, supplementary.

Supplementary To Question O509-90(1): Proposal For Awarding Dental Plan Contract

MR. WHITFORD: Mr. Speaker, we are talking about giving businesses in the North an opportunity. Is this 57 per cent higher than the desired price or 57 per cent higher than the next price or successful tenderer?

MR. SPEAKER: Honourable Member for Slave River.

Further Return To Question O509-90(1): Proposal For Awarding Dental Plan Contract

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Speaker, 57 per cent higher than the successful bidder's price.

MR. SPEAKER: Honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre.

Question O510-90(1): Increase In Cost Of Motor Vehicle Registration

MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister responsible for Government Services. There has been a great line-up of people to buy licence plates to register their vehicles. I am told that many of them are tardy because it costs so much money these days to buy these registrations. You have to search around for far more money than you thought you would. So since there has been an increase since last year and this year in the cost of licence plates, far beyond the cost of inflation, could the Minister explain to this House why, two years consecutively, we have had an increase in the cost of motor vehicle registration?

MR. SPEAKER: Honourable Member for Kivallivik.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will have to take that question as notice.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member is taking that question as notice. Oral questions. Honourable Member for Aivilik.

Question O511-90(1): GNWT Working With Tungavik Federation Of Nunavut

MR. ERNERK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Government Leader. Will the government of the NWT be discussing with TFN in regard to constitutional reform? I am thinking of the Nunavut land claims.

MR. SPEAKER: Honourable Member for Iqaluit.

Return To Question O511-90(1): GNWT Working With Tungavik Federation Of Nunavut

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, I was very pleased to hear the announcement by the TFN that they are going to establish a presence in Yellowknife, an office in Yellowknife, now that the agreement in principle has been signed, so that they can work more closely with our government on matters of constitutional development and also other matters that we must co-operate together on in order to implement the agreement in principle.

We both agree that this would make it a lot easier to work together. So Mr. Speaker, the Member's question was: Will we be discussing constitutional matters with the TFN? Most definitely. We will continue to do so and it is going to be a lot easier when they have an office here in the capital where we will be able to meet together at the political level and also have our officials work together. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Oral questions. Honourable Member for Hay River.

Question O512-90(1): Communities Without Economic Development Officers

MR. POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism. I wonder if the Minister could table in this House a list of all communities which do not have economic development officers stationed in them.

MR. SPEAKER: Honourable Member for Kivallivik.

Return To Question O512-90(1): Communities Without Economic Development Officers

HON. GORDON WRAY: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre.

Question O513-90(1): Provision Of Power To Colville Lake

MR. LEWIS: There has been a flurry of activity this morning, Mr. Speaker, about the provision of power to the community of Colville Lake. I have not had the opportunity to do all the research I would like to do, but I would like to ask the Government Leader whether, in fact, a decision has been made to provide power to that place that has now become a full community with a school, and so on.

MR. SPEAKER: Honourable Member for Iqaluit.

Return To Question O513-90(1): Provision Of Power To Colville Lake

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: No, not yet, Mr. Speaker. No decision has been made.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Honourable Member for Deh Cho.

Question O514-90(1): Appointments To Status Of Women Council

MR. GARGAN: I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Social Services with regard to appointments to the Status of Women Council. I saw the list and I would like to ask the Minister if the practice has been to inform Members of the House about those selections and whether the Members

are satisfied with the selection of the Minister, or has the Minister just gone ahead on her own initiative to do the selection?

MR. SPEAKER: Honourable Member for Slave River.

Return To Question O514-90(1): Appointments To Status Of Women Council

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In December of 1989 and again in February of 1990, I wrote to each individual MLA asking for nominations for the new council. I received nominations from three MLAs from this Assembly.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Oral questions. Honourable Member for Aivilik.

Question O515-90(1): 1973 Oil Spill In Rankin Inlet

MR. ERNERK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question will be directed to the Minister of MACA. It is supplementary to the question I asked earlier of the Minister of Renewable Resources. Why did it take so long to do something about the oil spill that occurred in 1973?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: (Inaudible comments)

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MR. SPEAKER: Well that was a good exchange. It should have been on record, though. So now that we know that answer. Oral questions. Honourable Member for Yellowknife South.

Question O516-90(1): Provision Of Grants To Arctic Circle Lodge

MR. WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister responsible for Economic Development. Is this government, through its economic development program, providing any funds in the form of grants to Arctic Circle Lodge?

Question O515-90(1) Ruled Out Of Order

MR. SPEAKER: I just wish to indicate that, prior to proceeding with the response to the honourable Member, I am ruling out the question that the honourable Member for Aivilik posed to the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs. The honourable Member for Kivallivik.

Return To Question O516-90(1): Provision Of Grants To Arctic Circle Lodge

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the best of my knowledge, no, we are not.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Oral questions. The honourable Member for Yellowknife South, supplementary.

Supplementary To Question O516-90(1): Provision Of Grants To Arctic Circle Lodge

MR. WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Because of the answer, to the best of his knowledge, I would like to pose that question again; and could the Minister get back to me when he does find out whether or not they are receiving any grants?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The honourable Member for Kivallivik.

HON. GORDON WRAY: I will take the question as notice

because I cannot state categorically that they are not. I am just 99.99 per cent sure that they are not, but I will get back to the Member.

MR. SPEAKER: Just prior to proceeding, I wish to recognize in our gallery Chief Frank Kotchea and councillor Harry Deneron of Fort Liard. Oral questions. The honourable Member for Hay River.

Question O517-90(1): Amendment To Bill 9-90(1): Appropriation Act, 1990-91

MR. POLLARD: Mr. Speaker, to the Minister of Finance. Mr. Speaker, yesterday there was a motion passed in the House recommending a \$400,000 change in spending this year, and I wonder if the Minister of Finance is prepared to amend Bill 9-90(1) to reflect that change before the bill goes through the House, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member for Yellowknife North.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There are a number of ways for the government to accomplish the wishes of the Assembly. One is the way put forward by the Member. Another is by the use of a special warrant between now and the next Legislative Assembly. The third way would be in the way of a supp at the next Assembly. We have not discussed it with the Financial Management Board so I will take the question as notice and get back to the Member as to what procedure we are prepared to use.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Oral questions. Honourable Member for Yellowknife South.

Question O518-90(1): Bridge Across Mackenzie River

MR. WHITFORD: Thank you. I have a question for the Minister responsible for Highways. The Minister had a vision of northern highways here a little while ago which he spoke about yesterday to the press. Does this vision include a bridge across the Mackenzie River?

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member for Kivallivik.

Return To Question O518-90(1): Bridge Across Mackenzie River

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you. Although I could not reply to the last Member's question with certainty this one I can reply with certainty. It certainly does not include a bridge over the Mackenzie River.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. The honourable Member for Kitikmeot West.

Question O519-90(1): Appointment Of Individuals To Status Of Women Council

MR. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Minister responsible for the Status of Women. Could the Minister advise us when she made the decision to appoint the names that she surprised us with in her statement earlier today?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The honourable Member for Slave River.

Return To Question O519-90(1): Appointment Of Individuals To Status Of Women Council

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My last letter that went out to all of the Members of the Legislative Assembly was dated March 1st, and I made my

final decision toward the latter part of last week, although I got cabinet approval today. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Oral questions. The honourable Member for Kitikmeot West, supplementary.

Supplementary To Question O519-90(1): Appointment Of Individuals To Status Of Women Council

MR. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The decision, then, was made prior to the time that the act was passed giving you the authority to make that decision?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The honourable Member for Slave River.

Further Return To Question O519-90(1): Appointment Of Individuals To Status Of Women Council

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: No, as I indicated in this House, Mr. Speaker, the approval for the appointments was made today. However, I deliberated the appointments prior to the act being passed.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. The honourable Member for Nahendeh.

Question O520-90(1): All-Weather Highway North Of Wrigley

MR. SIBBESTON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This morning I spoke to the chief of Wrigley, Gabe Hardisty. He indicated that he and the people in Wrigley very much supported an all-weather highway to go from Wrigley to Norman and, eventually, to link up with the Dempster highway all the way up to Inuvik. I am just wondering, to the Minister of Transportation, is a highway further down the Mackenzie, further north of Wrigley, to be included in his transportation strategy?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The honourable Member for Kivallivik.

Return To Question O520-90(1): All-Weather Highway North Of Wrigley

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you. That is one of the main elements of the transportation strategy to date. It would be an extension of the Mackenzie highway to Inuvik, eventually, plus the paving of the entire highway along its length. That is why, in response to the last Member in terms of looking at a bridge over the Mackenzie River, quite frankly if there is money available I think the priority for the Mackenzie highway is its extension and paving. The cost efficiency of the bridge is not that great compared to, say, Arctic Red River, where there is a very definite cost efficiency for a bridge. So, yes, it does include that.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Oral questions. The honourable Member for Kitikmeot West.

Question O521-90(1): Order Of Commissioner To Bring Bill 16-90(1) Into Force

MR. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister for the Status of Women again. Bill 16-90(1), that we passed yesterday, in clause 16 it states that this act or any portion of this act shall come into force on a day or days to be affixed by order of the Commissioner. Could the Minister advise me if this act, in fact, has been brought into force by order of the Commissioner this morning? We only gave it assent as the last item of business last night.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The honourable Member for Slave River.

Return To Question O521-90(1): Order Of Commissioner To Bring Bill 16-90(1) Into Force

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Speaker, I would imagine that since this act was passed last night that the process for it to be sent to the Commissioner for order to come into force -- it is probably in the process of being sent to the Commissioner. I have no idea whether or not he has put it into effect.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Oral questions. The honourable Member for Kitikmeot West, supplementary.

Supplementary To Question O521-90(1): Order Of Commissioner To Bring Bill 16-90(1) Into Force

MR. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If the act has not been brought into force yet, do we then take it that the announcements that were made today of appointees to the council are not in force, as well, until that happens?

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member for Slave River.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Speaker, because I am unclear as to the formality of the finalization, I will take that question as notice.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. The honourable Member for Yellowknife South.

MR. WHITFORD: Before I ask my question, I would like to seek unanimous consent to extend question period.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member for Yellowknife South is requesting unanimous consent to extend question period. Are there any nays?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Nay.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Oral questions. The honourable Member for Yellowknife South.

Question O522-90(1): Possible Cause Of Rusting Of Vehicles

MR. WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A quick question to the Minister responsible for highways. There has been a noticeable increase in the number of rusted vehicles in this area here. I wonder if the Minister could indicate what is being used on the highway that is causing this problem?

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member for Kivallivik.

Return To Question O522-90(1): Possible Cause Of Rusting Of Vehicles

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. That is an impossible question to answer, Mr. Speaker, because there is no proof whatsoever that what is going on the highways is causing the rust. Who knows why they are rusting? It may be something on the highways, but there is no way of proving that.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. The honourable Member for Nahendeh.

Question O523-90(1): Housing For Elderly In Fort Liard

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the Minister

of Housing and MACA for travelling to Fort Liard this past weekend. One of the most severe problems in the community, which was pointed out to the Minister, is that of housing old people. The Minister indicated that he would consider seeing if small houses, either those that you can plug into existing houses or else a completely detached small unit can be put on skids and placed by the homes of some people who have elderly people. It has been all of four days, Mr. Speaker, since the Minister has had a chance to consider the matter. Has he made a decision on the matter, while some people from Fort Liard are here to hear him?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The honourable Member for Inuvik.

Return To Question O523-90(1): Housing For Elderly In Fort Liard

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do thank Chief Kotchea and his councillor, Mr. Deneron, for their very hospitable welcome to Fort Liard when we were there. If the Member recalls, there was quite a bit of discussion with regard to the most appropriate type of housing, the most suitable type of housing, for the problem that was identified in the community. One of the solutions that we looked at was the special projects houses that were built at Fort Providence, I think a year and a half ago, two units which included a bedroom, a living area, kitchen, shower facilities and water. I was hoping, and I know the chief was hoping, too, that he would have an opportunity to go to Fort Providence on Monday and examine these units personally to see whether he felt that they might meet the needs of the community. Regrettably, as we all know, the chiefs and other members of the Dene Nation and the Metis Association have been busy on other pressing matters. I do believe that Chief Kotchea will be travelling to Providence in the very near future to look at those units. My own particular belief was that he would probably find them quite good but until he makes that trip and examines the dwellings, I cannot answer the question of the Member.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Time period has expired for question period. Item 6, written questions. Written questions. The honourable Member for Nahendeh.

ITEM 6: WRITTEN QUESTIONS

Question W26-90(1): Disposal Of Electric Toilets In Fort Liard

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, I have a written question. The question is, what is the Minister going to do with the electric toilets that have been discarded from three houses in Fort Liard? It appears that such toilets were installed in some of the units that were built and paid for by the corporation last summer. Some people in Liard could not accept this new technology of electric toilets. So they have, in three cases, thrown them out of their houses. What is the Minister going to do about that?

MR. SPEAKER: Written questions. Written questions. Item 7, returns to written questions. Mr. Clerk.

ITEM 7: RETURNS TO WRITTEN QUESTIONS

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Mr. Speaker, return to Question W7-90(1), asked by Mr. Morin to the Minister of Public Works concerning the cost for design and inspection of capital projects and percentage of the total costs in headquarters and regions; return to Question W16-90(1), asked by Mr. Morin to the Government Leader concerning direct or indirect benefits to the 11th Assembly MLAs; return to Question W24-90(1), asked by Mr. Morin to the Minister of

Renewable Resources concerning provision of financial resources to hunters and trappers associations.

Return To Question W7-90(1): Cost For Design And Inspection Of Capital Projects

Hon. Nellie Cournoyea's return to Question W7-90(1), asked by Mr. Morin on February 14, 1990, regarding cost for design and inspection of capital projects: For projects handled by DPW, architectural and engineering divisions, the average in-house cost for design and inspection per project is 1.3 per cent, including both headquarters and regionally managed projects. Average consultants' costs and expenses are 8.9 per cent. Consultants' costs are fixed by their respective associations and are the same for private and public sector clients.

These averages are taken from the department's extremely wide range of programs, including: 1) fuel storage; 2) water and sanitation; 3) fire operations; 4) road, site and land projects; 5) schools; 6) arenas; 7) community halls; 8) correctional facilities; 9) gymnasiums; 10) health facilities.

In order to make every possible effort to maximize local involvement, the projects are managed in a wide variety of different ways. For instance: 1) tender and award on the basis of price; 2) tender and award on the basis of both price and level of local and northern involvement; 3) partial authority to community councils; 4) construction management by general superintendent; 5) negotiated contracts; 6) design/build.

These figures compare very favourably with other governments, both provincial and federal, as well as with private sector costs for project management. This is despite the increased complexity of our projects due to maximizing local and northern involvement, climate, isolation and staffing difficulties.

Return To Question W16-90(1): Direct Or Indirect Benefits To 11th Assembly MLAs

Hon. Dennis Patterson's return to Question W16-90(1), asked by Mr. Morin on February 23, 1990, regarding direct or indirect benefits to 11th Assembly MLAs: In reviewing Mr. Morin's question, it is clear to me that this question may affect the privileges of all Members of the House. I have therefore written to the chairman of the standing committee on rules, procedures and privileges and asked that the standing committee consider Mr. Morin's question.

Return To Question W24-90(1): Provision Of Financial Resources To Hunters And Trappers Associations

Hon. Titus Alloo'loo's return to Question W24-90(1), asked by Mr. Morin on March 28, 1990, regarding provision of financial resources to hunters and trappers associations: Attached to this response is the detailed breakdown for funds provided through the various assistance programs administered by the Department of Renewable Resources to harvesters and hunters and trappers organizations in the Northwest Territories in the past three years.

Since 1986-87, the total amount of funding approved through the main estimates has been between \$575,000 and \$595,000. However, if we examine the actual totals for the trappers' incentive grant through the years, there are profound differences. In 1987-88, the total value of furs sold, which is the basis for the calculation of the trappers' incentive grant, was higher than in the previous year. In order to comply with our policy on the allocation of this grant, the Department of Renewable Resources requested and received a supplementary appropriation. Thus, in 1987-88, in general,

trappers received more funding than in the previous year.

In 1988-89, the concern that the incentive on lynx was being perceived as a bounty arose. Thus, the Department of Renewable Resources removed lynx from the calculation of the trappers' incentive grant. As well, prices for marten were high and so the value of marten when calculating the trappers' incentive grant was also reduced.

Trappers were upset at the reduction in the incentive grants. In response, the Department of Renewable Resources requested and received a one time only supplementary appropriation for \$380,000 to be distributed to hunters and trappers associations through the community harvester assistance program rather than the trappers' incentive grant. In this way, the extra funding could not be viewed as a bounty. The allocation of this additional funding was up to each individual association.

In 1989-90, the total funding approved in the main estimates for trappers' incentive grants was the same as in previous years -- \$595,000. However, only \$500,000 was distributed. There are two reasons for this. The first is that the total value of fur sold has declined. The second is the request for financial restraint by our government. Thus, the unspent \$95,000 was lapsed.

It should also be noted that over the past three years the funds distributed through the community harvester assistance program have increased while the outpost camp program funds have decreased. This has occurred because hunters and trappers organizations have changed their request for the distribution of funds between these two programs.

MR. SPEAKER: Returns to written questions.

Item 8, replies to Opening Address. Replies to Opening Address. Item 9, petitions. Petitions. The honourable Member for Iqaluit.

ITEM 9: PETITIONS

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to table Petition 7-90(1) from 119 Inuit who are teachers, asking the government and the people of the NWT to recognize the Inuktitut language. Thank you.

--Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Petitions.

Item 10, reports of standing and special committees. Reports of standing and special committees.

Item 11, tabling of documents. Tabling of documents. Item 12, notices of motion. Notices of motion. The honourable Member for Deh Cho.

ITEM 12: NOTICES OF MOTION

Notice Of Motion 19-90(1): Devolution Of GNWT Authority

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Speaker, I have two motions, if I could read them both. Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Friday, April 6, 1990, I shall move the following motion: Now, therefore, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Pine Point, that this Assembly recommends that the Minister of Health co-ordinate the devolution of responsibilities from government departments to the post-transfer health boards so that they will attain the same authority as the Baffin Regional Health Board; and further, recommends that the Minister of Education co-ordinate the devolution of responsibilities from

government departments to divisional school boards so that they may attain similar authorities as the Yellowknife school boards; and further, recommend that the Ministers of Health and Education develop a timetable with each of the respective boards for the devolution of further authority.

Notice Of Motion 20-90(1): Reduction Of Person Years

Mr. Speaker, on my second motion, I give notice that on Friday, April 6, 1990 I will move: Now therefore, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for High Arctic, that this Legislative Assembly recommends to the Executive Council that it endeavour to reduce the total continuing person years from 1990-91 by 2.5 per cent before fiscal year end, March 31, 1991; and further, that the Executive Council endeavour to reduce the anticipated requirements for continuing person years for the fiscal year 1991-92 by a further 2.5 per cent from the 1990-91 fiscal year.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Notices of motion. Honourable Member for High Arctic.

Notice Of Motion 21-90(1): Appointment To Fill Vacancy On Striking Committee

MR. PUDLUK: Mr. Speaker, on April 6, 1990 I shall move the following motion: Now therefore, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Pine Point, that the Member for Yellowknife South, Mr. Whitford, be appointed as a Member of the striking committee. I will be asking for unanimous consent to deal with this motion today.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Notices of motion. Item 13, notices of motion for first reading of bills. Honourable Member for Sahtu.

ITEM 13: NOTICES OF MOTION FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS

Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 21-90(1): Workers' Compensation Act

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Friday, April 6, 1990, I shall move that Bill 21-90(1), An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act, be read for the first time. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Notices of motion for first reading of bills. Honourable Member for Amittuq.

Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 22-90(1): Wildlife Act

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Friday, April 6, 1990, I shall move that Bill 22-90(1), An Act to Amend the Wildlife Act, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Notices of motion for first reading of bills. Honourable Member for Deh Cho.

Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 28-90(1): Motor Vehicles Act

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Friday, April 6, 1990, I shall move that Bill 28-90(1), An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicles Act, be read for the first time.

--Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Notices of motion for first reading of bills. Item 14, motions. Honourable Member for Yellowknife North.

ITEM 14: MOTIONS

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to proceed with the motion that I gave notice of yesterday, dealing with giving the Speaker authority to set additional sitting hours.

MR. SPEAKER: Unanimous consent is being sought by the honourable Member for Yellowknife North. Are there any nays?

AN HON. MEMBER: Nay.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Motions. Honourable Member for High Arctic.

MR. PUDLUK: I am requesting unanimous consent to deal with my motion today.

MR. SPEAKER: Unanimous consent is being sought by the honourable Member to proceed with the motion given notice of today. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Please proceed. Honourable Member for High Arctic.

Motion 21-90(1): Appointment To Fill Vacancy On Striking Committee, Carried

MR. PUDLUK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

WHEREAS there is a vacancy on the striking committee of this House due to the resignation of the honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre, Mr. Lewis;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable to fill this vacancy;

NOW THEREFORE, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Pine Point, that the Member for Yellowknife South, Mr. Whitford, be appointed as a Member of the striking committee.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The motion is in order. To the motion. Honourable Member for High Arctic. Honourable Member for Pine Point. Question has been called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

--Carried

Motions.

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: Committee Report 1-90(1), Report of the Standing Committee on Finance on the 1990-91 Main Estimates; Bill 9-90(1), Appropriation Act, 1990-91; Committee Report 2-90(1), The Special Committee on the Northern Economy Report: Building Our Economic Future; Motion 5-90(1), Opposition to Exploration and Mining of Uranium in the NWT, with Mr. Gargan in the chair.

ITEM 17: CONSIDERATION IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF BILLS AND OTHER MATTERS**Bill 9-90(1): Appropriation Act, 1990-91**

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): There are a number of items in committee of the whole for consideration. What is the government's wish? Mr. Ballantyne.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Mr. Chairman, the government is prepared to proceed with the Department of Social Services.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): The government is requesting that we proceed with the Department of Social Services. Does the committee agree? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

--Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Madam Minister, would you like to make your opening statement?

Department Of Social Services**Minister's Opening Remarks**

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am pleased to present the Department of Social Services' budget to you once again. The department's budget has been developed to recognize the high priority this government places on social issues in the Northwest Territories. In addition, it recognizes the necessity of attempting to have adequate support systems to deliver the increasing number of programs included in the department's mandate, and to meet the increased demand for services from the communities.

During these opening remarks, I will be advising you on the new initiatives and will generally outline growth which is impacting on the department's budget. In addition, special items under the program areas in both O and M and capital will be highlighted.

New Initiatives

First, Mr. Chairman, as Minister of Youth, I am pleased to announce that ongoing funding is proposed for a youth initiatives program which will provide assistance to community groups for youth activity programs and the development of youth leadership.

The issue of suicide is still a major concern to all of us. As you are aware, suicide has touched the lives of many of the residents of the Northwest Territories in the past years. The rate of suicide here is twice the national average and affects not only family and friends of victims, but also extends to the community at large. The Department of Social Services intends to continue the development and implementation of the suicide prevention strategy by providing specialist support, consultation and guidance, and working with local groups toward a co-ordinated community-based response to the problem. This action plan was initiated in 1989-90 and will continue.

In addition to suicide, the abuse of alcohol and drugs continues to be a major concern to this government. This substance abuse is an underlying cause of many of the social problems which affect the quality of life in the North. Mr. Chairman, \$2.7 million has been included in the budget for residential treatment facilities proposed as the result of a strategic planning exercise undertaken in this fiscal year. The needs assessment carried out in this planning process indicated that an additional 50 treatment bed spaces are required in the Northwest Territories. A new facility is being planned at the Hay River Reserve. In addition, a capital contribution in the amount of \$300,000, as well as additional funds to support operating requirements for the new facility in the Yellowknife area on the Dettah road, are proposed. The facility will be operated by Northern Addiction Services and will replace their existing program. Subsequent planning activities will now focus on the development of strategies to better integrate existing community-based resources with present and proposed treatment centres. In addition to these more recent initiatives being proposed, planning is still continuing for the construction of a residential treatment facility

in the eastern Arctic.

Mr. Chairman, many seniors in the Northwest Territories rely on federal retirement programs and the territorial senior citizens' supplement as their only source of income. To assist seniors in coping with the high cost of living, the territorial supplement will be increased by 7.5 per cent effective April 1, 1990. The increase, which is proposed, will raise the monthly payment to seniors from \$100 to \$107.50.

Family And Children's Services

Mr. Chairman, this activity directs and co-ordinates the administration of child welfare and day-care legislation and programs, and the administration of family violence and child sexual abuse prevention services. The proposed family and children's services budget includes additional person years and funding for child sexual abuse prevention services. These resources will be used to respond to the increased number of reported child sexual abuse cases, as well as to reduce the frequency by increasing awareness and sensitivity throughout the Northwest Territories. There is presently an interdepartmental committee working on a co-ordinated strategy to deal with child sexual abuse issues.

Days of stay in foster care increased by approximately 31 per cent between 1987-88 and 1988-89. This level of utilization is expected to continue and may increase as the department has been attempting to place more children in family homes. An amount of \$480,000 is proposed to meet the increased need for foster home care.

The department has implemented the interim child day-care program approved in 1989-90 and proposes a reallocation of funds to increase start-up grants to new day-care centres and operating contributions for existing centres. There has been a good response for requests for start-up grants. In addition, the number of licensed family day homes, as well as preschool and nursery school programs, are increasing.

As of February 12th a full-time trainer has been hired to travel to communities to provide training to staff in licensed day-care centres. The child day-care program will provide support to the government's income support initiative by providing users with the opportunity to enter the work force or participate in training opportunities.

During the review of the department's 1989-90 budget, the standing committee on finance raised a concern that young offenders and children in care were maintained in the same facilities. The department has made substantial progress in addressing this concern. The contract home in Fort Simpson is now operating only as a young offenders unit.

In addition, the Northern Lights Treatment Centre program in Inuvik, which was funded under the family and children's services activity and provided services for both children in care and young offenders, has recently been relocated to another facility, on Tuma Drive, and will operate as a young offenders unit only. A separate child welfare program is being developed in Inuvik to provide services to children in care. It is anticipated that the changes in the operation of these programs will require some internal reallocations within the 1990-91 proposed budget.

Corrections

Mr. Chairman, this activity carries out four inter-related programs, which are institutional and community corrections for adult offenders and custody and community corrections for young offenders. The proposed budget includes additional resources in the Yellowknife Correctional Centre to meet workload demand due to an increased number of inmates and

the needs of remanded offenders. As well, it includes additional funding to meet the requirements of the new collective agreement for facility staff.

The department recently opened two new secure custody young offender centres. The Issumasungittuq secure facility in Iqaluit was officially opened on January 16, 1990. The centre began accepting young offenders on October 24, 1989. The new maximum secure custody facility in Fort Smith was officially opened on January 18, 1990. It is a 14-bed facility for males and will replace the current River Ridge operation.

A separate facility for female offenders is being planned using the existing Trailcross building. This action will address the problems related to co-correctional programming which were identified in separate inquiries this year at the Yellowknife and Baffin Correctional Centres.

Alcohol, Drugs And Community Mental Health Services

Mr. Chairman, this activity provides support services to community groups, technical and professional support to the board of management for alcohol and drug services, and contribution funding to local alcohol and drug projects and residential treatment centres. Clinical assessment and referral services for children and youth and psychological services for corrections are also provided by a team of specialists travelling throughout the Territories. The major thrust which will be undertaken in this activity will, of course, be the further development and implementation of the suicide prevention strategy.

An increase in contribution funding is proposed to supplement existing funding to meet the increased demand for community-based alcohol and drug prevention programs.

Community And Family Support Services

This activity provides services and financial assistance to aged and handicapped persons, and to individuals and families in financial need. The department is also continuing its thrust to provide adequate support services and residential facilities for the aged and handicapped population in order to maintain these individuals in their own homes or in independent living situations as close to their home communities as possible.

Increased costs of operating senior citizens' personal care facilities through contractors and non-profit organizations are reflected in the proposed budget. This is due to salary requirements and the need for adequate staff coverage for the operation of the facilities. The department's proposed main estimates reflect an increase of \$2.5 million in the social assistance program to meet the continued demand in this program area.

As I indicated to you during the last session, a wood program for seniors using wood to heat their homes was to be implemented. Funding for the continuation of this program is included in the 1990-91 budget. The department is currently reviewing the cost implications to implement a fuel subsidy program which will benefit all eligible seniors across the Northwest Territories.

Directorate

This activity is responsible for the planning, development and management of the department at headquarters. It also includes superintendents, social workers and supervisors who provide front line statutory and non-statutory services to the public. These staff members are required to carry out an ever broadening mandate with the increasing number and complexity of Social Services programs. In addition, as public awareness increases, particularly in the area of child sexual

abuse and family violence, the demand for intervention and aftercare services has increased.

The proposed budget for the directorate also recognizes the importance of providing adequate support funding to deliver these programs, carry out financial planning, maintain accountability and subsequently to evaluate the effectiveness of the programs that are in place. In addition, the ongoing training of the front line workers for the delivery of statutory programs and in responding to sensitive issues such as family violence, child sexual abuse and suicide prevention is a departmental priority.

Highlights Of The Requested Capital Funding

Mr. Chairman, the highlights of requested capital planning funding for the department is as follows: Planning of a group home for handicapped adults is proposed in the Yellowknife region, the Fort Smith Region, the Keewatin Region, and the Kitikmeot Region, with planned construction for senior citizens' facilities on the Hay River Reserve, in Fort Franklin and in Iqaluit.

The planning and construction of senior citizens' facilities is a complicated process. The program is driven by the communities' and regions' requests for facilities in conjunction with a needs assessment co-ordinated by the Department of Social Services. The focus is to have community involvement in all aspects of the project development. The funding mechanism eventually used and the level of federal cost sharing is dependent on the proposals and the level of care required.

The need to plan for group homes for handicapped adults influenced by the process of de-institutionalization which is under way in the provinces. These facilities, once constructed, will be used to repatriate Northwest Territories residents, where feasible. Planning for the replacement of a child welfare group home is proposed in 1990-91 for the Inuvik Region.

Budget Overview

Mr. Chairman, the proposed 1990-91 main estimate to carry out the department's programs is \$87.4 million, \$80.8 million for operation and maintenance and \$6.6 million for capital. There are 433.9 indeterminate person years and 38 casual person years associated with O and M funding. This represents a three per cent increase in O and M from the revised 1989-90 forecast. Revenue for the period is estimated at \$23.2 million for operation and maintenance with the majority of this being related to the Canada Assistance Plan and the young offenders cost sharing agreement with the federal government.

The federal government has announced that revenue under the young offenders agreement will be held at the 1988-89 expenditure level. This government and the provinces have attempted to sway the federal government's position in this regard. This effort was not successful. The department is continuing its efforts to ensure all cost shareable expenditures are claimed in 1988-89 to ensure the ceiling placed on the revenue is maximized.

Income Support Review

Mr. Chairman, I had indicated in my opening remarks at the last budget session, that my cabinet colleagues and I would be working collectively to address initiatives related to social development issues. We remain committed to reducing the dependency on income assistance, while not jeopardizing the basic needs of people with low incomes or no work. Realistic income reform must go hand in hand with employment, education, training and economic planning. The process of

income support reform aims to better integrate housing, child care and family and social programs, while recognizing a wildlife harvesters' support program as an important component of income support reform.

To achieve this integrated approach, an interdepartmental committee on income security reform was established, headed by the Department of Social Services. This co-ordinated approach will continue in 1990-91.

In closing, Mr. Chairman, I am confident that the achievement of some of the department's initiatives will result in reduced dependence of Northwest Territories residents on government. I am now prepared to respond to any questions Members may have on the budget.

Mr. Chairman, I ask your permission to bring in two of my witnesses from the Department of Social Services. My deputy minister, Mr. Bernie Doyle, and the director of finance and administration, Mrs. Phyllis Sartor. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Madam Minister. Does the committee agree that the Minister brings in her witnesses?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

--Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Before the witnesses are invited into the House we will take a 15 minute break.

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I believe before the break the committee agreed to bring in the witnesses. For the record, Madam Minister, would you please introduce your witnesses?

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On my left is my deputy minister, Mr. Bernie Doyle and on my right, my director of finance and administration, Mrs. Phyllis Sartor.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. The chairman of the finance committee, Mr. Zoe.

Comments From The Standing Committee On Finance

MR. ZOE: Mr. Chairman, on behalf of the standing committee on finance, during our deliberation on the review of the Department of Social Services our committee raised a number of concerns in the area of rent assistance. Mr. Chairman, the committee has concerns regarding the need for rent assistance for the handicapped. Members believe that the department should be doing more in this area.

In the area of the wood program, the committee supports the wood subsidy program being introduced by the department. However, Mr. Chairman, Members would like to see the program applied to all seniors. As well, although not all communities use wood as fuel, the program should be available throughout the NWT. Recommendation 22 from our standing committee on finance, Mr. Chairman: The committee recommends that the wood subsidy program be expanded to apply to all seniors across the NWT and that the subsidy be five cords of wood or its equivalent in the appropriate heating fuel.

Mr. Chairman, in the area of corrections the committee questions why corrections is part of the Department of Social Services rather than in the Department of Justice. Recommendation 23 from our committee: The committee recommends that the government review why corrections is

part of the Department of Social Services rather than another department, such as the Department of Justice.

In the area of alcohol and drug treatment centres the Minister indicated that the capital funding for alcohol and drug treatment centres was included in the budget on speculation. Our committee expects items in the estimates to be an accurate reflection of the department's spending plans and not merely an estimate. Mr. Chairman, recommendation 24: Our committee recommends that the capital funding for all alcohol and drug treatment centres be removed from the estimates and brought forward at such time as the Department of Social Services has specific projected costs. In other words, Mr. Chairman, what the committee is indicating is during this review we would like to get specific projected costs for the alcohol and drug treatment centres that was not provided during our review.

Mr. Chairman, in the area of privatization, Members are concerned with privatization of social service functions to businesses, as opposed to non-profit organizations. They believe that in the social service area, clients might be better served by non-profit organizations whose primary concern would be the client, rather than making a profit.

Mr. Chairman, these are the concerns that were raised during our review of the Department of Social Services budget. Mahsi cho.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Zoe. General comments. Mr. Ernerk.

Suicide Prevention Workshop, Rankin Inlet

MR. ERNERK: Thank you, Mr. Chairperson. I was really very pleased with some of the statements of the Minister in her opening remarks, especially with regard to some of the social issues, including prevention of suicide. As you know I attended a meeting on suicide prevention this past weekend in Rankin Inlet. How we tried to develop that meeting was the first day, we tried to identify the problems. The second day, we tried to find solutions to the problems of suicide. Firstly we took a look at statistics as well. We were asked to break into small workshops, and everyone had an opportunity to try to identify certain problems related to this very important issue. The third day was spent trying to make some recommendations.

Aboriginal culture played a very important role in this particular forum. In my own culture, the way it was passed on to me from my parents, it was always indicated to me that when suicides did occur within our own people, it was normally the older people who got sick, felt they were a burden to the society, so they did away with themselves. When we were growing up, a part of our cultural teachings included things like you never were allowed to even play dead; as you played games, you never, never pointed rifles at anyone. Those are just a few situations that have a very, very high quality in terms of my own upbringing.

Today it is the other way around. The young people are the ones who are suffering within our own society. As an individual I want very much to be able to help out as much as I can. We identified certain problems within the area of environment itself. This includes many problems. I am not going to try and get into them all, but things like shortage of good strong role models, people that care for themselves and their neighbours and relatives. Alcohol and drug abuse is one of the leading causes of suicide. There is a lack of outlook, lack of support and places to go for support, cultural change, lack of training, loss of self-esteem, loss of jobs. These are all the things that were identified as problems.

Identification Of Sources Of Local Support

In terms of recommendations, I have some notes here that I took down during this conference. If I am jumping from one subject to another, please bear with me. One of the things we identified is: What is available at the community level in terms of seeking support at the community level? These are various items that we talked about.

Family relationship was thought to be one of the most important items -- family bonds, emotional development, feeling good about themselves, families need to get closer, parents should take more responsibilities. That includes everything, whether it is on the land, out to the sea, learning something about living off the land and living on the land, and trying to compare that with what is happening today, in terms of providing leadership to the children right from the beginning, in terms of classrooms.

Cultural change was often mentioned. In terms of community support we identified ourselves as being able to provide support individually to other people. Everyone has a responsibility toward this particular problem. We talked about family members, we talked about clergy who can assist people, social services, different government agencies, schools, hamlet and band councils, elders. Elders were mentioned quite often, elders being able to provide guidance as they have always done in the past. They were often mentioned as a group of people who can provide guidance to the young people again, being accessible to anyone, to different individuals, and who are able to understand how the system works in the community. Words that are within our own feelings, within our own system, came up quite often, things like learning to trust each other, learning to trust others.

We talked about the establishment of generation gap committees. Such a committee exists in the hamlet of Coral Harbour where both the elders and the young people talk about their problems and talk about the solutions that they want to have for their own community. We talked about that as being one of the ideas that we should take.

We also talked about the governments themselves. Government agencies in the communities should be more co-ordinated. In other words, Education, for example, or Renewable Resources should not only see their responsibilities within that department as theirs alone. They should be co-ordinating their departments to see if they could establish certain programs at the community level like training programs, trying to identify training and employment opportunities.

We also talked about the use of theatre groups, who have made a major contribution in the North, theatre groups like the Tunooniq theatre group and Dene theatre groups. We talked about them in terms of promoting the needs and wishes of the young people. We touched upon issues like participation by everyone. Participation is very important, involvement is very important, on this particular issue in every community.

We talked about recreation quite a bit. We touched upon the traditional recreational games that we used to have years ago. We identified a number of recreational games that are in place now, such as the Arctic Winter Games. We do have Hamlet Days, we do have civic days and we do have summer games in places in the Keewatin Region. We must promote more of the traditional games as well in the community. Land in the communities in the North is a great big traditional area for recreation. I recall for example we used to make little polar bears out of snow and we used to try and see who could harpoon that little snow polar bear. Traditional rope gymnastics, drum dances and other things like that were quite

often mentioned. We should take a look at them again and promote them at the community level. In terms of modern recreational games, we identified that that has to be more of a priority in the communities. We said we should also promote alcohol-free activities. It was felt that beer dances do cause problems in the communities, so we stressed a need to have alcohol-free activities in the communities.

We talked about suicide prevention workshops in the communities and the need to encourage skilled individuals to share their talents. Communication was also often mentioned as it relates to the people at the community level. Spiritual belief was mentioned a number of times, as was help for those people who have been to jail, for example, or people who are about to appear in court. I recall a number of people who were very much intimidated before they were to appear in court. Help should be provided to those individuals so that they understand what the situation is all about before they appear in court, try to find some help for those individuals as much as possible.

In the area of education, the promotion of cultural inclusion programs was mentioned on a number of occasions as one of the important aspects. In terms of other groups that we talked about, we talked about other government agencies, for example the police, community leaders. We talked about follow-up workshops.

Mr. Chairman, the thing I do want to mention is that it was very much of an eye-opener because so many people were involved at this meeting, so many people wanted to find solutions. We came out, I think, with a lot of good ideas with regard to this particular issue. One thing we sure found out was that we had the strength in the end. If you were to ask me how the meeting went, I would say to you that it was very successful and people in the communities should begin to talk about it and see what solutions we can find. That is all for now, Mr. Chairman, and I thank you very much.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Ernerk. General comments on Social Services. Mr. Ningark.

Lack Of Occupation For Young People On Leaving School

MR. NINGARK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for recognizing me. Coincidentally, I had a call from Pelly Bay about 15 minutes ago. A mother of a son indicated over the telephone that she was concerned about the kids leaving school. Once you reach the age of 16 you are no longer required to attend the elementary or the junior high school in the communities. This is a problem which leads to young people having nothing to do after leaving the school at the community level and I think this is a primary source of frustration in some young people. I think, as a leader of this country of Nunavut, I think we have a fundamental responsibility to try and have some secondary educational facilities within the communities. I am sure I share the concerns of the woman that I talked to earlier. She said one of the reasons that leads to the frustration of young people is that they do not have anything to do after leaving school, at the community level. At times those kids become wanderers of the community. They know a little about how to survive off the land but not enough to live off the land. They know a little about modern society and about the job market but not enough to attain a good paying job. I think this is one of the primary sources of frustration that leads to them getting into trouble, breaking and entering, and all of that stuff. We should be looking at the solution for this in the next while. Qujannamiik, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): The honourable Member for Slave River.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Chairman, I am

concerned about the young age at which individuals are entitled to social assistance and sometimes feel that entices them to consider dropping out of school and going on their own. Because of that concern, we have taken measures to look at our regulations, and within our regulations we propose to make a change in eligibility for social assistance from the age of 16 years to 18 years. Hopefully this will encourage young people to stay within their home and continue to take opportunities for education in their communities. Thank you.

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

MR. KILABUK: (Translation) Mr. Chairman, there is no quorum in the House. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): We do not have a quorum in the House. Would the assistant clerk ring the bell? The Chair recognizes a quorum. Mr. Kilabuk.

Assistance For Single Parent Families

MR. KILABUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will just go ahead and make my statement. I do not really have that much to say but I would like to touch upon what we discussed yesterday.

I would like to thank the Department of Social Services, first, for assisting people of the NWT who require the social assistance. They provide them with clothing and food. I would like to thank them for helping the people since the government first started. In some ways I helped with the social services in the NWT when it first started and I know that it is a hard job to provide this kind of assistance to people. A lot of people would probably support me on that too, because since 1989 they have been trying to find out better ways of providing assistance and I would like to say that I am very proud of them for that; for what they have been doing up to now. They have expressed their desire to help people in the ways that they had.

I would like to bring up some things. When a woman's husband dies who is the provider -- it is very hard when a member of the family dies and the family needs to be supported by Social Services. I think that there may be other ways that they can be helped, the women who lose their husbands by death or something. I would just like to say that some Inuit are wondering about those people. In the past this never used to be a problem because a long time ago widows used to get remarried soon after their husband's death but that is not the case any more. There are a lot of women who have no husband and they are unable to support their whole family. This has been a concern to many Northerners and I know that it will not be totally solved but I think today we have to look for ways to help those kinds of people. There are so many single parents who have lost their partners. In the past we never really knew so many single parents but this is the situation now, today. I did not think that I was going to bring this up. I was not prepared to bring this up in the House but I, myself, have somebody at home who has lost her partner. I know there are quite a few situations like that in the NWT.

I wonder about computer games and heavy metal music -- that has to be identified too as the kind of problems they are dealing with. A lot of young children are using all these bad influences in their lives. I think there should be more research done as to how these problems can be dealt with. Maybe we can find ways of dealing with these problems. All this crime is coming to our communities -- video games and all these bad influences start coming to our communities now. Also sniffing has been in our communities for a long time now. But today the situation has become worse because there are more things people can sniff. In the past I used to know

people who sniffed gas, but now it is not just gas, it is just about anything that the ordinary person does not know about, baking powder, yeast, vanilla, all these things have to be identified so that they can be kept away from people who might abuse them.

Perhaps the Department of Social Services can find ways of dealing with these problems. We may not completely solve them but we may find a way of dealing with them. Young people now have different beliefs and different cults they are exposed to and dirty magazines and things like that that influence a lot of young people. These kinds of things can really ruin a person's mind.

I am just expressing my feelings so we can try and find ways of dealing with these kinds of problems. I know it is an unhappy statement that I made, but I just wanted to talk about this so we can bring it out in the open. I would like you to get assistance from the different departments to try and deal with this. I would like to support you, Madam Minister, in trying to help the people of the NWT.

CHAIRMAN (MR. GARGAN): Mr. Arlooktoo.

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There is no quorum.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): We will ring the bells. Thank you. The Chair recognizes a quorum. Mr. Arlooktoo, I guess you want us to hear this one. Go ahead.

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Sometimes the Members want to extend the hours, so we should have a quorum. I think Social Services are doing a very good job in my communities. They respond right away to assist the people. I would like to go back to the discussion we had in Norman Wells regarding the old age pension. When they are 60 years old they are eligible to receive old age pension, in my community anyway. I need a clarification. Since the amount of \$23 is received, we need a clarification of what that amount of \$23 is for. You told me you would look into it. That is a very small amount. That is my question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Madam Minister.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am aware that our supplementary cheques are granted to senior citizens who are 60 years and over who are eligible for it. However I am also aware that the federal government does allow seniors that are either widows or widowers, individuals that may reach the age of 60 and their other spouse is over 65. The supplementary cheques that we issue to seniors that are eligible for that amount is \$100 and the other cheque that is issued by the federal government, I believe is determined by the income that they have received.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Arlooktoo.

MR. ARLOOKTOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will repeat the question. Where does that \$23 come from? Is it from the federal or territorial government? If they are 60 years old, are they only eligible for \$23 in the NWT? There are two communities that I am representing and one community is receiving more than the other. I think there is something wrong and it has to be adjusted.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Madam Minister.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I suspect that cheque would be from the federal government. The amount that the territorial government gives is the territorial supplement of \$100 to seniors that are 60 years old

and over. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Arlooktoo.

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The two communities I represent, some are receiving \$23, maybe they could get retroactive pay for what they have not received from the territorial government, which amount is \$100.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Madam Minister.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Chairman, if it is deemed that they are eligible for the territorial supplement, then they would be entitled to that amount. I would suggest that the Member ask his constituents to speak to the worker in that area to determine whether they are eligible for the territorial supplement.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Pedersen.

MR. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Under the activity, community and family support services is an item for a contract for the delivery of social services for the town of Iqaluit. I would like to ask the Minister if there are other communities besides Iqaluit who provide the social services to their community in the NWT.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Madam Minister.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Chairman, to this date only Iqaluit provides social services through their municipality.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Pedersen.

MR. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Further on, under details of grants and contributions there is an item of \$100,000 to provide contributions to community organizations to evaluate the feasibility of taking on the administration of social services programs. I presume then it would be possible for other communities. Would it be possible for a region to take over the administration of social services for the entire program?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Madam Minister.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That has never been proposed before. I certainly do not feel that it would be fair to say it is not possible if it has not been looked at. It certainly can be looked at.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Pedersen.

MR. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The recommendation from the standing committee on finance on the wood subsidy for seniors, to extend it with an equivalence, to all seniors in the NWT, has that recommendation been acted upon by the Minister?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Madam Minister.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Yes, Mr. Chairman, it has been and the department is trying to finalize the financial implications.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. General comments. Mr. Ernerk.

MR. ERNERK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Following up on Mr. Arlooktoo's question with regard to old age pension cheques coming in late. I think some elders are finding that their cheques more and more are coming in late, old age pension cheques coming from the Government of Canada. I

am wondering what this government can do to try to push the Government of Canada so the old age pension cheques are speeded up to the communities in the NWT.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Madam Minister.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have recently written to the department responsible for the disbursement of old age security cheques, indicating to them the problems of the delays in seniors receiving their cheques. I have not yet received a response. However, in reviewing the matter I certainly will follow it up.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. General comments. Mr. Pedersen.

MR. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On the item of alcohol and drug treatment centres, various. Have the locations for alcohol and drug treatment centres that were intended to be funded out of this item, have they been determined now?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Madam Minister.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Yes, Mr. Chairman. There is one facility planned for Iqaluit. There is one facility that we will assist in the financial arrangements for out at Dettah road, which is just out of Yellowknife. There is one being considered on the Hay River Reserve.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Kilabuk.

MR. KILABUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to ask the Minister with regard to how we can get further assistance. There are two disabled people, clinically blind, and they cannot really do housework in their house. One of them asked me if there is any way that he or she can get assistance through Social Services, either to get someone to come into the house, or whatever. How can these people get assistance from Social Services, either to get people to come in to do their housework or else financially, so they can find someone to do their housework?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Madam Minister.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Chairman, we have a homemakers program in our department. It allows for individuals in need to take advantage of the opportunity to get assistance, specifically anything to do with the home, cleaning or whatever. I am sure if this issue is brought to the attention of the worker, the worker would be able to find ways to assist these two clients with their needs through this program.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): General comments. Mr. Pudluk.

MR. PUDLUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will make my comments short. It is in regard to people in my constituency who are disabled and chronically ill. There are some people that were in a healthy state previously but have disabilities and cannot work because of their disability. They do not get much assistance financially. They cannot get the old age pension because they are not old enough to get the old age pension yet. The spouses of those disabled people are not working either, so what they do is they get assistance from Social Services. This helps out, but it is not enough to provide for the family, especially when the wife is disabled. Those people are not being assisted financially or otherwise and they have a hard life because they cannot make ends meet, especially when they have a number of children in the household.

This concern from my constituency has been related to me a number of times because there is not just one but a few in my

community that are in that state. I would like to get some information from the Minister as to how they can get further assistance from Social Services. I am sure that you cannot give an answer right away, but I am looking forward to some response. I am talking about people with cancer. The spouse does not work, and he gets assistance from Social Services. They have had a chronic illness, such as cancer, and they have become disabled from that sickness. There are quite a number of people in that state in my community.

Shortage Of Social Services Staff In Communities

I think that Social Services is having problems getting staff in the communities. I will use Resolute Bay as an example. For a long time we have not been able to get a social worker in my community. I do not know how many years it has been now, but Social Services have been trying to get a social worker located in Resolute Bay but they have not been able to find anyone and I think they have been looking for someone to work there as a social worker for quite some time.

Perhaps if I could ask a question. Why is it that Social Services is finding it very hard to get a social worker located in some communities? Most of the communities want a social worker to be located in the community. We used to have a social worker in the community but we do not have staff over there now because the social worker is located in Resolute Bay and he or she goes to communities. My constituents have really missed an employee or social worker being located in the two communities. Perhaps the Minister can respond to me why it is so hard to get a social worker placed in the other communities. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Madam Minister.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Chairman, first of all I recognize that there have been problems in some communities in recruiting social workers. Particularly, looking at Resolute Bay, we went out for competition three times and still were not successful in recruiting a worker. They are currently screening the competition again, trying to recruit a worker. There are some small communities in the Arctic for which we have a difficult time trying to recruit workers, or they stay there for a very short time.

I believe for a period of time Sanikiluaq was in the same predicament. Exactly what the reasons are as to why it is difficult – maybe not enough pay could be one of the reasons, or maybe the amount of different social problems or complexities in some of the remote communities. I do not exactly know, actually, what the problem is in recruiting and retaining workers in the community. I want the Member to be aware that it is a problem in other areas in the North.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Madam Minister. General comments. Mr. Ningark.

Abuse Of Social Services System

MR. NINGARK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I do not think I am going to be very popular for bringing this point up. I think this is a problem. It is my understanding that some people have been abusing the system. One point I would like to bring to the attention of the Minister responsible for Social Services is that I think in some communities a social assistance cheque, once it is cashed, is being used, to a degree, for gambling such as bingo and buying lottery tickets. I do not think that was the initial plan of the department, to use this money for gambling. This is not a very popular issue in my area.

Some years ago the department used to give out coupon slips. I do not think we want to go back to this form of

payment, but I wonder if there could be some kind of way to say that the system is being monitored in the small communities across the Territories. I wonder if this matter has been brought to the Minister's attention in the past. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Madam Minister.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That concern has been brought to my attention many times and whenever we do get allegations we certainly look into them. Until they are brought to our attention it is very difficult for us to deal with them.

It is unfortunate that people in the Territories who receive social assistance, which is to be used for providing for the basic needs in life, are using their social assistance for other means, such as gambling or bingos or whatever. I feel, in this case, the people who really suffer are the children because they certainly take the money that is intended to be for their food or for other purposes and use it not for the intended purpose.

As I said, it is difficult to be able to deal with it unless it is brought to our attention. But whenever there are cases like that, all we can do is urge the public to advise us so that we can deal with them accordingly. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Madam Minister. Mr. Ningark.

MR. NINGARK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I wonder if the department or this government could initiate some kind of an education system to educate the people within the communities to be more responsible in managing the money which is rightfully given for the kids and the families. I think we, as politicians, have the obligation to educate the public about this very important matter. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Madam Minister.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Chairman, I guess currently the social workers now try to stress to clients the importance of utilizing the funding that they receive for the purpose that it was intended. But once the client receives that type of funding, it is difficult to watch them and see that they spend it properly. We have to try to encourage, as our mandate indicates, people to live as independently as possible, which means taking responsibility upon themselves and dealing with the responsibilities that they have as individuals or as parents.

However, I do want to indicate to the Member that we are working on an income support reform committee and within that income support reform concept we are going to be educating people and indicating to them the choices that they have in utilizing their funding. When they utilize funding for other purposes, it is very difficult unless society decided to recognize the problem and assist our department in trying to deal with individuals that do not use the funding they receive from the Department of Social Services for the intended purpose. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Madam Minister. Mr. Ningark.

MR. NINGARK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just for the record, and I am not trying to be provocative, when I say that some people are abusing the system I am speaking of a very small fraction of recipients in my area. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. General comments. Mr. Ernerk.

Possibility Of Young Offenders Facility In Rankin Inlet

MR. ERNERK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have a question for the Minister relating to young offender facilities. A few years ago in Rankin Inlet the Sappujit alcohol and drug program talked about the establishment of a young offenders facility on the land at home in our own community. The place we picked out was a place called Padlei, some 100 miles west of Arviat. Some other people did not go for the idea too well because it was too much out on the land and young people would not be able to learn how to live off the sea and how to survive on the floe edge, that kind of idea. Some people wanted to see a facility like this situated along the coast instead of establishing a place like this on the land, so that young offenders could have an opportunity to learn something about the sea and the land, and whatever else needed to be learned from this kind of facility. I am wondering if that idea has been pursued by the Department of Social Services. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Chairman, I am not aware if the department pursued that particular idea. However, I am aware that we do have within our corrections division funding for young offender wilderness camps that we support when we receive proposals in different regions across the Territories. These wilderness camps are generally run in the summertime. We did have one land-based program in the Territories, but there are various wilderness camps in many regions during the summer months that are sponsored by the department.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Madam Minister. General comments. Mr. Ernerk.

MR. ERNERK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to get back to my earlier comments with regard to the young people, and I wish to make the following motion, if I may.

Motion To Consider Convening And Funding A Territories-Wide Conference For Youth

Mr. Chairman, I move that this committee requests that the Minister of Social Services, who is also the Minister responsible for Youth, consider convening and funding a Territories-wide conference for youth in 1990. Thank you.

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

MR. ERNERK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will not say too much on the motion. I think it makes sense. A few years ago I think there was a conference of young people in the Territories. Because we have many concerns regarding young people today, I think that we should include them in our decision-making in the NWT, and allow them to make decisions for their future, including education, leadership, et cetera. I think it would be of great benefit if they could have a conference in the NWT before 1990 is over, and we would be able to find out the desires of the young people of the NWT. For these reasons, Mr. Chairman, I would like to make this motion. Thank you very much.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): To the motion. Mr. Lewis.

MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I had a whole bunch of supplementary questions to the Minister this morning about her responsibility for young people because we have noticed that it is never a budget item. Instead of getting into all of that, I thought there would be an opportunity at some time to tell the Minister that the vast majority of these problems that we have been discussing for some time now, relate to that

age group. I suppose we have had opportunities in the past just to have a conference or a meeting. Unless we stay in touch with the young people, we are going to have real problems on our hands. Even inside a family the gap between the parents and the children seems to be getting wider and wider as years go by. We may want to make the same comment about our whole society, that we are loosing contact; we are loosing touch. This would be a good opportunity to at least take the first steps.

Perhaps this Assembly will not be able to get to grips with these major problems that we have been talking about over the last few days, but perhaps the 12th Assembly would look very carefully at the impact of change in our communities, the quality of life of families, the aspirations of young people, and so on.

So very briefly, Mr. Chairman, I would urge Members to support this motion as the first step to get back in contact with our young people and try to resolve some of these issues.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Madam Minister, to the motion.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want Members to be aware that we are currently in the process of trying to convene a conference for youth, although we were going to approach it to have one youth conference in the East and one in the West and then from there be able to look at a territorial forum. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Madam Minister. To the motion. Mr. Ernerk.

MR. ERNERK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I do want to thank the Minister for her statement on conferences. I would also like to request, should this meeting of youth occur territories-wide, I think we should seriously consider also inviting members of the elderly society. The permanent establishment of a youth territories-wide organization is a possibility, should this meeting take place in the NWT. I think it would be very good, and from there we could start talking about permanent funding for the youth organization of the NWT. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

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

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) There is no quorum.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Would the assistant clerk ring the bell? The Chair now recognizes a quorum. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

Motion To Consider Convening And Funding A Territories-Wide Conference For Youth, Carried

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? This motion is carried.

---Carried

Department of Social Services. General comments.

AN HON. MEMBER: Clause by clause.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): What is the wish of the committee? Does the committee wish to go clause by clause?

Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Directorate, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Directorate, page 15.09, total O and M, \$10,284,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Family And Children's Services, Total O And M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Family and children's services, total O and M, \$13,003,000. Agreed? Mr. McLaughlin.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: I had a short question on 15.10 I would like to ask. Mr. Chairman, I just have a short question that comes out of the debate yesterday on family violence and spousal assault which I would like to ask the Minister. In the young offenders system there is a youth justice court that is allowed, and I was wondering if her officials could advise if under family and children's services it might be possible to establish some sort of a family court situation in each community. I do not think it could have the type of authority that a young offenders court would have because I believe that spousal assault falls under the federal Criminal Code, so we would be limited as to what we could do.

I wonder if possible legislation here would allow us to have some sort of a family court type council that would give local authorities an option, that when they come across a situation where no charges have been laid, in a spousal assault situation, maybe the RCMP or social worker could go to this family court which, hopefully, could be given some sort of authority under existing laws to make recommendations to the husband if he has assaulted his wife. For example, he could be forced immediately into some sort of counselling within days after the event occurred, which would keep it out of the justice system and immediately resolve the issue of removing the husband from the house so that he can receive counselling. If the husband would not agree to do this, then the RCMP could proceed with charges under the Criminal Code.

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

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Chairman, we would have to look at something like that and review it. I know it probably could be worked on in conjunction with the Department of Justice, or possibly worked in with our family law review, but if the Member has indicated that we try to keep it out of the justice system it has to be looked at in further detail. But it is certainly something that we will look at.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Are there any further comments on page 15.10? Mr. Ningark.

MR. NINGARK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to make a point here. There was a woman removed from my community about two and a half years ago. Allegedly she was being abused by the husband and the charges are still pending. In this case the justice seems to be one-sided. There was no formal investigation, according to my understanding. I think the husband has the right to make his testimony in a court of law but up to this point in time there has not been anything done about it.

I think a person accused has the right to be heard under the impartial tribunal. I think, in some cases, Social Services has

been systematically taking women from their community, from the abusive husband. I do not think this is the only case that has happened over the past five years. I would strongly urge the department and the Minister responsible to have a thorough investigation whenever there is an allegedly abusive husband in a community. I just wanted to make a point. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Madam Minister, any comments? Comments on page 15.10. Member for Kitikmeot West.

MR. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am not sure if I am on the right page or not, but I would like to know from the Minister if she could inform me on the Katimavik Centre in Cambridge Bay. What is the increase in their budget this year as compared to last year?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Madam Minister.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Chairman, it is under the activity of community and family support services. I will just check.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Any further comments on page 15.10, family and children's services? Mr. Pedersen.

MR. PEDERSEN: In these very large activities it is difficult for us to know where things are dropped in. They are not very specific. Is this the page where I would be able to ask the Minister if there is funding for the proposed safe house that the women's group in Coppermine have made proposals to the Minister to have this year?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Madam Minister.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That also is under community and family services. The safe house would be under family and children's services.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Member for Kitikmeot West.

MR. PEDERSEN: Thank you. Under that category, then, could the Minister advise me how much has been allocated for that facility?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Madam Minister.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Chairman, last year, if I recall correctly, the Katimavik Centre received something to the tune of \$92,000. This year's proposed funding is \$100,000, I believe. If the Member could repeat the last question, please.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mr. Pedersen.

MR. PEDERSEN: The Minister indicated where funding for a safe house in Coppermine was and I asked the Minister, seeing it is locked in with other things, if she could inform me how much money on that page is allocated for that one facility.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Madam Minister.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Chairman, in Coppermine we have not received a proposal for a safe house.

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

MR. PEDERSEN: Mr. Chairman, so the proposal they have not received is the one that is included on the page the Minister referred to?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Madam Minister.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Chairman, which is under family and children's services which we have not got to yet.

Family And Children's Services, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Any further comments on family and children's services? Total O and M, \$13,003,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Corrections Services, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Corrections services, total O and M, \$17,495,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Alcohol, Drugs And Community Mental Health Services, Total O And M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Alcohol, drugs and community mental health services, total O and M, \$8,238,000. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: With regard to this section, Mr. Chairman. Is there still existing, the native alcohol and drug abuse program? Is there a contribution from Health and Welfare Canada that goes specifically for a native alcohol and drug abuse program?

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

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Chairman, no. The alcohol and drug program was amalgamated with the National Native Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program, whose funding was received from NNADAP, and that was amalgamated with the department's funds in 1989, which does not specifically target a specific group. The funding is available to all residents in the NWT.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: So when the Minister refers to an amalgamation, does that mean that this money that previously was identified for NNADAP is now a part of the territorial budget and there is no transfer payment, as such, that specifically goes to this territorial government for that program?

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

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Chairman, that is correct.

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

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, just one other point. In 1980 there was an alcohol and drug conference held in Snowdrift at which there were people from right across the North that actually went down to Snowdrift. We had a real good -- at least in my opinion; I was part of that conference -- it was a very good conference and it touched on a lot of subjects. Even as a result of that conference, that year the sale of alcohol, percentage wise, went down to about 4.7. I thought that might have been a result of the conference that took

place. But that was 10 years ago and I was just wondering if there was any intention of the department to maybe look at holding a conference like that, to deal with the social issues of alcohol and drug and mental health, those types of issues. I believe it is very informative and I do think it does have a positive effect even on people who do consume alcohol.

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

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Chairman, we have not had any intentions to date to host a forum with respect to alcohol and drugs. However, I want to indicate to the Member that with the money that we have identified in alcohol and drugs, we have been trying to meet the needs of the community requests, to be able to deliver the alcohol and drug programs within the community, and also trying to meet the need to train a lot of alcohol and drug workers that are currently in the community. We do not have extra money identified to be able to look at conferences such as the Member has indicated.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, I would like to make a motion at this time. I do not know if this is the appropriate place to do it, but I want this to be considered.

Motion To Recommend Designation Of Money From Sale Of Liquor To Hold Social Issues Conferences

I move that the committee strongly recommends to the Executive Council that it designate and allocate annually, 1.5 per cent of the gross profits from the sale of liquor to be used to sponsor the holding of conferences to address the concerns of alcohol and drug abuse, mental health, health in general, and other social issues that affect communities in the NWT.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Your motion is in order. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, as far as the annual report of the liquor commission says, in 1969 the sale of alcohol was about four million dollars with a profit of about two million dollars. As the years go by it keeps increasing and now we are at the point where, in 1989, there is \$26.3 million that is made from the sale of alcohol and over \$13 million is gross profits. So what I am suggesting is that of the gross profit being made, we take 1.5 per cent of that gross profit to be designated as money to be used for the sole purposes of getting people together to deal with social issues, alcohol and drug, mental health, spousal assault, sexual abuse. All those types of issues should be addressed in order to get the necessary information, concerning programs to be tapped into and the avenues that other communities have taken to deal with specific issues. This would perhaps do that. Instead, every time there is a need, if we do have issues of an emergency nature, it is usually this Assembly who tries to deal with it or else we have a conference by which we are perceived as doing something, when in fact maybe we are not.

So if it is supported, the 1.5 per cent would come up to approximately \$200,000. It would be up to the department to say when the meetings would occur and in which communities, whether it should be one in the East or one in the West, or else a territories-wide conference. At least the department would have that flexibility that is not there now. I think that the people out there that are drinkers, the people that consume alcohol, would not object if some of the moneys that are put in to consume liquor would go into such a worthwhile endeavour.

So I would like to request Members to support me on this,

since it is a very small percentage and I would hope that the government will be on side in this issue.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. To the motion. Madam Minister.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In reviewing the motion, I am somewhat concerned that if we decide to look at \$200,000 to be set aside for a conference, that it could have some effect on the current programs that we deliver in the communities. I think it is important to note that inasmuch as these conferences are good and inasmuch as they are effective, in order to deal with alcohol and drug abuse, it is the actions back in the communities that are more effective. It is my feeling that communities across the North would not like to see their alcohol and drug programs decreased by certain amounts in order to host a conference.

We have tried to increase the funding in the alcohol and drug division and to channel the moneys to assist increase of salary dollars to the people who work very hard in trying to deal with the tragic problem that we have in the North, and the funding could be used to deliver the programs in the communities. I am afraid if we decide to look at funding conferences, we are going to be taking away money that could be used for trying to deal directly with the problem. We have a lot of funding that is utilized for training purposes and we have a lot of funding that we could utilize for program delivery in the communities. I think the most important thing we have to keep in mind is that we can discuss it at a conference level, but it is the action of the community that makes these types of concerns the most effective. Mr. Chairman, I am not going to be voting on the motion. However, I want to make it known that this could have an effect on the programs that are delivered in the communities. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): To the motion. Mr. Patterson.

Motion Would Require Government To Find New Money

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It would not be appropriate for me to vote on this motion, Mr. Chairman, but I do want to make a few comments.

Firstly, Mr. Chairman, I would hope that the honourable Member who moved the motion realizes that the revenues from the sale of liquor are not just sitting in a bank somewhere waiting to be spent. In fact, those revenues are calculated in our fiscal framework and they are required, as the Minister of Social Services has indicated, to support programs in the social area that are contained in this budget. To put it very simply, just because these moneys come from profits on the sale of liquor, it does not mean that they are necessarily available to be used. In other words, Mr. Chairman, the Member has indicated the source of funds but this is money that we do not presently have to allocate. In other words, this is new money that we would have to find.

Mr. Ballantyne indicated in his Budget Address that we had increased the tax on liquor and that those funds were going to be applied to alcohol and drug treatment facilities costs, but I want to make it clear that if the Executive Council was to act on this motion we would have to find \$400,000 of new money because all the revenues are committed to ongoing programs.

Mr. Chairman, I think there was a motion just passed about holding a youth conference, and I think there was reference a day or two ago about having a major inquiry on justice in the Northwest Territories. Just adding up these requests, I have to point out to honourable Members that there is only so much that we can do. Holding conferences is an expensive undertaking, given our geographical problems. I know that in the Baffin Region, if you are to bring representatives from 13

communities together in the cheapest location, which happens to be Iqaluit -- unfortunately or not depending on how you look at it -- you are looking at a minimum transportation cost for a few days of meeting of \$25,000. Conferences, especially if they are territories-wide, are extremely expensive. It is not hard to spend \$100,000 on a territorial conference.

My comment would be, Mr. Chairman, that I am not against conferences, but I think that they work best when a conference has a specific goal and a specific purpose. I think of the conference that was held a few days ago in Rankin Inlet, where the government brought together people from across the Territories to get their advice on the development of a suicide prevention strategy. I understand this was the thrust of the conference: We are going to spend precious new resources on suicide. How can we best make it work? That to me was a useful, purpose-directed, working conference.

As I understand the honourable Member, the conferences he proposed would be to discuss social issues that affect communities in the NWT, including alcohol and drug abuse, mental health, health in general. Mr. Chairman, with the greatest of respect to the honourable Member, we could have a conference each month or each week in the NWT to discuss social issues, and I wonder whether that would help actually solve problems. Maybe it would make people feel better and it would allow them to get feelings of frustration off their chest and maybe share their concerns, but would it actually do anything to tackle those social problems?

I do not want to be too critical of the intent. I do believe that conferences, if they are carefully structured and have a definite purpose, can be useful, but I do not see that clear intent being outlined in the Member's motion. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): To the motion. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am only basing the percentage on last year's sales. I do not know what the results of the suicide conference were. The Government Leader has also indicated that he does not know whether those conferences are worth it or not, and there is no way of measuring that.

The intent of this motion is not that we have a pool of money and the government should spend every penny of it on conferences, but at least if there was an intention that there will be a conference, at least we have the money there and we do not have to rely on the Executive Council to come up with the money every time there is a need for such an event to occur.

The other thing is that the Minister of Social Services has already identified the moneys required for this year's programs, whether it is treatment centres or alcohol and drug programs. The money is already identified with the anticipation of whatever revenues will be coming, whether from the sale of liquor or tobacco or from income tax. Those are all anticipated.

In the span of about six months the government should very well have an indication of whether they will be able to live up to their commitments with regard to expenditures. Certainly by then, too, there must be an indication of whether we might be able to afford to hold a conference if the need arises. That flexibility is there, and also it is a strong recommendation. It is still up to the government, in its infinite wisdom, to consider whether or not it is worth having such a conference. It is there; it is not carved in stone; but at least if we, as Members, or the general public find that there is a need to get together to address issues that are quite common in all the communities, then at least we have that opportunity to do so

by then. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. To the motion. Mr. McLaughlin.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to make it clear that I am generally in favour of the intent of the mover of the motion, but I think that I would not want to see the government restricted by some percentage like this because it is not only the one department; it involves Health and Justice if you want to talk about other social issues. I would bet right now that if you considered the conferences that are held annually, and that would have to include public meetings held in various communities across the Territories, even when the Minister comes or other officials, I am sure that this amount of money has already been spent. If you were to add the travel costs of department officials and staff working in support of those people in order to attend public meetings in the communities on various social issues, health issues and alcohol and drug issues, I bet that this amount of money is being spent already. I am leery of doing this, because the government could easily say that the headquarters people working on various papers and giving the Minister or other government officials information to use when they go to public or regional meetings, for all intents and purposes, could be considered conferences; so I would expect that more than 1.5 per cent is being spent right now.

I cannot support this because I think the government is probably already exceeding this amount in expenditures. If you wanted to include the costs of support that government gives to any kind of conference or public meeting that is held on these issues across the Territories, I think the money is already being spent. So I will not vote for this. It might even restrict the amount of money that the government is spending. So I would like to just say that I support the Member's intent but I do not think that this is the way to go about achieving it. I will be voting against the motion.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. To the motion. Mr. Gargan.

Motion To Recommend Designation Of Money From Sale Of Liquor To Hold Social Issues Conferences, Withdrawn

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, I withdraw my motion. Mr. Chairman, I have another motion here.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Proceed.

Motion To Recommend Designation Of Percentage Of Gross Profit From Sale Of Liquor To Hold Social Issues Conferences, Carried

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I move that this committee strongly recommends to the Executive Council that it designates and allocates annually a percentage of the gross profit from the sale of liquor to be used to sponsor the holding of conferences to address the concerns of alcohol and drug abuse, mental health in general, and other social issues that affect communities in the Northwest Territories.

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

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, this does not tie the government's hands but at least it gives them that option, that if there is a need for a conference they have that option of taking a percentage of whatever gross profits are made from the sale of liquor to do that. So it gives them that option and it does not restrict them to a percentage but the percentage is open so that they have that option to do that.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. To the motion. Are you ready for the question?

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Question has been called. All those in favour? Opposed? The motion is carried.

--Carried

Alcohol, Drugs And Community Mental Health Services, Total O And M, Agreed

We are on page 15.12, alcohol, drugs and community mental health services, total O and M, \$8,238,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

--Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Page 15.13, community and family support services. Member for Pine Point.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: When the former chairman missed me on page 15.10, I also had a question on page 15.11 as well. I was trying to get his attention on both pages. I would like to ask a short question on page 15.11.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Does the committee agree to return to page 15.11?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

--Agreed

Revert To Corrections Services, Total O And M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Proceed, Mr. McLaughlin.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: It is my understanding that in general, and I may be corrected, the officers in the adult offenders facilities are generally paid more than the people working in the young offenders secure custody facilities. It seems to me, and I do not want to seem offensive to the officers who work in the adult corrections centres, but it seems to me that in talking to the people who work in these places on a casual basis, that the people who work in the young offenders secure custody facilities take a lot more seriously the side of their role which is the counselling of these youth and trying to correct their lifestyles. They dedicate a lot more of their time to that job, I guess as a percentage of time spent, than probably the officers do in the adult correctional facilities.

I would like to get a response from the Minister or her officials as I think these people, because they are dealing with young offenders, have a lot better of an opportunity to actually correct these youth and change them so that they will not come back into the system or continue on in the adult system. So I would like some comments on what type of salaries these different officers are paid in comparison to the adult offenders corrections officers.

Something should be done about this, because I really do think that those people who work in the young offenders facilities spend a lot more time counselling and that counselling is probably a lot more productive than it is in the adult system.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Madam Minister.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The individuals who are currently in the position in the young offenders facility are classified as child care workers.

Currently in the process, through classifications, a committee is trying to reclassify their positions in determining their salaries. Their salaries are, no doubt, lower than for the corrections officer positions. However, the department, through Personnel, still has not been able to determine salary levels for individuals who are working in a young offenders facility and specifically classified as the young offenders facility workers. They are classified currently as child care workers and it is an outstanding issue that my department is still in the process of dealing with on a regular basis with the Department of Personnel. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Member for Pine Point.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: In considering that, then, Mr. Chairman, I would like to give support to the Minister, if I can, in any efforts that she can make to recognize that these workers in the young offenders facilities are, I think, generally underpaid for the jobs that they do. I think that when these people are dealing with youth, and the fact that there is more likelihood of these youth seriously changing their lifestyle for good or bad -- these youth are at the crossroad of their lives -- these youth workers have a lot more concern and feel a responsibility. They do not just leave that facility when they go home at four o'clock in the afternoon, or when their shift ends, and it is over -- the keys are in good hands and they do not have to worry about what goes on.

Once again, I do not want to denigrate the dedication that adult corrections officers have, but I think if you compare the two, there is a lot more opportunity for young offenders to be corrected, if you want to put it that way, and some recognition should be given to the fact that the workers in those facilities generally seem to take their job home with them to a larger degree because they do realize that they might be the person that can turn that youth's life around. That is why I would support any effort that the Minister can make to have the salaries and benefits of these officers in the young offenders secure custody facilities increased. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: No, Mr. Chairman. I would just thank the Member for his support. However, Mr. Chairman, I did want to correct one item that the Member for Kitikmeot had raised. It is too bad he is not in the House. However, I indicated at the time that the contribution funding for Katimavik was under community and family support services. However, I have to make a correction. It is currently under family and children's services, directorate, and the funding for that particular group is designated at \$98,000 for the year 1990-91. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Corrections services. The honourable Member for Hay River.

MR. POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I would like to thank Mr. McLaughlin for coming back to this pay scale, because I missed a question on this page, and it deals with correctional facilities and the food that is served to inmates of those facilities. I wonder if the Minister could tell the committee how menus are arrived at, the quantities, the qualities and so on and so forth, of the food served. How is that arrived at, Mr. Chairman? Thank you.

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

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If I could just give a short explanation. The cook at the facility determines the menu. The menu is done on a rotational basis. We have implemented a policy that country food be served in these facilities at least three times a week. I believe,

along with the rotational menu and the country foods, this is how it is delivered. The individuals who look after the food service are employees of the facility, as opposed to southern facilities where this is contracted out. Thank you.

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

MR. POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I was at a meeting recently and there was a constituent of Mr. Patterson's there, who said that at the correctional facility in Iqaluit only the best cuts of meat were ordered and if there were secondary cuts of meat that were substituted in favour of those prime cuts, the best steak and the best beef and so on and so forth, that they were turned away and the best requested. Mr. Chairman, my concern is how much money are we spending to feed these people. If we are, in fact, buying the best food available, the best coffee -- that is another thing that Mr. Whitford had a runaround with, some coffee here in Yellowknife on the same issue -- if we are doing those kinds of things we may be spending more money than we really have to, Mr. Chairman. Perhaps we do not have to buy the best of everything for these people who are incarcerated. I wonder if the Minister would care to look into that situation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Yes, I certainly will look into it, Mr. Chairman, but I can indicate to the Member that at the Baffin Correctional Centre we do have an amount designated within the facility to purchase food, clothing, medical supplies and general operating supplies, in the amount of \$320,000 for the Baffin Correctional Centre.

At the Yellowknife Correctional Centre we must purchase clothing, food, recreational, office and cleaning supplies which requires \$576,000 to operate that facility. In Hay River, where we have the South Mackenzie Correctional Centre, we require \$292,000 to purchase food, clothing, medical supplies and general operating supplies. However, if we feel that the items that are purchased for these facilities are items that are more sophisticated than should be delivered to those centres, it certainly will be looked at and curbed. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Corrections services. Are there any further comments? The Member for Pine Point.

Review Of Correctional System Needed

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yesterday, during the family violence debate which we had in the Assembly, Mr. Pedersen alluded to a situation which I have come across myself where a person who was up before the court for sentencing received a probationary type sentence and was upset because actually he wanted to be sent to the correctional centre. He then insulted the judge in some way, shape or form and was given a term in the correctional centre because of insulting or showing disrespect for the court. What Mr. Pedersen was alluding to yesterday, and what I think I would like to allude to today, is that some of the people that are in our adult correctional system, and possibly in the youth correctional system, like going there. They have a regimented lifestyle, there are three square meals every day and as Mr. Patterson and I found out in Iqaluit one time when we were talking to students, the students were saying, "We are crammed four into a room and the prisoners get a room for themselves. We live in an old beat-up facility here and they have a brand new one."

I really think that we have to take a big review of what we are doing in the correctional system up here. It seems to me that when we are sentencing people, I do not want to sound like

I am pre Magna Charta or anything, but when we sentence people, I understand you are basically taking a person's freedom away from him. That is what the sentence boils down to. I am not suggesting that we have road gangs breaking rocks with sledge hammers or anything like that as a way of meting out punishment.

I would like to see the system, especially when people come into the system for the first time, whether they are a young offender or just a young adult, not to have them mix in with the general population of prisoners, some of whom are doing long time, doing two years for the half-dozen time or something like that. There is a system in there that is in place, it is almost like a kind of fraternity of authority figures within the corrections system, who have control over some of the others and almost are in a situation to abuse and make life miserable for newer or younger, what I would call, recruits, into this sort of correctional fraternity we seem to have up here.

There is a group of young adults through the whole Territories and a lot of them, once they come to YCC, end up finding jobs here and they stay and hang around Yellowknife or other larger communities like Hay River, which has a facility. The fraternity is broken into two groups. Those who are on the inside and those who are on the outside. They communicate with each other. It is almost like some sort of a fraternity, a lifestyle of being on the edge of the law, so to speak. Actually the young adult offenders who first come into the system, because of contact with the older inmates, they are made to show some sort of respect to them. As these guys have been here longer and they have been here more times, therefore new guys have to pay attention to them, they are important people. I do not think we can correct some of these people that have a recidivism list the length of your arm. They have half a dozen break and enter, 20 drunk in a public place charges and they have been in and out a dozen times. You might just have to write some of them or most of them off.

Different System For First-Time Offenders Recommended

I would like to see put in place a system for first-time offenders and one has to realize that first-time sentences are very short. For a three month sentence, you are lucky if the person is going to spend four to six weeks in there. So basically the correction system does not have the opportunity to correct that type of person in that short period of time. They cannot teach them a trade, all they can do is basically -- and I have heard some people say it -- sober them up, give them some healthy food, clean them up, give them some good clothes, and turn them out again. So no correction is done, in fact I think damage is done because these young adult offenders mix with the older offenders and so learn the ropes and learn the tricks. So I think we have to do something different for these people coming into the system for the first time.

I would suggest that the sentence should be exactly what is meted out. Take away their freedom. Lock them up in a dull, grey, boring cell and all they get to do is read some books. I know Canada has signed agreements with the United Nations so that they have to have exercise. Well, let us give them the half hour or hour a day that those agreements require and let them go and walk around alone in a courtyard for a half hour. Let them have their meals in their dull, grey, boring cell. Do not let them mix with the general prison population. Do not let them play volleyball and basketball. Do not let them play pool or use the weight room. It is almost like a country club for some of them. I really seriously think that these first-time offenders should not be shown a place that is nice to come back to. What could be done in addition to that -- I think you would have to give them a choice and

the choice could be, sit in a dull, grey, boring room for six weeks and read books or sign up for a paramilitary work and exercise program that you are not going to want to come back to either.

I was the Minister responsible for this department of four years and you keep thinking you are doing something, but I do not think you are. We spend \$50,000 or \$60,000 a year per bed in these bloody institutions, and all we give our students is about \$5000 to \$10,000 a year to go to school. So we are taking the failures, the guys that cause us problems, and we are putting them up in all these big, expensive facilities and we even give them jobs, and yet the youth that we have nurtured along through the education system, who have been responsible, who are out working at part-time jobs in order to get enough money to go to university, we are giving them about one tenth of the attention that these other people are getting.

So I would like to stimulate a little debate from this because I am beyond thinking that we should call it a correction system any more. I think it is just an ongoing system that just makes these people worse. It just goes on and on, it is a rotating door just like they showed in the Bush/Dukakis campaign commercials about the rotating doors for prisoners. They just keep coming back for more and we have to break that cycle. I think the only way to break it is to not give the first-time offenders something that they want to come back to.

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

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Chairman, even though we do want to try to make these facilities very, very regimental or try to implement areas that would deter inmates from wanting to come back and wanting to live in them, this is difficult when you take into account human rights then we have to make sure that individuals are looked after, even though they are in these types of institutions. I certainly get concerned when people feel that some of these institutions are looked at like hotels; that they provide a warm environment and they provide food for these individuals that some people feel are better than they have back home. It is somewhat difficult but I must indicate that sometimes when we do try to make these areas very regimental we get an outcry from the public, we get pressure...

---Fire alarm goes off

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Madam Minister, before I ask you to continue, I would like to recognize the Government House Leader at this time. Mr. Ballantyne.

Motion To Extend Sitting Hours, Carried

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I move that we extend the hours to finish the Department of Social Services.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): We have a motion to extend the sitting hours until we conclude the item under consideration, the Department of Social Services. All those in favour? Opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

---Applause

Thank you. Madam Minister.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you. Just briefly, the problem we sometimes have also is that when we want to put in specific programs, and particularly trying to make more

regimental programs, it is difficult within the existing facilities that we have, taking into consideration the number of inmates that we are expected to keep. It is difficult sometimes to segregate them and be able to deliver the program effectively in the institution.

However, I must advise the Member that we have increased the number of mandatory work programs that prisoners are required to do in these correctional facilities. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Are there any further comments on corrections services? Total O and M, \$17,495,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. We will turn to page 15.13 -- are you still behind, Mr. McLaughlin? Mr. McLaughlin.

Present System Damaging To First-time Offenders

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Thank you. In response to what the Minister said, I realize that we have to follow different conventions, for example the Charter of Rights and Freedoms and anything that the federal government signs by way of the United Nations on how to treat prisoners. It does not say in those agreements that they have to play volleyball, basketball or hockey, or have pool tables and health equipment to the extreme that we have in some of these facilities. I have visited in there and I have used the health equipment in the exercise room in the Baffin facility and it is as good as the Racquet Club in Yellowknife.

The point I am trying to make is that the mixing of these first-time offenders with the "old guard" established prisoners is damaging. These new prisoners are whipped into line when guards are not looking, they are jabbed in the ribs by elbows, they are beaten around, they are sexually abused even, and they are made to toe the line, to respect this old guard. I really think we are failing if we do not do something to take first-time offenders who are only in there for sometimes as little as a couple of weeks or a couple of months, and separate them entirely from the general population; and to provide them with the harsh reality, that your freedom has been taken away, you are going to sit in a dull grey boring room, this is not an exciting place to come to. If they do not want to sit in the dull grey boring room, as I said, they can volunteer for some sort of paramilitary work and exercise program; they are not going to want to come back to that either.

I have had people ask me, "Why do we not just pay them to stay out of trouble? Why do we not let them all out -- except for the ones who committed serious crimes like sexual assault or any kind of assault. The ones that are in for minor breaking and enter, drunk in a public place, public nuisance, which a lot of them are in there for -- a lot of them do things like that half a dozen times before the local judges in communities finally get mad enough that they throw them in there -- why do we not just pay them \$10 or \$20 a day to stay out of trouble?" It would be a hell of a lot cheaper than what we are spending to keep them in there and actually expose them to what I think are other prisoners that actually train these young offenders to get in and stay in the system. I think it is a waste of youth, a waste of money, what we are doing right now. We are not correcting these people. In fact I think when the first-time offenders come along, we are actually damaging them. Making the situation worse and permanently ingraining into them how to live this lifestyle. I do not think we are getting anywhere. It is certainly not the current Minister's fault, this has been going on for 20 or 30

years. I do not think that we are doing anything except warehousing the problem. We are taking these offenders and putting them in a warehouse for a certain period of time and then we are letting them out. Corrections is not occurring in these short-term sentences. In fact for the younger offenders we are actually doing more wrong than good.

I am concerned, Mr. Chairman, about the rates of recidivism that occur and I would like to ask the Minister and her officials what the current picture is in a given month, just take a snapshot of a day and give us what the recidivism rates are. Are they getting better or worse? We had the opportunity to track a few cases once in awhile of people and it seemed like they were juvenile delinquent when they were 12 or 13 years old under the old Juvenile Delinquents Act and end up being wards of family and children's services, then they became young offenders in the Young Offenders Act and now they are adult offenders in the system. It just goes on and on. Do you have any facts and figures on the rates of recidivism? Is it getting better or worse? Is the trend going up or down?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Madam Minister.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Chairman, currently we do not keep a system in place to determine the recidivism rates in our correctional system.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mr. McLaughlin.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Under the Young Offenders Act then, I know there is an agreement between the federal government and territorial government to keep track of these rates. One of the first things done was a statistical computer system put in place so the federal and territorial governments share information on trends like this. I would like to ask the Minister and her officials, now that we have had half a dozen years experience with the Young Offenders Act, what is the trend as far as the age of these people and what are the recidivism rates? Is the average young offender older now? If that is the case then it means that obviously there is recidivism occurring.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Madam Minister.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: The average young offender in the facilities is about 15 years of age. We currently have an information system but we do not utilize it to determine the recidivism rates.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Member for Pine Point.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: On March 20th I asked a written question to the Minister about young offenders facilities statistics. I was wondering if she has those statistics available now?

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

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: No, Mr. Chairman, because of the fact that many of the questions pertain to RCMP cells, if I recall correctly, and the information has to be obtained from the RCMP.

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

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the Minister if she has answers to -- there were six parts to the question -- the parts that did not deal with the RCMP?

Question number six I had is, "How many trips have been taken by young offenders from Fort Smith, Hay River and Iqaluit in order to appear in court or for other reasons such as counselling, medical or psychological assessment in

Yellowknife? And what is the total cost of this, including air fare, accommodation of the youth in custody and the officer escorting him, as well as the total salary of person years expended on these trips?"

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Madam Minister.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Chairman, because of the RCMP absorbing the cost of escorting youths to the court they are the ones that have that cost and they are the ones that absorb the cost, so it is difficult to determine the costs.

With regard to the departmental responsibility, at one point in time there were three young offenders that have spent a total of eight nights in the Salvation Army enroute to their home destination, or open custody placement and the cost associated with the air fare for the young offender was \$1905. At the Fort Smith security, apparently there is none, but the final answer is not available. At the Hay River security there is none, but the final answer is not available. As I indicated above, it does not include any nights spent at the RCMP cells as this is unavailable.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. The Member for Pine Point.

Bed-Days Utilized In Young Offenders Secure Custody Facilities

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The first question I asked in that series was, how many bed-days have been utilized in each of the young offenders secure custody facilities in Fort Smith, Hay River, Yellowknife and Iqaluit in each year since the Young Offenders Act came into effect?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Madam Minister.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Chairman, if I may go back to try to answer the question. In 1984 and 1985 the young offenders secure facility in Yellowknife was not open so therefore it did not take any bed-days; the Fort Smith facility took 393 bed-days; the Hay River facility was not open so therefore it did not take any bed-days; the Iqaluit facility was not open so it did not take any bed-days.

In the year of 1985-86 the Yellowknife secure facility was the one that was opened and it took 3468 bed-days and there were no bed-days in any other facility.

In 1986-87 the Yellowknife secure facility took 3730 bed-days; the Fort Smith secure facility took 3779 bed-days; the Hay River facility took 5117 bed-days; and the Iqaluit facility was not open.

In 1987-88 the Yellowknife secure facility took 3088 bed-days; the Fort Smith facility took 2725 bed-days; Hay River took 4420; and the Iqaluit facility was not open.

In 1988-89 the Yellowknife secure facility took 1705 bed-days; Fort Smith took 3153 bed-days; Hay River took 4514 bed-days; and the Iqaluit facility was not open.

In 1989-90 the Yellowknife secure facility was closed; the Fort Smith facility took 1945 bed-days; the Hay River facility took 3881 bed-days; and the Iqaluit facility took 985 bed-days. I must indicate that the Iqaluit facility admitted its first young offenders on October 23, 1989, and 985 reflect only a partial year for bed-days.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Member for Pine Point.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I missed that one figure for 1987-88 for Yellowknife.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Madam Minister.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: 1987-88 was 3088 bed-days, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Member for Pine Point.

Positions Allocated To Young Offenders Secure Custody Facilities

MR. McLAUGHLIN: The other one is "How many positions have been allocated to each of the existing young offenders accommodations facilities and what is the minimum level of qualifications required for each of these positions?"

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Madam Minister.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. All three secure facilities have been given 19.5 person years. Each facility is operating by one person year over the allotted budget. The following is a breakdown by facility and position:

Iqaluit there is one position for manager, the qualifications are a degree in social sciences with three years experience; there is half a position for a half-time nurse and the qualifications are a registered nurse or standard first aid; there is one position for a treatment co-ordinator of which the qualifications are a bachelor degree in social sciences and two years experience, or a child care diploma and five years experience; there is one position for administration clerk and the qualifications are third year CGA and grade 12 or three to five years of experience; there is one position for an institutional cook and the qualifications required are grade 10, journeyman certificate or two years food administration; there is one position for a teacher and the qualifications are a bachelor of education degree; there are three positions for a child care supervisor, grade 10 and three years of related experience; there are six positions for child care worker III which is grade 10 and three years of related experience; and six positions for child care worker I and the qualification required is grade eight.

For the Fort Smith secure facility. There is one position for a manager and the qualifications are a degree in social sciences or three years of experience; there is one position for a treatment co-ordinator and the qualifications are a bachelor of social sciences and two years experience or a child care diploma and five years experience; there is one position for an administration clerk, three years CGA and grade 12 and three to five years experience; one position for an institutional cook, grade 10 journeyman certificate or two years food administration; there is one position for a teacher and the qualifications are bachelor of education; there is a half of a position for a teacher and the qualifications are a bachelor of education; there are three positions for a child care supervisor with grade 10 and three years of related experience; six positions for child care worker III, grade 10 and three years related experience; six positions for a child care worker I, qualifications are grade eight requirement.

At the Hay River secure facility there is one position for a manager which requires a degree in social sciences or three years experience; one position for treatment co-ordinator which requires a degree in social sciences and two years experience or a child care diploma and five years experience.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Point of order, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Point of order, Mr. McLaughlin

MR. McLAUGHLIN: It might help myself and the committee - I asked these questions over two weeks ago in order to assure that I would have them so I could make a decent

debate when this department came up. That is why I gave advance notice, and if we proceed in this manner and try to make use of this information this way, I think it is pretty non-productive. So I would like to move that we defer this page and I will get the information that the department has and come back to this page later. Otherwise, I am just going to waste the committee's time if we continue like this.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Member for Pine Point, that was not a point of order. You cannot gain the floor by using a point of order to make a motion. Madam Minister, continue.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have just about finished. There is one position that I indicated, an administration clerk, for which the qualifications required are a third year CGA and a grade 12, three to five years of experience. There is one position for an institutional cook, qualifications required are grade 10, journeyman certification, two years food administration. There is one position for a teacher, qualifications required are a bachelor of education. There is half a position for a teacher, qualifications required are a bachelor of education. There are three positions for child care supervisor, qualifications required are grade 10 and three years of related experience. There are six positions for child care worker III, qualifications required are grade 10 and two years of related experience. There are six positions for a child care worker II, qualifications required are grade eight. Mr. Chairman, I hope that answers the Member's question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Corrections services. Member for Pine Point.

Motion To Defer Department Of Social Services, Corrections Services, Carried

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I had other questions and some of the answers will be just as long as that, so I would like to move that we defer this page until the Minister can give me the answers. I will not hold up for the information that is RCMP-related, though. Once we deal with that, then I will come back to this page, as we have done with other departments.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): I have a motion on the floor to defer page 15.11, corrections services. The motion is in order. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Question is being called. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried, to defer page 15.11.

---Carried

Point of order. The Member for Yellowknife Centre.

MR. LEWIS: My point of order, Mr. Chairman, is that we did pass a motion just before six o'clock that we were going to conclude this item tonight, and by deferring parts of it, really we cannot conclude the item, yet that is what we agreed to.

---Applause

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): On your point of order, Member for Yellowknife Centre, a motion to defer would take precedence over that previous motion that we passed. Even a Member who wishes to report progress would take precedence over all other motions. Technically, it would not really matter, because some Member could put a motion to report progress, and we would not conclude the department that is under consideration.

Community And Family Support Services, Total O And M

We are back on page 15.13, community and family support services. Member for Baffin Central.

MR. KILABUK: (Translation) Some disabled people in my constituency have to get some assistance through Social Services and some of them are so disabled that they cannot help themselves; they always have to have somebody to help them. Some of the people in my constituency buy their own wheelchairs and other items to aid them in getting about.

I asked this question before and I just wanted to know which item it falls under. Say, for instance, an individual that has been disabled from childhood that needs those kinds of aids or something to aid the person to go about on his own. The question that I am asking is, if an individual would like some assistance in providing himself or herself with a wheelchair or something, would that person be able to get assistance from Social Services?

There are also quite a number of people in my community that have disabilities and who have never been assisted by Social Services in getting anything that they need. Could they be assisted through this activity or is it impossible for them to get some kind of assistance under community and family support services? Is this in another activity? Thank you.

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

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That particular concern does fall under this activity of community and family support services, under family support. However, depending on the requirement for the disabled, if it is a requirement with regard to their health, I would imagine that would be the responsibility of the Department of Health. However, support services other than the equipment they need is under our department's responsibility, under this activity.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. The Member for Baffin Central.

MR. KILABUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is pretty clear to me now. One has to do with health disability and the other one has to do with being handicapped and is in good health. I know this certain individual in my community who is disabled, not by way of being sick but disabled in regard to the bodily functions, getting about on his own. Maybe if Social Services in my community could be told that this person could be assisted by Social Services, would he or she be able to get help through them then?

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

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Chairman, if it is deemed through an assessment by the department that the individual is in need and requires assistance, they certainly will be able to get assistance through the department. Thank you.

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

MR. KILABUK: (Translation) Thank you, Madam Minister. That is all I would like to ask. I move that we report progress.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): There is a motion on the floor to report progress, which is not debatable. All those in favour? Opposed? The motion is carried.

--Carried

I will now rise and report progress. I would like to thank the Minister and her witnesses for appearing before our

committee. Mahsi cho.

ITEM 18: REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call the House back to order. Item 18, report of committee of the whole. The honourable Member for Rae-Lac la Martre.

MR. ZOE: Mr. Speaker, your committee has been considering Bill 9-90(1) and Committee Report 1-90(1), and wishes to report progress with two motions being approved.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. You have heard the report of the chairman of committee of the whole. Are you agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

--Agreed

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you.

Item 19, third reading of bills.

Item 20, assent to bills. Item 21, Mr. Clerk, orders of the day.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Mr. Speaker, meetings for Thursday, April 5: ajauqtit at 9:00 a.m.; at 10:00 a.m., finance; at 11:30 a.m., special committee on aboriginal languages.

ITEM 21: ORDERS OF THE DAY

Orders of the day for Thursday, April 5th.

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18. Report of Committee of the Whole

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20. Assent to Bills

21. Orders of the Day

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. This House stands adjourned until Thursday, April 5, 1990, at 1:00 p.m.

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