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YELLOWKNIFE, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 1985

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ITEM 1: PRAYER

---Prayer

SPEAKER (Hon. Don Stewart): Orders of the day for Thursday, March the 14th.

Item 2, Members' replies. Mr. Curley.

Point of Privilege

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Mr. Speaker, I wish to rise on a point of privilege. In the March 8th edition, the News/North published an erroneous and misleading article under the heading of "Ulu Foods Sold To Territorial Government". I want to place the fact before the Assembly and demand an apology from the paper to the Inuvialuit and to the Government of the Northwest Territories.

Mr. Speaker, the Inuvialuit Game Council was set up under the provisions of the COPE land claims agreement. It is registered under the territorial Societies Ordinance and represents the interests of in excess of 1200 Inuvialuit in all matters pertaining to game and the orderly development of renewable resource based industry within the scope of the land claims. The council recently decided that it wished to aggressively pursue the commercial development of the renewable resources. They initiated a project designed to plan and carry out in an orderly way the investigation, testing and initiation of viable economic ventures based upon renewable resources of the western Arctic.

A primary objective of the game council is to create integrated self-sufficient renewable resource industries in the Western Arctic. To that end a renewable resource economic project has been organized to plan, implement and monitor the renewable resource projects. A board of directors for the project is composed of five representatives of the Inuvialuit Game Council, the deputy minister of Renewable Resources and representatives of Economic Development and Tourism. The Government of the Northwest Territories is to advise and assist the Inuvialuit Game Council when possible in achieving our goal of renewable resource development.

Mr. Speaker, I would just like to indicate to the House that this government is actually pursuing the privatization of many of the government enterprises that have existed before and does not wish to engage in taking over the enterprises that are presently being carried out by the people of the Northwest Territories.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Hear, hear!

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Members' replies. Are there any Members' replies for today? Item 3, Ministers' statements. Ms Cournoyea.

ITEM 3: MINISTERS' STATEMENTS

Minister's Statement On Royal Commission On Seals And Sealing

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In my return to oral Question 24-85(1), asked by Mr. Ballantyne on February 8th, 1985, I indicated that I would give a brief Minister's statement to inform Members of our activities to date. This is regarding the commission on seals.

On October 22nd, I wrote to all MLAs and to the honourable Member for Yellowknife South on the subject of the Royal Commission on Seals and Sealing. In general, we intend to extend every effort to ensure that the commission has a complete understanding of the issues surrounding seals and sealing in northern Canada, and the importance of the seal resource to the economy and livelihood of northerners. I will present a submission to the commission hearings in St. John's, Newfoundland, in late May. The commission will then travel to Pangnirtung where it will hear the views of the people of the Eastern Arctic. The Minister of Economic Development and Tourism, the Hon. Tagak Curley, will appear before the commissioner at the time, as well as my deputy minister, Mr. Jim Bourque, who will be representing the Fur Institute of Canada. The commission will then travel to Holman Island where it will hear the views of people of the Western Arctic. I will also attend this session. I would ask my fellow MLAs to assist in this effort by joining me in encouraging hunters and trappers associations in the NWT to participate during the northern hearings.

The issues in front of the commission are clearly part of a much bigger picture of which you are generally aware. I refer, of course, to the animal rights movement and the unacceptable, irrational and negative impacts which it could have on hunting and trapping in Canada and in particular in the NWT. The Department of Renewable Resources is actively pursuing this issue on several fronts at the present time. We are participating in the Fur Institute of Canada which is focussing its attention on the anti-trapping movement. As well the department will participate at the meeting of the parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species in Buenos Aires in April where two important issues will be discussed. I refer to a motion from Denmark which, if accepted, will result in a complete ban on any international trade in gyrfalcons. As well, West Germany has proposed a complete restriction on all international trade in narwhals and their tusks.

Clearly, Mr. Speaker, these kinds of proposals have the potential for massive impact on the economy and lifestyles of northerners. I know that you share my concern and I am willing to discuss this issue with you on a formal or informal basis at any time. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Ms Minister. Ministers' statements. Item 4, oral questions. Mr. MacQuarrie.

ITEM 4: ORAL QUESTIONS

Question 139-85(1): Use Of Legal Counsel And High Calibre Chairman At Con Mine Accident Inquiry

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister of Justice and Public Services on earlier questioning in the House. Earlier in this session the Minister had indicated that he was considering an inquiry in the case of the death of a miner at Con Mine last year and I was pleased to see that during the break the Minister did make an announcement that there would be an inquiry. He had made that decision.

I know that representatives of the union were concerned that if there were to be an inquiry -- they certainly wanted one, and appreciate that one will be held -- that they hoped there would be a very high calibre chairman, someone who is clearly objective and very competent to deal with the matter. Also they felt a hearing might not be adequate unless they were able to use the advice of legal counsel at the hearing. So, could I ask the Minister to reveal any comments that he has with respect to these two matters, please?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question 139-85(1): Use Of Legal Counsel And High Calibre Chairman At Con Mine Accident Inquiry

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just to express my appreciation to the honourable Member for making me aware of the question. Mr. Speaker, with respect to a matter that has occupied the attention of the public and the press in recent weeks, and I am referring to the fatal accident that occurred at Cominco Mines on July 9, 1984 -- the accident resulted in the unfortunate death of Mr. Gordon Davidson, a worker for Cominco Mines. I have had discussions with representatives of the United Steelworkers of America and senior management of Cominco to determine the best possible way to deal with the demands of the union, as supported by the honourable Bob MacQuarrie, to hold an inquiry into the accident which resulted in the death of Mr. Davidson and to determine generally the safety standards at Con Mine.

Contrary to any allegations of inaction that may have been made by the union or press, my officials and I have been very active in finding a solution to this problem which would not result in unsubstantiated accusations being made by or against one side. I have decided that an inquiry into this matter must be conducted by a person who is neutral and has no direct association with either management or labour. He must also be an engineer with extensive experience in mining and in particular in hard rock mining.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to advise that I have sought and obtained the assistance of the Hon. Wildon Parasiuk, Minister of Energy and Mines in Manitoba, to release to us the director of mines for the Government of Manitoba, Mr. Bill Bardswick. Mr. Bardswick is a professional engineer who has had the kind of experience that I have just described. I understand that Mr. Bardswick is well-respected by both management and labour and he was formerly chief engineer with the Ontario mines inspectorate before being appointed director of mines with the Government of Manitoba. Mr. Bardswick will be embarking on an inquiry in approximately four to five weeks. His inquiry will be directed at finding all the facts related to the accident that resulted in the death of Mr. Gordon Davidson and will also deal generally with the safety standards in Con Mine. Mr. Bardswick will be free to make any recommendations that he thinks appropriate in the circumstances. The detailed terms of reference will be worked out in the very near future.

While I have the floor, Mr. Speaker, I also want to allude to the so-called March 17th incident which pertains to an allegation of failure on the part of Con Mine to report to the mining inspection services, a reportable incident. I have had this matter investigated thoroughly by the mining inspection services. The report of the mining inspection services, who are experts in this field and on whose judgment we must rely, does not recommend proceeding with prosecution for the alleged failure to report the incident to the mining inspection services. The report of the mining inspection services is available for any honourable Member who may wish to review it. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker, in concluding, I thank the honourable Member for bringing to the attention of the press the reality of the position that I stated -- that I did suggest that there might be an inquiry. I did not indicate at that time whether it would be a public inquiry or another type of inquiry and the paper of Wednesday, March 13th, 1985, says "in a surprise about-face" and at no time have I suggested that there would never be a public inquiry. I just wanted to make that clear to the press and clearly the actual decision had to be on the basis of what I consider to be the best possible information, while at the same time having the opportunity to discuss the issue with both union and management before making my final decision. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Supplementary To Question 139-85(1): Use Of Legal Counsel And High Calibre Chairman At Con Mine Accident Inquiry

MR. MACQUARRIE: I appreciate the Minister's reponse very much. There was one part of the question that was not answered and that is, and it seems it would be the case in this nature of inquiry, but each side would be entitled to retain counsel to assist them in the inquiry. Is that understood or still under consideration?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Nerysoo.

Further Return To Question 139-85(1): Use Of Legal Counsel And High Calibre Chairman At Con Mine Accident Inquiry

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just to again answer the question of the honourable Member. Yes, they would be allowed to provide for legal advice. In fact, this government will be providing the inquirer with legal support as well, so that the chairman would be able to address any legal questions that might arise during the inquiry. I have indicated that that will be the situation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 140-85(1): Establishment Of Maximum Age For Young Offenders

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I have a question of the Minister of Social Services in relation to the decision of the federal government to implement what is a very controversial section of the Young Offenders Act, that is to establish the implementation of a law to establish 17 as the maximum age for young offenders. Given that there has been a great deal of discussion and concern registered with this particular part of the Young Offenders Act, I wonder if I could have a comment from the Minister as to the capability now of his department and the Government of the Northwest Territories to bring the department and its facilities in line with that particular decision.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question 140-85(1): Establishment Of Maximum Age For Young Offenders

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The majority of the provinces and the two territories tried to persuade the federal Minister, Hon. Elmer Mackay, and his predecessor, the Hon. Bob Kaplan, to delay the implementation of the coming into effect on April 1st, 1985, of 16 and 17 year olds being considered young offenders. Mr. Mackay offered us a two year extension indicating that he would try to get cabinet support to not have the 16 and 17 year olds having to be held in separate and apart custody. But we told him at that meeting that we needed a full two year delay in order to help us get capital facilities and programs into place. He went to cabinet with that and we received a telex last week that the cabinet did not agree, he could not get support there. So the Young Offenders Act will come into effect on April 1st, to include 16 and 17 year olds and he also indicated to us yesterday that his offer of not having to keep young offenders separate and apart was also withdrawn. So the act will go into effect April 1st, affecting 16 and 17 year olds as originally intended.

We are just waiting final word on a Treasury Board submission which we have through DIAND. The Solicitor General's department is giving us and the provinces funding under a formula which is acceptable to us, but each province in their own jurisdiction is expected to carry part of the cost and provide the facilities, if necessary, for young offenders. In the Northwest Territories, we do not have those resources and we have to depend on a DIAND Treasury Board submission for those funds. We are capable of keeping the 16 and 17 year olds separate and apart by rearranging some of the rooms at YCI. We also have a receiving home in Inuvik and in Hay River that we can look at using. The Department of Public Works has looked at both these buildings for us and the minor renovations necessary to use them for the next year or two.

The other thing Members should be aware of is that at any given time there are only 25 to 35, 16 and 17 year olds in custody as adult offenders and the Young Offenders Act will make it more difficult to put 16 and 17 year olds in closed custody than previously. So we do not expect to have as many 16 and 17 year olds in closed custody as adult prisoners as we do right now. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Supplementary To Question 140-85(1): Establishment Of Maximum Age For Young Offenders

MR. McCALLUM: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just to ask a supplementary. Could I just have an indication from the Minister as to the status of the Treasury Board submission, seeing that you are going to have to make some kind of expenditures on existing facilities? Could you give me an idea of where the submission to Treasury Board is and how close you are getting with it?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. McLaughlin.

Further Return To Question 140-85(1): Establishment Of Maximum Age For Young Offenders

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you. The only indication I found out verbally through the department is that officials in the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs are scrambling as fast as my officials are, because of the news that the coming into effect on April 1st will occur. Hopefully we will hear back from them any day. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 141-85(1): Revoking Of Turn-Air Licence

MR. BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct this question to the Government Leader and it concerns Turn-Air. On April the 4th, last year, Turn-Air had its licence revoked. Mr. Turner appealed to the Air Transport Committee and it took them nine months to decide not to hear the appeal. I know the Government Leader has already written a letter on behalf of Mr. Turner, but at this point in time last week Mr. Turner's last two planes were stripped away from him, his house is up for auction right now and that will be going next week. Mr. Turner's last recourse now is direct appeal to the Minister of Transport. I wonder if Mr. Nerysoo could intercede on Mr. Turner's behalf and ask the Minister of Transport to hear the appeal.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Nerysoo.

Return To Question 141-85(1): Revoking Of Turn-Air Licence

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I believe that we can find some way of interceding and intervening with regard to that particular issue. I would, however, suggest that Mr. Butters also be included in that particular process and no doubt the Members of the Executive Council would have to be aware of the circumstances and provide that particular support as well.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. McCallum.

Question 142-85(1): Improvement Of Highway Through Wood Buffalo Park

MR. McCALLUM: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question of the Minister of Public Works and Highways. In light of the announced expenditures for improvement of the highway through Wood Buffalo National Park, could the Minister inform me if there has been any work or any agreement reached with the province of Alberta to do work from the park border to the Salt River bridge -- from the Alberta boundary, if you like, to Fort Fitz and from Fort Fitz to the Wood Buffalo National Park boundary? It is a matter of about 30 kilometres of work. Is there any agreement that has been reached with Alberta to do work to upgrade those particular parts of the road and if there is work being done now, is it done under a third party arrangement by this government? Does our Department of Highways do the work and if so, for how much?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Wray.

Return To Question 142-85(1): Improvement Of Highway Through Wood Buffalo Park

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the Member for advising me of this question. Up to 1981 when the GNWT assumed responsibility for the highways maintenance program, all road work was 100 per cent funded by the federal government. Our department performed maintenance work on behalf of the federal government under an agreement similar to the engineering services agreement which we have in place with the federal DPW and Indian Affairs. When the highway maintenance transfer took place in 1981, funding for maintenance of the roads in Alberta was provided for in the base. The question of the GNWT continuing to maintain those roads has come up in the past and the Executive direction has been to continue. No reconstruction work has been funded by the GNWT on those roads. Funds for reconstruction of those roads were not included in our five year intra-territorial reconstruction plan and as such we have no plans to carry out any reconstruction work whatsoever. Either the federal government through Parks Canada or the Alberta government will have to be responsible for reconstruction. I will undertake to tell the Member though that we will initiate discussions with the Alberta government and the federal government to see if perhaps funding can be made available to us to perhaps do some reconstruction work in that area. We will be continuing maintenance work. In terms of the cost of what we spend there, I do not have that but I will undertake to provide those figures for the Member. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Wray. Oral questions. Mr. Erkloo.

Question 143-85(1): Sewing Centre, Hall Beach

MR. ERKLOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This question is directed to Economic Development, Hon. Tagak Curley. In Hall Beach the Pauttautit group want to get a sewing centre going. I was wondering if the Minister could do something about this. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will look into this. I did not know anything about this but I am pretty sure it is being worked on in my department and I am sure there is an economic development officer in Igloolik and in Frobisher, so I will look into this and I will give you an answer during the session. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. Curley, you are taking the question as notice. Oral questions. Mr. McCallum.

Question 144-85(1): NWT Jobs Derived From Air Defence Overhaul

MR. McCALLUM: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question of the Leader of the government. I apologize for not giving him prior warning on that, but it has been reported in today's Globe and Mail as well as today's issue of the Edmonton Journal, about the air defence network getting an overhaul and a pending agreement being signed by the Prime Minister of Canada with the President of the United States on St. Patrick's Day this month. I referred to this particular question earlier in the session, asking whether there has been anything done by this government to find out what was happening with it. It is my understanding that it is an eight year project, that there are 11,500 jobs to go to Canada. I referred then to hoping that there would be something about training possibilities as well as employment. Can the Minister indicate to us now, whether there has been any kind of correspondence by his government with the federal government about the possibility of the people of the Northwest Territories or the youth of the Northwest Territories being involved in getting some of these jobs?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question 144-85(1): NWT Jobs Derived From Air Defence Overhaul

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just to indicate that I have had an opportunity to communicate with the newly appointed Minister of National Defence, Mr. Nielsen, regarding our concern with regard to the negotiations of an agreement, indicating our interest, in that particular agreement, in seeing that we could ensure that the people of the Northwest Territories and the businesses of the Northwest Territories were protected in any type of agreement. That particular communication has not been responded to as of today. However, you can be assured that we will be communicating again, since the announcement has been made and the majority of work that will be associated with the project is being directed toward Canadians and Canadian businesses.

I just want to also indicate that the information with regard to the announcement will be made available to all Members in this House and certainly if there is a need to provide the Hansard, the House of Commons debates, with regard to that particular information as well, I will be prepared to make those available as well. Certainly, the other information, the announcement will be made available.

Also, Mr. Speaker, I would like to indicate that we will again be contacting Mr. Nielsen asking for an appropriate meeting so we can discuss the specifics of the agreement because while we have the general outlines of the particular agreement, we still do not know what the specifics of the agreement are. Further, on the 20th of March, 1985, this caucus and Members of this Assembly will be getting an updated briefing by the Department of National Defence on this particular project. That presentation the Executive Council also will be receiving for the first time, so we would rather have it in conjunction with other Members here, so they can ask questions of those people that will be involved in the project itself.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. This time I would like to recognize in the gallery, from the Samuel Hearne Secondary School in Inuvik, Ms Doreen Currie, the teacher, with four students, Veena Norris, Grace Bullock, Kim Pukas, Leonard Kenny of Fort Franklin, and all the rest I understand are from Inuvik. Welcome to the House.

---Applause

Oral questions. Mr. Ballantyne.

Question 145-85(1): Employment And Business Opportunities On New DEWline Sites

MR. BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask a supplementary of the Government Leader on the deployment of DEWline sites. I realize we are having a caucus meeting on this matter but I think these questions are important to get on the public record right now to keep people of the Territories aware of our concerns. In the announcement made by Mr. Nielsen, he emphasized Canadian participation for jobs and business opportunities and I would ask the Government Leader if he would emphasize the northern aspect of that, northern jobs and business opportunities.

Secondly, if he could also ask the Minister as to where the sites are proposed to go. I understand there is going to be an increase of some 20 DEWline stations and I wonder if he could ask if it has been decided where those sites are going. I think some communities might have concerns of some sites going near certain communities.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question 145-85(1): Employment And Business Opportunities On New DEWline Sites

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just to indicate that even with regard to the announcement being made yesterday, I have already received the strategy from my honourable colleague the Minister of Education, as to how we might best address the question of training. So we are now trying to address this particular issue.

With regard to the whole question of employment opportunities, as well as business opportunities, now that we have seen the announcement, plus the indications are that there are going to be 13 long-range and 39 short-range radars in Canada in the Northwest Territories -- now we have those numbers so we can sit down, hopefully, with the Minister of National Defence and start talking about the specifics as to how the people of the Northwest Territories and the business community can get involved in the construction. We are certainly prepared to make the concerns and the questions that will be required of the Department of National Defence available to the group that is going to make that particular presentation because I do not know the specifics of location. I do not know the specifics with regard to what the employment and business opportunities will be. I think that is something we can deal with and ask the presentation group to make that available to us in their presentation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Supplementary To Question 145-85(1): Employment And Business Opportunities On New DEWline Sites

MR. BALLANTYNE: Supplementary, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the Government Leader's comments and it is something that we are going to have to do a lot more work on. I think we should not only be looking at business opportunities or employment opportunities in construction. I understand it that the intent is to have the manned stations run by Canadians and I think there might be the possibility for long-term employment possibilities for northerners, after appropriate training. I think that is an important component of it.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you for the speech, Mr. Ballantyne. Do you wish to make another speech, Mr. Nerysoo?

Further Return To Question 145-85(1): Employment And Business Opportunities On New DEWline Sites

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Absolutely. Mr. Speaker, in the press comment that I made this morning, that particular issue is one that I addressed as well -- the long-term employment opportunities for the people who are resident in the North. I think that another issue that has to be addressed are those people who are living in the North who are presently employed by the DEWline sites that are situated in the Northwest Territories. We cannot forget that they have to have some protection in this turnover as well.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Oral questions. Mr. Wah-Shee.

Question 146-85(1): Status Of NTCL Sale

MR. WAH-SHEE: Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct my question to the Leader of the government. In regard to the sale of the Northern Transportation Company Limited, and in recognition of the concerns expressed by the Minister of Transport and the native corporations of the Northwest Territories, respecting northern equity, would the Minister clarify to this House whether: 1) the federal cabinet is considering the final disposition of NTCL this week, and can the Minister assure this House that the sale of NTCL will not be finalized without the significant native and northern participation; and 2) given that the people of the Northwest Territories are the clientele of the NTCL, will the Minister give some assurance that northerners will not have to subsidize the sale of the NTCL by paying higher transportation rates?

As well, can the Minister reassure this House that disposition of NTCL by the federal government will honour, both in word and spirit, the criteria which were established for the purpose of the purchase of NTCL?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question 146-85(1): Status Of NTCL Sale

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, through you to the honourable Member, I just want to read a copy of a letter that I sent to the federal Minister of Transport on the 8th of March, 1985 which says:

"Representatives of the Metis Development Corporation, Denendeh Development Corporation, Inuvialuit Development Corporation and Nunasi Development Corporation have come to me to express their frustrations concerning the total lack of openness on the part of Northern Industrial Carriers to serious and meaningful negotiations over the sale of NTCL. Although, NIC officials approached these companies regarding participation of northern and native companies, no serious negotiations have ensued. However, the corporations have repeatedly been put off pending the completion of negotiations with your department. My government has repeatedly expressed to you our desire to see northern native groups participate in the purchase of NTCL. We therefore fully support their efforts and share their concerns. I believe that the amount of the accepted bid may have been unrealistically high, which may limit future economic viability of NTCL and shift the burden onto northern consumers through substantially increased rates or cutbacks in service. You will recall that when we met I noted that both the federal and territorial governments are major users of NTCL services.

"In view of the above, unless a serious attempt is made to conform to the spirit and the intent of the original conditions, it may be appropriate to discard NIC's bid at this time and perhaps re-tender in a year or two, allowing for prospective purchasers to work out arrangements to ensure effective northern participation."

That was the message that I sent on the 8th of March, recognizing the concerns that had been expressed both by the corporations and from the experience that I had, in meeting with the Minister of Transport, Mr. Mazankowski. So that was the message that was sent. I must also say that the particular message was also made available to the Prime Minister, to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, Pat Carney and, also, to the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs, Mr. David Crombie.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Oral questions. Mrs. Lawrence.

Question 147-85(1): Income Tax Exemptions For Hunters And Trappers

MRS. LAWRENCE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for Renewable Resources. I understand hunters and trappers are paying income tax on their earnings. Is there any compensation available to the HTA, and if so, who is responsible to initiate such information to the HTA? Mahsi cho.

MR. SPEAKER: Ms Cournoyea.

Return To Question 147-85(1): Income Tax Exemptions For Hunters And Trappers

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker. In answer to the question, the hunters and trappers earnings are judged like any other Canadian's earnings. According to what they make they pay taxes in that regard. As for the development of negotiations with the federal government, that is with the Department of Finance in their negotiations to see if there can be an exemption. At this time unfortunately we have not been able to conclude a recognition that hunters and trappers should have a special status so that their earnings can be exempted. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Oral questions. Are there any written questions for today? Item 6, returns. Mr. Wray.

ITEM 6: RETURNS

Further Return To Question 8-85(1): Vacant Federal Housing Units, Yellowknife

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a return to oral Question 8-85(1) asked by Mr. Ballantyne on February 8 with regard to federal housing in Yellowknife.

According to the director general, western region, Public Works Canada, his department maintains possession of the following residential dwellings in Yellowknife: 269 owned married units; 40 owned single units; 130 leased married units; 80 leased single units. The director general indicates that they are experiencing a shortage of approximately 70 residential units relative to their staffing needs. With respect to the honourable Member's interest in the Solar Apartments, which I believe was the point of the question with regard to these empty units, the units in question are vacant because of a dispute between the owner and Public Works Canada. Thank you.

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

Return To Question 45-85(1): Aulatsivvik Youth Program, Cape Dorset

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a return to written Question 45-85(1) asked by Mr. Arlooktoo on February 11, 1985, regarding the Aulatsivvik youth program in Cape Dorset. In response to a recent increase in crime among young adults in Cape Dorset, the alcohol society, Aulatsivvik, with the assistance of the Social Services supervisor, Dennis Heasley, submitted a proposal to the consultation centre in Edmonton for federal funding to conduct an alcohol and solvent counselling program. This proposal has the full support of the Department of Social Services.

In addition, the Aulatsivvik has also proposed a program for sending offenders back to the land. At present they have no formal proposal but they are working with Mr. Heasley to clarify their goals and program components. They will then be seeking funding from the Department of Social Services who have already expressed their interest and will favourably consider any forthcoming proposal.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Are there any further returns? Ms Cournoyea.

Further Return To Question 73-85(1): Vehicle For Wildlife Officer, Fort Providence

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I have a return to oral Question 73-85(1) asked by Mr. Gargan on February 13th, 1985 regarding wildlife patrols. Renewable Resources officers from Hay River and Fort Providence investigated the reported illegal hunting of wood bison along the Fort Providence/Yellowknife highway. The RCMP highway patrol and a number of local people were interviewed. No evidence of wood bison hunting was discovered. The Department of Renewable Resources has obtained a vehicle for the officer at Fort Providence for highway patrol use. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. McLaughlin.

Return To Question 79-85(1): Baffin Regional Alcohol And Drug Information Committee Funding

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a return to written Question 79-85(1), asked by Mr. Appaqaq on February 14, 1985, regarding the Baffin regional alcohol and drug information committee funding.

During the annual Alcohol and Drug Co-ordinating Council meeting in January 1985, to review and approve program funding for GNWT and NNADAP projects, they found there was a shortfall of \$600,000. In order to allow all 33 NWT alcohol and drug programs to continue operation, some serious decisions were made including approval funding for only one project in any community. Since BRADIC and Tuvvik Centre are both in Frobisher Bay, the intent of the ADCC was to have BRADIC and Tuvvik explore together areas of co-operation and co-ordination of their mutual regional interests. An additional \$250,000 was put into the Baffin Region for programming.

Subsequent to this, the chairman of ADCC and staff of Social Services alcohol and drug division attended a recent BRADIC annual general meeting to negotiate with the BRADIC executive to find funds for their operations -- board travel -- this year. My department, in co-ordination with the ADCC and BRADIC will ensure that their important alcohol and drug services continue.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Are there any further returns? Item 7, petitions. Mr. Erklou.

ITEM 7: PETITIONS

MR. ERKLOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to present Petition 6-85(1). This petition is from the residents of Igloolik. It is a petition requesting that Kitikmeot and COPE people be able to vote on the division of NWT. It is a petition from Igloolik, and there are 72 names on it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Item 8, reports of standing and special committees.

Item 9, tabling of documents. Item 10, notices of motion. Mr. T'Seleie.

ITEM 10: NOTICES OF MOTION

Notice Of Motion 11-85(1): Federal Government's Arctic Air Facilities Policy

MR. T'SELEIE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Monday, March 18th, I will move the following motion: Whereas the federal government's arctic air facilities policy expired on March 31st, 1983; and whereas the arctic air facilities policy was instrumental in the construction and upgrading of airport facilities in many Northwest Territories communities and establishment of reliable air transportation services throughout the Northwest Territories; and whereas the policy expired before construction or upgrading of airport facilities could be completed in several Northwest Territories communities and there is no money available at the present time to complete these projects; and whereas the existing airports operation and maintenance programs are still inefficient and complicated in comparison to southern standards; and whereas reliable and safe air transportation is an absolute necessity for all communities in the Northwest Territories, now therefore, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Deh Cho, that this House recommend to the Executive Council that it communicate on behalf of the GNWT the urgent need for a renewal of the arctic air facilities policy to the Minister of Transport and to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

---Applause

MR. BALLANTYNE: Gordon Wray says he is sorry for you today, John.

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Wah-Shee thirds it.

---Laughter

MR. SPEAKER: Is it appropriate to say that we have heard that song before? Are there any further motions for today?

Item 11, notices of motion for first reading of bills. Item 12, motions: Motion 10-85(1). Mr. Richard, I believe.

ITEM 12: MOTIONS

Motion 10-85(1): Report Of The Task Force On Spousal Assault, Carried

MR. RICHARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

WHEREAS the report on spousal assault has been tabled in this House;

AND WHEREAS it would be desirable to discuss this document as soon as possible;

NOW THEREFORE, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Yellowknife North, that the document be moved into the committee of the whole as the first item of business on March 21, 1985. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Your motion is in order. You have the floor, Mr. Richard.

MR. RICHARD: Mr. Speaker, the report of the task force on spousal assault that the Minister responsible for the Status of Women tabled, deals with a matter that is a concern to all Members of this Legislature. I am of the view that we should deal with it this session and I believe that we should put it on the agenda for the committee of the whole at the earliest opportunity. I encourage the other Members to support the motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Richard. Mr. Ballantyne, as seconder.

MR. BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I too think this is a very, very important topic. I have read through the report. I think Mr. Bayly and his group have done a very good job. I know it has received a lot of favourable comment. I think the incidence of spousal assault and violence in the home is increasing all the time. I think it is a problem throughout the Territories. I think that it is very important that we discuss this report in this House to air Members' feelings and to start dealing with these problems right away. Thank you.

AN HON. MEMBER: Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER: To the motion. Question. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? Motion is carried.

---Carried

Motions. Mr. T'Seleie, did you wish to ask for unanimous consent?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

MR. SPEAKER: Are there any nays for unanimous consent to deal with Mr. T'Seleie's motion? Proceed, Mr. T'Seleie.

MR. McCALLUM: Speak up.

---Laughter

MR. T'SELEIE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I guess the motion explains itself so Members are anxious to get on with it. That is all I have to say.

MR. SPEAKER: I would certainly like to handle it that way but I am afraid it has to be read into the records -- you are moving it in.

---Laughter

HON. GORDON WRAY: James knows it by heart.

---Laughter

MR. SPEAKER: Would you move your motion please, Mr. T'Seleie?

MR. T'SELEIE: What did he say? To read it again?

---Laughter

Motion 11-85(1): Federal Government's Arctic Air Facilities Policy, Carried

WHEREAS the federal government's arctic air facilities policy expired on March 31, 1983;

AND WHEREAS the arctic air facilities policy was instrumental in the construction and upgrading of airport facilities in many NWT communities and establishment of reliable air transportation services throughout the NWT;

AND WHEREAS the policy expired before construction or upgrading of airport facilities could be completed in several NWT communities and there is no money available at the present time to complete these projects;

AND WHEREAS the existing airports operation and maintenance programs are still inefficient and complicated in comparison to southern standards;

AND WHEREAS reliable and safe air transportation is an absolute necessity for all communities in the Northwest Territories;

NOW THEREFORE, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Deh Cho, that this House recommend to the Executive Council that it communicate, on behalf of the GNWT, the urgent need for a renewal of the arctic air facilities policy to the Minister of Transport and the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

MR. SPEAKER: Your motion is in order. You have the floor, Mr. T'Seleie.

MR. T'SELEIE: Mr. Speaker, I believe the motion is self-explanatory. Everyone knows that there is quite a need for airport upgrading and the building of new airports in the NWT. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Does the seconder wish to speak? To the motion. Mr. Wah-Shee.

---Applause

MR. WAH-SHEE: I am sure everyone will support the motion because...

MR. RICHARD: Been around long enough.

---Laughter

MR. BALLANTYNE: This is history.

MR. WAH-SHEE: Mainly because it is a very good motion. It is going to benefit all of our constituencies. That is why we should support it.

MR. SPEAKER: To the motion. Ready for the question? Question being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? Let the records indicate it is unanimous.

---Carried

---Applause

After all that work it should be. Motions. Are there any further motions for today?

Item 13, first reading of bills.

Item 14, second reading of bills. Item 15, consideration in committee of the whole of bills and other matters: Bill 7-85(1), Bill 3-85(1), Bill 9-85(1) and Bill 10-85(1), with Mr. Wah-Shee in the chair.

ITEM 15: CONSIDERATION IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF BILLS AND OTHER MATTERS

PROCEEDINGS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO CONSIDER BILL 7-85(1), APPROPRIATION ACT, 1985-86

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): The House will come to order. We are dealing with the Department of Personnel under page 7.8, personnel services. Mr. Nerysoo.

Department Of Personnel

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just to request of the Members of the House that we invite witnesses into this House dealing with this particular department.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Does the committee agree?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Nerysoo, would you introduce your witnesses for the record? Order, please. Mr. Minister, would you introduce your witnesses, please? If we do not get a response from the Minister, we might have to have a coffee break.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just to introduce the witnesses to Members of the House. On my immediate right, the Commissioner, John Parker and on my far right, the deputy minister of Personnel, Mr. Ted Bowyer. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Personnel Services, Total O And M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Yesterday we left off at personnel services, general comments, page 7.8. Personnel services, total O and M, \$1,467,000. Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, I would ask for a little clarification if I could. Earlier in this session, when the Housing Corporation's estimates were being considered, the Minister responsible in that area at one point had said they were trying to encourage territorial employees to get into private housing and that, in fact, if they are living in their own houses they are eligible for up to \$750 a month through the government subsidy system, in their pay cheques. I have had a constituent call me and just wonder about that, whether there was a different rate for off-the-highway system or something. I had been going to wait awhile to ask and I could wait if you are not prepared to answer now but I just thought that since we are at this point and you have a ready answer that I would appreciate hearing it.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Minister.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Commissioner will respond to that particular question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, the figure of \$450 per month relates to all employees throughout the Northwest Territories who are supplying their own accommodation. The figure of up to \$300 a month is a cost of living supplement to bring the higher cost communities into line with the base cost in Yellowknife and that figure of assistance will vary, depending upon the location but I believe the \$300 is the maximum additional assistance.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: So it is not directly related to housing. It is just generally a cost of living assistance. I see.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mrs. Lawrence.

Employment Needs Of Native People

MRS. LAWRENCE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Back to the native employment policy. I believe that the native employment policy does not adequately address the employment needs of the native people in the Northwest Territories. I would just like to comment on the native employment policy at this time, Mr. Chairman. The government has traditionally been less than receptive to the employment needs of native people. We need more than a policy, we need a fundamental change in the structure of government, we need a government that can provide meaningful employment to all interested native people, including those who wish to continue living a traditional lifestyle.

I do not feel that the government is geared for this kind of service, nor do I believe that the new policy will change anyone's attitude. To begin with there should be goals set for native employment in the government and those managing the implementation of the policy should be accountable for progress made. They should be reporting to this House every year about their progress. In addition, short-term and casual positions in government could be handled by the office of native employment. The office could actively recruit candidates who might be less likely to apply on their own and these individuals could obtain counselling that could encourage them to pursue training programs and other long-term goals. Training programs should be devised with specific goals in mind, especially the challenge of getting more native people into senior management positions.

Unless the government is prepared to tackle this problem head on there will be no changes in the present situation. I believe that the native employment policy as it presently exists, satisfies only political pressure and not the needs of the native northerners for meaningful employment. Mahsi cho, those are my comments.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Minister, do you wish to comment on her comments?

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Chairman, just to maybe thank the Member for really explaining what we intend to do. Really that is exactly what the intent of the policy is and there is no question and I am not going to apologize for what has gone on in the past but rather be extremely optimistic that the direction that we are going will address many of the concerns with regard to the employment of aboriginal people in the government. Without any question, the concern that the Member raises with regard to attitudes is important. That has to be addressed and we intend to address that and in another year from now I would hope, with the support of the Member in the upcoming year, that we can see some very progressive steps taken by this government.

Development Of Career Paths

The policy is one element. There is a lot of work to be done including developing career paths for people already in government while also bringing in people who are outside the government of the Northwest Territories. Regarding the actual responsibility of developing a career in the traditional lifestyle, that clearly falls within the mandate of the Department of Renewable Resources which is a department set up to deal with the issue of hunting and trapping and also dealing with concerns as they relate to the renewable resource development and use in the Northwest Territories.

I consider the advice of the Member valuable and, certainly, also consider her support for the particular policy and the ongoing direction important. So I hope that in a year from now if we can sit back in this House and review what we have done that you will see that there will have been some very progressive, very positive steps taken in the employment of native people in the North. Certainly, with her help, we hope to ensure that that does happen. Her statements are valid and certainly we consider them important. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Personnel services, total O and M, \$1,467,000. Mr. Richard.

MR. RICHARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I just have one brief comment on the native employment policy and then I would like to ask a question of the Minister in another area. I, with respect to the native employment policy, Mr. Chairman, would like to compliment the Minister and the authors of this document for inserting and including in the list of principles, number four, which confirms that there is a responsibility on the individual to take advantage of these various opportunities that our government hopes to make available through this policy. I think it is very important that that should be said and, as I say, I compliment the Minister and his colleagues for including it in the actual policy document.

Employee Statistics, Hay Plan Level

Mr. Chairman, if I might turn to the statistical charts that were provided to the Members showing the statistics at certain pay levels of native employees and non-native employees, it indicates, for instance, at the Hay Plan level only three per cent native and the balance of 97 per cent non-native. I wonder if the Minister and his department have any statistics or general approximate figures for the 97 per cent? What type of individuals make up that component? It occurs to me

that at the Hay Plan level we now have either long-time employees or long-time northerners by and large. I guess I am suggesting by and large. I do not know what the figures are. I am wondering if the Minister could give the committee some indication of who makes up the 97 per cent there? What is the typical make-up in terms of long-time northerner versus a new transient from the South, also in the area of qualifications compared to perhaps five years or 10 years ago at that level? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Minister.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. With regard to the comparisons, I cannot provide you at the moment with information but we would be glad to provide you that information. With regard to longevity of service, many of the people that are now employed as deputy ministers or really within the Hay Plan area are in fact long-term northern residents. Many of them have not any plans of leaving and I think that it would be important maybe for me to request that that information be made available. I would be prepared to table it in the House for your information. But I can assure you that many of the people, the large, large majority are in fact long-term northern residents and have been working for government for, in many cases, 10 years plus. So in that sense again I will provide that particular information to you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. T'Seleie.

Affirmative Action Pilot Programs

MR. T'SELEIE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Under personnel services, I wonder if we could have some detail on the \$250,000 that is allocated for affirmative action pilot programs.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, the \$250,000 will have additional funds added to it. We anticipate in this fiscal year that is coming up to bring it to just under \$500,000, some of this money through transfer and some through re-allocations in such a fashion that we will be coming to the House for supplementary approval. The money will go to salaries for a co-ordinator and counsellor and in addition to that we will be seeking to establish positions of six counsellors along the lines that Mrs. Lawrence suggested to assist people to enter the service and to assist them to take further steps ahead in the service. That will absorb some of the funds and then, of course, there is the support of the minor amounts in contracting work and materials and supplies and very necessary travel.

In addition to that this office will be working with other agencies of government, particularly the Department of Education which carries out our actual training, and working with them to ensure that the trainee positions are filled wherever possible by native people. That has been the case in the past but it will be even more true in the future.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you, Mr. Commissioner. Mr. T'Seleie.

MR. T'SELEIE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Could I ask the Minister what the view of the Public Service Alliance is with regard to affirmative action?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Minister.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I must say that the present president of the Public Service Association has been extremely supportive but they have also, I believe, taken the position that the question of women and the handicapped must be areas that have to be addressed at the same time. I believe that they probably understand the position that we have taken knowing that we will address in 1986 the whole question of women and handicapped in probably two separate policies. But I must say that they have indicated their support for the direction we are taking.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. T'Seleie.

MR. T'SELEIE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I do not know if it is true but it is my understanding that aboriginal people, native northern people are lumped in with the handicapped under this affirmative action policy. I am not sure going from that that native people will see themselves as being lumped in with the handicapped. So, I say that, Mr. Chairman, just by way of general comment. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Nerysoo.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Chairman, I just want to correct one impression that the Member might have and it is this. That we are not lumping the aboriginal people into the same context in which we are dealing with women and handicapped. This is a native employment policy. That is what it says "native employment policy". Any other affirmative action programs that we take in 1986 will deal with the question of women and the handicapped. But they will probably be two separate policies so we are not dealing with it in the same context. Our long-term strategy is to deal with all three and have policies that deal with all three. The short-term position that we have taken with regard to affirmative action policy is native employment -- to encourage, to ensure that we have a program and a policy in government that deals directly with native people, and all native people whether they are men or women or handicapped in the sense of native people, that we will be dealing with those people. We are not dealing with the larger issue of an affirmative action policy dealing with women or an affirmative action dealing with the handicapped. It is only a policy with regard to native people we are dealing with. That is the first priority of this government, so that is the reason we are dealing with this particular policy.

Personnel Services, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Personnel services, total O and M, \$1,467,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Manpower Planning, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. Manpower planning, total O and M, \$118,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Staff Relations

Buildings And Works, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. Detail of capital, staff relations, total buildings and works, \$2,018,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. Total acquisition of equipment. Mr. McCallum.

MR. MCCALLUM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just a question on staff housing. I wonder if it could be indicated what the numbers are? Is that one house or two houses that are being built in Tuk, for example, for \$173,000? Is that one staff house in Good Hope or is it two? How many staff houses are we talking about here?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, there are three staff houses for Fort Providence, one for Jean Marie River, two for Nahanni Butte, one for Snowdrift, one for Aklavik, one for Fort Good Hope, one for Tuk, a duplex for Tuk, one for Holman Island, one for Pelly Bay, a fourplex for Frobisher Bay, one staff house for Coral Harbour. Mr. Chairman, in addition to that, we will be seeking through a leasing arrangement to obtain four three-bedroom houses in Frobisher Bay, two three-bedroom houses in Eskimo Point and a fourplex in Cambridge Bay.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. McCallum.

MR. McCALLUM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I understand the Commissioner to indicate that there is one house going into Pelly Bay, one in Good Hope? Are these multiple units, like a duplex, or is that just one unit, one house in Holman Island? I can I guess appreciate the cost in Pelly Bay but one house in Holman Island for \$195,000?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Was that a question or a comment?

MR. McCALLUM: I already got the answer.

Acquisition Of Equipment, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Okay. Total acquisition of equipment, \$213,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Staff Relations, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. Total staff relations, \$2,231,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Total Personnel, \$2,231,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Any questions on the information items? Department of Personnel, dollar summary, total O and M, \$14,672,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. wah-Shee): Total capital, \$2,231,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. wah-Shee): Does the committee agree that this department has been concluded?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. wah-Shee): Thank you. I would like to thank the Minister and his witnesses and with that we will have a coffee break.

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Department Of Economic Development And Tourism

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): The Chair recognizes a quorum. Mr. Curley, would you like to introduce your department?

Opening Remarks

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will make it brief. With regard to the 1985-86 Economic Development main estimates, you will be able to direct your questions and concerns to me. We will be expecting to do some for this coming year. I will make it brief because I will leave it up to you because you will have questions and comments to make and there are a number of communities that I was not able to visit. I am very sorry about that. I will be visiting the Mackenzie Delta area sometime this year, and Sahtu -- I had a letter inviting me to visit their community. Maybe perhaps in April -- we were supposed to make a visit to Baffin Island but I was not able to do it. So we will make the Baffin Island a priority and after that I will be visiting the different regions. (Translation ends)

The estimates for the Department of Economic Development and Tourism. The department's proposed budget for 1985-86 O and M and capital is about \$25 million, up 25 per cent from last years level of spending. A number of changes have taken place during the year to account for this change and several program enhancements are proposed for 1985-86.

The principal changes are our Expo '86 project is coming onstream; additional funds have been devoted to the tourist industry through last years priority initiatives and in 1985-86 in increasing promotions and advertising; more funds were allocated for support of the Great Slave Lake fishery; funds have been set aside for a training program to develop new native entrepreneurs; one million dollars has been added to the Business Loans and Guarantees Fund; \$250,000 has been added for support for the arts and crafts industry; money has been allocated to establish a venture capital fund.

Mr. Chairman, I am very interested in developing renewable resource industries over the next few years. To this end we have allocated significant capital funds toward the cause of establishing small fish plants in various locations. I also would like to encourage the development of the forest industry in the Western Arctic. We have commenced discussions with some of the principals in the lumber industry and hope that some new initiatives will take place this year. I note, Mr. Chairman, that we will be trying to encourage more native people to become entrepreneurs. I also believe that the ranks of native people in the civil service are thin and I will be directing my department to create additional training opportunities during this fiscal year.

I feel we have good programs coming up for the fiscal year and with all due respect to my colleagues I now would recommend the approval of the estimates without undue delay. Thank you.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. Minister, do you wish to invite any witnesses before the committee?

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, I would ask that the witness be invited to appear with me.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Does the committee concur?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Minister, would you introduce your witness for the record, please?

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to introduce my department's deputy minister of Economic Development and Tourism, Mr. Jim Britton.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): General comments. If there are no general comments, does the committee agree we go into budget detail? Mr. Ballantyne.

Policies For Areas Of Priority Funding

MR. BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I see the chairman is moving at a very rapid pace today which is rather unusual. Mr. Chairman, if I could ask the Minister -- there are three priority areas identified in the million dollars allocated in priority funding; entrepreneurial training, venture capital fund grant program and a fine arts strategy. At the time we did the SCOF review, policies had not been put into place on how this money would be spent. I wonder, have policies been put into place for these three areas of priority funding?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Minister.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I at the moment cannot respond affirmatively. The policy proposals have not yet been submitted to us. They are in the development stages and should be completed in a relatively short time. If they are complete, I will be prepared to provide the information but at the moment the policy guidelines have not been concluded, particularly with the venture capital proposal. We have been reviewing this project for a while but at the moment we just have not completed it.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: It is unfortunate. I know our committee and I am sure other Members of the House have some problem with approving funds when we do not even know how they are going to be spent. So does the Minister expect to have these policies before us while this House is still sitting?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Minister.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, at the moment I am not sure whether we could provide him with that but the priority funds were late in the game even with our department because the Executive Council and Financial Management Board really took a bit of time to conclude the approval of these proposals. I am just as anxious to see the program guidelines and the policies approved so that we can start taking advantage of the funds that have been approved by the Executive Council. Although I share the Member's view, I think if we are going to have an effective program it will require a bit of time. That has been our problem. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: There may be some problems with time but I think this priority exercise has been going on for quite a few months now. We are talking about a million dollars here and it was in December that we talked about it. The department had some time before that. They have had three months between December and now to come up with some policy, so we know how this money is going to be spent. Essentially they are asking us to sign a blank cheque here. We do not know how it is going to be spent, so I have some real problems with that. I am just making that as a comment.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Minister.

Status Of Policy Development For New Programs

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, I certainly have no problem with the Member's concern. I can tell you though that as far as the arts and crafts industry is concerned, this is more in the nature of a straightforward support to this industry because as far as I am concerned that does not require a whole lot of -- it is not an ongoing, long-term program. It is a measure to try and deal with a number of initiatives that require us to put together a number of advisers in the arts and crafts industry. So, I do not really believe that more extensive work is required to formulate a major policy. We are just addressing a neglected area that has been suffering for a while. In the second area, on entrepreneurial training, I believe that is straightforward. Again, it is a one-time measure to try and put forward a number of native entrepreneurs into the northern economy and we have asked and we are working with the Department of Education because they do have to be involved in setting forward a number of guidelines and standards necessary to run this program. So, that I believe is in pretty good hands. But the venture capital proposal requires a bit more time from us because this venture, I believe, is more of a technical nature and requires a specialized approach. I am just as disappointed that we did not get it in time and if the Member is prepared to put the funds somewhere else, I would be disappointed but I am in your hands at the moment.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: The point is not that we are against these particular priorities or these programs. The point is that this House is being asked to approve them without knowing exactly how they are going to be spent and then we take responsibility for the success and failure of a program and we do not even know what it is going to be. I wonder then at this point in time if the Minister could give us a brief outline of each one of these areas, at least in general terms of what he is thinking about.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Minister.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, I would direct the Member to the report tabled by our Leader, Richard Nerysoo, regarding government priorities and most of these major initiatives were spelled out in the document which was tabled some time ago. I will get my copy but I will be prepared to read the document for him if he wishes, a pretty straightforward initiative I would think if he can find his priorities document.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Ballantyne.

Entrepreneurial Training Program

MR. BALLANTYNE: We have a copy of the priorities document that was given to us but that is a very general outline. I wonder if the Minister has any more specific policies developed. When you are talking about entrepreneur training by means of an intensive short-term program, how many people? How are they going to be chosen? Do you have any ideas on that? If we could just have some details on all three of these.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Minister.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, yes, our approach to this is to deal with the more depressed areas, particularly those communities who have not had a thriving economy, but the initial approach that we have through the fund would be to try and at least utilize the facilities that are in place. We are recommending for the first initiative that the Western Arctic be given the first opportunity to sponsor this type of project and we are looking at the Fort Smith Region for the initial project to carry out this thing. After that we are looking at the Eastern Arctic as the second step.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: I wonder if the Minister could undertake before the end of this sitting to give to the House the specific policies for these three priority areas?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Minister.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, certainly, I am just as anxious, as I said before, to table the policies. I indicated that I am disappointed that we were not able to develop the program outline because the program outline is just as important prior to developing the policy and that has been the case with the venture capital. I believe our officials have done quite a lot of extensive comparison with the provincial models that presently exist and I would think that before too long the policy will be developed and I will probably have more information in a very short time about the issue. I will be prepared to table them as quickly as I can get them and have them approved by the Executive Council. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: So, I take it the Executive Council or the FMB approved the priority money without any policies in place. My question is, can the Minister undertake to give us these policies during this session, even if it means your staff has to work at night?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Minister.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, I can undertake to try and get the policy recommendation formulated as quickly as possible but it takes time for the Executive Council again to get it through the exercise because, again, in the development stages we must put it through the

priorities and planning exercise and then after that we will have the Executive Council take a good look at it. If it is physically possible, we will but at the moment I cannot be definite about it because there are other things that the Executive Council is faced with at the moment but I can tell you that not one cent of this money will be spent without the guidelines and the policies being formulated because it is a requirement that cannot, in my view, wait for another year. It will be finalized sometime within six months for sure. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Nerysoo. Do you want to comment on this?

Commitment Made Prior To Policy Development

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Chairman, maybe to add further to the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism. I must say that previously with regard to priority money, we also passed in the budget a commitment to certain areas of priority, prior to having the policies in place because, and I go back historically here, in some cases it took us up to two years before we completed those particular policies. I know my colleague opposite in this House, Mr. McCallum, can remember that because in many instances we found that in developing the policy there were certain elements in policies that were coming forward that we could not implement because of certain legal or some political implications that might not allow us to implement those particular policies.

I must also indicate that even the federal government in their statements with regard to additional moneys in particular program areas announce the commitments in those particular areas but at times take time to develop the policy that relates to that particular program and political priority that is agreed to by cabinet. So, we are, in some cases, following that particular procedure. In others, what we have done and my colleague opposite again can note is that we have developed a policy and in many cases we, in fact, brought forward policies that began almost two years ago and are now in the process of being developed. If that is the case, where there is a situation where we develop a policy between sessions, the announcements do come out and we make those particular policies public in the upcoming session.

So, I think I just wanted to inform you of the historical situation that existed. In fact, in the last House where we did prioritize, announce priority money, we did not, in fact, immediately introduce the policies that were associated until a later date. So it is not a matter of the policies coming out immediately, but that that commitment be made so that we can get on with developing the particular policy.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): General comments. Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: I am not sure if the comparison with federal procedures is 100 per cent apropos to this particular policy because as I understand it in the federal government there are not large sums of money passed without some understanding of exactly what the money is going to be spent on. Now, a government may announce the fact that they are going to undertake certain programs but, I think, very seldom will you see a very large sum of money passed by the House of Commons without some knowledge of what is happening.

Secondly, it is different here because we are not a party system. We do not have a problem with supporting the initiatives taken by the Minister but for us just to vote a million dollars, by our vote we are in fact saying we support the program when we do not even know what it is going to be. That gives us some difficulty. This is a problem. It is essentially a blank cheque. It is not a criticism of the program. The Minister says the money will not be spent anyhow until the policies are developed and it might not be for another two to four months. Maybe a logical way to do it then, is to bring it forward in a supp. I do not know. If the money is not going to be operative for three months that might have been a way of doing it.

Maybe if the Minister could go through and just explain the entrepreneur training specifically. Who is going to access it? You must have some general ideas just so we have a general idea for each one of these programs. Give us a little more detail on each one of these programs.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Minister.

Venture Capital Fund

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Although I indicated to the Member that all these proposals are, I think, relatively very well-covered in the priority document I will, for the Member's benefit, at least read part of the recommendations that we presented to the Executive Council. First, on the \$500,000 venture capital fund. This fund is designed to strengthen the partnership with the private sector to share in the challenge of developing the labour force and in employing NWT residents and the Executive Council has approved \$500,000 to establish a venture capital fund to provide equity capital for new northern businesses, particularly in the renewable industries and native-controlled joint ventures.

That is the text of the statement that we have in the document. We believe that there are many opportunities in the North that are presently not funded nor qualified through the existing government or financial programs carried out at the moment. Some of them do not qualify mainly because the programs have not been established. We know that there are business people, maybe from the South who are prepared to move in, provided they are able to have some partnership with the northern people. But at present, many of our programs have not been able to meet some of them although for the past two years, we have done very well with the assistance from the federal programs such as the economic development agreement and so on. But in order to develop further the economic base of the isolated communities as well as the areas that are difficult to get into and areas that do not have direct access to banks and everything else, to financial resources, we believe that one way to provide that is to develop eventually a fund and venture capital is one proposal that we have in mind. Presently we do not have such a venture and, therefore, we are recommending for the first year at least that \$500,000 be put into this particular initiative.

Assistance To Fine Arts Industries

As far as the other programs are concerned, the \$250,000 that we recommended as another priority item, is to stimulate the fine arts industries. Again I indicated that this part of the industry, the fine arts industry in the North has been neglected for a while. Previously, in other years, we have not committed any major funding and, therefore, we felt that it was important that we, at least, recommend a series of measures such as the creation of an art bank to rebuild the arts and crafts industry.

In order to develop that we have brought together a number of advisers who have since held one meeting and they will be again having a meeting, particularly to deal with the Inuit fine art, in a short time and part of that fund will be to respond to the recommendations that will come out of these meetings that we have initiated.

Entrepreneurial Training Project

As for the other initiative, \$250,000 for entrepreneurial training, this proposal is designed to get native people from smaller communities successfully into business. We have, as I indicated to the SCOF committee, at one point, explored the kind of program that is conducted by the Saskatchewan Meadow Lake district chiefs. They have a successful program designed and we felt that we could probably access that program and put it into the Northwest Territories to put a number of sharp, serious, native/Inuit individuals who have had less opportunities, through that short training program and eventually successfully explore that kind of training into other parts of the Northwest Territories.

So that is a short analysis, I believe, of what we have initiated. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Nerysoo, would you like to comment?

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Chairman, just to clarify an issue here. While there is a commitment on the part of the Legislature to expend this money in the department, the Minister has to bring forward a policy before the actual expenditure can take place. Your concern with regard to giving the Minister carte blanche ability to spend the money is not the case. We also have certain restrictions. What we have done is we have identified money within the priorities process to particular areas but it requires policy, it requires approval of that particular policy by the Executive Council. What we have tried to do is identify particular areas that we consider our priorities for expenditure for the development of the budget. In many instances we have developed that particular policy and worked on that policy and in others there will be some time before the

implementation of that. It is kind of interesting that that particular point is raised now. When we dealt with the Housing Corporation and the supplementary financing, that does not, I believe, have the particular policy yet we have an idea of the intent. But the policy must be approved and that in itself is coming back to the Executive and all the other issues with regard to priority money must come back to the government and to the Executive Council to have that particular approval. So the expenditures are not necessarily carte blanche. They must come back to have those particular policies approved.

What we have done, as I indicated earlier, is identified particular areas in order to address those areas of concern that Members expressed in this House, as well as what we consider to be some of the issues that have been raised from public meetings that we have carried out in the NWT over the past years. That is basically at least a part of the priorities process.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Ballantyne.

No Expenditures Without Policies And Financial Approval

MR. BALLANTYNE: I understand what the Leader is saying and what the Minister is saying. In the South a government cannot make expenditures until there is appropriate statutory authority. That means legislation or order in council regulations -- they cannot do it there either. They commit money -- the Leader is right. They need the proper authority and if I could make a suggestion, in the future I think it would be very helpful in this House before we do pass legislation or pass the budget to know exactly how the particular money will be committed. We have the Minister's and the Leader's undertaking that no money will be expended until policies have been developed and approved by the Executive Council and the FMB. Is that correct?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Nerysoo.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just to indicate that the process does say that in developing the priority funds and any kind of additional requirements, policies must be put into place and during the sessions Members can request those particular policies to be made available to them. I must also maybe even commit ourselves and maybe it is sort of prior to having my Executive Council colleagues approve, but we have no problem in tabling those types of new policies in this House every session so as to discuss them. Certainly during the year whenever new policies are developed they are made public to the press. I guess one has to wonder whether or not they are the right policies but none the less they are made public. As I indicated before, no expenditures are made without those particular policies and necessary financial management approvals given. So there are still those particular processes that they have to go through.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: Mr. Curley has undertaken that as soon as the policies are developed they will be made available to the Members and no money will be expended until the policies have been approved by the Executive Council. Is that correct?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Minister.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Could you repeat that again, one more time and that will be final?

MR. BALLANTYNE: This is a final summation?

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Yes, that is correct. I assure you of that and it is my commitment to you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. General comments. Mr. Richard.

Venture Capital Grants Or Loans

MR. RICHARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, if I could follow up on the Minister's brief analysis of some of the priority items in particular the \$500,000 to establish a venture capital fund. I wonder if the Minister could give us a little more detail on that. I would like to know for instance whether these funds are going to be provided for new northern businesses in the nature of grants or whether they will be loans as opposed to grants. The Minister indicated these are for new northern businesses in the nature of equity capital. Will the three year rule of the Business

Loans Fund apply to this fund? I take it the various definitions of northern business that have cropped up lately will not apply here because you are specifically talking about new northern businesses. The reference to equity capital -- if the money is not going to be given away in the nature of grant, does that mean the government will have an equity interest or ownership interest in these businesses? These are some of the details that I would like the Minister to provide.

Another one I suppose that comes to mind, is there a maximum ceiling on these injections of equity funds? Is there going to be one northern business that gets \$500,000 or 10 that get \$50,000? Could the Minister give us some of these details at this time?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Minister.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I indicated to the other Member from Yellowknife that we did not yet at the moment have the details of the program and once that is finalized I will be prepared to elaborate on the details of the proposal. At this moment the only thing that I can offer to the Member is the statement that I read from the priority document as well as the information that we have from the other provincial models that our officials and I have revealed.

At this stage, comparing the provincial venture capital funds -- what we have seen is that in some places the provinces have issued, for instance, a tax relief to the individuals who are prepared to invest, to take advantage of the provincial capital funds. In some places the provinces match the equity that the proponent is prepared to invest in with the certain sector of the economy. For our departmental planning purpose, we have to review the northern economy. What sector of the economy has most difficulty in getting access to financial markets? That is why one reference in the document is with respect to the renewable resources sector. We believe that there are probably a number of opportunities that we can develop but at the moment I am not in a position to really outline the criteria because we have not had it finalized. Once that is finalized through with my colleagues, and Executive Council has approved, I will be prepared to make a major statement to the Legislature. I will have to make a major statement by the June session in order for the program to be taken advantage of by summer. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): General comments. Mr. Richard.

MR. RICHARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The next specific priority item, the \$250,000 to stimulate the fine arts industries including the establishment of an art bank, could the Minister indicate what is contemplated there? Is this something for which these funds will be used to purchase items of art, retain them and later sell them? Is that what is contemplated in that item?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Minister.

Support Needed For Arts And Crafts Industry

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. No, the government is not interested in doing what the private sector could do, the purchase and sale of products that the northern companies and northern operators should really be doing. The arts and crafts industry of the people, particularly the native communities and some of the remote communities, in the past has been very successful but during the depressed period, during the last five years, the market has completely dropped. This industry has been in many parts the primary economic base for a number of communities. We feel that there can be a number of programs developed but we, as a government, did not want to develop and make recommendations until we have heard from a number of experts as well as from producers and specialists in the field of the art industry. Therefore, what we are doing with that money is gathering these advisers, as well as the producers from the communities, to make a number of recommendations to the government. It could be eventually that they may want to develop incentives to support the arts industry in the Northwest Territories and I believe there are a whole lot of opportunities that could be developed. I know that our cultural programs in the government as well as the Heritage Centre are far from really providing a service and support to the art industry in the Northwest Territories.

I am a bit reluctant to jump the gun because the discussions are going very well. Eventually, what might happen is that various types of programs are developed to continue ongoing incentives for art, for instance. Individual artists have been supported less than the business enterprises who have benefited from the work of the individual artists. Therefore, we are far from at the moment carrying out a successful support to the arts and crafts industry. What I am saying to you, Mr. Chairman, is that there will be a number of proposals presented to us but at this stage I am merely speaking about the possibilities of these proposals being presented to us. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Paniloo.

MR. PANILOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to ask if you were to support the art industry, for how long would you be assisting the art industry?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Minister.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I indicated earlier regarding the \$250,000 would be used for the first five years, for a year, and that is one of the priorities that we have set up within our department. We would just like you to know there was only one employee representing the whole NWT regarding the arts industry. There will be a conference regarding the arts industry this coming spring. I was wondering what would be the priorities. Perhaps I was thinking most arts and crafts used to be sold to the co-ops and I was relating to that. We should be supporting the artists in the NWT. I was saying after we use the \$250,000 perhaps then after the year, we can go back to the past year and see how it went. Perhaps then we can improve the operation of the arts industry.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Paniloo.

Funding For Tourism In Pangnirtung

MR. PANILOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to talk about something else. In my community, in Pangnirtung there is a lot of good work and there are a lot of tourists and people coming up to Pangnirtung. It seems like we do not get enough funding for tourism and we do not have an employee for the whole year. They have to look for some funding from the federal government and they are given a very minimal amount of funding. In April the secretary will have to finish working. So, I was wondering if you could set up some funding for the year for an employee in Pangnirtung. Even if you would give us one employee, maybe a secretary, I think this would help in my constituency. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Minister.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Pangnirtung is close to Auyuittuq National Park and I know a lot of tourists go up there. The Department of Economic Development and Tourism with the federal government are trying to find out if they could set up archaeological sites and a hotel and we are trying to improve the hotel in Pangnirtung. I think we are going to improve this in the summertime. There are a lot of people in Pangnirtung who are licensed outfitters. We have a lot of things we could tell the people in Pangnirtung and we are going to see how they are doing and find out how we could improve but right now I cannot say too much. Looking at the Northwest Territories, there is a zone association and we give them some funding and we will be able to find the other alternatives where we can obtain the funding and I will pursue this when I get to the community personally.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. Erkloo.

Assistance For People In Communities

MR. ERKLOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am going to say a few things before I ask the question. In the communities there is not very much business or employment, especially in the Baffin area. There is no chamber of commerce in Baffin. I know there is one in Frobisher but there is not very much employment in the Baffin area. There are economic development officers in the communities but they do not seem to be used by the communities too much or people do not usually go to economic development officers for assistance and it seems like they do not like to use interpreters. For instance, Pond Inlet wanted to invite a business person from Rankin Inlet and ask about all aspects of managing a business. If a person from the private sector is invited to Pond Inlet, it would be very costly just for travel and it would not be fair for the businessman to just lose that money. Sometimes economic development officers go into the community for just a couple of days and this is usually a problem. I would like to ask now if you have had any further thoughts on this. Maybe perhaps if one businessman could be invited to a community, would your department support this? Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Minister.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The statement you made, I can appreciate. In Baffin Region, we started last fall visiting the communities during the BRC session. Yes, definitely, this private sector has to be initiated and we have mentioned many times that the government will not be handing out any kind of funding. We would like to see successful business people. The \$250,000 is allotted. What Mr. Ballantyne mentioned and Mr. Richard, we would like to define this further, the program for young people of the communities, for them to pursue their own -- for training in business management. It will be started in this area and then will eventually go to the eastern areas. They should be asking and dealing with the banks and not just thinking about what they have in their minds -- actually to initiate their ideas, as I said earlier on.

For this reason, we would like to see this happen soon in the Eastern Arctic and we have informed our employees to have more consultation with the communities and to inform them about the GNWT programs because this kind of information should be put forward to the communities. We will be meeting with our employees in Baffin Region and anywhere in the NWT whether it is the Mackenzie or Keewatin or Baffin, to see how we can support what you just mentioned. I think something has been initiated and there will be a conference sometime next week for two days. There will be a regional economic development conference in Keewatin -- the chamber of commerce are dealing in this area on their own.

For instance, in the High Arctic, there is a business person in Arctic Bay, Joshua Kungurq, and I think a lot of other people would like to have a set-up similar to his. The chamber of commerce in Keewatin -- maybe he should be invited to that conference that is going to be held in Rankin Inlet. We will be considering these in Baffin Region. The development association on their next meeting have a person, even somebody in this area, to pursue this further because they will have to have consultation with the communities.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Directorate, total O and M, \$5,556,000. Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: I wonder if we could have an update to the changes and refinements made to the economic development agreement. I understand there is a new advisory group that has been in place for some time. I know when the economic agreement first started there were a lot of problems. People were having difficulty accessing the fund. I wonder if you could tell us what you have done to streamline the fund.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Minister.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am going to refer that question to my deputy minister. He has been more involved at the operational level with the EDA and I think he would be prepared to explain it in detail. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Britton.

EDA Administrative Changes

MR. BRITTON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It is true, there have been some changes in the administration of the EDA which were implemented as a result of, I guess, a kind of a slow start the program had in getting up and running. I am the co-chairman of the policy committee with Hiram Beaubier, so it is a jointly-run program between the federal and territorial governments, as you know. One of the criticisms that was levelled at the program and, I think, the policy committee agreed, was that too much of the approval process and the sort of ongoing evaluatory process was being done by civil servants and as a result recommendations were received from a number of quarters throughout the Territories that we should broaden the decision-making in the EDA. As a result several representatives of the various native economic development corporations joined us, as did the Keewatin Chamber of Commerce and the Northwest Territories Chamber of Commerce and other representatives of the business community and we feel, as a result of their efforts with us, that the program administration has been smoothed out.

Also, I would have to say we are getting a little better at this with a bit of experience. It was a new program for us and I guess it is not unreasonable to expect that at the beginning with anything new there are going to be a few problems, and there certainly were.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: Obviously, the economic development agreement is a tool to enhance economic activity in the Northwest Territories. Has the department developed an economic development strategy so that this tool can be used to enhance and carry out the strategy? My concern is when the agreement is over we have raised those expectations. We would have helped certain companies but what will be the long-term overall benefit to the economy of the Northwest Territories?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Minister.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, I certainly appreciate the concern of the Member in that regard. I think this government has, for too long, not had control of the northern economy because we have been a victim of the southern industry, particularly when we look at the resource development activities and so on. What I am prepared to say at the moment is that as the Minister responsible I have felt that the overall role of developing a strategy as a whole in my view is the responsibility of the Executive Council and I have attempted, through correspondence and discussions with the Minister of Finance that we really ought to have -- it is really, in my view, a broader committee at the Executive Council not one Minister directly who should be involved in developing overall major policies for the whole territorial economy and I believe that that is going to be a subject that the Executive Council is going to have to deal with and I will definitely. What I am trying to get to you is that I do not think we ought to be creating another bureaucracy really to try and develop a planning capability, I think we can do it within the existing system.

I also believe that the territorial government at the moment is lacking evaluation and analysis of the economic forecast. We just do not have that capability. We have left that up to the Canadian government, through the census, to really be able to develop a forecast for the development of the economy of the Northwest Territories. I think that as a result of that we have been weak in our ability to forecast certain trends and these changes with the northern development. What I am trying to say is, you know, there are a number of areas that we really should be doing that but specifically related to EDA. At the moment we have one more year to go and I think that within that period we are just going to have to face the reality of what we are prepared to recommend next.

At the moment there are a number of areas that have been proposed by a number of groups. One is that territorial government should negotiate and we are exploring with the federal people whether or not we should have an extension -- not only an extension but develop another subagreement with tourist industry. The tourist industry has recommended to us that it might be in the interest of the territorial government to establish another subagreement specifically related to the tourist industry.

The other area is that we are looking at -- again, it is only at the planning stages -- that the territorial government might be wise to enter into an agreement with the federal government through EDA, is on mining aspects, the mining industry, such as the Yukon government has with the mining development agreement. So we are reviewing those aspects because we believe and I believe that the mining industry is one that is going to survive for a number of years and it may be important that this government enter into an agreement with the federal government for that particular sector of the economy. Matna.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: I assume that there are sections in the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs or perhaps other federal government departments that do economic forecasts and probably even some economic strategizing for the NWT. Has any thought been given to asking for those responsibilities to be devolved to your department or to the Government of the NWT?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Minister.

Transfer Of Programs From Federal Government

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Definitely a number of thoughts have occurred to many Members of the Assembly and the Executive Council on matters related to Indian Affairs. All I can say to you is that informally and formally through correspondence with the Minister we have raised these matters with the federal Minister of Indian Affairs. He has indicated as well, I think, through this House that he is prepared to devolve a number of programs to the territorial

government. But at the moment the Executive Council has not prioritized which areas of the Indian Affairs programs should be transferred quickly. In our discussions with the federal Minister he has informally indicated, too, that he can move quickly with some of the programs which Indian Affairs presently carries out but he has not spelled out in detail what areas should be priority programs that could be transferred, so we are at the moment waiting for formal negotiations to take place. Definitely we see that Indian Affairs, if at all possible, should not be duplicating the services provided to the public and I really do believe that the federal government is at the moment not interested in duplicating services. I know that is presently the mood of the present government, that they are really not anxious to duplicate services where they can avoid them. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: It seems to me that until we do a thorough analysis and make some long-term forecasts and develop a long-term economic plan, then we cannot possibly utilize to their total potential all the new policies that you are bringing forward. I think each one is good. There are new incentives, there is a lot more support to business in the North but it would seem to me that if we did develop a long-term strategic plan then we could co-ordinate all these support systems. We could perhaps look at more of a sectorial approach to our economy. Presently the EDA money is given out on a rather ad hoc basis throughout the economy. You may want to look at giving a large lump of money to one sector of the economy. I would think that that should be a major priority, to develop that long-term plan, and then use all the tools we have in an integrated way to carry the plan out. As you say, you are trying to develop it. Do you have any timetable thought out where you can actually develop a strategic economic development plan?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Minister, would you like to comment on the advice?

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Thank you. Another good point. Mr. Chairman, I certainly share the views of the Member but I think the Member has recognized there are a number of implications always involved in major issues of economic development of the Territories. The federal government is very much involved. The federal government probably has legislative control of the whole of the northern economy. As far as I am concerned, until this government has a certain amount of provincial-type programs transferred to it, it is difficult to be calling for major capabilities to deal with major economic policies of the North. I really sincerely say that because it is going to be difficult. As a result of that difficulty in getting even the smallest nature of matters, we have disagreements with the federal government. Again, I think it ties in with the political development of the NWT. Because of that it has been very difficult for us in the department trying to negotiate even on a program-by-program basis, and without major overall political direction and the federal government agreeing to transfer its major responsibilities to the territorial government, to try to have a major strategy for the NWT. So in my view what is going to be required is time. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Gargan will have the floor after we return from coffee break.

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Order please. Directorate, total O and M, \$5,556,000. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Are we still on general comments?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): That is correct.

MR. GARGAN: Thank you. I would like to ask the Minister, do you have quite a number of tourist associations, travel zones? These individuals in tourist associations are mostly comprised of business-oriented people who perhaps basically look after the interests of the non-native population. They are being funded. I would like to ask the Minister whether or not he has ever considered also funding the regional councils that are now in existence in most of the Territories, which might look after the interests of the native people.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Minister.

Zone Associations In Tourism

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think I will respond by way of the fact that presently there are six zone associations established in the Northwest Territories. As far as I know, their role really should be to serve the tourist industry by way of providing and making opportunities for tourists to have a hospitable place to visit and so on, whether that be a predominantly native community or not. I know that unfortunately many of our native people, Inuit or Dene, have had to do a catch-up in the area of the tourist industry. I have had some discussions with our tourist people on my view that the tourist zone associations should work closely with all the communities wherever there is a hospitality establishment or any other type of service with respect to the tourist industry established in a community or area. So, unless a regional council is prepared to get into promotion and other economic roles related with the tourist industry, I do not think it would be fair to give them that additional responsibility because really the zone association's role is to promote and provide, as well as to promote the market for the tourist industry in the Northwest Territories. Therefore, I think what I am hearing from you is that presently the zone associations have not been doing a successful job in getting the native communities involved and I believe that can be done without really getting into the regional council concept. Mahsi cho.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Gargan.

Economic Planner For Fort Providence

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Well, this is not the impression I am getting from these associations. I thought I would just bring it to your attention. Also I did write to the Minister with regard to the possibility of having a co-op store in Providence, for example, and in January I wrote a carbon copy to yourself to get an economic planner for my community. The situation right now, in talking with the regional offices, is that there does not seem to be any kind of co-ordination, if you want to call it that, between the band councils, settlements and enterprises in Fort Providence and I seem to be hearing that unless these groups put their act together, they cannot have this economic planner put there. That is the impression I got from the regional office. I just wanted to say to the Minister that the problem right now is that they have three different groups looking at all the economic prospects, as well as tourism, but there is no co-ordination. We really need this high calibre of individual to go to Fort Providence, to co-ordinate all the efforts of the three groups, to be able to say these are the prospects, to get all the groups together, to get all their views and be able to come up with a goal and objective of all interest groups concerned.

The other thing too is that there are the programs such as the economic development agreement, special ARDA, business incentive policy that the government has, business loans, business development, co-operative stores, these types of programs, in existence right now which I am sure a lot of the communities are not aware of. For this reason they cannot take the opportunity that might exist. My feeling is that right now we seem to be running into brick walls with regard to getting this one individual to actually strategize for the community itself, to be able to look at all the prospects of economic development and tourism and to tell all the groups concerned that these are the prospects and designate certain areas to a particular group and be able to work that way. But again, the situation might be that until the band council, settlement council, and Deh Gah Enterprises put their act together then there is not too much that they could do, from the regional office end. I thought that I would express my concern to the Minister and he might be able to do something for my constituency in that area.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Minister.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am glad the Member outlined this state in his constituency. It is helpful to me because I have not been there yet. I undertake to travel there soon after my Baffin tour which has been delayed because of the delay of this Assembly. I would have been over in Baffin now but once that is done, I will be touring in your area as well as the other communities in the southern Mackenzie. I would like to take your point with respect to economic planning, because I do not see the need for any further delay once the community's application qualifies under the economic development agreement guidelines. There is no reason they should be prevented from getting that through the committee and therefore get enough funds to hire the individual. I will certainly pursue that because I do not see the necessity for holding that up. As to the broader side of the role of economic development officers in the Northwest

Territories, I know we are understaffed. We have been trying to carry out the government's mandate with the present man years except in a very difficult situation which was faced last year in the Kitikmeot Region. They did not have economic development officers. What I would like to say to the Member is that I certainly share his views on the need for more officers in the smaller communities to provide that assistance to the communities which will enable them to get into economic activities and be able to put together the appropriate financing proposal so that they can get the ventures and other proposals for the creation of economic development projects funded.

I would like to again take that point as notice because I really think that one way to resolve that is to try and interest our native people in those jobs. I know that we are putting in additional money for training and I know also that my colleague the Minister of Education has put forward, through the priorities exercise, additional moneys for business administration courses. I would like to commit myself to see whether or not we should really be considering putting in a trainee position so that a native individual can be trained to become the economic development officer for that region. I think there might be ways of getting around to that, but I know that one short-term solution is to get that economic planner established. I will review that and report back to you as soon as I can. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Gargan.

Training On Requirements Of Contracts

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just wanted to say to the Minister that we are not exactly looking at a government employee to be put in Fort Providence as an economic planner but actually an independent person not from the community itself. We have identified a couple of people that we feel could do the job. We certainly agree that we do need some training in those areas as the band has just recently lost out on, I believe, about three contracts. Also as far as meeting the requirements of contracts, too, there were some delays due to the fact that they did not have the proper type of licence or hauling permits or things of that nature. So certainly training would be of great benefit to my own constituency anyway.

The other thing too that I wanted to say is that in the SCOF book, in the program summary, you have a program for Eskimo Loan Fund. I am just wondering whether a Dene could apply for that loan too.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Minister.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate the Member's comments on the other issues related to his constituency. I think they are profound and I think we could find a way around them. We are not at all suggesting an economic planner should be from outside. I think if you have someone qualified I will get my officials to try and get that proposal through because once they qualify there is no reason the funds should not be disbursed to the local community.

With respect to the Eskimo Loan Fund, this is a federal Department of Indian Affairs fund, which has been in existence for quite a long time, comparable to the Indian Economic Development Fund which was in existence prior to turning over to the Native Economic Development Fund. I know that my colleagues on the Executive Council have expressed some concern that the federal government has not transferred that part of the responsibility for Dene communities, and therefore, they did not qualify through the Eskimo Loan Fund. That particular fund was specifically geared toward the Inuit people in the Eastern Arctic because at that time the federal government had a comparable program for native Indians right across the country. I have been informed that that particular role has been transferred to the Native Economic Development Fund. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Appaqaq. Mr. Gargan, have you got a supplementary?

Community-Based Tourism

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Under the objectives of the Department of Economic Development and Tourism one is to demonstrate that community-based tourism is a viable and practical method to deliver tourist services. Basically I am saying that if this is the objective of the government then they should try to make it accessible rather than making it difficult for people to get individuals to plan strategies for promotion of tourism.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Minister.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Definitely our position remains the same, our objective that tourism should be a benefit to the community. That is surely our objective and we would like to see more communities get involved. I am encouraging our staff, as well as the zone associations, that they must encourage the smaller communities to take part wherever possible because without community support it is going to be difficult to really successfully be able to promote tourism from outside of the NWT. Therefore, wherever communities can get involved and facilities can be devolved to serve the tourists, that is where I think our long-term future lies. I think that part of the industry is going to remain for quite a while. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Appaqaq.

Economic Development Officer In Sanikiluaq

MR. APPAQAQ: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. First of all I would like to say that I appreciate that we have had an economic development officer in our community since last year in August. He is working for the hamlet on a contract from the GNWT. I was told by the hamlet council in Sanikiluaq that his contract will be extended. Before him we never had an economic development officer in Sanikiluaq. He is a benefit to our community and he is assisting all the people in Sanikiluaq who would like to start their own businesses. His workload is getting heavier and is getting too heavy for a community the size of Sanikiluaq. I am sure there will be more people who will want to apply for grants to start their own businesses due to the fact that there will be more things to plan. After the hamlet council requested that his contract be extended they were told that his contract will be extended for another year. For that reason we would like to get support in a letter to our hamlet council.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Minister.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I heard on the news this morning that the Northern Quebec and Northwest Territories land claims are being negotiated. I think the only way we can deal with this item is if the responsibility was given to the NWT instead of Northern Quebec. We are aware that the contract will be extended for another year but I cannot tell you if it will be extended for more than a year, that the policy will not be amended. Perhaps after the year is over then we can extend the contract again but we will have to see how it goes for a year. As you indicated the contractor is doing well and assisting the residents of Sanikiluaq so I would not be too worried about the concern of not extending it after a year.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. Appaqaq.

MR. APPAQAQ: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It seems like it was not necessary for you to explain the first part of your answer. I just do not want you to be concerned about the first part of your answer. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Erkloo.

Funding For Co-operatives

MR. ERKLOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I do not know who is chairing this committee. Your department has been supporting co-operatives. I would like to ask if your department will be assisting some of the co-ops in communities or Arctic Co-op in the year of 1985-86. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister, would you like to respond?

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Yes. (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Last year, the federal government and NWT government came up with an agreement for cost-sharing. It came up to one million dollars but we have not been giving much assistance yet and requested the ACL and CAP to try to get some funding from the Native Economic Development Fund. There is funding available from the federal government for the co-operatives in the NWT. For that reason, we are not sure if we will be assisting the co-operatives this year.

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

MR. ERKLOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to ask a supplementary to my question. I think we are all aware that the co-operatives are not private businesses, they are non-profit organizations. We have policies relating to the private businesses but I would like to ask if one of the co-operatives was to request funding from Economic Development and Tourism in the coming year, would they be able to get funding from your department?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think everybody is aware that there are many co-operatives in the NWT. They have employees, retail stores and a lot of them have contracts for POL and with other departments. They can get loans from the banks of Canada, contributions from GNWT, for instance the Eskimo Loan Fund, which we are handling, and the co-operatives can also get funding from our programs but separately.

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

Feasibility Study On Tourism In Baffin

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to mention that last year when we were at the session we were told by the Economic Development department in Lake Harbour that they were going to do a feasibility study on tourism and I have not heard what is going on up to now. I would like to find out now whether they are going to continue with the study or whether they are going to discontinue this. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I know that in the Baffin area there was a feasibility study on tourism. The report was done but I have not seen it yet. Right now I still do not know what the report is and what the recommendations are, so I would like to see what the report is and what the recommendations are and then I will answer your question. Thank you.

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

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I understand your answer. In Cape Dorset they did a good study and they did the report on Cape Dorset. Maybe they should have worked on both Lake Harbour and Cape Dorset. I would like to see that they do a feasibility study on Lake Harbour maybe this summer. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister, would you like to respond? General comments. Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate the energy that the Minister of Economic Development has brought to the portfolio and I feel there are some good initiatives taking place. The Minister indicated earlier that he feels, though, that there really cannot be a comprehensive plan or long-range plan for economic development and cited some reasons and it is regrettable if that is true. At any rate, he is saying that there are individual initiatives being taken and some of them are in the area of small business loans and support for small businesses and trying to get financial support for northern businesses from banks and that kind of thing. It is very good. Or at least it appears to be but what I am wondering is are there indicators that these kinds of policies are being effective in stimulating business activity in the Northwest Territories? Do we have records on the number of new businesses that start, on employment statistics, on the gross product of the Northwest Territories? I do not think we do but should we not have that capability? If we do not have a full economic development plan, can we have some smaller component that has the capability to keep track of things like this so that we could see more clearly whether some of the initiatives we are taking actually do stimulate economic activity?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think I will clarify the original statement that I made. What I was really referring to was our global ability to forecast and develop a long-term economic strategy. One I think, that was affected by the lack of control, was the resources, as well as the land use. For instance, the timber industry is regulated by the federal government.

Unless some of the legislative and regulatory powers are transferred to the territorial government we will continue to be hindered with the global, and putting in large millions of dollars into the territorial economy. For the mining industry, we have no control over this area. Therefore we have a number of factors that prevent us from being able to have a tremendous influence over the direction of the territorial economy.

Forecasts And Analysis Of Community-Based Economy

But as far as our community-based economy is concerned I think we are well under way. I think my deputy and my officials have raised the point that we really should have the capabilities within our shop to forecast and be able to analyse the effects of the territorial economy on the smaller scale. That is being done and my deputy can elaborate further on that because we ourselves have found that having no statistics even is a problem. On our ability to follow the trend of certain sectors of the economy, we do not have opinion polls coming out of our shops and whatnot, to deal with the northern economy, so therefore that is the exercise that my staff has been attempting to get a grasp on and I think it is pretty well under way.

I would like my deputy to respond to that because we have found ourselves that we have not been able to obtain what we really need in the Territories. I would ask that Jim Britton be asked to comment on that as well.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Britton.

MR. BRITTON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, the comments are quite correct. We do recognize that our ability to judge changes in the territorial economy are not as refined and developed as we would like them to be. Accordingly, our planning group in the directorate has recently embarked on a process of compiling base line economic data on the entire Northwest Territories. Indicators are being identified. This is in a very preliminary stage. It has literally only begun in the last few months but when this work is completed we will be in a much better position to tell whether measures that we are attempting do have any tangible impact. My Minister also noted the question of forecasting and has tasked our department with the job of trying to come up with, perhaps a couple of times a year, a meaningful economic outlook for the Northwest Territories that all of us in the small business sector, the major resource companies and so on, can use in making their business decisions. So, this is something new for us as well and of course the base data is necessary if we are going to be able to forecast it in any meaningful way as well. This work is under way but it is certainly new at this point.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Britton. Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MACQUARRIE: Yes, I appreciate that that is beginning to happen. I would like some clarification. I can see the forecasting end of it but when you talk about the base line data does that imply a one-time determination of the way things are? Or does it include some mechanism, maybe in co-operation with the division of statistics to periodically -- the indicators that you mention, whether it is employment or new starts or whatever -- to have access to that kind of information every three months or every six months, so that you can get some indication that if you start a new initiative, in a years time you can maybe see where it has had results?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Britton.

MR. BRITTON: Mr. Chairman, for the first year of this we plan a pretty exhaustive process of defining the indicators and getting out to gather the data. As a matter of fact in some parts of the Territories the data is pretty much assembled. For example, a good deal of work was done in Baffin a couple of years ago and it is now going to be done in other parts of the Territories. In some sectors, the tourist sector and others, there is a fair bit of data available. Now, on this process of gathering data, once you have it you must update it and it will be a continuous process but it will not be quite as intensive as it is right now at the beginning, as we are starting to put it together. Every couple of years we would like to have a major look at where we have gone but there will be an ongoing effort to try to keep the data current as we move along.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Britton. Mr. MacQuarrie.

Initiatives In Forestry And Fishing

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you. Turning to another matter, I was interested in the preliminary remarks to hear the Minister say that there were some initiatives being taken in the areas of fisheries. He elaborated a little bit also in the area of forestry but did not elaborate very much and I would really like to see initiatives taken to try to stimulate renewable resource activity in a commercial way. Could the Minister elaborate a little more as to what the government's plans are to try to do that in the area of forestry?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In the two sectors that the Member mentioned, in the forest industry, I really believe there is a tremendous untapped resource. Therefore, at the present time we are exploring with members of the Fort Liard area the opportunities to develop the logging industry and I think there is a pretty healthy prospect there. We are looking forward to getting into that to see whether or not we could provide opportunity for employment as a result of that development. Other regions might be possible, aside from the Fort Liard area, but at the present time we have not received proposals to establish new businesses out there. Presently, in the logging industry, some of them are planning to expand their development and we are working with them because regulations as I indicated are beyond this government's ability to deal with.

As to the other renewable resource sector, the fishing industry, we have taken a number of initiatives in the Eastern Arctic to try and tap the arctic char fisheries and we are putting in additional money. As I indicated in my brief remarks, that area requires a lot more development to the point where we can be economically viable. At the present time, during the first year, it is not going to be as much as we would like but at least it is a start compared to any other year and we would like to plan it further in the coming fiscal year. These are the two areas that I am presently talking about because they are presently opportunities that we can support. But for other parts of the renewable resource industry, for instance agriculture, I think we are a bit down the line in that area. Thank you.

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

Plans For Agriculture

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you. I would hope in any initiatives that are taken to stimulate the forest industry -- which I think are desirable -- that thoughts about reforestation were part of the program right from the very beginning. I think that is very important. I was going to come to agriculture next. I recognize that it is maybe for various reasons a little further down the line but I still think that whatever can be done should be done to lay the groundwork so that when the opportunity becomes available, we are ready to begin to take advantage of it. Can I ask just for a little more elaboration? I know at one point the Minister mentioned, a little bit about tentatively, developing I suppose the skeleton of an agricultural policy or something like that. Is some concrete work going on in that area?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, I know that the Members have been interested in these particular areas. At the moment I cannot positively indicate to the Member that we are engaged in the agricultural part. Really I think since we have been concentrating on the other two major areas that this particular area has been sort of on hold for a while. I think mainly, too, because we are conscious with the representation that I did get from the Dene Nation, that before we announce a major plan, we ought to have proper consultation with the Dene Nation on the agricultural policy. So, therefore, we have not attempted to develop that policy and set aside some funds for it. But that does not mean that we will ignore that part of the potential economy forever. I think it requires more thought and more consideration before we announce to the public and to this House as to how we can tap that resource.

I have been dealing with the federal Minister on another matter. I think we have put some energy into our department with the unresolved egg marketing corporation issue and the plans to try to put forward an egg production plant in Hay River. That has sort of sidetracked our other activities. At the moment the federal Minister is prepared to meet with me sometime early next month to try and deal with that matter. So that is one example of what we have been doing but really it has been dealt with on a project-by-project basis. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you. The last matter that I want to deal with in a general way is with respect to Expo '67. I am aware that a consortium of distinguished private businessmen had formed a company to handle concessions at Expo '86. I am aware that eventually they walked away from it and left this government in a bit of a bind as a result of doing that. And I understand that there had been no bond placed or anything like that and so there was no penalty to them. They took up several months of time and left the government in bad shape.

Well, be that as it may, I will not comment further on that but I do understand that when the matter first arose that the co-op federation had put in a proposal to handle this and it was not accepted. Could I ask the Minister why some thought had not been given to having that organization handle it, where presumably I know that they have been having some financial difficulties and so on? Well, this may have helped in some way. Could I ask why the government decided not to accept that and rather to accept a private one and then perhaps when the private one failed why not turn to the co-op proposal? Or am I wrong in assuming there was a co-op proposal?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think I should correct the Member, not that I disagree with his question. He indicated Expo '67 -- you know, this is Expo '86.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Well, I am an old man.

---Laughter

Concessionaire For Expo '86

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, if there was a private businessman forming a company at that time, I would not have known about it.

Mr. Chairman, I certainly respect the Member's point. There was a lot of thought given to Arctic Co-ops, Hudson's Bay Company and the other group, the consortium that was formed to try and deal with the concessionaire aspect of Expo '86. I can indicate to the Member each one of these proposals was thoroughly considered and the successful proponent was asked to try and come forward and finalize the deal, but at the end found it uneconomical to proceed. ACL's proposal was again very seriously considered but it was not a successful bid when the tenders were called for. They were the third compared to the other two.

The second proposal at that time was the Hudson's Bay Company and it was a fairly competitive proposal but when Galaxy dropped out at that time, they then felt, as well, that they were not going to be able to succeed in view of the nature of the changes with the economic situation of Expo '86. So we seriously looked at all aspects of it. My deputy and myself at one point seriously considered whether it was wise at all to proceed with Expo '86 and there was a very serious thought given to not only these proposals, but to the whole issue of the Expo '86. Since then I think the public has come around to supporting the whole concept and as far as I am concerned I think all parties are quite satisfied that they did not get that far because it did require quite a lot of up-front money to try and get into the concessionaire aspect of Expo '86. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: So I gather that the Minister is saying the co-op federation proposal was not accepted because economically it did not make as much sense as the one that was accepted, and that it was not an attitude of the Minister or the government with respect to co-ops that may have coloured what decision was made there. It was a purely economical decision.

Bonding Of Company

My last question. It seems that we were left in difficult circumstances. The Minister is saying suddenly it even became questionable as to whether we should be involved and I would gather that The Bay at that point would not have found it easy to step in, even if the government had wanted to go with another private firm. In light of that -- I do not know how often we do projects like this -- but could the Minister explain why there was no bond asked for when the contract was let to the particular company, or is that not common practice?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, I really could not say whether or not it was wise. I really could not debate why the government as a whole and our Expo commissioner and staff, when they recommended and called for public proposals from these three groups -- and I believe they tendered those proposals and called for them -- I do not know why we did not ask for bonding of these issues. I really cannot comment on that. My deputy may be able to elaborate further on that point, but in the end when the issue was faced for us to decide otherwise, we seriously considered and approached Hudson's Bay again to see whether or not they were interested because we had no choice but to get around to that. In the end, they were not willing to proceed. I think we can see today why they did not proceed in that area. So, I am going to ask my deputy to comment a bit about the bonding aspect because I am not sure whether this is a common practice. For sure, it is not common practice that this government enters into these kinds of expositions and I think this was an unfortunate aspect of the thing. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Britton.

MR. BRITTON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The bonding question, I cannot really say that I was party to an elaborate debate about it at the time. Certainly, I know that when this proposal call was put together, we were very mindful of the desirability of getting a northern firm or group of firms involved in doing this and I think we are all aware that bonding of any sort has been difficult for northern companies to get and perhaps in retrospect that was a mistake but I think it was a mistake that was made, if it was a mistake, out of a very sincere desire to strip impediments away for northern companies participating and putting in a proposal.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Britton. General comments. Mr. Richard.

Evaluation Of Programs In One Years Time

MR. RICHARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to go back to the Minister's response to some of Mr. MacQuarrie's earlier questions regarding the need or the desire to develop some economic indicators and gather statistics about our economy, about unemployment in communities, etc. I see it as a necessity in order for government and this Assembly to determine whether government funds have been effectively spent on programs that have certain objectives. This department in the coming year is going to spend some \$25 million and also deal with another \$10 million in revolving funds and it has many, many programs that have been in existence for many, many years. I think it essential with the magnitude of these expenditures that we some day come to grips with whether we are getting anything for the money that is being spent. This gets into the whole idea of evaluation of programs on a periodic basis. The Minister and his deputy indicated this afternoon that they are going to start doing this in the next year, to develop these indicators. Can we then, as a committee, or as an Assembly, look forward to this time next year, when we are being asked to approve departmental appropriations of \$25 million or \$30 million, can we look forward to one year from now having in front of us some evaluation of the accomplishments or not of these various government programs?

Perhaps one specific instance, since Expo '86 is being talked about and that is not a one year program but maybe two years from now, three years from now, we should be able as a government to determine whether the six million dollars or whatever it is we are going to expend in government funds, whether we get anything for it in terms of the objectives that the Minister set out when he made his announcement last fall: increased tourism, increased sale of northern arts and crafts, etc. Some of those things can be measured in numbers. Perhaps, Mr. Chairman, if the Minister can convert his promises as to what is going to be done in the next year into that kind of an undertaking, can we a year from now expect to see within his department evaluations of the results achieved by, or lack of results, in fairness with some programs, achieved by these vast expenditures?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think it is safe to say in this House that the plan that we have to try and develop an economic indicator capability within our shop is one way of assessing and reviewing effectiveness of the programs. I think what we are looking for is the territorial-wide, global-wide indicator within our department to respond to the state of the northern economy. That is one aspect that we are missing, sure, but it is only one aspect of the

economic indicators. I believe we have a number of them that are in place that are performed by groups or organizations, chambers of commerce, as well as politicians, and I think many of you are good indicators of the territorial economy.

The other aspect is that we have now good advice from the NWT Business Council which is giving input to the territorial government to see whether or not certain sectors of the economy are properly served or supported by the government and I think that is a good indicator. I would like to indicate to you that will be one contribution to our department's ability to reflect its mandate. What I am saying to you is that what we are doing I do not think is a performance measurement concept to study all our services in the government. What I want to say to you is that I think it is only right that the government programs change and be replaced with more effective programs to reflect the changes in the territorial economy which is constantly changing as well. Many of our programs and services to the public have not changed for a long time and therefore I think the time has arrived that we do set in motion and establish mechanisms to be able to respond and reflect upon them. That is all I am indicating. Sure, I think by next year we will have a number of indicators. One of them will be to enable us to develop that capability within our shop. Thank you.

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

MR. RICHARD: Mr. Chairman, I am taking that as a yes. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you. I think it is a very dangerous thing to say that politicians should be good indicators of the territorial economy. Someone might assume that if we are doing well for ourselves that everything is okay in the Territories.

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MR. BALLANTYNE: We are not though. Some of us are not.

---Laughter

MR. MacQUARRIE: We certainly would not want them to think that but, no, I think these kinds of indicators if they are applied effectively are more important than maybe what you have suggested in your reply. Rather than looking at the global kind of thing as you have suggested, in fact when the government spends money, say in the Economic Development department, on various programs, that in itself boosts the economy so you can get a false impression from the total picture as to the real health of the economy. Surely any spending that is done in the Department of Economic Development is to try to create a situation where other elements of the economy are stimulated so that there is less reliance on government spending. I think that can only be done effectively if it is pretty clear that certain programs in this department are having an effective stimulation and then we can maybe reduce government spending a little bit and see that the private sector does take over as our policies are effective. So, I think it is really important to develop these and make them as sharp as possible and apply them as frequently as possible and give some very real evaluation to the kinds of programs that, particularly this department, is implementing.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to thank the previous speaker for giving me advice as to how to answer a question. I know that he as a lawyer is trained to do that, to give yes or no answers to questions. Mr. Chairman, I share many of the Member's concerns. I think when I replied politicians are good indicators, good means -- it is a question of degree to any answer. But, Mr. Chairman, what I was saying was I think our ability to monitor the performance of our territorial economy should not be left to statistics and that whatever indication is going to come out next year may not be the answer to the future because I share the philosophy of the Minister of Finance when he said that statistics or whatnot do not bring about confidence to the private sector. What I was saying to you is that politicians have just as an important role to try and revive and create an atmosphere necessary to bring about confidence to the private sector. I believe that and I think we have been able to do that presently in the Territories, that there is a certain amount of confidence at the private sector level which I believe is relieving the government in some ways from being so dependent to provide financing for them. We can indicate

that through our present loan fund compared to last year because I believe they are now taking advantage of the banks, which have relaxed a certain amount of control over their loan programs. I believe there are many more of them that are getting into accessing money from the chartered banks rather than from the government so I would not want to get into a trap where we would just look at statistics and rely on them because I know that Members have an important role to stimulate atmosphere necessary to get private businessmen into a certain sector. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. MacQuarrie.

Goods, Services And Employment

MR. MACQUARRIE: Yes, I still have concerns because even relying on the subjective judgment of a businessman as to whether things are okay in the Territories is not necessarily good because they can be very good for him. We could implement certain policies that businessmen can take advantage of and their profits are handsome and they say "Boy, great government policy" and the economy is great. That can be very deceiving because we have to have indicators that show that if we do try to stimulate in some way and money is going to certain businesses that in fact we see that there is a greater production of goods and services in the Territories, that there is more employment resulting from this and that is the kind of indicator that we really have to have to really know that the policies are effective.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. MacQuarrie. General comments. Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. One of the recommendations of the housing committee was to have the Department of Economic Development looking at ways to maximize business opportunities and employment opportunities in the building and repair of housing. I wonder, has the Minister done anything in this area?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

Construction Industry

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, yes, my colleagues together with the Minister of Public Works and Housing Corporation and Members of the Executive Council, certainly have concerns with the fact that northern communities should benefit from the construction industry. In view of that, our department has one plan that we are working toward to try and establish a policy to relieve and put support for the bonding requirement which many of the companies are constantly getting into problems with, not being able to put forward the performance bond. So, we will shortly be recommending to the Executive Council to consider putting forward a relief program, a guaranteed program, to assist them in the form of a guarantee for the performance bond requirement. So that is one example that we are dealing with. I know that my officials if I am in town, will be appearing before the housing committee to deal with that matter. The other example I personally see is that we need more of the northern construction companies established with that capability, to become more aggressive in that field, so that northern contractors can acquire those contracts to build and construct housing in the Territories. I do not think it is just a matter of the government relieving them from their difficulties and I think we need an aggressive construction industry and therefore able to provide jobs and opportunities for smaller communities.

I wish to see more native corporations or native companies develop that expertise so that they can successfully bid and be awarded the contract to get into that field. I think that is an answer but it again takes time but we will do anything we can to try and make it easier for them. But I think in the end it is going to be the private sector in the local communities finally convincing themselves that they have to eventually get into that, acquire that ability. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: When we went around to the communities I think in every community there was a desire expressed to get more involved in the construction and the maintenance and repair of housing. And also I think we all recognized that for small communities especially it is a very viable source of employment, business opportunities that are going to have ongoing benefits because there will always be houses built and houses repaired.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: In some communities.

MR. BALLANTYNE: Not in Yellowknife, but one of the major concerns we had is that people, whether it is native economic development corporations or local entrepreneurs, whether it is co-ops or band councils, did not have the expertise in many areas and it would seem to me your department might make it a priority of your economic development officers to start providing some of that expertise. I do not know if it would be possible but perhaps half a million dollars could be identified within EDA to set up training programs in communities to look at the viability of log building programs. To look at those things in a co-ordinated way. I do not know if it is possible to do that through EDA but if there could be some co-ordinated approach I think it may be worth looking into.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister, would you like to respond?

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I would say that is the way to do it. Surely we have to be a bit more pragmatic in our approach. I know that training grants and training funds are all over the place in the NWT and I am just amazed that we have not been successful in that. I know my colleague, the Minister of Education, is prepared to deal with that and again I really do not think it is my responsibility as the Minister of Economic Development to handle the training aspect. The training has been transferred to Education and therefore I am all for it. I think the present EDA is structured to provide training money and my colleague again is the Minister for human resources so that definitely should be taken advantage of and my information is that it has not been used as much as it should. But there are indications that the program is being changed and that there will be more money put into the training development. As a department we will do anything we can to try and be helpful, to provide job opportunities so that people can get into the employment and that smaller communities can actually get into that field and develop skills necessary to take advantage of the northern construction.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: I am not quite sure of all the technical details of who can access EDA funds but for instance, can a government agency directly access funds? For instance can the Housing Corporation put together a program using some mechanism to try to develop a concentrated co-ordinated approach to improving capabilities in communities to build and repair houses?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

Initiative Lacking In Regions

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, I do not think it really matters who the sponsor is as long as the training is provided to the area that requires that skill. I know that in the matter of finding a sponsor, we are not short of potential sponsors in the Territories. There is a way of getting around it and I know the department can possibly help someone to put forward the training proposal and Department of Education can provide the expertise necessary to train those people. It is not a problem at all. I think the problem is getting the initiatives from someone and putting the proposals together and actually getting the training money. I do not think the money has been a problem. Again, I think there has been a lack of initiative in the regions wherever the priority has not been prioritized. There is so much lack of skill in the Territories and lack of facilities which I think is number one as well. I know my colleague, the Minister of Education, will agree that we have only certain places in which to put students and take advantage of the expertise that is presently in place, but you may want to ask the Minister of Education directly on that because I really am not capable of responding fairly to you. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: My point is that I see and I think the Minister sees the department's role is to facilitate and co-ordinate economic development activity in the Territories. Using that one specific example of housing, somebody has got to take the initiative, whether it is the Minister or the Minister of Education, or Mr. Wray, but there are mechanisms out there. I suggest the three of you, if you sit down sometime and work it out because I think there is a viable way of doing that...

MR. McCALLUM: Talk to one another once in a while, just talk to one another once in a while.

MR. BALLANTYNE: That is right, yes, occasionally do that. But I would seriously consider, I think everyone should consider looking to see if EDA money can be accessed to try to develop some co-ordinated program.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, I will say this, my colleagues and myself have got together and we explored trying to put forward a number of factors that affect the construction industry and put together necessary training requirements. We have agreed to meet again and I think what we need eventually to decide, to ultimately come to a decision on, is whether or not to go ahead or not go ahead. So far we have considered all kinds of factors, why we could not do this or why we should do this or not. We have asked our officials to put together all the other technicalities that normally delay a number of things and again put them before us. We will be meeting again, hopefully shortly after the session is adjourned and get on with the decisions necessary to make it possible for people in the communities to get into that and take advantage and benefit from the construction industry. I believe that should be the objective and what we need to do I believe is make a decision and proceed with something positive. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Wah-Shee.

MR. WAH-SHEE: Mr. Chairman, I move we call for progress.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Progress is being called. Mr. Wah-Shee, are you making a motion that we report progress? This is not debatable. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? This motion is carried.

---Carried

I will now rise to report progress.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Gargan.

ITEM 16: REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF BILL 7-85(1), APPROPRIATION ACT, 1985-86

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Speaker, your committee has been considering Bill 7-85(1), Appropriation Act, 1985-86 and I wish to report progress, and that Bill 3-85(1) and Bill 9-85(1) and Bill 10-85(1) are recommended for further consideration in committee of the whole.

Motion To Accept Report Of Committee Of The Whole, Carried

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

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Gargan. Members have heard the report of the chairman of the committee of the whole. Are you agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Carried

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any announcements? Mr. Nerysoo.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order, I would like to seek unanimous consent to return to Item 9 on the orders of the day, tabling of documents.

MR. SPEAKER: Unanimous consent is being requested. Are there any nays? Proceed, Mr. Nerysoo.

ITEM 9: TABELING OF DOCUMENTS

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to table the following document: Tabled Document 40-85(1), press release and background material from the office of the Hon. Erik Nielsen regarding air defence modernization.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to table the following document: Tabled Document 41-85(1), excerpt from the House of Commons debate on March 13, 1985 concerning the DEWline.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Any further tabling of documents? Mr. Richard.

MR. RICHARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to table the following document: Tabled Document 42-85(1), a motion passed by the Yellowknife Chamber of Commerce on March 12, 1985, that deals with the tentative boundary agreement established by the Constitutional Alliance. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Any further tabling of documents? Are there any further announcements from the floor? Mr. Clerk, announcements and orders of the day, please.

ITEM 17: ORDERS OF THE DAY

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Orders of the day for Friday, March 15, at 9:30 a.m.

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16. Report of Committee of the Whole
17. Orders of the Day

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. This House stands adjourned until 9:30 a.m., Friday, March 15th.

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