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YELLOWKNIFE, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1984

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Appaqaq, Mr. Arlooktoo, Mr. Ballantyne, Hon. Tom Butters, Hon. Nellie Cournoyea, Hon. Tagak Curley, Mr. Erkloo, Mr. Gargan, Mrs. Lawrence, Mr. MacQuarrie, Mr. McCallum, Hon. Richard Nerysoo, Mr. Paniloo, Hon. Dennis Patterson, Mr. Pudluk, Hon. Nick Sibbeston, Mrs. Sorensen, Hon. Don Stewart, Mr. T'Seleie, Mr. Wah-Shee, Hon. Gordon Wray

ITEM 1: PRAYER

---Prayer

SPEAKER (Hon. Don Stewart): Orders of the day for Tuesday, February 7.

Item 2, Members' replies. I take it there are no Members' replies for today.

Item 3, Ministers' statements.

Item 4, oral questions. Mr. McCallum.

ITEM 4: ORAL QUESTIONS

Question 13-84(1): Caribou Hunt Assistance Program

MR. MCCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, yesterday I indicated to the House and late in the day I indicated to the executive assistant of the Minister of Renewable Resources that I would have a question to ask of the Minister, and I gave her notice today via a memo or a note. So I would like to ask the Minister responsible for Renewable Resources if she will relate to the House the plan, if any, of the department to assist hunters in caribou hunts, where this assistance is, to whom it is given and if there are any plans to expand that particular program to other areas of the Territories.

MR. SPEAKER: Ms Cournoyea.

Return To Question 13-84(1): Caribou Hunt Assistance Program

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank Mr. McCallum for missing me so much yesterday as well as for giving me notice of the questions he was intending to put forward during my absence. Mr. Speaker, in this years 1984-85 budget there has been an increase in the contributions that will be going to caribou hunts from \$43,000 to \$46,000. The policy on distribution of these funds is presently being reviewed by myself. In the past the contributions have been done on a fairly highly political level and who makes the most noise gets the most contribution and the deputy minister and myself are undertaking to see how we could make a more fair distribution of the funds that we have within the renewable resources budget.

In the allocation of the budget this year the only section within our budget that has not been cut is the grants and contributions. We will continue to insist that this part of the funds of Renewable Resources is the area that requires the most emphasis. Also it is the part of the grants and contributions where the community hunters and trappers have the most interest and is most effective at a very community-oriented level. So this is a high priority on where we will be

placing our emphasis. However, the budget allocation has been made and I do not know if Mr. McCallum would request me to deliver to the House exact allocations to this date according to region and community.

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

Supplementary To Question 13-84(1): Caribou Hunt Assistance Program

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question. Lest that Member is under any illusion, absence does not make the heart grow any fonder. I intend to make noise about this if that is what is required to get constituents in my area into this particular program of grants. In response to the question she made of me, yes, I would like to have the allocation of moneys to particular regions. Mr. Speaker, my supplementary question is that there are a number of people from my constituency who pursue a traditional way of life. They have been already to Gordon Lake to hunt caribou. The distance from Fort Smith to this area is substantial and I would like to know whether the Minister would revisit her allocations to assist those particular hunters who have to travel from south of the Slave Lake to this particular area in the way of providing them with some kind of assistance. I would like to have a revisit and I would wonder if she would.

MR. SPEAKER: Madam Minister.

Further Return To Question 13-84(1): Caribou Hunt Assistance Program

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I intend to revisit all the grants and contributions and how they are being distributed. As to providing the Member, Mr. Arnold McCallum, with the precise details on different allocations, I would like to take that under advisement. Presently \$4000 has been allocated to the Fort Smith Hunters and Trappers Association; Snowdrift band council, \$2000; Fort Resolution Hunters and Trappers Association, \$2500; Rae band council, \$8500; Lac la Martre band council, \$2500; Snare Lake band council, \$2000; Rae Lakes band council, \$3000; Detah/Rainbow Valley band council, \$4000; Fort Simpson band council, \$3000; Jean Marie River band council, \$2000; Fort Providence band council, \$1500; Fort Good Hope Hunters and Trappers Association band council, \$2500; Fort Franklin Hunters and Trappers Association, \$500; Paulatuk Hunters and Trappers Association, \$4000 and Coral Harbour, \$1500. Mr. Speaker, in terms of understanding the transportation requirements of the southern Great Slave Lake region, I would request that I be given a period of time to take a look at how that is taking place presently, and how I could better serve the hunters and trappers of this area.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Ms. Cournoyea. I presume you are taking that question as notice and will bring another reply. Oral questions. Mr. Paniloo.

Question 14-84(1): Caribou Hunt Assistance To Broughton Island

MR. PANILOO: (Translation) A question to the Minister of Renewable Resources. In the community of Broughton Island they usually go caribou hunting without grants from the government. We have received grants from the government previously. My question is if hunters and trappers of Broughton Island will be allocated for money and how much money would the Broughton Island hunters and trappers get for an organized hunt? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Madam Minister.

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I hope that the Member would allow me to take that under advisement. I have no figures at this time. I would like to have the question and I will bring back an answer tomorrow.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, the question is being taken as notice and a reply will be given at a later date. Oral questions. Mr. Wah-Shee.

Question 15-84(1): Effect Of Preference Clause In COPE Claim

MR. WAH-SHEE: Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Minister responsible for Aboriginal Rights and Constitutional Development, Mr. Patterson. It is due to the fact that there appears to be a great deal of concern in the Northwest Territories in regard to a particular

section within the Committee for Original Peoples Entitlement claim, dealing with the 10 per cent preference in regard to tendering or awarding of contracts. Will the Minister ensure that before a decision is made in regard to the 10 per cent preference, that the government will consult with the various groups that will be affected in the Northwest Territories? To give you an example, the Northwest Territories Chamber of Commerce and other interest groups may be affected by the position that this administration will take to that particular section.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Patterson.

Return To Question 15-84(1): Effect Of Preference Clause In COPE Claim

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In view of the fact that this agreement is before the federal cabinet now, I am not sure if we have the luxury of time to consult all the groups that might be affected by this, this agreement, and by this particular clause. However, I can assure the honourable Member that we have received a number of submissions, both formally and informally, from his people, the chamber of commerce, on the subject of this particular clause. We have also had an opportunity to meet informally with the Government of the Yukon, who are concerned about it. I can assure the Member that his views will be taken into account by the Executive in determining our position on the agreement. Thank you.

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

Supplementary To Question 15-84(1): Effect Of Preference Clause In COPE Claim

MR. WAH-SHEE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Supplementary, Mr. Speaker, I am quite aware that the 10 per cent preference is agreeable to the federal government in regard to the federal government awarding contracts in the Northwest Territories. My question basically was in reference to the 10 per cent preference as being requested by COPE on GNWT contracts that will be awarded in the Northwest Territories. So my concern is basically in regard to that section that has the flexibility. It is really entirely up to the Government of the Northwest Territories if they want to agree when they are awarding contracts in the Northwest Territories that the Committee for Original Peoples Entitlement will get the 10 per cent preference to the Government of the Northwest Territories contracts.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Further Return To Question 15-84(1): Effect Of Preference Clause In COPE Claim

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the Government of the Northwest Territories has a northern preference policy with relation to territorial government contracts and public works which provides a preference to northern businesses regardless of the ownership. There is no intention under way to revise that northern business preference policy. That is not under consideration with respect to the COPE final agreement. So it is not an issue as far as the Government of the Northwest Territories is concerned at the moment, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Patterson. Supplementary, Mr. Wah-Shee.

Supplementary To Question 15-84(1): Effect Of Preference Clause In COPE Claim

MR. WAH-SHEE: Mr. Speaker, I must say that I am not satisfied with the reply that I am getting from the Minister because everyone in this House is aware that at the present time it is the policy of the Government of the Northwest Territories to provide 10 per cent preference to northern businesses, aside from aboriginal claims, but now we are faced with a situation where the Government of the Northwest Territories has to take a position in regard to whether an additional 10 per cent preference will be given to a particular group that will be finalizing their claim. So am I to assume from your reply, Mr. Minister, that the 10 per cent preference that is being given as a matter of policy at this time will remain and that no additional preferences will be given to aboriginal groups who are presently negotiating with the federal government?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Further Return To Question 15-84(1): Effect Of Preference Clause In COPE Claim

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Yes, Mr. Speaker. As for the Government of the Northwest Territories policy on public works and contracts, there is no consideration being given to changing our present policy which is preference for northern businesses and we are not even considering adding further incentives to native corporations. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Gargan.

Question 16-84(1): Priority Zones In Fire-Fighting

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Speaker, this question is addressed to the Minister of Renewable Resources and it is with regard to forestry. Since the next session is going to be starting in the spring, I feel it is urgent to ask the question now. The question has to deal with fire-fighting priority zones. Most of the priority zones in the Mackenzie Valley are along the Mackenzie River and the communities along that river. Most of the trapping that is done is inwards where the priority zones are not that much of a priority. It is only within the immediate area of the Mackenzie River that is a priority but most of the trappers are trapping inland and not along the river. I would like to ask the Minister what she intends to do about it.

MR. SPEAKER: Madam Minister.

Return To Question 16-84(1): Priority Zones In Fire-Fighting

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, in regard to the whole area of forestry, and the federal responsibility in that area, I believe I am well aware of the concerns on setting priority zones and I would like to say that at this time there are active negotiations with the federal government for the Northwest Territories to take over the responsibility of the forestry in regard to forest fire-fighting and setting those zones. At this time the zones are presently as they are and hopefully with a turnover of those responsibilities we would be able to more actively react to the people who are being most affected in their trapping area.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Gargan.

Supplementary To Question 16-84(1): Priority Zones In Fire-Fighting

MR. GARGAN: I would like to ask the Minister again if while negotiating with the federal government that you are asking for extra money so you would deal with the priority zones and fight all fires in the North.

MR. SPEAKER: Ms Cournoyea.

Further Return To Question 16-84(1): Priority Zones In Fire-Fighting

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, certainly in negotiating with the federal government, the kind of priority that the people of the Northwest Territories will set certainly would be of a broader magnitude than what the federal government is aware of and in turning over those responsibilities the negotiations take into consideration the problems of trying to put out all fires rather than just fires and setting priorities because of the money situation. However, in discussion with the department it may be that the NWT would be far more efficient in their approach to fire-fighting and it may not necessarily require a larger expenditure of money but rather a more efficient way of going about it.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. McCallum.

Question 17-84(1): Availability To MLAs Of COPE Document

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I would just like to ask a supplementary question to the question asked by the honourable Member for Rae-Lac la Martre regarding the COPE agreement. I am not sure to whom I should address this, either the Minister responsible for Aboriginal Rights or the Associate

Minister, but nevertheless since the document itself seems to be available to everybody -- from the Western Arctic Member of Parliament to the Globe and Mail and everybody else, I would like to ask one of the Ministers: When will that document be available to the Members of this House for our perusal so that we can put forth our concerns and have either the Ministers themselves or the government in total react to the concerns we are going to express and that will be expressed? Since the document is available across the country, when do we get an opportunity to see it? I would direct the question to either the Minister of Aboriginal Rights or his Associate Minister, the Hon. Nick Sibbeston.

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Dennis Patterson.

Return To Question 17-84(1): Availability To MLAs Of COPE Document

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Well, Mr. Speaker, the document is before the federal cabinet. It is confidential as between the parties. This government has received copies as a participant in the negotiations. We have received them on a trust that the copies are to remain confidential until they have been considered by cabinet, which is expected shortly, at which point they will be made available to the public and the Inuvialuit who are going to be voting on the agreement and ratifying the agreement at the community level. So I would be betraying a confidence if I were to release that document to this House or to anyone else. Other members of the public, others who have obtained access to the documents and are letting them out are betraying the confidence that has been requested by the federal cabinet. So as soon as the document has been considered by the federal cabinet and can be released to the Inuvialuit who are interested in it as well, then I would be pleased to make it available to this House, but not before. The rules are not being made by us, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

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

Supplementary To Question 17-84(1): Availability To MLAs Of COPE Document

MR. MCCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I recognize the concern that the Minister and the government may have. At the standing committee on finance there was a request made by the chairman and I do not mean to take from his thunder to have a request made of the federal Minister to have that document available to us. So my question may be two-pronged. Has there been any movement on the part of the federal Minister toward that request and, secondly, is the Government of the Northwest Territories to meet this week to discuss that particular paper at the Executive Council meeting? Is that part of your agenda for the Executive Council on Thursday?

Further Return To Question 17-84(1): Availability To MLAs Of COPE Document

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: To the first question, to my knowledge, no. To the second question, yes.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. MacQuarrie.

Question 18-84(1): GNWT Signatory To COPE Agreement

MR. MACQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A follow-up question to the Minister of Aboriginal Rights and Constitutional Development. Mr. Minister, could you clarify for me as to whether the Government of the Northwest Territories will eventually be a signatory to the agreement between the Committee for Original Peoples Entitlement and the Government of Canada?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question 18-84(1): GNWT Signatory To COPE Agreement

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Yes, I expect so if we want to sign it. Our government was a signatory to the agreement in principle. If we want to sign it I am sure we can, we will.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mr. MacQuarrie.

Supplementary To Question 18-84(1): GNWT Signatory To COPE Agreement

MR. MACQUARRIE: Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. Well, would the Minister then give this House the undertaking that the Government of the Northwest Territories will not sign that agreement until all

Members of the House have had access to it and we have had the opportunity to discuss it in this House?

SOME. HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Patterson.

Further Return To Question 18-84(1): GNWT Signatory To COPE Agreement

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, to be more precise, the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories was the signatory to the agreement in principle in 1978 and I would therefore expect that it would be the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories who would be the signatory of the final agreement and I would not presume to make a commitment for the Commissioner.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. MacQuarrie, a supplementary?

Supplementary To Question 18-84(1): GNWT Signatory To COPE Agreement

MR. MacQUARRIE: A supplementary to that again. Will the Minister give me an undertaking that he will investigate the legality of that matter as to whether the Commissioner signed on behalf of the Government of the Northwest Territories or on his own behalf? If it is apparent that legally the Government of the Northwest Territories has the right to sign, will the Minister give us an undertaking that we have an opportunity to review it before this government commits itself by signature?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Patterson.

Further Return To Question 18-84(1): GNWT Signatory To COPE Agreement

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, yes, I will undertake to make that investigation. Thank you.

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

Question 19-84(1): Evaluation Of Indigenous Language Development Program

MR. MacQUARRIE: Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister of Education. It concerns the Priorities Summary Report that we received yesterday and it is a question concerning the indigenous language development fund. The report briefly indicates what has been spent in that area and what is still to be spent, but could I ask the Minister of Education whether he has an assessment program with respect to it. In other words, the money is given for various purposes through grants. Is there any assessment program? Will there be a report given to this House which indicates what measure of success or lack of success is taking place with respect to that program and, if so, when could we expect to see such a report?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Patterson.

Return To Question 19-84(1): Evaluation Of Indigenous Language Development Program

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Yes, Mr. Speaker, the indigenous language fund was established by policy of the Executive Council and there was a requirement in that funding policy that there be an evaluation of the effectiveness of the program. I am pleased to inform the Member that on February 2, 1984, the chairman of the standing committee on finance of this House, Mr. Ballantyne, was given a status report on the indigenous language fund which provides an assessment of the effectiveness of the various programs funded under the fund. This was prepared by the department as part of that evaluation. I think that would probably answer the Member's question.

I might also say that we have been undergoing discussions with the Secretary of State about having a conference under their sponsorship, sometime next month which would bring together Athapascan language experts and people who have been involved with the indigenous language fund programs from all parts of the western parts of the Northwest Territories, so that they can assess where they have gone to date -- two years into the three year program -- its effectiveness, and review the funding policy and the criteria. So that too will be a very important means of evaluating the effectiveness of the fund. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 20-84(1): Teaching Position In Coppermine

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I have a question of the Minister of Education. I notice that in the government bulletin issued on Friday, February 3, 1984, that there was advertised a teaching opportunity in Coppermine. I would like to ask the Minister whether the position is an indeterminate position and if the position was filled. What happened to the teacher, to where did this teacher transfer and was the transfer done to a determinate or an indeterminate position?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Patterson.

Return To Question 20-84(1): Teaching Position In Coppermine

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I suppose strictly speaking this is a matter for Personnel, for which the Hon. Richard Nerysoo is spokesman in the House. I could answer this question and will. The unfortunate situation arose that a vacancy in Fort Smith was filled by a teacher on staff. This vacancy came up in the course of the school year and was filled as per the requirement in the collective agreement we have with the teachers' association. It was filled by a teacher on staff, on strength, who lived in Coppermine. The vacancy the Member is referring to now relates to the opening created in Coppermine.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mr. McCallum.

Supplementary To Question 20-84(1): Teaching Position In Coppermine

MR. McCALLUM: Well, Mr. Speaker, I guess that is the point I am trying to make here. That the position in Coppermine was an indeterminate position and that a person on staff in Coppermine applied for a determinate position in Fort Smith. Now there is a position vacant in Coppermine. People applied for that position, Mr. Speaker, including a graduate of the Northwest Territories teacher education program who was not given an interview for the job. Now I do recognize that it may be a policy of the department or of the government because of an agreement, but it is my concern now that this position that is open in Coppermine will be advertised across the Territories and perhaps even in the South. So the cost of transporting this teacher, who already had a job, to Fort Smith to fill a casual or determinate position will be an expense. The expense of bringing somebody in to Coppermine will be an additional expense. I want to know of the Minister whether, in fact, it is the policy of the government to advertise for such positions regardless of whether in education, in the community first, the area second, the region third, and the Territories finally, before going south. If that is the policy I commend him for it. If it is not the policy and there is a difficulty with the agreement, can the Minister tell me what the department of the government intends to do with such a policy that I suggest to you is wrong?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Further Return To Question 20-84(1): Teaching Position In Coppermine

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, I could not agree with the honourable Member more. I would just point out that it is a policy that is required by the legal obligations we have under the collective agreement. It is obviously wrong in situations like this and unfair to residents of the communities where these openings come up. It is also costly. I can tell the Member that this government is very concerned about this requirement in our collective agreement and furthermore, that we have already initiated discussions with the teachers' association with a view to revising the collective agreement in that respect. I must also say that the indications from the teachers' association, even dating back prior to this incident, are that they agree. The teachers' association will support revisions which would eliminate this sort of thing happening. I may just finally add, Mr. Speaker, that it is certainly our desire to hire locally, to hire north, and to hire in the region where vacancies occur. Particularly it is our desire to hire graduates of our own teacher education programs. I was very distressed to learn that someone who might have been available to fill this job was not given an interview and all I can tell the Member is that that particular individual has received a personal apology from the Commissioner. I will just hope that with the good will of the teachers' association that this sort of absurd situation can be corrected in future by appropriate amendments to begin with. Thank you.

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

MR. MacQUARRIE: Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Health and Social Services who may or may not be gallivanting somewhere. I am not sure, but I believe that the honourable Mr. Wray is going to receive questions and since I have a meeting coming shortly in which this information is involved, I would like to ask it now.

MR. SPEAKER: I beg your pardon, Mr. Patterson.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: A point of privilege.

MR. SPEAKER: A point of privilege, Mr. Patterson.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I have a letter to all Members of the Legislative Assembly dated February 6 from the Hon. Bruce McLaughlin stating that on this day he will be in Cambridge Bay for a meeting with the Kitikmeot social services committee regional meeting. I would, in light of that, ask whether the Member from Yellowknife Centre, would consider withdrawing the pejorative adjective "gallivanting" in reference to an honourable colleague. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: As to the point of privilege, it is very doubtful that this is a point of privilege. However, it may be a point of fact, Mr. Patterson, and possibly without getting into any unnecessary wrangle maybe some accommodation might be reached. If not, would you proceed with your question, Mr. MacQuarrie?

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: He sits beside me!

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Accommodation to the point where I recognize the letter and it was a flippant word, "gallivanting". At the same time a serious question arises as to the obligations of Ministers, first to this House or to other bodies. If there are other bodies who would like Ministers to be in attendance there are weekends to hold meetings when they can attend them, while the Legislative Assembly session is on.

Question 21-84(1): Assessment Of Need For Nursing Home In Yellowknife

The questions that I have to ask are -- if Mr. Wray is going to receive the information -- in the 1983-84 budget, \$60,000 was identified for an assessment for the need for a nursing home in Yellowknife. I would like to see the results of that assessment if I could please. I would appreciate it being tabled in the House.

The other question was, in the finance Minister's speech yesterday, he indicated that major construction activities include the planning...

MR. SPEAKER: Pardon me, Mr. MacQuarrie let us deal with one question at a time. We have a question for material. Would someone on the government side be able to answer the honourable Member, whether that material is available and when it might be presented? Mr. Wray.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I will take that question under notice but I would point that oral questions are of an urgent and pressing nature and this would perhaps better have been asked as a written question. I would like to also point out to the Member that the meeting which the Minister is presently attending was considered sufficiently important enough that the two Members who are not in the House accompanied him on the trip. I do not think it is a meeting that the Minister just decided at the top of his head to go to. He was requested by Members of this House to attend the meeting and went with them.

MR. McCALLUM: A point of privilege, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: With regard to this matter I will accept no more points of privilege because points of privilege must be raised by the Member who was mentioned who was Mr. McLaughlin. He is not in the House so no point of privilege may be raised in regard to this matter.

MR. McCALLUM: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: All right.

MRS. SORENSEN: Right on!

MR. SPEAKER: On a point of order.

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order on page 46, Rule 54 of the rules of this Legislative Assembly dealing with problem of questions, Rule 53 and Rule 54(1) at the top of the page of the rule book says: "Upon the order of business 'oral questions' being called, question relating to public affairs may be put without notice." It goes on to part (2) about the conciseness and clearness of it. It has nothing to do, for the Member's information, about questions of emergency. I thought, sir, you made that abundantly clear yesterday when you replied to the Leader of the Government and any reference to that kind of question, I think, is not to be held within this House anymore. The rules have been changed. Read the rule book, boys! The ball game has changed and you did it.

MR. SPEAKER: It is in the book. Now, Mr. MacQuarrie, have you another question?

MR. MacQUARRIE: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I hope at some appropriate point the honourable Member who suggested that I was asking questions inappropriately will apologize for doing so.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Forget it!

MR. MacQUARRIE: If I did not make it clear I would like to withdraw that word "gallivanting". It was not in very good taste at all, Mr. Speaker.

---Applause

Question 22-84(1): Plans For Senior Citizens Facilities, Yellowknife

The reason I am asking the questions orally is because as I said I have a meeting Thursday at which I would like to have this information and a written question might go on forever. The question is in the Minister of Finance's budget address yesterday. It said major construction activities, including the planning and development of senior citizens facilities in Yellowknife and went on to list several other places as well. Could I ask the Minister precisely what are the plans for Yellowknife in light of the fact that in the 1983-84 budget \$560,000 was identified for such facilities and yet in this years budget we see only \$300,000 identified for such facilities? So, a clear explanation of what is planned, please.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will take that question under notice, again, and I will retract my remarks about the question. I am glad to see the Members at "coffin corner" have taken up where the former Members have left off.

MR. McCALLUM: It goes with the seat.

HON. GORDON WRAY: That is right.

MR. SPEAKER: Order. Oral questions. There do not appear to be any further oral questions. Item 5, written questions. Mr. Erkloo.

ITEM 5: WRITTEN QUESTIONS

Question 23-84(1): RCMP For Hall Beach

MR. ERKLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a written question directed to the Minister of Justice regarding the Hall Beach RCMP. When I was in Igloolik I had a meeting with the members of the RCMP and the hamlet council of Igloolik. I was told at that time that the RCMP were ready to move to Hall Beach but there was no housing. I also have a copy of a letter to the Minister of Justice

dated January 30, 1984. The letter was written by the hamlet council of Hall Beach requesting the services of the RCMP. They also indicate that the housing association in Hall Beach agreed to provide housing for the RCMP. Can the Minister tell me when a member of the RCMP will move to Hall Beach to be stationed there? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Erkloo. Possibly you can get together with the Clerk on the form of a written question. He might give you a little assistance. It has got to be a little clearer. I think the intent of your question, they know the intent so they will not have any trouble with it, but if you can see the Clerk he will inform you how to write a written question. Are there any further written questions? Mrs. Sorensen.

Question 24-84(1): Yellowknife Greenhouse Experiment

MRS. SORENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a written question for the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism. During the early 1970s the department was involved in a greenhouse experiment which was located on the old correctional institute site at the Yellowknife River. Please provide the objectives of that project, the cost, including capital cost of the project, and finally the results of the study and the project. What was learned about the operation of a greenhouse in Yellowknife?

MR. SPEAKER: Written questions. That appears to have concluded written questions for today. Item 6, returns. Are there any returns? The honourable Mr. Wray.

ITEM 6: RETURNS

Return To Question 8-84(1): Replacement Of Burned House, Sanikiluaq

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In response to oral Question 8-84(1) asked by Mr. Appaqaq on February 3rd with regard to the house destroyed in Sanikiluaq I am pleased to inform him that the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation maintains a yearly capital budget to repair and replace fire damaged units in the public housing program. Funds will be committed in 1984-85 to replace the unit recently damaged in Sanikiluaq.

---Applause

HON. TOM BUTTERS: That is action.

MR. SPEAKER: Are there any further returns?

MR. MacQUARRIE: Self praise is the only kind you are going to get.

MR. SPEAKER: Item 7, petitions. Mr. Arlooktoo.

ITEM 7: PETITIONS

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) Mr. Speaker, I have Petition 3-84(1), Request from Lake Harbour for Wildlife Officer, which is directed to the Minister of Renewable Resources. There is no game officer in Lake Harbour and they are asking for a game officer. There is housing available there for the officer plus an office for him. There is also a skidoo there. This position is for the wildlife officer referred to in Lake Harbour.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Any further petitions?

Item 8, reports of standing and special committees. Item 9, tabling of documents. Mr. Curley.

ITEM 9: TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Mr. Speaker, I would like to table the following document: Tabled Document 8-84(1), National Energy Board Report in the Matter of a Public Inquiry into Matters Relating to the Northern Canada Power Commission. I think this document is of interest to the Members and we have only been able to provide a summary of the recommendations of the report in the Inuktitut language. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Tabling of documents. Item 10, notices of motion. Mr. Ballantyne.

ITEM 10: NOTICES OF MOTION

Notice Of Motion 12-84(1): Support For The Constitutional Alliance

MR. BALLANTYNE: Mr. Speaker, I wish to give notice that on Thursday, February 9th, I will move the following motion: That the 10th Assembly of the Northwest Territories confirm its support of the Constitutional Alliance and the Western and Nunavut Constitutional Forums. And further, I will move, seconded by the honourable Member for Aivilik, that the 10th Assembly appoint Mr. Nick Sibbeston, Mr. Bob MacQuarrie to the Western Constitutional Forum and Mr. Dennis Patterson, Mr. Elijah Erkloo to the Nunavut Constitutional Forum for the purpose of representing its interests. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Notices of motion. Mrs. Sorensen.

Notice Of Motion 13-84(1): COPE Land Claim Agreement

MRS. SORENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to give notice of motion that on Thursday, February 9th, I will move the following motion: Now therefore, I move that this House requests that the Minister of Aboriginal Rights immediately contact the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and the leadership of COPE to urgently request that copies of the recently signed COPE land claim agreement be made available to all Members of this Legislature of the NWT so that they may be informed of the contents.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Notices of motion. That appears to clear up notices of motion for today.

Item 11, notices of motion for first reading of bills.

Item 12, motions. Mr. Curley.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: No, thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Item 13, first reading of bills. Mr. Butters, do you have any bills you wish to give first reading to today?

HON. TOM BUTTERS: No, thanks, tomorrow.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Butters. One is never sure.

Item 14, second reading of bills. Item 15, consideration in committee of the whole of bills and other matters. Bill 1-84(1), Appropriation Ordinance, 1984-85 and Tabled Document 4-84(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 1-84(1), APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, 1984-85 AND TABLED DOCUMENT 4-84(1)

Bill 1-84(1), Appropriation Ordinance, 1984-85 And Tabled Document 4-84(1)

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): The committee will now come to order. Does the committee agree to have the Minister bring in his witness?

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For the record, would the Minister identify his witness, please?

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Chairman, my witness is the deputy minister of Justice and Public Services, Stien Lal.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you, Mr. Minister. We were on general comments yesterday. I would like to ask the Members of the committee if there are any further general comments that Members would wish to make? If there are no further general comments, will the committee agree to deal with the details of the budget items under the Department of Justice?

---Agreed

Department Of Justice And Public Services

Would Members turn to page 8.04 under the Department of Justice, under directorate. We will first deal with the O and M items.

Directorate, Total O And M, Agreed

Total O and M for the directorate, \$840,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Court Services, Total O And M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Court services, total O and M, \$3,394,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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

MR. MacQUARRIE: Mr. Chairman, this section includes I believe, programs and so on. As the deputy minister is aware, perhaps the Minister as well, I have had a concern with respect to the make-up of coroners' juries. Some of my constituents who represent the labour movement have been concerned in the past that there has not been a good balance on coroners' juries. From their point of view they recognize that the recommendations that are made by these juries can have an impact on working conditions. They want to be satisfied that the judgments are thorough and objective and they feel that can only be achieved if there is a suitable balance on these juries and they agree that in the past they have been too heavily weighted by representatives of management and other parties. I have put this request earlier and I know some work was ongoing but I would like to ask the Minister whether that matter has been addressed finally and, if so, how?

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

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Chairman, just a brief explanation in further response to the Member's questions. The Coroners Ordinance requires that where the coroner is of the opinion that it is practical to sit with a jury he or she shall sit with a jury. The jury is selected in an impartial manner under the Jury Ordinance. My officials informed me of the concern raised to the make-up of juries in mining accident cases and the department is in the process of revising the Coroners Ordinance to ensure that the provisions of selection of juries are brought up to date and there is absolute fairness in the selection of juries. In the interim, appropriate steps have been taken to ensure fairness in the selection of juries.

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

MR. MacQUARRIE: If there are revisions being made in the legislation or the recommendations can I ask when we will likely see that before this House?

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

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: The anticipated time period is between six months to a year to do a complete revision of the ordinance. In the interim, as I indicated, we will try to ensure that the selection of the juries is quite fair. When there is still a process of trying, the reporting of the types of amendments would take place to me, my department. We have not had the opportunity to go through it thoroughly, what the revisions might be and how we might proceed with the process of amending the ordinance so that it would receive appropriate public or, in fact, Members' participation in those kinds of amendments.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Back to total O and M for court services, \$3,394,000. Mr. McCallum.

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, could I have from the Minister or his deputy minister, some enlightenment about the recruitment and training of justices of the peace and/or coroners?

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

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: I will ask my deputy minister to respond.

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

MR. LAL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, the Department of Justice and Public Services has a staff of three that is employed primarily in the justice of the peace area and the coroners' program. There is a position of justices of the peace training officer. This individual is a lawyer by training. He is also in charge of the initial recruitment process of justices of the peace. He obtains advice from the settlement council or village council or the town council involved in respect of suitable candidates. He is also directed to consult the band council, the RCMP and any other organizations that play an important role in the community. After he has carried out an initial check about the suitability of this individual to become a justice of the peace he makes a recommendation to me as deputy minister. I in turn, if I concur with that recommendation, make a similar recommendation to the Minister who in turn authorizes the appropriate papers to be prepared for the appointment of this individual as a justice of the peace or a coroner. In reference to the RCMP, I should add that the present practice is to use the RCMP only to check the credentials of the proposed candidate and not to check his suitability as a judge or a justice of the peace.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you, Mr. Lal. The honourable Member for Slave River.

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, just a supplementary regarding the appointment of coroners. It is not necessary then, to act as a coroner, to be a medical practitioner? Or is it advisable?

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

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Presently it is not a qualification that is looked at in determining who a coroner might be. In some cases it may be practical. In other cases it may not be. As I said, it is not a qualification that we look at in determining or in naming of coroners.

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

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, then is there a position of chief coroner of the Territories and if so, is that person a medical practitioner?

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

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: I will allow my deputy minister to speak to that.

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

MR. LAL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The chief coroner for the Northwest Territories retired on 31st of January, 1984. The position has, as yet, not been filled, although we expect the position will be filled very shortly. I am hopeful that our present justice of the peace training officer, who is the most senior officer in that section, will be the next chief coroner. He is a lawyer by training and not a doctor or medical practitioner. The former chief coroner was also not a medical doctor.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you, Mr. Lal. Court services, total O and M, \$3,394,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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

MR. MacQUARRIE: Mr. Chairman, in the past in this House there has been talk about trying to ensure the location of some territorial court judges in other communities in the Northwest Territories -- possibly Inuvik and Frobisher Bay. I do not see anything in the budget that would indicate that there is anything going ahead in that area this year. Could I have a comment from the Minister as to what the plans are in respect to that?

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

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: With regard to the placement of judges in other regions, presently we are contemplating the idea of placing a judge in the Baffin Region, particularly in Frobisher Bay. But we are still assessing the costs associated to such a placement. Maybe I could ask my deputy minister to give a further response to that particular placement.

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

MR. LAL: Mr. Chairman, just to supplement my Minister's comments, his predecessor had directed the department to carry out a detailed study about the feasibility of placing a territorial judge in the Baffin Region. That study has been conducted; it was an in-house study. The department has since received direction to look at the fiscal impact of that placement in the Baffin Region. I expect that it will be completed shortly and when it is I presume Mr. Nerysoo would like to move that decision paper before the Executive Council for consideration of the Executive Council.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you, Mr. Lal. Total O and M, \$3,394,000. Mr. McCallum.

MR. MCCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, one question of the Minister. Of the other O and M, \$1,714,000, could I have an indication as to the costs -- I anticipate that this includes the cost of the court party travel arrangements -- could I have just an idea of what percentage or what amount of that \$1.7 million is taken up by travelling costs for the court party?

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

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: I do not have the exact amount, but I believe it is very close to a million dollars. I would be prepared to provide the actual costs over the past year, on that particular question, if the honourable Member could wait for later today or maybe tomorrow.

Court Services, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Are there any further questions on total O and M, \$3,394,000 for court services? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Legal Aid, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. Legal aid, total O and M, \$1,547,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Legal, Total O And M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. Legal, total O and M, \$1,144,000. Mr. McCallum.

MR. MCCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I have the concern of the public trustee office which provides for the administration of estates and I recognize that at the present time there are not that many people involved with this particular division or part of this division of the department. Nevertheless, there are instances where the settlement of estates has taken, to some people's minds, an inordinate period of time to complete. I wonder if the Minister then would indicate just the number of people who are involved with the public trustee office and the difficulties that are associated with settling estates. I know of one instance of an estate where it has been going on for four years, and I wonder if the Minister or the deputy minister could provide some information on that aspect.

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

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: I will allow my deputy minister to reply to that particular question.

MR. LAL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Presently there are three individuals who are involved in the public trustee function. There is the public trustee who is also the chief of the legal division. He is a lawyer by training. There is a public trustee officer who reports to the public trustee and there is one support staff. Mr. Chairman, the public trustee is obligated under the Public Trustee Ordinance to look after the estates of minors, mentally incompetent persons and certain intestates. The particular instance that the honourable Member is referring to has indeed taken considerable time, but I understand the reason why it has taken that much time is because the deceased had relatives in several countries of the world and the public trustee's office has been attempting to track those relatives down and has been involved in distributing the estate equitably between those relatives. The process sometimes does take an inordinate amount of time, but through my Minister, Mr. Chairman, I can assure the honourable Member that every effort will be made to wind that estate down as quickly as possible.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you, Mr. Lal. Mr. McCallum.

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I appreciate the comments of the honourable Member. Without going into the individual concerned, it is a considerable concern by some people as to just what has occurred or what has happened to all the papers associated with this estate, because there are papers that I think are relevant to a great number of things that have occurred in the past in the Northwest Territories in the field of medicine. I would just like to have some idea or some indication from the Minister or his deputy minister that these personal effects, that could have a great relevance to the medical field in the Territories in the future and across other areas of Canada, that these papers are being looked after and safeguarded so they may, upon the finalization of the estate, then be placed in the proper area. In some cases it may very well be to the Heritage Centre or the territorial archives or even be of some value to the Department of Health.

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

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Chairman, certainly we will look into ensuring the safekeeping of the particular estate and for information I could ask my deputy minister to respond to that.

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

MR. LAL: Mr. Chairman, the papers in question that the honourable Member is referring to have to my knowledge been sent to a publisher with a view to exploring whether there would be the possibility of publishing those papers. The Public Trustee Ordinance places the highest obligation on the public trustee to maintain and preserve the assets of an estate, and I can assure the honourable Member through my Minister that every effort has been made to preserve and protect the assets of this individual. I would, Mr. Chairman, with your permission, submit a written response to the honourable Member's concerns after doing a thorough investigation into this estate.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you, Mr. Lal. Any further questions under legal, O and M? Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: I notice, Mr. Chairman, that there is an increase of one person year in continuing positions. Could I ask hopefully whether that position is in the legislation division or is it elsewhere?

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: I can answer that, and I believe it is yes. If I am correct I believe that it is involved in the legislation area. In fact it is a Micom operator to actually develop the appropriate legislation and regulations to address some of the concerns. I believe that is the position.

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

MR. LAL: Mr. Chairman, my Minister is absolutely correct when he says that we have added a position in the legislation division. That position, however, was only recently approved. It is not the position that is reflected in this document here. The position that is reflected here is an additional person year in the legal registries section of the department. It is a transfer from the legal aid division to the legal registries.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you, Mr. Lal. Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The reason I asked that question and I am not sure it satisfies my concern but as chairman of the standing committee on legislation, I am aware sometimes of delays in getting legislation before the committee. Now I do not entirely blame the legislation division for that. I recognize it is departments that do not come forward early enough and perhaps the Executive Council itself, but I am also aware that there is a great deal of work involved in preparing the legislation. I am not commenting at all about the quality of the work because I have said in this House before and still say that the work generally I find done by that division is excellent. Certainly the chief of the division is a very competent person, but I am wondering -- another example of a delay is that I know we approved changes to the mining safety regulations more than a year ago now. I know that a particular person was very important in drawing up the regulations that would go along with that ordinance, but there was a long delay there. So I am wondering whether the new position that has been identified is going to be adequate to handle the workload and whether someone who has legal expertise should not also -- if an additional person year is not also needed in that department or division.

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

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: I apologize. I misled the House on the position. As the deputy minister has indicated, it is a transfer from legal aid to legal registries. However, I want to inform the Member that just recently I had the opportunity to make a presentation to my Executive Council colleagues who in fact approved an additional position that would, in fact, serve the legislation section so that we could have an additional permanent man year that could deal with that particular section. I realize the concern the Member has raised and I have already tried to address it through getting a commitment from the Executive Council for an additional man year that has not been identified in this particular budget but we have received approval and consent from my Executive Council colleagues.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you, Mr. Minister. We will now take a 15 minute coffee break. Thank you.

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The committee will come to order. We were dealing with legal, O and M, \$1,144,000. Mr. McCallum.

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, yesterday I asked in relation to revenues, whether there were any other agencies, corporations, boards or whatnot for which the department, through this particular division, provides legal advice and services. The deputy minister indicated that it was the opinion of the department that there is a clear distinction between the services provided to the Housing Corporation and those provided to other boards. The Housing Corporation was a unique arrangement because the services were provided to the board, or rather to the corporation as a whole. I wonder, Mr. Chairman, whether that opinion of the deputy minister and of the Minister is the definitive opinion or whether there will be any kind of re-evaluation or reassessment of the legal services and advice that this division provides to other corporations so that there would be, I am not too sure of the terminology, it may be contra-billing, or some other similar arrangement made. I am not too sure that the Housing Corporation is that unique in receiving the services of the legal division. The services and advice of this division of the Department of Justice and Public Services are provided to other agencies or boards. In my opinion, which may not count very much, it may be worth while looking at in an attempt to get that kind of revenue, to increase the revenue. It seems to me, with all due respect to the deputy minister, that this, the services and advice that are given to boards and agencies, are not just peculiar or particular to the Housing Corporation. So I wonder if I may ask of the Minister and deputy minister if they would review that kind of decision to maybe take a look at other corporations and other boards.

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

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Chairman, I do not have any serious problem with the idea of having a review of the legal services that we are providing to other boards and to the departments internally. In fact it might show us a method where we might provide better services to the department and the boards that are associated with government. I have no problems with the idea at all. I could even suggest that I could recommend to my department that such a review take place.

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

MR. MCCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I thank the Minister very much for that, because that is the point of it all. I know it is done in other departments of the government, that there is a return on the kind of advice, for example with computer services. It seems to me that the department does provide a great deal of legal advice and services to agencies, government departments, boards, etc. To single out only one for this -- I appreciate the Minister's remarks and if he will take a look at the whole question of it with a review in the department that is very satisfactory to me.

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

MR. APPAQAQ: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to know concerning the ordinance of co-ops, companies which are responsible to this or if you are responsible for the policies of the Hudson's Bay Company or of the co-ops. Are you responsible for them through the government ordinances? That is what I want to know.

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

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Chairman, I will allow my deputy minister to respond to that particular question.

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

MR. LAL: The answer is no, the Department of Justice and Public Services is not responsible for legislation that deals with co-ops or the Hudson's Bay Company. I believe the Hudson's Bay Company was formed under a royal charter from England. The Department of Justice, however, is responsible for Companies Ordinance which provides for registration mechanisms and policing of registration procedures as they apply to companies that are either formed in the Northwest Territories or that carry on business in the Northwest Territories.

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

MR. APPAQAQ: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have seen some problems at the co-ops when I was working for them. They are operating in different operations I know. People who work at the companies, if they are working for a long term, perhaps 25 years, they could be recognized and they get some benefits from those companies even when they are not working. Also it is the same with government. However, I have been studying the co-op and I have been working for them. There is nobody operating like that. Even if I had been working for them for 25 years if I quit today they would just leave me and they would not give me any benefits. They do not even intend to think about my children or the fact that I have children because they are operating in that way. I think that all the companies in Canada, any kind of companies should be treated the same way but it is different through the co-ops. I have studied it myself. I have thought about quitting working for them because of this. There are lots of people working for them and they are qualified workers but some of them tend to lose interest in working for the co-op in the future. There are no benefits in the past, it is no fun, it is not interesting, it is not useful to work for them when there are no benefits at the end. It is what I wanted to say, thank you.

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

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes, Mr. Chairman, with regard to any role that we have in co-operatives in the Northwest Territories, I believe that particular issue is the responsibility of the Department of Economic Development and Tourism because it is within that department that we provide financial assistance to the co-operatives in the Northwest Territories.

Legal, Total 0 And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Any further questions on legal, total 0 and M, \$1,144,000? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Police Services Agreement, Total O and M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. Police services agreement, total O and M, \$14,412,000. Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: I thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have one question in the area of the police services agreement. I wonder if the Minister could explain which historical non-police functions that have been discontinued elsewhere will continue to be carried out by the RCMP in the Northwest Territories?

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

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Chairman, I believe that it might be of interest to the Member that we file a written submission on that particular issue to the question that he has raised.

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

MR. BALLANTYNE: That would be acceptable, Mr. Chairman, if the Minister would file a written submission.

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

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, may I have an indication from the Minister about the total complement of RCMP officers in the Territories; the number of new additional personnel and the number of native personnel now being employed as peace officers?

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

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes, Mr. Chairman, we could again file a written detailed submission on that particular issue. I believe that the complement of RCMP officers in the Northwest Territories is approximately 157. I would have to look at further information on that. I can give it to you in detail providing the specifics of the question that the Member has asked.

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

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I would appreciate that information. Would the Minister indicate whether there are any new or additional personnel being allocated by the agreement to the Northwest Territories for this coming year, that is in 1984-85?

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

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Chairman, I could say that in 1983-84 an additional six officers were approved in the agreement. We are anticipating an additional five will be approved in 1984-85 budget but the agreement for that increase has not been concluded yet. We are still in the process of negotiating and trying to work out a solution to the increase.

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

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I would be very interested in learning of the conclusion of those negotiations. If I may ask the Minister, would he indicate to the committee where these five new personnel would be located?

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

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I would certainly be prepared to provide the information when we conclude the discussions with the RCMP and have concluded the negotiations as to where and at what time those officers will be in place.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Any further questions? Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Could I ask the Minister whether this government has a comprehensive policy with respect to the establishment of new detachments in the Northwest Territories? I know in the past House we sometimes had motions coming in where people felt the need existed in a particular

community and they were passed and I believe there was response to it, but that seems not to be a very desirable way to approaching the whole problem. Can I ask whether there is a policy with clear criteria and a plan for the establishment of these detachments?

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

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Chairman, through you to the honourable Member, we are in the process of developing criteria by which we approve the establishment of either detachments or respond to requests for additional officers in particular communities, but particularly with regard to opening of RCMP detachments that issue has been now raised as an item of negotiation with the RCMP and I certainly am prepared to provide the information as quickly as possible to the Member so he can be aware of the issues. There are five particular issues and I can read them into the record and then provide them to the honourable Member through a formal letter.

The issues are: "1) Notwithstanding any existing detachments any settlement with a population of 300 or more may be considered for a detachment. 2) All requests for detachments shall be directed to the Government of the Northwest Territories. 3) All new detachments will have an establishment of at least two members. 4) The RCMP will officially open any new detachment only after suitable accommodation and manpower has been provided. 5) Subsequent to suitable accommodation being available the RCMP will require a minimum of two years to plan, budget and install any new detachment. 6) Approval from the RCMP is required from the commissioner of the RCMP." Those are at present the issues for the negotiation table and hopefully we conclude with those items in place but I guess that is still open to negotiation and it may be that the criteria from the perspective of the RCMP may be a little more thorough and a bit more detailed, but I just wanted to make you aware of that.

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

MR. PUDLUK: (Translation) Mr. Chairman, I think you have misheard about the police. In Arctic Bay they have been requesting RCMP and it has been impossible all along. They have requested two RCMP in Arctic Bay quite a few miles away and they are concerned about this. Arctic Bay settlement has been longer in existence than Strathcona Sound so they should have RCMP there. For example when they called the RCMP to go to Arctic Bay they took a long time to get over to Arctic Bay from Nanisivik when there are some problems happening due to drinking. When they request them from Arctic Bay they take a long time to go to Arctic Bay and sometimes they come late. It is impossible to get to Arctic Bay but now if it is possible they are requesting RCMP in Arctic Bay because the RCMP from Nanisivik take a long time to get to Arctic Bay. Arctic Bay would like their own detachment of RCMP. These are two different communities, Nanisivik and Arctic Bay. Arctic Bay is run by Inuit according to Inuit culture and drinking causes problems. Also I have a couple of supplementaries. The RCMP used to be decreasing in the communities. There are about \$13 or \$14 million spent for police every place, but in Arctic Bay where they ought to be with the Inuit people they have a problem. The Inuit people who are in the community do not speak English so they want to talk to Inuit people about their problems and their legal rights and they have nobody to talk to. Perhaps the RCMP executives could think about the people in Arctic Bay. Thank you.

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

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: I would certainly be glad to raise that particular issue with the RCMP and to see if we could come to some satisfactory conclusion on it. I just want to indicate to the Member that while this government is spending in this budget \$14 million, the actual cost of having the RCMP up in the NWT is somewhere in the neighbourhood of \$28 million because we are only paying approximately 50 per cent of the total cost to have the RCMP in the Northwest Territories.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Police services agreement. Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the Minister the cost of providing houses for RCMP officers. Is it contained in the agreement, is that a responsibility of the territorial government or is that part of the total package?

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

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Chairman, the actual cost of providing housing is cost-shared with this government and the federal government and the officer who lives in the particular residence is charged a certain rent that that individual must pay as rent.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Any further questions on police services agreement? Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: I just have one. Has the territorial government ever considered having a territorial police force?

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

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: I want to indicate to the Member, through you, Mr. Chairman, that that idea has been considered by the government and maybe I could allow my deputy minister to respond further to that.

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

MR. LAL: Mr. Chairman, this idea was, to the best of my knowledge, raised about seven or eight years ago and a feasibility study was then conducted by the Department of Justice and Public Services and debated by the Legislative Assembly. At that time, and I am speaking from memory, I believe it was felt that the cost was too exorbitant to start a constabulary in the Northwest Territories. The RCMP, however, has been made very aware of the need for employing native people in the police force and under what is called the 3B program with the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development native people are employed in the RCMP as special constables to augment the force. It is the intention of the department, I believe, to increase the number of natives employed in the RCMP and perhaps at a later date when the time is ripe the concept of a territorial police force may be reconsidered again.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you, Mr. Lal. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Supplementary to the question, I guess the RCMP force has been built up quite a bit. One of my main concerns is that they are highly qualified in crime prevention and solving crimes but there are a lot of incidents in the communities which do not require that highly qualified a person. A good example of what I am talking about is in Alaska where the native people have what they call "public safety officers". These people do not carry guns or anything but definitely they do as good a job as the RCMP.

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

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Maybe I could allow my deputy minister to respond.

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

MR. LAL: Mr. Chairman, the department has made a study of the Alaska situation and the public safety officers program that the honourable Member refers to. The special constable program that the RCMP has is perhaps a comparable Canadian version of the Alaska model. The idea of public safety officers in the Northwest Territories has certainly not been abandoned. I can assure the honourable Member that we will continue this study and perhaps be able to make recommendations in the very near future to the Minister about instituting a similar program in the Northwest Territories.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you, Mr. Lal. Police services agreement. Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the Minister, is there provision in the agreement to allow for extraordinary pressure on the police system because of major resource development. If there is, would that be cost-shared under the same formula as the existing agreement or would the federal government pick up a larger share of the extra cost?

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

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Chairman, any increases at all to the RCMP have to be agreed to by the Government of the Northwest Territories and the RCMP commission, I believe, in order for any increases to occur. I believe that during negotiations, certainly you can raise the item of increased services being required because of resource development but it is only part of the negotiation. It is not an add-on because, as you know, the agreement we have with the Government of Canada is a cost-sharing program and we could not increase the RCMP force unilaterally without their commitment and their agreement.

Police Services Agreement, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Police services agreement, total O and M, \$14,412,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Safety And Mining, Total O And M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. Safety and mining, total O and M, \$1,944,000. Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: I have two questions. The first one is, I understand that last year the government was working on an emergency measures ordinance. I understand that that has not come before the House. Could you, Mr. Minister, please explain the status of that particular ordinance?

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

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: The ordinance is actually the Civil Emergency Measures Ordinance and it in fact received approval of this House and has been proclaimed.

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

MR. BALLANTYNE: My information was wrong. I understood from the Assembly's lawyer it had not been passed. I am glad that it has been. I have another question but perhaps somebody else would like to ask something in the interim.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Are there any further questions? Mr. Minister.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: With regard to the ordinance itself I will certainly check with the legal people that I have with me to ensure that the information I have received is correct.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. Are there any further questions on safety and mining? Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My next question is that when the Minister goes through his proposed departmental review, has any thought been given to the concept of the safety and mining division going under the auspices of the Workers' Compensation Board? I think that process has worked fairly successfully in British Columbia. I wonder if the Minister will be considering that as an option as he does his departmental review.

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

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes, Mr. Chairman, the whole purpose of the review that I have requested of my department is in fact to identify where the particular sections that might not be within the Department of Justice should go or in fact reassessment of the whole public service issue to identify where it might best serve this government. Certainly if the suggestion is that the whole question of mine safety would serve us best in the Workers' Compensation Board, I think that recommendation will certainly come from my officials. I certainly am prepared to look at the whole report and to even make some suggestions that might in fact serve the government better, in a sense of providing the best service possible. Certainly the review will take that into consideration.

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

Care And Maintenance Of Fire Extinguishing Systems

MRS. SORENSEN: Mr. Chairman, over the past six or seven months I have had a constituent who has been very interested in the whole area of government and private industry fire extinguishers. As a result of a visit that he made to my constituency office a few months ago I wrote a letter to all the departments in government requesting their procedures and policies with respect to the fire extinguishers that they had on the premises, or planned to have on their premises. One such area

was, of course, the Yellowknife Correctional Centre. I later learned that as a result of problems that they were experiencing up there, they did a thorough check on the fire extinguishers that they had at the Centre. Perhaps that was one reason that the fire that they had out there recently was not so bad. However, the gentleman that came to me has done, as a result of all the letters that we received, a bit of a study with respect to what in fact is actually happening within our government departments and agencies. He is not impressed and I certainly am not impressed with the type of care and maintenance that is being placed on these fire extinguishers because after all if we do not have a fire extinguisher that we can depend on in the government provided accommodations and offices, then there is no point to having it because it just delays putting out the fire.

It is my understanding, Mr. Chairman, that the fire marshal, under the Department of Justice and Public Services, has the authority in areas of fire prevention and suppression. The present policy is to provide a minimum level of fire protection in all organized communities for the basic health and welfare of the inhabitants. Then in the area of portable and fixed fire extinguishing systems maintenance, the policy is enforced by monitoring the effectiveness of maintenance and inspection rather than who is carrying out these duties and how. It comes to mind whether the fire marshal's division is aware of the monitoring system within each department of government that has under its control fire extinguishers -- such as the Department of Public Works or the Housing Corporation -- whether there is an effective monitoring system in place and what system does the fire marshal have to check out whether these monitoring systems are actually being used and are actually effective. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I will allow my deputy minister to respond to that.

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

MR. LAL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Fire extinguishers are tested on a regular basis in all Government of the Northwest Territories and NWT Housing Corporation buildings. Either the Department of Public Works or the housing associations inspect these extinguishers. All other buildings such as garages, hotels, public buildings, etc., are monitored by either the safety division officers or local fire departments. In addition to merely checking fire extinguishers, pressure testing of fire extinguishers is also done at periodic intervals. Pressure testing is done every five years, or in some cases every 12 years. This is also monitored by the safety division.

The concern the honourable Member raises is a very valid one and the department is doing its best to test fire extinguishers to make sure that they are located at strategic points to be of use in case there is a fire. The department has recently, for instance, also carried out a testing service in Inuvik and Frobisher Bay. Several group homes and schools and other official buildings were recently checked out in Inuvik. In Frobisher Bay it was found that most of the fire extinguishers had been tested as recently as 1983. They were found to be in good working condition. Some of the hydrostatic testing, however, has not been done in respect of the Frobisher Bay extinguishers. Mr. Chairman, keeping in view the funding limitations and the staff limitations the department is doing the best that it can. I do not know if one can ever be satisfied with the number of tests that one would like to do but, as I said, keeping in mind the staff commitments the department is doing its best. Now that the honourable Member has raised this concern I can assure the House that there will be an even greater push in this area than there has been to date. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you, Mr. Lal. Mrs. Sorensen.

Maintenance Of Equipment In Smaller Communities

MRS. SORENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Does the fire marshal's office actually have training programs where it teaches people how to carry out proper inspections and how to do the maintenance primarily, I would suppose, in the smaller communities?

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

MR. LAL: Yes, Mr. Chairman. The training is usually combined with the inspection visits that the department officials make in communities. Whenever officials from the department go to these smaller communities they take the opportunity to train people who are interested in fire-fighting. In many of the cases the fire brigades or the fire-fighting organizations are on a voluntary basis and the department takes very keen interest in assisting and training these individuals. In addition to that there is the NWT Fire-fighters Association which provides for the kind of training that the honourable Member was referring to and provides for an exchange of views on the latest ideas and latest information that is available in the fire-fighting area. So a great deal is done by the department in enhancing the training skills of these individuals.

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

MR. MacQUARRIE: Some time ago I had written a letter to the department concerning the view in communities with respect to the "up-to-datedness" of tests of fire extinguishers and the deputy minister has mentioned that these had been carried out in Inuvik and Frobisher Bay. At one point I was given to understand that, even if after reviewing those larger communities the situation seemed to be fine, that some thought would be given to doing a similar review in two or three smaller communities in the Territories just to make sure that things were all right in those communities as well. Can I ask whether that is being carried out or has been carried out?

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

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: I can allow the deputy minister to comment on the latter part of your comments but it is certainly my own personal position that any inspections should include the smaller communities because it seems that they are as much a part of having safety checks as anybody else and certainly that direction will be given to the department very quickly.

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

MR. LAL: Mr. Chairman, only to supplement the Minister's comments, I believe that a review of five or six communities in respect of their fire extinguisher positions and checking of the fire extinguishers is already contemplated and I would expect that in the next short while those communities will be visited and similar testing as was carried out at Inuvik and Frobisher Bay would be carried out in these smaller communities as well.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you, Mr. Lal. Mr. MacQuarrie.

Installation Of Smoke Alarms

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would appreciate getting a copy of the results when that is carried out. Another question related, some time ago again I had written concerning smoke alarms in multi-unit apartment blocks and hotels and so on and in fact the regulations were changed to demand that these be put in place. I would simply ask if I could have an update as to how that program is going. I know we had set a deadline and it was very difficult to meet for a lot of reasons, but I would appreciate knowing whether that has nearly been concluded now in the Northwest Territories.

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

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Chairman, the deputy minister will speak to that.

MR. LAL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have before me a report dated February 3, 1984, indicating the current status of the smoke alarm installations in some of the buildings in Yellowknife and with your permission, Mr. Chairman, I will just read a portion of it out. Fraser Towers: all suites have been completed; hallways are not yet completed but should be finished by the end of this month. Fraser Arms East and West: all suites are completed; hallways are incomplete but should be finished by the end of February. McNiven Place: installations are incomplete due to the illness of the contractor; all suite and hallway installations should be completed by the end of February 1984. This would seem to indicate, Mr. Chairman, that the department is following this obligation very carefully and I can undertake to assure the House that the program will be pursued with full vigour in the next two months.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you, Mr. Lal. Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I would appreciate being kept informed as to the progress with respect to hotels as well, not just apartment blocks.

Premises Under Jurisdiction Of Federal Government

A final question on this section. I note in the preamble it says that the division of safety and mining is responsible for the "investigation of fires and all occupationally related safety and health hazards including inspection of buildings and works areas". Well, at one point a constituent of mine had a concern with respect to the environment in which he was working and asked if I could have it looked at. It was with respect to the intake of exhaust fumes into the building. I did so and I found our own department quite willing to have a look at it until it was discovered that the major tenant was the federal government and then there seemed to be a reluctance. Pursuing it further, I found out the federal government was in fact going to do its own study and so I did not press it at that time, but I would like to know from the Minister whether it is clear that our inspection officers in this division have the right to inspect premises, do studies and make orders with respect to all buildings regardless of who the tenant is.

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

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Chairman, the deputy minister will respond to the question.

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

MR. LAL: Mr. Chairman, the jurisdiction of the division extends to all buildings in the Northwest Territories including those buildings in which the federal government is a primary tenant. However, if the building in question is considered a federal business or undertaking then it would come directly under the jurisdiction of the federal government. I do not perceive a tenancy arrangement as being that situation but, for instance, the Ministry of Transport complex in the Northwest Territories would be completely under federal jurisdiction. We have in the past carried out inspections on federal installations or federal undertakings under an agreement with the federal government whereby the inspection is done by the department on behalf of the federal government, but the primary jurisdiction still resides in the federal government in those situations.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you, Mr. Lal. Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Just so I am clear, do I understand then if there is a building that is owned by someone other than the federal government, even if the federal government were the sole tenant of that building, that our department or our division would have the right to inspect and to make orders with respect to that building?

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

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: I believe the answer is yes.

Safety And Mining, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. Safety and mining, total O and M, \$1,944,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Consumer Services, Total O And M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Consumer Services, total O and M, \$930,000. Mr. McCallum.

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, may I inquire of the Minister the status of the proposed Liquor Ordinance?

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

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: The deputy minister will respond.

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

MR. LAL: Mr. Chairman, the ordinance has been assented to but not yet proclaimed. I believe the reason it has not yet been proclaimed is twofold. Certain administrative arrangements have to be made between the Department of Government Services and the Department of Justice and Public Services which has been handed over part of the responsibility pursuant to the new ordinance. In addition to that, there will be the need to finalize the regulations under the new Liquor Ordinance. It is these two factors that are delaying the proclamation of the ordinance. I would expect the ordinance would be proclaimed in the very near future.

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

MR. ERKLOO: (Translation) Regarding consumer protection, does it fall into the category of consumer services? I think it may have been two years ago that there was a program on consumer affairs through CBC TV. When we know there are high costs rising, particularly in some of the settlements, the northern people are not informed properly regarding consumer affairs. I think for an example of the Bombardier company. Some companies have different kinds of things for sale like retail products and some of the things the people know, that if you look at your skidoo you are able to use it for approximately two years. I think that they should be informed which parts or which equipment are for long-term use and which equipment is not suitable for the people on the skidoo equipment.

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

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I will read a couple of quick comments with regard to improving the services in consumer affairs. "The area of responsibility of this division most needing improvement in services provided is the consumer affairs section. The manner by which the improvement may be effected will be by legislative changes, i.e. the Consumer Protection Ordinance and the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance. The consumer education program has already begun in a small and inexpensive way and should receive a higher degree of emphasis in the future while the development of education programs will be undertaken by the consumer affairs section. The rest of the regions will pose difficulties both in terms of manpower and travel cost. As with other programs and regulatory processes of this division, regional co-operation is a prerequisite to success."

Now, I do not know if that completely gives an answer to the Member but, as I have indicated, we still need to improve this particular section and the programs that are offered. Certainly it is my intention to try to bring together some package, you might say, which could improve the services that are presently being offered by that particular section.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Consumer services, Mr. Gargan.

Protection For Tenant Under Landlord And Tenant Ordinance

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Could we go to the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance? My question is, do you know, under that ordinance, whether there is any provision with regard to the upkeep of apartments or houses or whatever and whether a person renting the place is protected if services are not provided?

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: For a specific response to that I will allow my deputy minister to reply. As I indicated yesterday, there was still a commitment on the part of the Department of Justice and Public Services to review the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance, to try to bring out the faults of the particular legislation. In fact it is not our intention to review the ordinance and the legislation from one perspective only, that being the tenant's, because certainly the landlords have a role to play in developing any new ordinance that might arise from the assessment that takes place with that ordinance. I requested the department to bring forward a submission to me that I might forward to the Financial Management Board to ensure that that particular review takes place both on behalf of the tenants and on behalf of the landlords. What may require further input might be trying to get the kinds of recommendations and suggestions that are made individually by the

landlords and the tenants together. There is no doubt that there will be two different types of opinions, one from the landlords and one from the tenants. We have to find some mechanism to bring them together, be it an individual or group of individuals that can make recommendations as to how we might proceed to either introducing new legislation or amending the present legislation.

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

MR. GARGAN: Just a supplementary question, are the tenants now presently being protected through this ordinance or through this policy with regard to compensation be it fire, flood or whatever?

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

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Chairman, the deputy minister will answer that.

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

MR. LAL: Mr. Chairman, I might take the opportunity to respond to an earlier question that was raised by the honourable Member and just to add to the comments the Minister made. There is no doubt in our minds that the present Landlord and Tenant Ordinance is really quite out of date and needs revision.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. LAL: The ordinance as it stands today has some very minimal obligations as far as maintenance and good repair of the premises is concerned. The major problem is what was identified by Mrs. Sorensen yesterday which is the enforceability of even those minimum provisions. One has to go through a court proceeding to be able to enforce those provisions and we would hope that after the revision, it would be easier for a tenant to force a landlord to carry out necessary repairs.

With regard to the second question that the honourable Member raised, no, there is presently no requirement in the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance requiring the landlord to compensate the tenant for any loss of his belongings arising out of a fire or any other damage caused, unless, of course, the landlord has himself been negligent or has willfully started the fire or caused the damage in which case the tenant may be able to recover compensation but that compensation would be outside the scope of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance. The compensation will be purely arising from the landlord causing harm to the tenant or destroying the tenant's property. The tenants usually are advised -- a prudent tenant would normally seek insurance of his belongings so that if they were destroyed, at least he could claim through an insurance company to obtain some of the compensation for his lost belongings. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you, Mr. Lal. Consumer services, \$930,000. Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Could I ask very briefly first, do we have one consumer services officer and one labour standards officer? Is that correct?

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

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes, that is correct.

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

Need For Additional Positions

MR. MacQUARRIE: Of course, these are areas where there are ongoing problems. I have had constituents who have been very frustrated, for example a person who is having difficulty with wages, with working conditions who goes to the division and finds that the person who is responsible is on holiday and there is no one else knowledgeable to be able to handle these. There are prolonged waiting periods as a result of this, particularly in the area of labour standards and wages where people would like these matters cleared up as quickly as possible. So, I would ask the Minister whether he has plans to bolster those areas or whether there would be at least one other officer who had some knowledge in both areas and could fill in when people are away or whatever. I think it is important that whenever the public comes to these very public offices that there should be somebody there who is available and capable of dealing with the concerns that they bring in.

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

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Chairman, certainly I am prepared, along with the deputy minister, to instruct people to take on that responsibility when the individual that is associated with that responsibility is not available at that particular time.

Just further to the whole question of labour, there is no doubt that the bulk of the concern I have with regard to labour relations is taken into consideration when I talk seriously about the idea of transferring the whole responsibility of labour relations to the Government of the Northwest Territories. Certainly the issue, as I indicated earlier, was raised by the former Minister, George Braden, so I think that with that type of transfer we will be able to respond with increased manpower and financial transfers, so that we will be able to keep up with the kinds of commitments that are necessary to ensure better service.

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

MR. MacQUARRIE: Yes, I am also interested in seeing further transfers in the area of labour although I say that we had better demonstrate that we can handle adequately what we handle before we go looking for more. I am not sure that is being done in these two areas. I am not referring again to the competence of the people in the positions but there are gaps when they are not there and nobody is prepared to deal with it. With respect, I would suggest to the Minister that it is the type of work that someone else simply cannot just up and fill in. A secretary certainly cannot do it. You need somebody who is knowledgeable about the legislation and about what rights the workers have or the consumer and so to me it means looking at another position or two positions to ensure that the work is done when it needs to be done.

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

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: I believe that in the past the responsibility was given to senior officers within the Department of Justice and Public Services and I think that no doubt we require a commitment on the part of Members here to seek the necessary funds or manpower to ensure that work is carried out. Certainly I can go forward to the Executive Council and submit to them some submission. But the suggestion that we are not taking care of the responsibilities we have now, I think, is wrong because the reality is that the people that we have there are in fact taking on the responsibility and performing the duties they have been given to the best of their ability. I think that we have, in one case, the Labour Standards Board which is in fact responsible for one case so they have a certain responsibility. The other role of consumer affairs, certainly we will try to improve upon that particular section, but that can only occur if we receive the commitment of my Executive colleagues and of the people in this House.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you, Mr. Minister. We will take 15 minutes coffee break.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): I think we have a quorum now. Mr. MacQuarrie.

Motion To Investigate Need For Additional Staff

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We have just been dealing with the question of consumer services which includes consumer affairs officers and labour standards officers and I have a motion with respect to that, Mr. Chairman, that I have had typed and translated. So if I could ask the Pages to circulate the motion, please. It is a very brief motion, Mr. Chairman, and it is being distributed now. I will make the motion in the interim and then speak to it. I move that the Executive Council investigate the need for an additional consumer affairs officer and labour standards officer.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): The motion is in order. Do you wish to make a comment?

MR. MacQUARRIE: Yes, Mr. Chairman. In speaking to the motion I simply say I am not asserting there is a need for additional staff. I am simply not in a position to really know whether that is the case or not, but I am in a position to know there is a potential need because these are two positions in government that are created for the very purpose of dealing with public concerns and the public anticipates that it has the right to walk into these offices or to phone them to express

concerns that they have and then, of course, they expect that there will be somebody there who is willing and able to deal with those concerns. If there is not -- certainly in the area of labour standards one officer is entitled to holidays and I am sure there are other times when he has to travel or has meetings or whatever -- you find there are circumstances where people would arrive and be frustrated. They are already frustrated when they come because they have problems in these areas. That is why they are coming in the first place. So it seems to me that it is not enough for us to have someone who is not trained or knowledgeable to cover. It is not enough for us to say that somebody at a higher level will cover because I think that the practicalities of life are that when other people at higher levels have their own jobs, and certainly we must assume they have full job descriptions, that it would be difficult for them to set aside their own tasks in order to deal with these special things. So certainly there is a potential problem and I do not wish to give the impression that this has happened frequently, but only very occasionally, where people have expressed to me the concern that they have attempted to have a matter dealt with and found it frustrating because they could not go ahead at the time that they wanted to. So I am merely asking the Executive Council and particularly this department to have a serious look at that area, maybe try to gather statistics and determine whether there is a need. The way in which I have worded the motion I am not calling for necessarily an additional consumer affairs officer and an additional labour standards officer, although that may prove to be what is most desirable, but merely the possibility of in some way combining, having an officer who has some measure of expertise in each of these areas and can cover in them when that is necessary. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Mr. Nerysoo.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the Law Clerk whether or not in fact this motion is directing the Executive Council directly rather than having the Legislative Assembly recommend the direction.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Mr. Law Clerk.

LAW CLERK (Mr. Fuglsang): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As I understand the motion it is asking the Executive Council to investigate the need for an additional consumer affairs officer. I do not think we are dealing with a money type request here and I do not know if it is necessary that it be by recommendation. I am not just sure what kind of distinction the Minister is asking me to make in reference to this. Perhaps if I could have his question again I would appreciate it.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Mr. Nerysoo.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Chairman, I am wondering whether or not the Member is actually directing the Executive Council to do a job rather than recommending that they in fact do it?

LAW CLERK (Mr. Fuglsang): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I understand the motion has been ruled in order. The interpretation of it is certainly open and it strikes me that it is a request to the Executive Council to investigate. If the Executive Council chooses not to, I suppose that is a possibility too. I do not think any legal interpretation is going to satisfy the situation here. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Mr. Nerysoo.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Chairman, maybe I could request some comment from the Clerk as to whether or not it is procedurally correct to in fact direct the Executive Council to carry out the direction rather than recommending. Is it actually directing the Executive Council directly to do something?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): As I understand it, apparently the Clerk does not have to say whether a motion is acceptable or not. It is in order I believe. That is what we said. Mr. Nerysoo, do you want to challenge the motion or what? Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MACQUARRIE: If I could ease the fears of the Minister, I will, for the sake of the public record, say I intend this motion to be taken so that I am recommending to the Executive Council that it investigate the need for an additional consumer affairs officer and labour standards officer.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Mr. MacQuarrie, do you want to withdraw your motion or does somebody want to make an amendment to the motion?

MR. MacQUARRIE: I will leave the motion on the floor and I believe Mr. McCallum would be willing to amend it so that it reads the way it was intended. Then I shall be very careful in the future.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Mr. McCallum.

Amendment To Motion To Investigate Need For Additional Staff, Carried

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I move an amendment to the motion to recommend that the Executive Council investigate the need for an additional consumer affairs officer and labour standards officer.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): The amendment is in order. To the amendment.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Question.

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I do not have anything further. I think the amendment brings about the intent of the motion, for the Executive Council to investigate the need for an additional consumer affairs officer and labour standards officer. I do not think the government should have any difficulty acceding to that request. There has been enough talk by the Member who introduced the motion as to the intent of the motion. I do not think that it requires any further debate so I would call the question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): To the amendment.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): All those in favour. Opposed. The amendment is carried.

---Carried

The motion as amended.

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Point of privilege. I think the motion is taken care of, Mr. Chairman, but I really believe something should be done about the sound system because everyone is going to be deaf pretty soon with all this singing back in the ear and we are trying to listen. I do not know whether we are doing something wrong at our level or we are operating the system wrongly, but it has been just terrible and my ears are just ringing. At this point I do not know how anybody else feels.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): To the motion as amended.

MR. BALLANTYNE: Question.

Motion To Investigate Need For Additional Staff, Carried As Amended

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Question called. All those in favour raise your hands. All those opposed. The motion, as amended, is carried.

---Carried

Can we go back to consumer services, \$930,000? Mr. MacQuarrie.

Violations Of Labour Standards Ordinance

MR. MacQUARRIE: There are certain cases where employers violate labour standards in the Northwest Territories where, after hearings, it is determined that they have done so and some judgment is made against them. Could I ask the Minister whether this government keeps track of those cases, whether it attempts to identify employers who may offend again and again with respect to labour standards and, if so, whether anything is done to try and prevent future violations of labour standards?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Mr. Minister.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Chairman, yes, we do keep a record of the violations to the Labour Standards Ordinance. We do in fact, I believe, file a report on judgments. Maybe I could allow my deputy minister to give more detail to those particular comments.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Mr. Lal.

MR. LAL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I believe the honourable Member is referring to two situations. One where a certificate has been issued by the Labour Standards Board finding an employer in default of the Labour Standards Ordinance. The other pertains to future caution or a system of putting a caveat so that employees would be made aware of the precarious principles of this particular employer.

As far as the former is concerned, as my Minister has just indicated, Mr. Chairman, the Labour Standards Board directs the labour standards officer to file the certificate in a court of law. Once filed the certificate assumes the same importance as a judgment of the court and is enforceable by the same means as a judgment of the court, namely, through attachment of the employer's property and the use of the sheriff's office. The department certainly assists the labour standards officer in doing so. However, in many cases the employer has left the jurisdiction or is not to be found. Every effort is made to locate him and enforce the judgment even in the jurisdiction outside of the Northwest Territories. To my knowledge, however, as far as the latter part of the honourable Member's question is concerned, I do not believe that there is any device that is used to flag this particular employer's unscrupulous practices to bring them to the attention of prospective employees, but Mr. Chairman, the honourable Member raises a very fundamental question. I will be sure to discuss it with my Minister to seek his direction on how best the suggestion can be taken up.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Mr. Minister.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Just further to the suggestion I have made with regard to the review of the Labour Standards Ordinance, that may be an issue that could be dealt with through that particular ordinance as well. Or, the suggestion from the review might indicate that there might be another process or another mechanism that we can utilize. I just wanted to indicate that to the Member.

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

MR. MACQUARRIE: I would certainly appreciate if that were followed up because it is a matter of some concern. I think that offending employers are not always those who are fly-by-night and leaving the Territories, that there are occasional cases where we have employers in the Territories who are stationary but who seem to operate in ways that are not always particularly ethical as far as workers are concerned, when they encounter them. I think that some method of alerting workers to that fact whether it is by publishing certificates of judgment, I do not know, but I think something of that nature should be done and I would urge the Minister to follow up on it.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Mr. Nerysoo.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Certainly I will be prepared to talk to my deputy minister and go so far as to discussing with members of the Labour Standards Board at some time how we might best recommend a solution to that situation.

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

MR. GARGAN: This is with regard to the Liquor Ordinance, before the Young Offenders Act comes into being. One of the concerns is that a lot of young teenagers do get into trouble because of liquor-related offences. I want to know if this government has an intention of maybe raising the legal age to bring it back to 21 or just leaving it at 19.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you, Mr. Gargan. Mr. Minister, do you want to answer that question?

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Chairman, just through you to the Member, we have not considered raising the drinking age to an older age to date. It has been raised in this House previously. I just want to indicate as well that in most jurisdictions the actual drinking age is the age of 18. We are in fact a year above most other jurisdictions in this country.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Are there any more comments on consumer services? Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like some clarification of a decision of the Liquor Licensing Board. Is there an avenue of appeal to a decision of the board and if there is, what is that avenue?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Mr. Minister.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes, the deputy minister will speak to that.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Mr. Lal.

MR. LAL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, there are two avenues open for review of a decision of the Liquor Licensing Board. There is the normal appeal provision which is provided for in the ordinance. If a party can bring itself within the ambit of that provision it would be entitled to pursue an appeal. In addition to that, should the board make a fundamental error of law or should it default in the procedure to be followed, its decision can be reviewed by the supreme court through what is referred to as a prerogative writ under which the courts would have the authority to review the decision and if the court came to the same conclusion that the applicant was pursuing, the board's decision could be reversed. So to conclude, yes, there are two avenues open to appealing a decision of the board.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you, Mr. Lal. Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: So I think both those avenues are a little bit ponderous. There is no direct avenue of appeal to the Minister, is that correct?

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

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Chairman, no, there is no mechanism to appeal directly to the Minister. The board itself is a quasi-judicial board and it serves at arm's length from government and outside the authority of the Minister himself.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mrs. Sorensen.

Classification Of Video Tapes

MRS. SORENSEN: Mr. Chairman, under consumer services I see you have a responsibility for the classification of motion picture theatres and films. I am under the impression that we do have a censor review committee that does review films and that for the most part it follows the Alberta designation for films. Does this committee have the responsibility for video tapes as well? It has been my experience that the video tapes are coming into the Northwest Territories without the designation as to whether it is adult entertainment or restricted entertainment and an awful lot of the time you cannot tell by the cover what the contents are. We know that a lot of children are joining these clubs and renting these video tapes. I am wondering if we could not introduce video tapes as part of the responsibility of this review committee or at least ask that the video clubs that are renting these video tapes have some type of classification so that people at least know what they are renting when they rent them.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you, Mrs. Sorensen. Mr. Minister.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Chairman, I will just give you one part of the answer and ask my deputy minister to continue. The authority of the individuals that are responsible for licensing and classifying motion picture theatres and films does not include video tapes. Maybe I can ask the deputy minister as to how we can legally enforce some of those, particularly in the pornography area.

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

MR. LAL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The review that is carried out of motion pictures is done under an authority granted by an ordinance of this Legislature. It is not really a censor board, but it is an attempt to classify movies, motion pictures, in different categories and the honourable Member is quite right that generally the categorization is based on what the Alberta board of

censors has done. I do not know if the honourable Member is aware of the decision yesterday of the court of appeal of Ontario which held that -- I am attempting here to paraphrase from a newspaper report -- the censor board of the province of Ontario was unconstitutional and that it breached the freedom of speech and the expression of speech, etc. Censor boards generally are running into a great deal of legal difficulty in view of the fundamental rights that are guaranteed under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

As far as video tapes are concerned we do not presently have any territorial legislation that covers that situation. However, there are provisions in the Criminal Code that pertain to pornography and the use of obscene material. If these films or these videos could be brought in that category, certainly the RCMP would be involved and prosecution would ensue under the provisions of the code. Any attempt by this Legislature to legislate in that area would, in my opinion, be unconstitutional since we would be entering a field that is occupied by the federal government, namely, criminal law.

As I am sure the honourable Member is aware, there is presently a parliamentary commission that is studying the subject of pornography and prostitution. I would hope that some strong recommendations would come out of the deliberations of that commission which would result in suitable amendments being made to the Criminal Code which hopefully would allay some of the concerns the honourable Member has raised.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you, Mr. Lal. Mrs. Sorensen.

MRS. SORENSEN: I have a number of questions arising from what you said. Perhaps I should clarify. I am not attempting through my questioning to try to get at this government to remove videos from the market. What I am simply attempting to do is to find a way for this government to be able to force a classification to appear on the videos that are now being rented out. So I am not trying to censor the videos in any way and therefore infringe upon what you say is the federal responsibility, but, rather, to give territorial citizens an opportunity to at least be able to choose their viewing with some measure of information because the jackets simply do not provide -- I will tell you I had a personal experience and this is why I know. Our daughter went down and rented a video and we sat down with our young son and our young daughter and popped some popcorn to watch what we thought was to be a detective story. Five minutes into the program it turned out to be highly pornographic in my opinion. Had we known that it was a restricted movie, our daughter first of all would not have purchased it, at least to our knowledge would not have purchased it, and we would not have sat down to view it. It would have prevented a problem that arose as a result of having to deal with that subject in our home at that time. So I am wondering if we could get clarification that could change matters any, Mr. Minister.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you, Mrs. Sorensen. Mr. Lal.

MR. LAL: Mr. Chairman, technically I do not see any difficulty in introducing legislation that would classify video tapes into different categories. I do, however, see a lot of practical problems associated with being able to enforce that type of legislation. If the unscrupulous dealers presently hide those videos behind fake covers then quite likely they will also conceal the categorization or classification that is allotted to a particular tape, but certainly, as far as the technical aspect of that kind of a process is concerned I see no legal impediment in legislation being introduced to deal with it.

Consumer Services, Total 0 And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you, Mr. Lal. Any more comments? Consumer services, \$930,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Museums/Heritage Division, Total 0 And M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Museums/heritage division, \$1,201,000. Mr. Appaqaq.

MR. APPAQAQ: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I see it is directed to the museums, community museums, grants and contributions, grants to the community museums. The concern I had previously about Sanikiluaq was to do with archaeological programs. We want to be able to have them in the settlement because we do not want the traditional lifestyle lost.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): (Translation) Just a minute, Mr. Appaqaq. We are at page 8.11. Okay.

MR. APPAQAQ: (Translation) Museums, Mr. Chairman. I just mentioned my concern with cultures being lost and we would like control. There are a lot of small communities here in the Northwest Territories and I wonder if the small communities will get grants for their own museums. The amount of moneys stated over here is very much. For instance, they are going to be building a museum in Frobisher Bay and it seems the rest of the small communities have less grants for this purpose. It states it is going to Frobisher Bay and that is the reason we want to have some grants also. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Appaqaq. Mr. Minister.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Chairman, certainly the Department of Justice and Public Services and as well in particular the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre welcomes the suggestion that communities are interested in a program that will assist them in indicating where archaeological sites can be established and in fact what work can take place. It has to be clear that we are prepared to help the communities as long as the communities indicate through a written submission as to what we might do with the community. We must work with the communities in this particular case or in any other case and then once we know what we intend to do from suggestions from the communities, then certainly I do not see any serious problem with us committing funds and working with the community in developing archaeological sites or identifying them. Certainly the intent of the program, the archaeological program is in fact to do that.

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

MR. APPAQAQ: (Translation) Just a supplementary. Probably some time early this spring or summer we would like to see archaeological work done in Sanikiluaq.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Museums/heritage division, \$1,201,000. Mr. McCallum.

Funding For Northern Life Museum, Fort Smith

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, on the grants and contributions to museums there is an amount of \$103,000 and it is indicated on page 8.14 in the detail of the contributions that these moneys are provided to communities based on proposals for museum development. I am in receipt of a letter from the Minister dated February 6, 1984 in which he says that "The proposal for the Northern Life Museum was \$65,000 and both parties agreed to \$50,000." But in the same letter he indicates there is a proposal -- not a proposal, I beg your pardon -- an estimate of requirements for Frobisher Bay for \$35,000 and Pangnirtung of \$10,000. Am I to take it that negotiations between the department and these two bodies have not been concluded as yet and that there is a possibility that those estimates will in fact become proposals or you will get a proposal and that there may be a corresponding prorated reduction between what you estimate and what the proposal will be, in fact what you will give them?

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

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: The funds that were identified is the commitment that we have made to the various museums with the exception of \$8000. At the moment there seem to be five particular communities that are interested in that funding source. We view the suggested \$35,000 and \$10,000 that you indicated as minimal commitments to these museums. We can meet these from the particular current funds that have been identified in the budget.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Anybody else? Mr. McCallum.

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, do I understand the Minister correctly when he says that these are commitments now of \$35,000 to the Frobisher Bay museum and \$10,000 to the Pangnirtung museum? They are not estimates any more, that they are in fact commitments?

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

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Chairman, yes, they are commitments of this government to Frobisher Bay and Pangnirtung.

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

MR. McCALLUM: Would the Minister then indicate to me, from the original proposal of the Northern Life Museum for \$65,000 and the commitment of \$50,000, what made up the difference?

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

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Well, I will allow the deputy minister to give you the details on the issue. I just want to indicate to you that Fort Smith is in fact receiving \$50,000. What we have done with the remaining \$8000 of the \$103,000 we have in the budget -- we have to respond to five other commitments or five other proposals that have been submitted to the Government of the Northwest Territories. So in reality we are caught in a situation that we do not have enough money to totally respond to all of the program requirements. Our commitment is ongoing to the Fort Smith centre.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Anybody else want to make a comment? Mr. McCallum.

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I understood the Minister to say that the deputy minister was going to respond to my question. I fully appreciate the ongoing commitment to the Northern Life Museum by the Department of Justice and Public Services and I fully appreciate that you only have \$8000 left to divvy up between four or five other proposals. Notwithstanding that, may I have an answer to the question?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you, Mr. McCallum. Mr. Lal.

MR. LAL: Mr. Chairman, my Minister has in fact read the gist of this document which deals with the contributions that have been made. Perhaps for the record I can read some of the relevant portions. "A commitment to the Northern Anthropological and Cultural Society which operates the Northern Life Museum and National Exhibition Centre of \$50,000; the Frobisher Bay museum, \$35,000; and the museum society in Pangnirtung, \$10,000 which leaves the remaining balance of \$8000." It is true that the Fort Smith museum originally asked for \$65,000 but I am advised that the funding reduction from \$65,000 to \$50,000 was made in direct consultation with the director of the Fort Smith museum and was made with his concurrence. So, as the Minister indicated, that leaves a balance of \$8000 to be shared between Tuktoyaktuk, Fort Good Hope, Fort Norman, Lac la Martre and Eskimo Point.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you, Mr. Lal. Mr. McCallum.

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I recognize that. I have a copy of the document that the deputy minister and the Minister referred to. My question originally was: The original proposal as put forward by the Northern Life Museum was for \$65,000. The department, in its largesse, gave, and it was agreed to by the director, \$50,000. My question was: What made up the other \$15,000 that was refused or agreed upon by both parties? What made up the other \$15,000?

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

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Chairman, I do not have the details of the agreement that was reached with the Fort Smith museum. Certainly I will be prepared to provide that information to the Member.

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

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, will the Minister, at the same time, provide me with the amount of money that was granted to the Northern Life Museum in the last two or three previous years so that then I may ascertain whether this particular amount of money that was agreed to, to operate the Northern Life Museum and the exhibition centre there, is either an increase or a decrease?

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

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Chairman, I will certainly be prepared to provide that information to the Member. Just further to the comments I made, not knowing the details, I do know that I have been given information that one of the items of withdrawal from the original submission was in fact

travel for the director to travel to other areas. That was one of the items that was cut but we certainly can provide you further with the details of what was in fact cut from that particular proposal.

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

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I recognize that in total the amount in relation to the total budget is fairly miniscule. However, I need not remind the Minister nor his deputy minister of the affection that people within my constituency have for that museum, as well as a lot of other people around. That is why I am pursuing the questions. Would the Minister then tell me, as well, whether this \$50,000 that has been earmarked for the Northern Life Museum in Fort Smith, whether that includes any amount of money for utilities?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you, Mr. McCallum. Either Mr. Minister or his deputy minister, Mr. Lal.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Chairman, while the comments were that our own contribution might be miniscule, \$50,000 was allocated plus, I believe, the museum in Fort Smith is receiving an additional \$20,000, in total \$70,000, from the federal national museums as well. I believe, as well, it is approximately \$5400 for fuel and electricity that was agreed to within the proposal.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Mr. Wah-Shee, would you take the chair?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Would anybody else like to ask a question other than the honourable Member for Slave River?

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I just want to correct a remark that the Minister made. I in no way said that the amount of money that was given to the Northern Life Museum was miniscule. I said the amount of money that was in the grants in relation to the total budget of this department was miniscule. So, I am not casting aspersions on the largesse of the department. I fully appreciate the amount of money that is given to the Northern Life Museum and it is only appropriate that it should get that. All I am asking is one simple question. Is there any money for utilities? You answered that but I did not need the shot ahead of it. If you are going to throw shots, do not live in a glass house.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): I take it that is the comment?

MR. McCALLUM: He can take it any way he wants to, Mr. Wah-Shee.

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

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: I was actually waiting for a question to be asked.

MR. McCALLUM: He should have been listening for a question...

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Order. Museums/heritage division, total O and M, \$1,201,000. Mrs. Sorensen.

Funding For Northern Heritage Society

MRS. SORENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I notice that you have \$103,000 in grants and contributions. I take it from the former conversation that it is mostly designated for community museums. I am wondering if the Minister will consider looking kindly upon the Northern Heritage Society. This is a non-profit organization that primarily works with young NWT residents, primarily adolescent native northerners, and it combines archaeological research in the Arctic with a field training program over the summer. The society, as I said, is non-profit and it has been funded over the past number of years by many different organizations, the Donner Foundation and the National Museum of Man being two major funding agencies. This government, through the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre, which this department funds, and through the Department of Education and Department of Economic Development has also funded the project but it is in danger of not being able to proceed past the spring and into the summer program unless it comes up with some additional funding.

I have been in touch with the executive director Margaret Bertulli who has written a letter to the new Minister of State for Youth concerning the possibility of a Young Canada summer grant under the new program that has recently been announced, but there is a strong possibility there will be a

need for further funds. I am wondering if the Minister is first aware of this very worthwhile project that has been going on for the last four years, I believe, and whether there is some means by which he could look favourably upon providing some funds either through the department or through the Executive Council grants program that is available or even helping to find money within other departments such as the Department of Education or Economic Development.

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

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes. Mr. Chairman, I am aware of the society. I just want to indicate to the Member that I believe the Department of Public Works have given this society rent-free offices in Lakeview Manor so you can be assured that we are looking favourably upon the society. As to whether or not we will be providing them any funds to continue their work certainly it is an issue that I can review with my departmental officials. However, I think while I might consider favourably the work of the society we must also be aware that we must not overlook the museum program within communities, smaller communities particularly. It is a program that can protect some of the history of the Northwest Territories and in particular the history of various communities, that can add to the identity of communities and be of historical significance to members of communities and the residents of the Northwest Territories. But with that in mind, I certainly am going to try to deal favourably with the society and see how in fact we would not only work with the Northern Heritage Centre but, rather, how they can also help the communities organize themselves and organize their museums in the North. To be honest with you, maybe they will have expertise we can utilize at the community level so that they can establish their own museums.

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

MRS. SORENSEN: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Yes, Mr. Minister, I certainly understand and support your comments with respect to the development of community museums, but it is important that we also develop the human resources so that these community museums will not always have to employ southerners and also so that we can instil in young people who will be taking care of the artifacts and archaeological findings that will go into these museums, so that they will develop an understanding and a recognition of the importance of these and this primarily is what our Northern Heritage Society is all about. I would remind the Minister it is northern students primarily. In fact all of the students in the list I have come from smaller communities and all are native students with a particular interest in archaeology and the social and natural sciences. They are now following some of these students as they have proceeded through high school and have taken an interest in going further along in their post-secondary education. It is hoped that some of these students will come back and will work in our own museums of the future. So I would hope that the Minister would assist the society in finding funds. Certainly it is not expected that the entire funding should come from the territorial government. I think there is a responsibility here of the federal government and I hope that if the Minister is asked to provide that support by way of letter that he will help the society to obtain those funds.

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

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Chairman, I just want to indicate that our involvement has been with the society since about 1979 and we were the first institution to provide a large amount of funds to the society. At the moment, thanks to my staff, ongoing discussions have been carried out and they are in fact discussing the alternatives with the society, from developing contingency plans or if they do not receive the adequate funds that they require, as to how they may develop options and how they might proceed to acquire those funds if it is possible. So that discussion is in fact taking place at the moment with the society.

Museums/Heritage Division, Total 0 And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Museums/heritage division, total 0 and M, \$1,201,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Library Services, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Library services, total O and M, \$674,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total Grants, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. Detail of grants and contributions, total grants, \$31,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total Grants And Contributions, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Total grants and contributions, \$993,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Public Safety, Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Detail of capital, total public safety, \$170,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Mining Inspections, Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mining inspections, \$60,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Safety And Mining, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Total Safety and Mining, \$230,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Court Services, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Court services, \$22,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Museums, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Museums, total \$212,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Library Services, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Library services, \$30,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Total department, \$494,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Page 8.18, information item, detail of work performed on behalf of third parties. Any questions from Members? Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: To slow down the pace I thought I might ask a question. I would like to ask the Minister for a brief explanation of "funding to ensure compliance with safety standards and regulations and provide a native courtworkers office in the Norman Wells area, \$214,000". Do you have an explanation of what is happening in that area? Can you explain the program?

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

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes. Mr. Chairman, the intent for the amount was to address the whole question of impact with regard to resource development and was a part of an overall submission that was prepared by the former Executive Council and agreed to.

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

MR. BALLANTYNE: How long is it anticipated that this particular program will be in effect?

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

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: I believe the program runs until 1986.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Any further questions from Members? Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: I see under the metric conversion information project that last year \$19,000 was spent. This year nothing was spent. Have we in fact completely converted at this point in time or have we stopped converting?

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

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: I am not sure that we have totally converted but I asked you how tall you were. The reality is the agreement will expire this year and therefore we did not identify any funds within the budget but I believe we reallocated it probably to some other area.

Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Any further questions? Can we go back to page 8.03? Total O and M, \$26,086,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Total capital, \$494,000. Agreed? That concludes the department. We would like to thank the witness and also the honourable Minister for clarifying all of our questions. Thank you very much, Mr. Lal.

MR. McCALLUM: Do not let it go to your head.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): What is the committee's wish? Shall we report progress at this time? Mr. Minister.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: I would like to at least be able to get into the Department of Personnel. I have some opening comments that I would like to make to the House.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Is that agreed?

---Agreed

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Thank you.

Department Of Personnel

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): The Minister would like to make opening comments. Mr. Minister.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Chairman, the Department of Personnel's operations and maintenance budget of \$15,679,000 represents an increase of \$961,000 or seven per cent over the 1983-84 budget. This increase consists of guideline salary increases, non-discretionary travel and removal adjustments and approved Treasury Board volume increases.

There will be, however, some reallocation of resources as a result of the decision taken by the Executive last year. That decision was to consolidate all training resources in the Department of Education. As a result, a large part of the training budget and person years will be transferred to the Department of Education during the course of this budget year. The department will retain four person years and some residual responsibilities in this area. This will include providing analyses and identification of training needs for the Government of the Northwest Territories. Included in the person years retained is the office of native employment which is two person years, which will now report to the personnel services section.

Native Employment Statistics

In response to the questions raised in the last Assembly and concerns expressed by Members of the standing committee on finance, I would like to comment on native employment in the Government of the Northwest Territories. In spite of the fact that in recruiting 688 non-teaching positions this past year, and 34 per cent of the jobs were filled by native northerners, our overall employment of native people has declined. This has occurred primarily in the West where there is more competition for employees. In non-teaching jobs, our figure stands at 31 per cent. In the teaching profession only eight per cent of our staff is native. This, of course, relates to the high qualifications required for teachers. Our in-service training program currently has 67 trainees, 50 of whom are native. Overall our percentage of government employees has recently slipped below 28 per cent. I would like to make the point that since 1976 when the office of native employment was created, 16 settlements have become hamlets. When this occurs our staff, mostly native, have an option of remaining with the government and being transferred or becoming employees of the hamlets. Most have chosen to become employees of hamlets. In this process 38 employees have become hamlet employees, thus lowering our number of native employees.

However, we share your concerns in this area and have embarked on a consultative process to determine whether or not we require an affirmative action program. In this effort we are consulting the Human Rights Commission, the native organizations, the public service association, the teachers' association, as well as managers right across government. In addition, we are conducting research into the history of affirmative action programs in North America. We want to know if it is sufficient to leave this as a matter of managerial conscience or whether a legislated program is required. In the end, we hope to arrive at a consensus which is acceptable to and supported by most northern residents.

We are anticipating a low turnover rate for the 1984-85 fiscal year based on the state of the economy, continued emphasis on restraint in southern recruitment and our experience in 1982 and 1983. In 1981, turnover was 32 per cent. In 1982, turnover was 21 per cent. In 1983, turnover was 19.5 per cent. This included all staff, including teachers. During 1983, 688 positions, excluding teachers were filled; 94 per cent were filled from the North; six per cent were recruited from southern Canada; 232 positions or 34 per cent were filled by native northerners. In addition, 150 teaching positions were filled; 69 teachers were hired from the North.

The staff accommodation budget is the responsibility of Personnel. This includes staff housing and new furniture. We do have a shortage of staff accommodation, particularly in Kitikmeot and Keewatin Regions. Because limited funding is available for this program, we may ask the private sector to build units for us on a lease-purchase arrangement as suggested by a Member of the standing committee on finance. This option has not been available to us in the past couple of years because of high interest rates.

With those comments, Mr. Chairman, I certainly would like to get into discussing the budget of Personnel and ask the consent of Members of the House to invite the deputy minister of Personnel into this House.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Is it agreed that the committee invite the witness at this time?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Any general comments from Members at this time? Would the Minister introduce his witness for the record, please?

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes, Mr. Chairman, my witness is the deputy minister of Personnel, Mr. Ted Bowyer.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Any general comments from Members?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Progress.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Is that a motion? The motion is not debatable. Is everyone agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): We would like to thank the witness for appearing before us. Thank you. I knew you would approve the budget very quickly but I did not think it would be this quickly. The pleasure of the House is now returning to formal session.

ITEM 16: REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Wah-Shee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF BILL 1-84(1) APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, 1984-85: TABLED DOCUMENT 4-84(1), 1984-85 MAIN ESTIMATES

MR. WAH-SHEE: Mr. Speaker, I wish to report that your committee has been considering Bill 1-84(1) and Tabled Document 4-84(1) and wish to report progress with one motion being adopted as amended.

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: Question being called. Members have heard the report of the chairman of committee of the whole. Are you agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

MR. SPEAKER: Carried.

---Carried

Any announcements from the floor? Mr. Clerk, announcements and orders of the day, please.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Mr. Speaker, there will be a meeting of the standing committee on finance at 9:00 a.m. tomorrow morning in the caucus room. There will also be a caucus briefing at 11:30 a.m. in the caucus room tomorrow.

ITEM 17: ORDERS OF THE DAY

Orders of the day, Wednesday, February 8, 1:00 p.m.

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

MR. SPEAKER: This House is adjourned until Wednesday, February 8 at 1:00 p.m.

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