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ITEM 1: PRAYER

---Prayer

SPEAKER (Hon. Don Stewart): Orders of the day, for Thursday, February 9. Item 2, Members' replies. Mr. Angottitauruq.

ITEM 2: MEMBERS' REPLIES

Mr. Angottitauruq's Reply

MR. ANGOTTITAUQU: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for allowing me to speak. On Item 2, I would like to make some comments to my fellow Members as I have been elected here, so I feel obliged to speak today. I would like to state my goals and objectives during my term. The territorial government which wants to be part of Nunavut, we know the territorial government as it is now and there are some areas to be improved. We would like to move things forward. My riding is one of the hardest places to get a seat in this House. Communications are not ideal and things are different.

Employment In Communities

In order to accomplish more of the work that we are to accomplish, first of all, the communities, whether native or non-native, have to have jobs. I feel this situation is bad and I would like to improve it. The Inuit natives have to organize themselves for jobs. I will give full representation in this Assembly to those persons that have their own businesses or want to be able to open their own businesses and hire their own people. Renewable resources and tourism, we are working toward that. We want to establish businesses and I think there are a lot of people who are starting up and we will have to help each other.

Education System

The other question is education. There are people who are unable to get jobs because of lack of education. We know that we have to have education in order to get good jobs. We cannot forget about those who have not had formal education. They do not lack intelligence. They do not have formal education through the system that is now in force. If there was a way of getting them to participate in the Government of the Northwest Territories they should be able to expand and be recognized in the education system. Under the present education system a lot of our children are going to schools but the parents do not want them to go to school out from the local communities and the lifestyle they are living. I do not know exactly the reasons they cannot go to school in their own area. I know myself I completed my education under the system that had been used and nowadays they go out of the community and come back. I do not know if that is true in all the communities. We will have to work together to improve the educational system. Just by talking

with native people we will have to work at it and discuss it and to communicate to all the constituents, to the communities about the education system, the way it is. The schools in the Territories have certain problems. I hope the representatives understand a little bit about those problems. I think we will have to establish our priorities. We have still got a lot of problems, but to establish priorities will be a way to solve some problems. We have to work together as the elected representatives and to work together we have to understand each other. We have to work on it.

Problems In Area Of Health

In the area of health there are major problems to be solved in that area. You are probably aware that there are health problems in the North. These will not be solved overnight or they will not be solved tomorrow but we have to identify the areas in different communities and work to solve those problems. Those people who have to leave their communities to go to other communities for treatment -- two years ago I had to go to a different centre for treatment so I can use myself as an example. I was waiting for one hour at the airport. I wanted to phone but I did not know how to use the telephone at the time. People who have to leave their communities for treatment do not get proper treatment. It is very hard when you do not know where to go next and you do not know where or how to phone. So those areas have to be identified and corrected. If there is no money they will not be sent to major centres for treatment. So all aspects of the logistics of patients have to be looked after.

Problems Of Hunters And Trappers

What I am going to say will be short. I am not sure as to how we have to operate yet but now I am starting to understand more and I hope to learn more from my fellow Members. I am talking about education, health and economic development. There are many Inuit people who are looking for ways to support themselves. I think the hunters and trappers have to be assisted too. When I understand how, I can work on those better and I will be speaking about those matters. You have to expect that. The hunters and trappers cannot support themselves from what they get out of the land. So, they have to look at other ways like carving. But we have to look for ways to put up the price on what the hunters take from the land. They do not know anything else, they have to continue, that is the only livelihood they know how to do so they have to keep going on, especially when there are pelts. When the price of pelts goes down, then they start carving.

For example the sealskins are really very low so the government is trying to assist them in compensation in lieu of the prices. I think that one sealskin is worth about five dollars. I know how they can support themselves on that because they use sealskins; they do not make that much money but there are very few people, maybe even less than 10 people who get assistance and do not really need anything very much. I think maybe the area of aid from the government should be used more like giving them gas instead so they can go hunting some more.

I will be thinking about this some more in the next four years and will try to find ways to improve on that. We know that to be a Member of this House for four years is not very long and we will not accomplish every goal that we have but to improve creates some problems. It can be enough but it will never be enough. In the next four years those hunters and trappers will continue in the same way, I think. There will not be anything to compensate them for what they do. There are many who do not even hunt. I do not really understand why people do not go hunting or work or look for work. I do not think the reason for them not hunting or not working is because those people are receiving social assistance, but it is because there is no other way. That is why they go on social assistance. Even though there may be animals on the land unless you provide economic development, provide assistance, they have no means of living off the land. This is just one example.

Going on to another subject, there are many problems in our land. Our constituents, the people, voted for us to come to speak for them, so we are speaking on their behalf when we are speaking in the House. We have to be worthy of being the speakers at this Assembly and so we have to also think about all of the Northwest Territories, not just one community or one person. I am not a very eloquent speaker. I have given my speech but I am unable to say everything. Speaking about hamlets, our local government in the communities which deals with things at the local level, I think we have to recognize them for what they are because their powers are limited. We want to do something about our problems but we can only do certain things. We can discuss a lot of things but some things cannot be solved but maybe it will be better. The Territories is not going anywhere

but it is useful to be here today so we can improve things in our communities. Together we will be able to improve a lot and when we get proposals we will try to work harder to try and improve our lives. I have been thinking for a while now about some other communities in my constituency. In 1974 we had the ordinance which, I think, has to do with rules. Sometimes, for the elected Members here, that are representing each of the different ridings in the Northwest Territories, it is kind of difficult in order to get the hang of how the Legislative Assembly proceeds. The person on my left has been in the riding I am talking about, which had been given one elected Member, but the riding has been divided into two. I do not know all the procedures right away, but I will represent my constituents. I have a lot of things to say. However, I would just like to make a brief comment which I think, will be important to the House. If I do not say all the topics I would like to cover, there will be other times I will be able to mention them again in the House. I am glad to be able to give a brief comment to the House.

Housing

I want to talk about housing for a while. The housing in my constituency is not too good and even some of our young people who are getting an education are being sent out to the other settlements because we do not have sufficient houses in the settlements. I think, since meeting here at the Assembly, that we should be able to get together and talk about the pressing housing shortage and also the problems regarding low rental and public housing. I think in the whole Northwest Territories houses are needed today. I would like the subject of housing to be included in our discussion. I think that we have to consider that. Also we have to work with each other here, as we work toward our goals and objectives. I have a lot of things to say and I am sure this will not be the last time. I just wanted to thank the Members that I was able to be given a chance to speak to the Assembly. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Members' replies. There appear to be no more Members' replies for today. Item 3 on your orders of the day, Ministers' statements. Mr. McLaughlin.

ITEM 3: MINISTERS' STATEMENTS

Minister's Statement On Action Plan For Youth

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, following the Minister of Finance's budget address on February 6, the chairman of the standing committee on finance brought to our attention a major concern expressed by Members of the committee about the plight of youth in the NWT. Mr. Ballantyne expressed that perhaps co-ordination between the departments could improve in this very important area and further, that youth and all facets of youth should be the prime consideration and priority of this Assembly.

I would like to advise the Members of this Assembly that on the request of my Executive Council colleagues the deputy minister of Social Services and the deputy ministers of Local Government, Education and Economic Development and Tourism will be briefing the Executive Council concerning an action plan not only designed to achieve better co-ordination of the development and delivery of programs for young people, but to identify specific ways in which new initiatives for youth can be implemented, possibly using funds from the newly-created federal Ministry of Youth. Mr. Speaker, as a Member of the former Assembly, and the special committee on education, I know the MLAs that accompanied us on the public hearings in almost every community heard concerns from parents about young people and not just in the area of education but in all facets of their lives and expectations for the young. This came home to me again on the trip -- which Mr. MacQuarrie made high profile for me -- the other day into Cambridge Bay where the Kitikmeot social affairs committee people showed major concerns over juvenile delinquency and unemployed youth in their communities. I would also like to explain, Mr. Speaker, that the reason that we have included Local Government in this is that there is a recreation division in the Department of Local Government and in many communities it has been suggested that recreational facilities are a prime requirement to divert our youth from getting in trouble and also there have been a lot of concerns expressed to various MLAs and our Executive Members from local councils concerning the problems of juvenile delinquency in the communities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Minister's Statement On High School Review

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have two statements today, one respecting Education and the other respecting Aboriginal Rights. Firstly, I would like to announce that through an agreement with my colleague, the Hon. David King, Minister of Education for Alberta, there will be a major review of the Alberta junior and senior high school programs, details of which Mr. King has released in Edmonton today. Since we follow the Alberta curriculum at the high school level, Mr. King has requested our participation in the review. Like my colleague in Alberta, I see the need to make our high schools responsive to the needs of our increasingly more complex society. A system which was designed in the 1970s must be reviewed in light of today's technology and the attitudes, knowledge and skills required for a productive life in our quickly changing society.

A small project team has been created in the Alberta Department of Education. It will work on an issues paper and a questionnaire to go to Alberta residents between March 1 and June 30. In August a policy advisory committee of distinguished citizens in Alberta will attempt to bring the issues into a form which can be presented at a major conference to be announced by Premier Lougheed and Mr. King for either October or November 1984. Once the policy advisory committee has done its work, major policy changes will be implemented on April 1, 1985, and a new Alberta school act passed by September, 1985.

It gives me pleasure, Mr. Speaker, to announce that Mr. Arnold McCallum, MLA for Slave River, has agreed to be the NWT representative on the policy advisory committee.

---Applause

The essence of that review will be input from all sectors of public opinion. Mr. McCallum's significant experience as an MLA and as a former Minister of Education, a former high school teacher and principal in the NWT will guarantee excellent representation for the NWT in this major educational review. His participation in this review will ensure that, until we develop our own NWT high school curriculum, changes to the high school curriculum in Alberta will be made with participation from the NWT and accommodation to our specific needs.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Is participation good enough to get an NWT teaching certificate?

---Laughter

Minister's Statement On Final Agreement Between COPE And The Government Of Canada

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Conflict of interest. Mr. Speaker, I would also like to take this opportunity to advise the House of the Executive Council's position on the final agreement between the Committee for Original Peoples Entitlement and the Government of Canada, initialled on December 19, 1983. As Members are aware, an agreement in principle was signed in October, 1978, and negotiation toward a final agreement had been on and off between then and 1982. This last round of negotiation began in the fall of 1982, with the appointment of a new chief federal negotiator. After a series of clarification and familiarization meetings, serious and intense negotiations began in early 1983. The Government of the NWT participated as a member of the federal team and had a full-time representative in attendance.

After a thorough review of the agreement in principle, the Executive Council identified a list of six major issues which affected the authority of the Legislative Assembly and the overall responsibility of the Government of the Northwest Territories, and which it felt had to be addressed in the final agreement. I would like now to take a moment to explain these issues, Mr. Speaker, and how they have been dealt with.

Sand And Gravel

Firstly, sand and gravel. Sand and gravel is a necessary and valuable commodity in the Western Arctic region and in some cases good quality and accessible material can be scarce. The Executive Council wanted to ensure that sufficient quantity and quality to meet community and municipal needs at a reasonable price would be guaranteed in cases where the Inuvialuit had a monopoly or near-monopoly.

The final agreement provides for a system of price control, guarantee of supply and priority of allocation. In the case of excessive pricing or where sand and gravel is being provided in an inefficient or unreliable manner, the Minister may cancel the operation and offer it up on a competitive bid basis.

Access

Secondly, access. The communities of Tuktoyaktuk, Paulatuk, Sachs Harbour and Holman Island are surrounded by Inuvialuit lands. We were concerned that this could have meant that non-Inuvialuit would not be able to use these lands for recreation purposes, to gain access to lakes in order to fish or to cross onto crown lands. There were also situations where crown lands were cut off from the sea coast by Inuvialuit lands, which could deny developers reasonable access in order to exercise their rights. The acquisition of Inuvialuit lands for public roads rights of way would, in the event of a dispute require expropriation by the federal cabinet which was felt to be a cumbersome and impractical route.

The final agreement provides public access for recreational purposes on and across Inuvialuit lands, to fish in lakes within Inuvialuit lands and to cross Inuvialuit lands to exercise a right on crown lands. A simple system to permit government to appropriate land or public roads rights of way is provided.

Lands Reserved For Indians

Lands reserved for Indians was a third concern, Mr. Speaker. The concern here revolved around the possibility that Inuvialuit lands might be declared by a court to be "lands reserved for Indians" pursuant to section 91(24) of the Constitution Act 1867. Should this have been the case, the applicability of territorial ordinances to those lands might have been questionable. This does not mean that Inuvialuit lands would have been an enclave in which no ordinances would apply but a complex situation could have been created where some may apply and some may not.

The agreement contains two provisions to deal with this issue. One states that all territorial laws and ordinances that apply generally to private lands shall apply to Inuvialuit lands and the other states that Inuvialuit lands "shall be considered, accepted and deemed not to be lands reserved for Indians".

Community Sites And Municipal Lands

Another concern, Mr. Speaker, was community sites and municipal lands. The agreement in principle defines a site for the communities of Aklavik, Tuktoyaktuk, Paulatuk, Sachs Harbour, and Holman Island. We were concerned that these sites might not be large enough in some cases to accommodate future community expansion or the need for municipal infrastructure.

The agreement provides for the acquisition of Inuvialuit lands required for the provision of a governmental service for nominal rent through bilateral negotiations. In the event this route is not successful the matter can be referred to an arbitration board for a decision.

The Executive Council feels that the provisions which I have generally outlined adequately address these four items.

Financial Implication To The Government Of The NWT

Fifth, and I believe this was mentioned by the honourable Member for Yellowknife South in the House yesterday, financial implications to the Government of the NWT. The GNWT has a number of obligations under the settlement which will require significant financial outlay. The Executive Council's position was that as this is an agreement between two parties -- Canada and the Inuvialuit -- then the federal government must be prepared to compensate the GNWT for any extra costs.

The federal government has accepted our arguments and agreed to provide extra funding. An initial cost analysis has been completed and, we are assured, will be included in the cabinet document seeking approval of the agreement.

Overlap

Another important concern, Mr. Speaker, was overlap. Both the Dene/Metis and the Inuit of the East have expressed concern with regard to overlap since the agreement in principle was signed. The Executive Council took the position that these overlap concerns must be resolved before an agreement can be finalized. With respect to this final agreement the Executive Council acknowledges the Dene/Metis position that their concerns on the matter of overlap have not been adequately addressed. The Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development made a commitment to the Dene/Metis that "A final agreement between COPE and the government will be contingent upon solution of the problem of overlapping claims." This is taken from a letter from the Minister to the president of the Dene Nation, August 22, 1980. The Executive Council takes the position that the Minister must honour this commitment so as to be fair to both the Dene/Metis and the Committee for Original Peoples Entitlement without unduly delaying the approval process for the final agreement.

I have touched only on the major issues, Mr. Speaker, but this is not to suggest that these are the only matters that we had an interest in. In fact, there were very few subjects on which the Government of the NWT was not required to develop a point of view and promote provisions which accommodated our special concerns. The document consists of 291 pages and Members can appreciate that considerable judgment and compromise by our representative was required in order to achieve agreement.

Given the magnitude of the task, it is impossible to get an agreement that will completely satisfy everyone and all interested parties will, no doubt, be left with some concerns. This is the nature of negotiations and in the end, judgment can only be responsibly made on the basis of balance.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to announce today, with the proviso that the federal government must exercise its responsibility to ensure a fair and timely resolution of overlap, that the NWT Executive Council endorses the final agreement and recommends speedy approval by the federal cabinet.

Controversy On 10 Per Cent Preference

I would like to make a few comments on the matter of the 10 per cent preference which has been causing controversy in the press. I believe that there has been considerable confusion around this issue and I want to clarify it for this House. Very simply, within the Inuvialuit settlement region, the Inuvialuit will have a 10 per cent preference in price measured by reference to the lowest bid or competitive market price in three areas; firstly, federal government contracts; second, federal government purchasing; and third, contracts or purchasing by "chosen instruments" of the federal government -- that is where the federal government designates an agent.

Unfortunately, in our view, much of the controversy around this issue has risen from a misinterpretation of the intent of the provision -- namely that it required third parties, such as oil or mining companies operating in the area to give a 10 per cent preference to the Inuvialuit. I have been assured that this is not the case and the provision has the very narrow application I just stated. In our view, the preference will provide economic benefits for the entire small business sector of the Western Arctic region by giving many local businesses an advantage not now enjoyed by any. At the moment no northern business enjoys a preference from the federal government. The economic spin-off from any increase in Inuvialuit business enterprises will surely have a positive impact on the entire business sector. It must be kept in mind, Mr. Speaker, that the preference will apply in the case of joint ventures where Inuvialuit have a 51 per cent interest or higher, which means that non-Inuvialuit businessmen will also be able to benefit directly from the preference. I must acknowledge the frustration of Members in not being able to get copies of the agreement. This is a provision, however, laid down by the federal government which we are attempting to get changed and whether we are successful or not I will provide an opportunity, in the very near future, for Members to be briefed by my officials and, if you wish, the COPE negotiator.

Settlement Of Claim Is An Historic Event

The settlement of this claim, Mr. Speaker, marks an historic event in the Northwest Territories. It represents years of hard work and dedication by many individuals. COPE is to be congratulated for its leadership, courage and determination in pursuing this agreement under, at times, very difficult circumstances. I am convinced that the settlement is just and fair to all parties and will provide an impetus to the other two claims which remain to be settled.

This House can also take pride in having played a significant role. The agreement could not have been achieved without the positive and constructive participation of the territorial government and I believe that our contribution was significant. The Executive Council was able to provide the necessary leadership to achieve this, in large part, because of the conciliatory policies of the Ninth Assembly on the subject of aboriginal rights, the co-operative spirit promoted in working with aboriginal organizations and the direction provided by our policy in the sessional paper on aboriginal rights and constitutional development approved in the spring of 1980.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, I feel that this is an achievement we can all be proud of. We have all stated on occasion the importance of settling claims and the need for such settlements to be fair and just. With this agreement we see the realization of these aspirations for the Inuvialuit. Much work remains before the agreement is rendered into legislation and successfully implemented and I can assure Members that the Executive Council will continue to participate in a constructive and supportive role, in keeping with the policy and direction of this House. Thank you.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Ministers' statements. That concludes Ministers' statements for today. Item 4, oral questions. Mr. MacQuarrie.

ITEM 4: ORAL QUESTIONS

Question 43-84(1): Tabling Of Minister's Statement On COPE Agreement

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister of Aboriginal Rights and Constitutional Development. Mr. Minister, in view of the fact that yesterday -- and I quote from Hansard -- you said, "I am very anxious to fully consult with and be accountable to this House," can I ask, Mr. Minister, whether you will table your statement at the earliest opportunity later this afternoon and move it into committee of the whole as the first item of discussion on Monday, February 13? I am aware, Mr. Minister, that you will be away, but I believe that the Associate Minister of Aboriginal Rights will be in Yellowknife at that time.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Patterson.

Return To Question 43-84(1): Tabling Of Minister's Statement On COPE Agreement

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, because of the difficulty of presenting the final agreement to the public, discussing it in public due to the conditions of trust that have been placed on us by the federal government, I would prefer that the detailed discussion of the agreement take place in caucus since we are under strictures not to reveal the contents of this agreement to the public and I must honour that commitment. I trust that would be satisfactory to the Member. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mr. MacQuarrie.

Supplementary To Question 43-84(1): Tabling Of Minister's Statement On COPE Agreement

MR. MacQUARRIE: Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was not asking it be discussed in detail -- the final agreement that has been signed between the federal government and COPE -- but rather, that we have the opportunity to discuss the Minister's statement on Monday.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Patterson.

Further Return To Question 43-84(1): Tabling Of Minister's Statement On COPE Agreement

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, I will be pleased to table my statement at the appropriate point today.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. There was a second part to that question. Are you prepared to move it into committee of the whole for first business on Monday?

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: For the reason stated, Mr. Speaker, I am not prepared to make that motion. Thank you.

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

Question 44-84(1): Release Of Document To MLAs

MR. BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am directing my question at the Government Leader. I wonder if Mr. Nerysoo can bring us up to date as to whether or not he has indeed talked to Mr. Munro about the possibility of releasing the document to Members in confidence.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Nerysoo.

Return To Question 44-84(1): Release Of Document To MLAs

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Speaker, no, I have not spoken to the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs to request that he release the document for public discussion. However, there has been communication between the department officials and the Commissioner seeking some resolution to that particular issue with the Minister and to have some indication from the Minister as to whether or not we have approval, but the approval also has to come from the people that are negotiating, the Inuvialuit and the membership of COPE, as much as it does from the Government of Canada. So we still have to deal with that particular situation as well.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. Ballantyne.

Supplementary To Question 44-84(1): Release Of Document To MLAs

MR. BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wonder if I could ask the Leader, in what time frame do you think the resolution of this problem might be possible?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Further Return To Question 44-84(1): Release Of Document To MLAs

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Speaker, I am not the Minister of Indian Affairs. I do not have the answer with me. I am not going to make that decision. We have already forwarded the communication of the interest of this House to discuss and to release publicly that particular document and we have not received a reply from the Minister at this time.

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

Question 45-84(1): Funding For Baffin Regional Council

MR. ERKLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question I think directed to Local Government. From my understanding of the Baffin Regional Council it experienced difficulty getting adequate funds from the government for one or two years. My question is, does the Minister of Local Government support such councils and will he make sure that those councils, band councils, regional councils have adequate funds? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Would Members please make sure they turn down their receivers when they are speaking into their mikes so we do not get that feedback? Would you, the Minister, reply, Mr. Sibbeston?

Return To Question 45-84(1): Funding For Baffin Regional Council

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, I want to say I very much support regional councils. In fact when I was an ordinary MLA I was involved in the establishment of the Deh Cho Regional Council so I very much support regional councils. As to whether I will do more to provide more funding for these regional councils I find it difficult to answer that because I am at the moment in the process of getting to know all aspects of the Department of Local Government and it is a bit early in my takeover of the department to say whether these regional councils are adequately funded or not. I do know, in the case of the Deh Cho Regional Council and the establishment and funding of regional councils here in the West, that last year there was a request for much more money than that received by these councils so I do appreciate what the Member is saying. I think no regional councils get all the money they request. It is something that I will have to look at in the next months. I can tell the Member that I have been invited to attend the Baffin Regional Council this

spring and I have undertaken to attend. While I am there I look forward to learning more about the Baffin Regional Council, so my final answer is that I would ask the Member to give me a number of months to get to know the department and I will be in a much better position to answer his question then.

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

Question 46-84(1): Vehicle Policy For Senior Citizens Homes

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Social Services, Bruce. It is with regard to senior citizens homes. I believe the policy right now is that where there are senior citizens homes they do not provide vehicles. Is there a policy on that?

MR. SPEAKER: Before the Minister answers, one point that is a rule in the House is that when addressing another Member you shall use the words "honourable Member" for his designated area and/or "Mr." and not call the Member by his first name. Honourable Mr. McLaughlin.

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will have to get back to you with details on this but I do not believe it is a policy to provide vehicles in all areas but I believe that there are some groups and situations where people providing service in the communities do have vehicles available but I will have to go to the department and find out the policy on that.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. I understand you are taking that as notice. Oral questions. Mrs. Sorensen.

Question 47-84(1): Representation Regarding NEB Position

MRS. SORENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister responsible for Energy, Mines and Resources. Mr. Minister, a couple of days ago you tabled the document entitled "National Energy Board in the Matter of a Public Inquiry into Matters Relating to the Northern Canada Power Commission". I have had occasion to re-read this document and find that there are three areas particularly offensive to me, to my constituents and in particular to the people of the NWT. Specifically they are comments regarding the splitting of the crown corporation when they say it should not be split, transferring north where they say the crown corporation should not be transferred north and third where they say that the regulatory body should be a federal regulatory body instead of our Public Utilities Board. I wonder, Mr. Minister, does your Ministry have any plans to make representation to the federal government on this very important matter and what can you give us as information regarding the content of that representation if you plan to make any?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question 47-84(1): Representation Regarding NEB Position

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank the honourable Member for giving me notice this morning that she intended to raise this question. Mr. Speaker, this particular issue is very much of an urgent concern to me as the Minister responsible for Energy because it is a constitutional as well as a jurisdictional problem that has been outlined by one of the federal agencies. The National Energy Board report, as the Members will find out, supports very much a status quo of the NCPC situation. My officials in the Energy section are reviewing the possible response to this document. I am having a conflict with the dates that have been set in Ottawa to appear before the Penner committee which would like to assess the whole impact of the National Energy Board report. So I have been checking around to see if any of my colleagues would be prepared to represent the government in presenting our position. In view of other conferences that are going on in Ottawa, the Finance Minister's trip to Ottawa at this time, I have not resolved as to who should be going down there. The other conflict, Mr. Speaker, is that the budget for my department, Economic Development and Tourism is supposed to be dealt with during that date. I am attempting to try to resolve that in the next couple of days and maybe have some sort of response tomorrow. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mrs. Sorensen, a supplementary.

Supplementary To Question 47-84(1): Representation Regarding NEB Position

MRS. SORENSEN: Yes, Mr. Minister, you talked then of actually having to go to Ottawa to make a representation. I believe you are talking about the Penner committee. My concern is that Members of this House, perhaps have not had an opportunity to read this document. It is a very important document. We certainly have given direction to the former Executive Committee in the past, in the Ninth Assembly, regarding the Penner Inquiry. I wonder if the Minister would be prepared later today or perhaps tomorrow to discuss with this House in a general discussion, perhaps in committee of the whole, some of the major concerns that you have, and I know many of us here have with respect to jurisdictions splitting up the corporation and moving north. Would you consider consulting with this House and providing us with additional information?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Further Return To Question 47-84(1): Representation Regarding NEB Position

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: I will be very pleased to receive representations from Members of the House with regard to the NCPC situation. I would also indicate right now that the NCPC has proposed to effectively, across the board, impose an increase by April 1984 without approval by our Public Utilities Board. That is another issue I believe is very much of an interest to all the Members in this House. My officials and I are attempting to prepare a response to the federal Minister of Indian Affairs because he alone is now able to make a decision as to whether he is going to allow that increase. I will attempt, as the Minister, to persuade him not to accept it. But any representation that you as a Member of the House could provide me in terms of a broader position to take to Ottawa, I would welcome it at any time. Thank you.

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

Question 48-84(1): Recommendations From Finance Committee Re Youth

MR. BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask a question of the Minister of Health and Social Services, having to do with his statement this morning. First of all, I would like to thank the Minister for his quick response to our concerns. It is good to see the Executive Council has the same concerns about the problems and the potential of youth in the Territories as do Members of my committee. The question is, would the Minister be open to recommendations from the standing committee of finance, some ideas how to handle this very serious problem?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. McLaughlin.

Return To Question 48-84(1): Recommendations From Finance Committee Re Youth

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, I am sure all Members of the Executive are always willing to take direction from the House, specifically in this case. That is a tradition we are just following from the previous Executive Committee...

MR. MacQUARRIE: With some improvements I hope.

---Laughter

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: You are united over there.

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Specifically, on this I would say that the four deputy ministers involved would certainly be willing to appear before the standing committee on finance and as well I would and I am sure the other Ministers involved would too.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mrs. Sorensen.

Question 49-84(1): Status Of Submission On Stanton Yellowknife Hospital

MRS. SORENSEN: I have a question for the Minister of Health and Social Services. Mr. Minister, when I last asked you the status of the Treasury Board submission on the Stanton Yellowknife Hospital you said it was somewhere between your deputy minister's desk and your desk. I wonder, has that Treasury Board submission reached your desk and if it has, what is the status of it now?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. McLaughlin.

Return To Question 49-84(1): Status Of Submission On Stanton Yellowknife Hospital

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Yes, Mrs. Sorensen, the Treasury Board submission reached my desk, has my signature on it, and has now, I believe, been turned over by my secretary to the secretary for the Executive Council for distribution to all of the Executive Council Members. It will be an agenda item at the next Financial Management Board meeting.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mrs. Sorensen.

Supplementary To Question 49-84(1): Status Of Submission On Stanton Yellowknife Hospital

MRS. SORENSEN: I wonder if I could have an indication, Mr. Minister, when the next Financial Management Board meeting will take place?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Further Return To Question 49-84(1): Status Of Submission On Stanton Yellowknife Hospital

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Finance is out of town right now but I believe the intention is to have an FMB meeting next week some time. Tuesday, the deputy chairman of the committee has just advised me.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Paniloo.

MR. PANILOO: (Translation) This question has probably already been posed. This is in regard to hamlet councils' use of energy. Forgive me, my speaker is not working right so forget about my question for now.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any other oral questions? That appears to conclude oral questions for today. Item 5, written questions. Are there any written questions? Mrs. Lawrence.

ITEM 5: WRITTEN QUESTIONS

Question 50-84(1): Renewable Resources Office Trainee For Fort Resolution

MRS. LAWRENCE: Mr. Speaker, this question is to the Minister responsible for Renewable Resources. The renewable resources officer for Fort Resolution is stationed in Pine Point and therefore cannot spend very much time in Fort Resolution. In order to better acquaint the community with Renewable Resources programs and services, will the Minister approve a renewable resource officer trainee position for Fort Resolution?

MR. SPEAKER: Would you turn down your speaker there and go ahead with your second question?

Question 51-84(1): Fort Resolution Sawmill

MRS. LAWRENCE: For the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism. The community of Fort Resolution is facing a serious economic crisis. Unless the sawmill receives emergency funding to carry us through the next two months, it will be forced to shut down as early as next week. I must point out that this shut-down will occur at the height of the logging season and will result in the loss of 20 jobs. Those laid off may require social assistance to make it through the rest of the winter. In short, the closing of the sawmill will have a serious impact on the stability of the community as a whole. With all due respect to economic realities and the budget presently under discussion by this House I cannot help but feel that a denial of emergency funding for the Fort Resolution sawmill will, in the long run, result in a greater expense to the government in terms of social assistance and the possible increased need for other programs and services. Will the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism reaffirm this government's commitment to the northern business development and native employment to find some way to provide emergency funding for the Fort Resolution sawmill?

MR. SPEAKER: You have learned very quickly on how to use the rules of the House. You are to be congratulated on getting away with that speech. Are there any further written questions? Mr. Appaqaq.

Question 52-84(1): Mine Spill In Saskatchewan

MR. APPAQAQ: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is in regard to environment. I am not certain as to which Minister it will go. This is not a very long question so I will read it and it shall be directed.

I have been notified by the residents of Sanikiluaq that they are concerned with the mine in Saskatchewan that had a spill recently. We heard this on the radio from Toronto on January 5, 1984. The mine spilled 100 million litres or 20 million gallons of contaminated tailings. It was said that this contaminated fluid might run off to Hudson Bay. The mining company said the fluid is frozen but this is not a way to ensure that it will stay there as it may flow underground and it would contaminate fishing and other sea mammals habitat. Therefore we would like the Minister responsible for the environment to look into the matter as to how dangerous that spill is or if that spill is going to be cleaned up in the Saskatchewan mine. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Well, you have had your speech for the day. Are there any further written questions? There appear to be no further written questions. Item 6, returns. Are there any returns? Mr. Curley.

ITEM 5: RETURNS

Return To Question 34-84(1): Government Consultation On New Parks

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Mr. Speaker, I have two returns. The first one is a return to oral Question 34-84(1), asked by Mr. McCallum on February 8, 1984, regarding consultation on wilderness parks re land claims. The mechanisms in place for dealing with Parks Canada on national parks matters are as follows: 1) The consultative committee deals generally with parks matters and meets at least once a year but can be called as required; 2) when further or more detailed study is recommended, a memorandum of understanding is entered into which spells out what is to be done and the time frame and consultation process with the communities concerned; 3) recommendation to the Executive Council to agree to a park or not.

Return To Question 24-84(1): Yellowknife Greenhouse Experiment

Mr. Speaker, I have another return to a written Question 24-84(1) asked by Mrs. Sorensen on February 7, 1984, regarding the Yellowknife greenhouse experiment. The Department of Economic Development and Tourism was not directly involved in establishing or operating a greenhouse project at the old correctional institute site near the mouth of the Yellowknife River. The department did, however, provide assistance in the form of a financial contribution of approximately \$10,000 in 1973. The Government of the NWT, having just closed the correction camp at that location, were more than willing to make the use of the premises available to Mr. John Booth in return for some caretaking presence on site. Mr. Booth financed the construction of the greenhouse. The government's assistance was used for locating a house trailer on the property and for purchasing potting and rooting material, that is, soil and humus. There was apparently no legal agreement between Mr. Booth and the government, hence he was disinclined to provide any information about the project to the government. Mr. Booth died before the issue was resolved. Mr. Booth kept no records so even after his death the department was unable to determine what had been accomplished. I suppose we will never know.

MR. MacQUARRIE: You give up too easily!

MR. SPEAKER: Returns. I take it there are no further returns for today.

Item 7, petitions.

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

ITEM 9: TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to table Tabled Document 10-84(1), Notes for a Statement to the Legislative Assembly by myself on the Executive Council Position on the COPE Final Agreement, dated February 9, 1984. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Any other tabling of documents? Mr. McLaughlin.

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Mr. Speaker, I wish to table the following document: Tabled Document 11-84(1), Long-term Care for the Elderly and Disabled in Yellowknife and the Territories, a Review for the Department of Health, Government of the Northwest Territories, prepared by Lorna Willis, consultant, October, 1983 and revised in December, 1983.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Tabling of documents. Mr. MacQuarrie.

Motion To Move Tabled Document 10-84(1) Into Committee Of The Whole

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to move, seconded by the honourable Member for Rae-Lac la Martre that today's tabled statement by the Minister of Aboriginal Rights and Constitutional Development on the signing of the COPE agreement be moved into committee of the whole as the first item of business on Monday, February 13th.

MR. SPEAKER: I am not sure that that is in order. I will consider the matter and we will break for coffee for 10 minutes and I will give you my decision after that.

---SHORT RECESS

Speaker's Ruling, Motion Out Of Order

I call the House back to order. The Chair recognizes a quorum. Prior to breaking for coffee we had a motion by Mr. MacQuarrie relative to a tabled document. I find that under the new rules there are no definitions that would apply in this particular case, but by way of normal operations I cannot find any instances where we have allowed this type of thing in the past, other than for reports of standing and special committees when the person who gave the report has moved it into committee. So it is my opinion that the motion is out of order and should go by way of notices of motion and, if it is the will of the House, you can ask for unanimous consent and get it moved quickly. If there is not unanimous consent, then, of course, the normal 48 hours will have to apply, but I think that if we open this matter of making motions in formal session that we have defeated our purpose. Motions will be made at any time and you can circumvent the 48-hour deadline and this I do not think is what the intent of motions in formal session is really all about. So that is my ruling and it stands. Are there any other documents to be tabled? Mr. McCallum.

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I am not wanting to dispute your decision in any way. May I draw your attention, sir, on a point of privilege I think, to the new Rule 37 that no notice is required for a motion for consideration in committee of the whole of recommendations to the Legislature. Would it be possible, sir, to think of the document that Mr. Patterson, the honourable Minister for Aboriginal Rights -- rather, I think it is referring to a recommendation to the House to abide with kind of direction that the Executive Council took. I merely point that out for my own personal edification with the greatest respect, sir, please.

---Laughter

MR. SPEAKER: Well, it is a fairly good try but it does not change my opinion at all. It really has nothing to do with the question at hand. Is there any further tabling of documents? Item 10, notices of motion. Mrs. Sorensen.

ITEM 10: NOTICES OF MOTION

Notice Of Motion 15-84(1): Position On Northern Canada Power Commission

MRS. SORENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Curley had mentioned that this matter of NCPC was an urgent and jurisdictional matter and I just happen to have a motion here to give the government some direction. So I would like to give notice that on Monday, February 13, I will make the following motion and also I will attempt to get unanimous consent tomorrow to have this motion brought onto the floor for discussion because of the urgency of this matter. The motion will be: Now therefore, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Yellowknife North, that this Assembly reaffirm to the Government of Canada its firm resolve that: 1) Canada should divide the commission into two separate crown corporations, one to serve the NWT and one to serve the Yukon. 2) Within the near future, the corporation serving the NWT should be transferred to the Government of the NWT. 3) Canada should relocate the NWT corporation to the NWT. 4) Canada should forgive the debt of the corporation or, if that is not possible, the debt to Canada should be converted to equity of Canada. And, 5) Canada should establish the NWT Public Utilities Board as the sole regulatory agency for the commission.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Are there any further notices of motion? Mr. MacQuarrie.

Notice Of Motion 16-84(1): Tabled Document 10-84(1) To Committee Of The Whole

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to give notice that on Monday, February 13th, I will move, seconded by the honourable Member for Rae-Lac la Martre, that the ministerial statement on the signing of the COPE agreement tabled on February 9th, 1984, by the Minister for Aboriginal Rights and Constitutional Development, be moved into committee of the whole for discussion as the first item of business on Tuesday, February 14, 1984. I wish to indicate that I will be asking for unanimous consent at the appropriate time, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. MacQuarrie. Are there any further notices of motion?

Item 11, notices of motion for first reading of bills. Item 12, motions. Motion 12-84(1), Support for the Constitutional Alliance. Mr. Ballantyne.

ITEM 12: MOTIONS

Motion 12-84(1): Support For The Constitutional Alliance, Carried

MR. BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will read the motion.

WHEREAS in February 1982 the Ninth Assembly passed a motion which recognized the Constitutional Alliance of the Northwest Territories and its mandate to:

- a) invite full public participation and debate in all parts of the Northwest Territories in the process of constitutional reform;
- b) provide a forum and a means to assist members of the constitutional working group in areas of common interest;
- c) initiate the development of common positions and negotiate constitutional reforms with the federal government;
- d) initiate political and administrative reform within the Northwest Territories where the jurisdiction rests with the Northwest Territories Act;

AND WHEREAS as a result of the April 14, 1982 plebiscite on division, the Constitutional Alliance divided into the Western Constitutional Forum, WCF, and the Nunavut Constitutional Forum, NCF, each charged with the responsibility of fulfilling the mandate of the alliance for a new western and eastern territory respectively;

AND WHEREAS the Constitutional Alliance continues to exist for the purpose of providing a forum in which a tentative agreement on the boundary for division can be reached;

NOW THEREFORE, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Aivilik, Mr. Curley, that the 10th Assembly of the Northwest Territories confirm its support for the Constitutional Alliance and the Western and Nunavut Constitutional Forums;

AND FURTHER, that the 10th Assembly appoint Mr. Nick Sibbeston and Mr. Robert MacQuarrie to the Western Constitutional Forum, and Mr. Dennis Patterson and Mr. Elijah Erkloo to the Nunavut Constitutional Forum for the purpose of representing the Assembly's interests.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, your motion is in order, Mr. Ballantyne. You have the floor.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Seconder.

MR. SPEAKER: Question being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any. The motion is carried.

---Carried

MR. SPEAKER: Motion 13-84(1), COPE Land Claim Agreement. Mrs. Sorensen.

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

MRS. SORENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

WHEREAS this House has been supportive of the settlement of outstanding land claims;

AND WHEREAS one land claim group, the Committee for Original Peoples Entitlement, has recently signed an agreement in principle;

AND WHEREAS this same agreement in principle is in the hands of many journalists, southern politicians and businessmen;

AND WHEREAS Members of this Legislature are interested in reading this document and responding to constituents with knowledge and facts and yet do not have the document;

NOW THEREFORE, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Slave River, 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 Northwest Territories so that they may be informed of the contents.

MR. SPEAKER: Your motion is in order. Proceed, you have the floor, Mrs. Sorensen.

MRS. SORENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, it was brought to my attention yesterday that the proper title of the agreement is the initialled final agreement rather than the agreement in principle or the COPE land claim agreement. I just want to point out that I am referring, the intent is referring here to the initialled final agreement document.

The Minister of Aboriginal Rights -- as well as the Government Leader -- has indicated to us in question period and have given a commitment to attempting to obtain the permission of the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs to release them from the agreement that they will not release copies of the document to Members of the Legislature and the general public. This request, by motion, is to give to both the Leader and the Minister of Aboriginal Rights support by way of motion from this Legislature for that request; to demonstrate that the House is very interested in receiving copies so that the House may be informed and maybe have a discussion of the final agreement in principle. There have been lots of comments in the press and lots of innuendo and Members of this House, MLAs from every constituency in the NWT, are responsible for the representation of all the people of the NWT. In that it is consensus government, it is only fitting that at the same time that our Executive Council has copies of the agreement that other Members of the Legislature have copies as well. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. McCallum, as seconder, do you wish the floor?

MR. MCCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I simply wanted to add a very short addendum to the remarks of the mover of the motion to indicate that what we are trying to do as an Assembly, as a House, is to make sure that we explore every avenue so that this document can come to the House so that individual Members may peruse it and debate on the document itself. I think that having this kind of concentrated effort will indicate to the federal Minister our great concerns as a Legislature. I know that we have been told by the Minister of Aboriginal Rights as well as by the Leader of the Government that they would make the effort to get this particular agreement. I am heartened, to some degree, by the remarks of the Minister today and the tabled document. I look forward to a debate and comments on the position that is going to be put forth by the Executive Council. I would hope that the motion would gain the support of the Members of the House so that this very important document, that will affect everybody, will come to the forefront and come before us so that we will be able to sit down in a debate and pursue the certain clauses that will have this kind of effect, not only on the Delta people but other people throughout the Territories. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. McCallum. To the motion. Mr. Appaqaq.

MR. APPAQAQ: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am not sure whether it is true or not, but I heard yesterday on the radio news from Frobisher Bay early in the morning at 5:30, around there, the people of Frobisher Bay were not too happy about the agreement. I do not know exactly what that means in Frobisher Bay, but if the people who are negotiating an agreement, if they are

working on this -- if there are problems of that kind, other problems tend to arise. If the people that you represent are not really happy with what you are doing there is a greater problem that has to come out in the open, if we are not satisfying our people.

If they are rushing to sign it, I think this is one of the problems that we have to rectify. I am not going to be voting in this. I do not want to rush on it. If we are rushing on it and make a mistake this causes lots of conflict and problems. Other communities tend to do that for a fact I know. I heard the news on the radio that people were not happy about that agreement. I do not know how they operate but I am not going to be voting on it. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: If Members would try and keep their comments to the motion, this motion is asking for the Executive to try and release to the Legislature the agreement with COPE and no more. I am afraid that some of your remarks and other honourable Members are not sticking to the motion. To the motion please. I am sorry this will close the debate. Mrs. Sorensen, would you like to...

MRS. SORENSEN: Mr. Speaker, I am concerned about the remarks that Mr. Appaqaq made. By way of final closure I would just say that as the Speaker has indicated, Mr. Appaqaq, the motion is not to ask for a decision to be made by this House on whether we accept or reject the COPE claim. It is simply to obtain the document, to be given the document itself as MLAs so that when we are asked questions by our constituents we will have the document in our hands. We do not have the power right now to be able to accept or reject the document. It is a decision that is between COPE, the Committee for Original Peoples Entitlement, and the federal government. We do not as a Legislature have third party status in the negotiations. I would say that because we have an interest, as a territorial government, in seeking information on behalf of our constituents, it would be in our best interests as MLAs to obtain the document. This motion simply asks our Ministers in the government to obtain permission from the federal government and from COPE to give us that document. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Motion 13-84(1), Carried

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, that concludes the debate on Motion 13-84(1). All those in favour of the motion? Opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Item 12, motions. Do you want to try it, Mr. MacQuarrie?

MR. MacQUARRIE: It is sometimes said, Mr. Speaker, that discretion is the better part of valour. I think I can wait until Monday.

---Laughter

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Item 13, first reading of bills.

Item 14, second reading of bills. Item 15, consideration in committee of the whole of bills and other matters. Bill 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; TABLED DOCUMENT 4-84(1), 1984-85 MAIN ESTIMATES

Department Of Public Works

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): The committee will now come to order. Is it the wish of the Minister to make opening remarks?

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Department of Public Works is responsible for the design, construction, acquisition and maintenance of all buildings, works and equipment required and owned by the Government of the Northwest Territories. The department is also responsible for maintenance of roads in the Territories and is now in the process of assuming responsibility from the federal government for reconstruction of intra-territorial highways. The operations and

maintenance budget of the department to carry out these responsibilities for 1984-85 is approximately \$84 million. The capital program which the department will undertake for all territorial departments and the federal government will be approximately \$60 million. In 1984-85 the Department of Public Works will give particular priority to the following areas. Improved planning and management to more effectively and efficiently use the limited departmental resources in achieving the responsibility of the department. Improvements in capital project management in the Government of the Northwest Territories and the Department of Public Works through the expansion of the role of regional Public Works in the management of construction projects, the provision of guidelines to assist client departments in developing their capital programs, the development and use of standard building designs and therefore less reliance on outside engineering/architectural services, and the implementation of clear guidelines to govern the selection of engineering/architectural design services.

Development and implementation of a new maintenance management program for buildings, works and equipment to eliminate the need for premature and expensive replacement. The effective implementation of the transfer of highway reconstruction for intra-territorial highways from the federal government. This is an important step in the further development of responsible government for the Northwest Territories. The development and implementation of energy conservation standards and practices which will reduce the demand for energy for heating and electrical purposes for GNWT buildings and works. Improvement in property management practices in the GNWT through decentralization of certain responsibilities to DPW in the regions and improvement in the overall management of the property management function.

We will also undertake a review of vehicle and equipment specifications and standards to ensure their suitability to regional and community requirements. Improvements to the ferries in the Northwest Territories road system, to improve their performance level under northern conditions. Changes to the Merv Hardie in 1982-83 were a very important factor in extending the ferry service on the Mackenzie River at Fort Providence last year to January 18 when the ice bridge was up to full capacity. In 1983-84 this record was broken with the ferry operating until February 2 of this year. The ice bridge is now up to full capacity and the ferry has been dry-docked without any interruption in service to the public. These extensions saved the businesses and residents of Yellowknife and Rae-Edzo over two million dollars. The development of business opportunities for small Northwest Territories based companies related to highway maintenance and winter road construction and maintenance will be continued. Particular emphasis is going to be given to further developing approaches and local capacity for communities to take part in the construction of buildings, works and roads in all NWT communities. In these times of high unemployment and restraint the need to maximize local employees and companies on construction projects is most important.

Finally, the combined federal and territorial capital program to be undertaken by the Department of Public Works in 1984 is expected to involve approximately 400 projects valued at over \$61 million. Northern companies are again expected to be successful in winning a large share of the contracts associated with these projects. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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

HON. GORDON WRAY: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I have with me Mr. Larry Elkin, the deputy minister of Public Works.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you, Mr. Minister. General comments from Members. Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: Which page are we on?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): We are on page 10.06.

MR. BALLANTYNE: Mr. Chairman, if I could address a question to...

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Would you use your mike, please?

MR. BALLANTYNE: I was so excited about finding the page, I forgot to turn on the mike. I wonder if the Minister could, on page 10.01, give a brief explanation of the "continued emphasis on improved capital planning processes through this department's participation on the interdepartmental committee on capital planning". I think historically there have been some problems in the whole area of capital planning and perhaps the Minister could explain the process as it happened in the past and the Minister's and the department's concepts of how to improve that process.

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

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the Member for an easy question to start with. At this time I will defer to the deputy minister to answer that if it is okay.

MR. BALLANTYNE: As long as it is an easy answer.

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

Improvements In Capital Project Management

MR. ELKIN: Mr. Chairman, thank you. Referring to the Minister's opening review of the department he spoke of four ways in which project management for the department was planning to be improved. One of them was the expansion of the role of the regional staff for the department in carrying out these projects. It has been the practice in the past for all capital works to, by and large, be carried out by the staff at headquarters here in town. Over the last several years a process has been under way whereby more of that authority was turned over to our staff in the regions. We have increased both the knowledge and the capacity of our staff so that the smaller projects, such as houses, warehouses, garages and up to community halls, now, by and large, can be co-ordinated and built by our staff in the five regions. Point two has to do with the preparation of guidelines for our clients. The whole process of constructing a project is not that well understood and we believe that it is fundamentally important that everyone involved, whether it be that client department, whether it be the communities or our own staff, have a very good understanding as to what steps you go through for a project to be built, and that they understand the role that everyone plays in that process, and they understand the timing. To solve that problem the department is preparing guidelines that will be prepared in a way that everyone can understand. Through that, we believe we will get the requirements in from the departments sooner. They will be better defined and understood by the departments and by the communities and that will allow us to end up with buildings that better meet the needs of the communities and the clients.

The third point has to do with standardization. We believe it is extremely important that more of the buildings that we are constructing follow a standard, end up being a standard structure. Every time you build a building that is different it costs money, and we believe that, although you want to provide some degree of flexibility for the client department and for the communities to end up with a facility that they agree to and support, if we end up with buildings that are much more standard, then we can do it at great savings. We also end up with facilities that have the same kind of operating equipment and it is much easier for the people in the communities to be trained to operate these.

Now the fourth point regards the preparation of guidelines for how we hire our engineering and architectural staff who provide the service to us in designing buildings and works and helping to implement those. We have not had clear guidelines in the past but those have been prepared and they now provide a framework that provides an objective, fair way for consultants to be hired. It also provides for priority to be given to northern firms to ensure that a lot of our work goes to northern-based firms. Through that we are able to provide an architectural and engineering service that will be available to private people in the communities and to other firms and will result in assisting the economy of the Northwest Territories which we all know is so key at this point. Thank you.

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

Energy Conservation Programs

MR. BALLANTYNE: Well, that was a very comprehensive answer. I am not sure you answered my specific question. In fact, it almost appears you are reading from a prepared text, but none the less I have another question. If you look on page 10.01 under directorate, one of the objectives

of the department is to "develop and implement conservation programs aimed at improving energy conservation awareness and reductions in energy consumption in both the private and public sectors". Mr. Chairman, I guess the major reason I am asking this question is that it is my feeling that, at the federal government level, the emphasis on energy conservation has waned somewhat with the present glut of oil and gas in the world and the stabilized price of oil and gas, and I wonder if, first, the Minister feels that this is a problem and, second, because of the tremendous importance of energy conservation in the North is there a waning of the emphasis of the territorial government in this area of conservation?

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

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. While it is true there is a waning on the part of some people due to the oil glut, I think it is recognized at both the federal and territorial levels that this is only a temporary situation and in future years to come we will again be faced with an energy crisis at some point in time. The Conservation Renewable Energy Demonstration Agreement, CREDA, program which was jointly managed by the federal and territorial government has now been taken over completely by the federal government. However, we believe that energy conservation is very important for us because living where we do, the amount of money that we spend on utilities is still a fairly large chunk of our budget.

Therefore, what we have done is to take the two men who are in that department and what we are proposing to do in 1984-85 with these people is in four different areas. We intend to conduct public awareness programs which will consist of conducting meetings, seminars, publishing material aimed at increasing people's understanding to conserve energy. We intend to act as liaison between the Government of the Northwest Territories and the federal government to keep GNWT departments advised of approximately 35 federal government programs through which funding is available. We will also assist the public in understanding those programs. We will also undertake school visitations to advise school staff on energy consumption because schools are one of our main users of energy. We will introduce students to the concept of energy conservation and we will assist in the development of energy conservation related courses, such as introduction of energy-efficient construction techniques within the private sector. Last, but not least, we will be visiting communities to talk to housing associations, to conduct meetings and seminars, to advise hamlet staff. So, while the Member is right in terms of the public perception of energy awareness, we have decided that this is not the case and that we will continue on a program of energy conservation within the Government of the Northwest Territories.

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

MR. BALLANTYNE: I am very glad to hear the Minister's words in this regard, that he considers it an important priority of his department. I have another question of a general nature. In my experience with a number of the programs offered by the federal and territorial governments, the CREDA program, the Canadian Home Insulation Program, CHIP, among others, many times it is difficult for ordinary individuals to understand exactly how they can benefit from these programs. I think that a lot of people have not derived the total benefit they could from those programs because of a lack of understanding. One example is the insulation program. Suddenly in the city of Yellowknife we have 47 fly-by-night installers of insulation. It caused all sorts of problems and a lot of people were gouged, hurt by the process. Is the department prepared to make a stronger effort in this area to try to help ordinary people to fully gain the benefits from whatever new or existing programs exist?

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

HON. GORDON WRAY: Yes, the primary responsibility of the energy conservation division will be to work with private individuals and assist them with information, assist them in applications for programs. Also we have instructed our regional staff to assist communities in the same area. The primary purpose of the energy conservation division is to assist those people because there is a recognition that the programs, particularly CREDA, were very complicated and difficult for most people and you really need experts helping ordinary "Joe Blows" to fill out these forms to get the money. So we will be making that effort.

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

Transfer Of Highway Reconstruction Program

MR. BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On page 10.03, another one of the departmental objectives, under highways design and construction, is to effect implementation of "the transfer of the intra-territorial highway reconstruction program from the federal government". I wonder if the Minister could please explain in more detail the department's aims in this regard.

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

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, the highway reconstruction program transfer is one of the programs we consider vital for the evolution of responsible government. Negotiations with the federal government have been going on for the past few years about the transfer of highway programs in the GNWT and there basically are three programs. The first is the operations and maintenance of highways. This program includes all the maintenance functions, ferry operations and winter roads. This was transferred to the GNWT in April of 1981. The other aspect is the reconstruction of highways. This program includes the preservation and maintenance of existing pavements and structures, upgrading of existing substandard roads, and where cost effective, surfacing. We are presently negotiating with the federal government to have this program turned over as of April 1st, 1984, which is one and a half months away.

In terms of the third aspect, new road construction, basically there are two types of roads which we are dealing with when we come to the feds. There are what we call the inter-territorial roads. Those are the roads whose origin and destination lie outside the NWT, specifically the Dempster, the Mackenzie and the Liard. Secondly, the intra-territorial roads which are the roads whose origins and destinations are within the NWT. In preparation for transfer negotiations, DPW has at present a Treasury Board submission in Ottawa for approximately \$7.8 million for the intra-territorial road program. If this is approved at this level then we will be able to provide a fairly significant improvement in service. Any less degree of funding will obviously mean a decrease in the services we can provide. I think it should also be stated at this time that it is our objective, and would be our hope, that we could acquire responsibility for all highways within the NWT. However, the feeling that we get from the federal government is that in the case of the three major highways they are unwilling to transfer those to us because those three highways, to some extent, are access to resource areas and perhaps the federal government does not trust us with those roads yet. I do not know what they think we do with them but they have been unwilling to talk to us about the transfer of those highways.

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

Improvements To Ingraham Trail

MR. BALLANTYNE: Maybe, Mr. Chairman, I could ask a question of a more specific nature. I think the Minister is aware of the increased usage on the Ingraham Trail, the increased industrial usage. There is a winter road that goes from the Ingraham Trail. There were at least a thousand trips made by heavy trucks last year and I presume again this year. This has caused a problem with, first, safety. I think that road was never designed to carry heavy industrial traffic. Secondly, it really gives the road a pretty rough workout. I wonder, does the department have any plans to put that road in the proper condition to handle heavy industrial traffic? As a second part of my question, the road leading from the Ingraham Trail to Detah, it has always been in horrible condition -- I wonder if the department has any ideas or any plans to improve that portion of the road, from the Ingraham Trail to Detah village?

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

HON. GORDON WRAY: Yes, we do have plans for those areas and these are all included in the present submission in front of the Treasury Board of \$7.8 million. If I may just specifically detail what our plans are. Our first priority in terms of the Ingraham Trail from kilometre 1.6 to 5 is for asphalt surfacing. This heavily used road section is the highest priority for asphalt surfacing. Surfacing may proceed now that a final alignment through the Giant Mines lease has been established and constructed. Secondly, our next project would be to provide a granular base on the Ingraham Trail from kilometre 5 to 19. Crushing and application of a granular base is required to protect the reconstructed subgrade and provide a base for asphaltic surface treatment. We have programmed this for 1985. The next step would be granular base from Prelude Lake west access kilometre 0 to 1.2, crushing and application of granular base to be done in conjunction with Ingraham Trail,

kilometre 19 to 28. Asphalt surfacing, priority five, is scheduled also for 1985. Finally, Ingraham Trail, kilometre 28 to 37, material would be prepared for reconstruction of this road section scheduled for 1985. Asphalt surfacing at this time is not contemplated. These are all included in our Treasury Board submission right now in front of cabinet. In terms of the Detah access, we have also scheduled from kilometre 0 to kilometre 11, crushing of granular material to be prepared in conjunction with crushing of the Ingraham Trail and used in the reconstruction of this road which we have also scheduled for 1985. So we have some fairly comprehensive plans. It all depends entirely, however, on the Treasury Board submission and a reduction in the submission will obviously mean a reduction in the level of programs that we are able to provide.

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

MR. BALLANTYNE: Are there any plans to replace the Bailey bridge on Cameron River?

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

HON. GORDON WRAY: There are plans, not in the immediate future, but it is one of the plans at the end of the Ingraham Trail work.

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

Problems With New Generator, Sanikiluaq

MR. APPAQAQ: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. First of all, I would like to say in regard to DPW, when I was first an MLA, I used to say that the lighting in Sanikiluaq was not adequate. But they have now installed the lights and I appreciate that. But we always tried to live up to our promises and conditions in our communities but the lights that are now being made -- a few weeks ago Sanikiluaq had to be out of lights two weeks. They had to rush construction on these new lights. We will be saying what are our true conditions in our communities but I would like to thank you that we now have our large generator sufficient to serve the community. Since those lights are working now the community is too small for the generator. Since it started, the housing association has had problems with too many lights going out, especially with the heating shortages. Parts of the furnishings are wearing out due to the coming on and off of generators. We do not know how soon the problem is going to be corrected. We would like this looked at as soon as possible. We do not know when the lights are going to come on and off. It is dangerous for furnaces to be going on and off all the time and we do not know why that is happening. We have a beautiful generator and lots of lights and they are too noisy and they smell. In a way they are very efficient, but they seem to be going on and off all the time so the housing association is having difficulty finding parts for furnaces that are wrecked due to power coming on and off. Perhaps you have heard or has that been brought to your attention? Thank you.

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

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The powerhouse was built with the intention of adding to the community a new school this year and that is perhaps why the powerhouse seems to be much bigger than Sanikiluaq presently requires but with the new school being constructed this summer there will be an additional power load going into that community. Also we were unaware of the condition Mr. Appaqaq described. However it sounds very much to me like power fluctuations. Given that the powerhouse only went into commission about two weeks ago perhaps we do have some power fluctuations in there but we will certainly have people check it out.

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

Involvement Of Communities And Private Enterprise

MRS. SORENSEN: I am interested in your objective on page 10.01 where you say there will be an emphasis given to further developing approaches and local capacity for communities to expand their involvement in the construction of buildings and works in all NWT communities. I wonder if you could perhaps give us an indication of what projects you have in fact, in the past, involved the community in, whether it was private enterprise involvement or whether it was the government that was actually building the project and give us an example of some successful projects that you have undertaken as well. What training programs do you have that are going on now that you could describe for us and what plans do you have for the projects that are in this book now for 1984-85 which would involve the communities in the construction and training?

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

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The subject of privatization and the involvement of communities in projects is one which the department is approaching with extreme care because of the problems that may occur if one rushes into something like this without properly thinking it through. We have done some projects. At Fort Resolution in fact we built the community hall using a company that was formed by local people and in Cape Dorset we built the community hall using all local labour and only providing a foreman. I think it is projects like these that we are sort of cutting our teeth on, that we will send in a foreman and hire locally to build these projects in-house.

The subject of privatization is one which is very important in my own belief and we presently have an internal department committee who are looking at the whole idea to see how we can approach this with caution. It is also my intention to work very closely with my colleague for Aivilik, Mr. Curley, and his department to see what areas of DPW can be privatized. We have had some successes. However, you know, we have had some failures too. The example right in Yellowknife where we attempted to have government vehicles maintained at local garages was unsuccessful because we found that they just could not handle the work and we were having trucks down for four and five days requiring an oil change because they could not cope with it. It is a goal of the department. It is something we have to approach very carefully and ensure if we are going to turn over sectors of the DPW to the private sector than the private sector is capable and able to handle the work and do it in a manner which is efficient and conducive to the good running of the department. There is no point in turning over work from the department to a private agency if it is going to result in a deteriorating level of service to the community, but we have to work very closely with Economic Development to make sure that process is handled very carefully.

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

MRS. SORENSEN: I had asked, Mr. Chairman, for an indication of what capital projects are going to be built in 1984-85 that will involve this very laudable objective of developing approaches and a local capacity for communities to expand their involvement in the construction of buildings and works in all NWT communities. What projects do you have in the budget now you will be doing that for?

HON. GORDON WRAY: We have actually many projects. I will give you some examples. The Snowdrift school which is going to be log construction -- there will be heavy local involvement there. The Hay River school will also be the same thing and in Gjoa Haven the community hall and hamlet office where we intend to employ a substantial number of people from the community in combination with some of our own staff. Those are three examples.

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

MRS. SORENSEN: Just to carry on then, Mr. Chairman, I take it it is a bit more, however, than just sending in a foreman and saying "All right, build this school." Obviously you have to have people who understand carpentry work and drywalling and plumbing and heating and that kind of thing. If you are using local people to build these projects what kind of training programs have been established by the department, or do you plan to have established, so that the work that they do is meaningful with respect to going on to other projects and perhaps being able to form corporations to continue the building on their own of other projects, federal projects that may take place or other territorial projects in the following years?

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

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It is quite frankly amazing the number of skills that are available in the communities that have never been utilized before mainly because when you get a southern contractor who goes into those communities they are there for profit. Profit means they have to get the job done as fast as possible which means they cannot take time to train people. Utilizing our own people we do take the time to train people and where specific skills are not available, for example electrician or drywaller, we will put people in there and train local people. What we are in the process of doing is when we are in communities and there are people working on those projects who obviously have a fair amount of skill and have a fair amount of future in that type of work, then we are attempting to channel them through Thebacha College for further training. There are various programs like that so that we can eventually, hopefully, build

up a labour pool within the communities where, given the right direction and the right tools they could perhaps form a small construction company to take on small jobs at first. But it is also a very painstaking process because for every success you have two failures so it is something we have to approach on a community-by-community basis. Skills in some communities are higher than in other communities. So we have to take it on a community-by-community basis. Unfortunately we cannot come out with a broad policy program for the whole NWT just because of the diverse nature of the communities we are dealing with.

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

Development Of Lease Policy

MRS. SORENSEN: I have a question concerning your objective on page 10.02 which deals with the development of a government policy concerning leases which will govern and control the basis on which leased properties are obtained, deleted and managed. I wonder if you could indicate to me now how you have been operating without the policy with respect to leases.

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

HON. GORDON WRAY: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I will have my deputy minister answer that one.

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

MR. ELKIN: Mr. Chairman, we would not want to leave the thought that we have been operating without any policy up to this point. We have been operating under the general umbrella that, where it makes sense, rather than build our own that we lease our properties and we lease them on the basis that we take all costs into account and ensure that in leasing the overall costs over the life of the lease are fundamentally no more than we would pay if we constructed the facility ourselves. When we talk about policy, we feel that there needs to be more work done in refining that but we have pursued a policy of leasing from the private area as much as we possibly can rather than construct our own.

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

MRS. SORENSEN: If a local entrepreneur is interested in building a building or is in the process of building a building now in Yellowknife, for instance, what is the process that he or she would have to use in order to attempt to get the government to lease either before it is built or while it is being built or in fact after it has been built? What is the mechanism that one uses to go through the system?

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

HON. GORDON WRAY: Yes, Mr. Chairman, there are two ways basically. Private companies like that can approach the department with their proposal or, on the other hand, when we do know that we have a requirement for office space or warehouse space or whatever, then we will go out publicly and make our requirements known and then see if any of the private sector are willing to bite, so to speak, if any of them are willing to come up with proposals for that. Just in general, I think we are very open to proposals from the private sector for that purpose if we have a need for what they are proposing.

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

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. A question on one of the objectives of highway design and construction, with regard to highways, are you also responsible for putting pavement, or I think it is called blacktop, on roads too?

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

HON. GORDON WRAY: I missed the last part of that question. For putting hard topping on what?

MR. GARGAN: Putting blacktop, I think it is pavement, on the roads such as in the Enterprise areas.

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

HON. GORDON WRAY: That is Local Government's program but we do assist them and give them technical advice.

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

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I guess for the highway design and construction that goes for the Fort Smith area as well as just about all the other areas. There is not really any moneys for new roads or new construction is there?

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

HON. GORDON WRAY: I am not quite sure what the Member is referring to because my knowledge of highways is very limited. We do not have any in the East. Again in the proposal to the Treasury Board we have Mackenzie highway reconstruction from kilometre 0 to kilometre 83 which is year two of a four year \$60 million plus project to reconstruct and pave the highway from the Alberta border to Enterprise. I guess that is close to Fort Smith. I am not really sure. I hope I answered the Member's question. If not maybe he could provide me with clarification.

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

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I guess at the present time they have made pavements to Yellowknife till about past the airport. Rae has also got pavement. Now there to Enterprise has it, Hay River has got it and Pine Point has got it. The point is, is Fort Providence going to get something like that happening in that area? Basically most of the pavements along the Mackenzie highway right now are half pavements with the exception of Fort Providence and possibly Fort Simpson.

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

HON. GORDON WRAY: We have the answer somewhere, Mr. Chairman, if you will just give us a minute. If I understand the Member correctly he is asking about roads within the communities. That is a Local Government responsibility which we do not have any information on right now. If the Member was here last year he would have known that I tried to get the highways switched to DPW so that we would have the responsibility but it did not sail.

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

MRS. LAWRENCE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Under your objective for highways and highway maintenance, is there a chance of any funding available to build a new bridge on the Little Buffalo River and also paving the highway from Fort Resolution to Pine Point? If the Minister is not aware of areas I would be very happy to bring him along on that dusty highway in the summertime from Fort Resolution to Pine Point.

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

MRS. LAWRENCE: Then I will support the budget.

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

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There is a program in 1984-85 and I am just waiting on the details coming.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Minister, maybe you can give us a reply to that question right after the coffee break. So we will take a 15 minute coffee break.

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The committee will now come to order. Mr. Minister, I believe you have a reply to Mrs. Lawrence's question.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have some answers here. First of all for Mr. Gargan's benefit in terms of Fort Providence, from the ferry to Fort Providence which is eight kilometres and from Fort Providence toward Yellowknife for 12 kilometres we are doing pre-engineering in 1985, reconstruction in 1986 and paving in 1987. In response to the other Member's

question, the bridge over the Little Buffalo River will be replaced in 1988 with a permanent two-lane bridge and from Pine Point to Fort Resolution nothing is in the plans at present, other than that it will be beyond 1988.

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

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The pavement that is going to be happening, in 1987, does that include the community of Fort Providence too?

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

HON. GORDON WRAY: Yes, Mr. Chairman, the paving will be taken in conjunction with Local Government who presently have plans to do the community in the same year so both programs will happen at the same time.

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

MR. BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have one more question about the Ingraham Trail and the reason why I am really emphasizing the Ingraham Trail is, because of the increased usage there is an inherent conflict between the recreation use, the industrial use and the use of the people from Detah. I am concerned that unless that highway is updated there will be a serious accident on that highway. It is just not set up for that usage right now. I am quite concerned about it. My specific question is, with all the projected ideas about how the Ingraham Trail and the Detah road will be upgraded, where will the gravel come from?

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

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The department recognizes the urgency of the nature of the Ingraham Trail and that is why we have such a major program planned for that area. However, the Member must understand we are totally dependent on the Treasury Board to provide us with funds for that. In terms of the gravel, we will be undertaking a crushing program which will supply the gravel for that trail.

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

MR. BALLANTYNE: With regard to a crushing program, the Minister might be aware, I am sure the deputy minister is aware, of the fact that the city of Yellowknife is running out of gravel. Within a year there will be no gravel in the city of Yellowknife. I think it might be worthwhile if the city of Yellowknife got together with the territorial government to look at some joint crushing programs.

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

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That makes sense to me. I do not see any problems with that.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Any further general comments? Does the committee agree that we will now go into the budget detail of the Department of Public Works?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Directorate, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. Directorate, total O and M, \$4,142,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Project Management, Total O And M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. Project management, total O and M, \$1,322,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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

MRS. SORENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I wonder if there has ever been any discussion or a position taken by the Department of Public Works with respect to combining the project management with the project management that we find in the Housing Corporation so that we do not have a duplication of effort between Housing Corporation and DPW. Has that ever been considered?

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

HON. GORDON WRAY: Not to my knowledge, Mr. Chairman. There is some dialogue between the two departments but because the corporation is a separate entity and was set up like that, as far as I am aware and as far as the deputy minister is aware, no discussions like that have ever taken place.

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

MRS. SORENSEN: I realize, Mr. Minister, you have not been in the portfolio very long and you obviously want some time to get your feet wet, so to speak. I am wondering if you could take that under consideration. I realize that the Housing Corporation is certainly a crown corporation and therefore at arm's length from the territorial government but there is nothing wrong with, on paper, contracting out the services either from the territorial government to the Housing Corporation or from the Housing Corporation to the territorial government. I am really here referring to duplication of effort. It is expensive to have highly trained engineers, highly trained architects in both departments in the Housing Corporation and in DPW. I would wonder if it is necessary. I have no idea, because I have not done a study myself. I have no idea if the idea or suggestion is even viable, but I wonder if it is something that you as Minister for both areas might take under advisement and look at the feasibility of doing that.

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

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you. It certainly is an idea worth considering. One of the things I will be doing will be undertaking a comprehensive review of both departments to just look at that very subject and I will take the Member's advice to heart when I am doing that. That is all I can say at the moment. It is certainly worth considering.

Project Management, Total 0 And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Project management, total 0 and M, \$1,322,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Operations/Accommodation Services, Total 0 And M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. Operations/accommodation services, total 0 and M, \$15,291,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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

MR. BALLANTYNE: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the Minister, one of the basic objectives of the department is the privatization of government housing. Could the Minister please tell me what happens to the revenue derived by selling off government housing?

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

HON. GORDON WRAY: Like all other different government revenue, the revenue goes into the territorial consolidated revenue fund.

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

MR. BALLANTYNE: Mr. Chairman, I would think that over the past couple of years a significant amount of revenue has been derived from the selling of government housing and it would seem to me that since housing obviously is a major problem in the Northwest Territories that perhaps the money that is gained by selling houses in some of the larger centres could be directly utilized to build housing in some of the smaller settlements. I think it would be a way of perhaps enhancing the delivery of the program.

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

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That is an interesting concept. However, it is not within the department or even my own jurisdiction to do something like that. That is something that would have to be considered by the entire Executive Council, a proposal like that.

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

MRS. SORENSEN: With respect to the government's policy on staff accommodation and DPW's move to continue giving up leases for rented accommodation, what is happening to the employees who are now living in those leased rental accommodations? Are they provided for by the government or are they basically being asked, when the government gives up the lease, to move out of those premises?

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

HON. GORDON WRAY: That aspect of the accommodation is not handled by DPW. It is handled by the Department of Personnel and we do not have that information available to us.

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

MRS. SORENSEN: Are you proceeding, then, with giving up major leases in Yellowknife? Can we have a list of the leases that you are now giving up?

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

HON. GORDON WRAY: Yes, we are proceeding, Mr. Chairman. The only up-to-date list that we have is the leases dropped from April 1, 1983. Would the Member like it? We gave up 14 units of Alexander Holdings; 26 units, MacLeod Enterprises which was the Fraser Arms; 10 units, Mackenzie Plaza; 15 units Falcon Holdings; 10 units, Simpson Apartments. Those are the major ones, Mr. Chairman.

Operations/Accommodation Services, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Operations/accommodation services, total O and M, \$15,291,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Operations/Repair And Upkeep Of Buildings And Works, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Operations/repair and upkeep of buildings and works, total O and M, \$13,971,000. Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: Mr. Minister, I understand that your department is responsible for the O and M of government buildings throughout the Territories. I wonder if the department is interested in energy conservation as a control that could be put on various facilities. For instance, in the O and M for schools, if that was part of the Department of Education budget, would that not be more conducive or looking more toward energy conservation than with the O and M responsibility being within your department, because I would think that you have minimal controls over those actual costs, for instance in schools? Am I correct or not?

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

HON. GORDON WRAY: I have my doubts as to whether Education would give us the money. That is an Education budgetary item and, you know, I do not think they will release control of it. I do not know if it would be all that beneficial. The Education people are probably as cost conscious as

most given the fact that education dollars are in very short supply. Obviously if they can save money in O and M, it means more money for other programs, so I would think that Education are just as cost conscious as DPW.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Operations/repair and upkeep of buildings and works, total O and M, \$13,971,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Operations/Repair And Upkeep Of Vehicles And Equipment, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. Operations/repair and upkeep of vehicles and equipment, total O and M, \$3,650,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Operations/Utilities, Total O And M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Operations/utilities, total O and M, \$28,369,000. Mr. Pudluk.

MR. PUDLUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to ask either NCPC or DPW, if there is any power failure or emergencies that occur, which is responsible for it, NCPC or DPW?

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

HON. GORDON WRAY: I am not quite sure I understand the question, Mr. Chairman. In what respect would we be responsible for the power failure? I am not too sure. Perhaps the Member could clarify.

MR. PUDLUK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I was prepared to ask whether DPW or NCPC was responsible for the stand-by generators.

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

HON. GORDON WRAY: The Department of Public Works does have stand-by generators in all of the regions, I think, for that case, particularly in terms of utilidor, etc. The Department of Education has their own program with the schools with stand-by generators, so we do have such stand-by generators for emergencies like that.

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

MR. PUDLUK: (Translation) Mr. Chairman, this past year in Resolute Bay, just before New Year's Eve, this community's generator went out. I guess it was faulty wiring in Resolute Bay. It was because of faulty wiring, because the wiring was underground. If it is up in the air like they have it in most communities, they seem to be able to repair it. So the power was out for the whole night in Resolute and all of the residents of Resolute Bay had to check into the hotel and motel in Resolute Bay for the night because of the power failure. The council of Resolute Bay requested to have me ask if they could have someone on stand-by just in case something like that happens again in their town. Thank you.

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

HON. GORDON WRAY: We will have to check into that situation, but in terms of an actual power failure, it is NCPC's responsibility to correct that power failure. It is not DPW's. DPW's function comes into play in terms of government buildings and utilidor, etc., but in terms of having somebody on stand-by, we will have to check into it and get back to the Member. This is the first time it has been brought to our attention.

Operations/Utilities, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Operations/utilities, total O and M, \$28,369,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Highways/Design And Construction, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Highways/design and construction, total O and M, \$902,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Highways/Marine Operations, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Highways/marine operations, total O and M, \$3,514,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Highways/maintenance operations, total O and M, \$13,619,000. Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: We are not quite as fast as the chairman. I am sorry the Members from Yellowknife are a little bit slow. We are still back at highways/marine operations. I know Mrs. Sorensen has a question, and so do I.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Nay.

MR. BALLANTYNE: I ask for a ruling of the chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): I think the honourable Member will have to pay more attention.

MRS. SORENSEN: Railroading.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Back to highways/marine operations. Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: Mr. Chairman, actually this was in the nature of a bouquet. I am sure that the Minister or the deputy minister are not used to receiving bouquets, but I wanted to congratulate the department on the operation of the ferry at the Mackenzie River. It really has made a tremendous difference to the cost of goods in Yellowknife and it has really been a very, very positive thing. So I just wanted to say that. One job that was very well done.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you, Mr. Ballantyne, I am sure we all feel the same thing. Mrs. Sorensen.

MRS. SORENSEN: I would just like to continue the bouquet of the department. I was at the chamber of commerce annual meeting a couple of weeks ago in which the chamber of commerce gave an award to the division that operated the ferry over the Mackenzie River crossing at Fort Providence. The award was for outstanding service to the people of the North. It was received by the department during that annual meeting and the division representative was very well received and appreciated by the business community of this community itself.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you, Mrs. Sorensen. Highways/marine operations, total O and M, \$3,514,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

Highways/Maintenance Operations, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Highways/maintenance operations, total O and M, \$13,619,000. Mr. Minister.

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman, there is some talk of the Pope coming to the North, specifically to Fort Simpson. It has occurred to me that maybe the highway or the road from the airport to the town ought to be paved in view of the possibility of the Pope coming to Fort Simpson. I hear that possibility is becoming better and greater as the day goes on. So, I wonder if the department would consider that. If indeed the Pope does come, will the department consider paving the nine mile stretch of highway between the airport and the town?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): I thought perhaps the Pope might want to see the community in its natural environment. However, Mr. Minister, would you like to comment on that?

HON. GORDON WRAY: Looking at the present plan, I think the Queen would have to come first before we pave that. There is some work scheduled for 1988, 1990. Now, dependent on the Member's negotiating skills, I suggest you might be able to negotiate with the federal government if they want to make things look really good but in the present plans I am sorry, there is no plan to pave it for the Pope.

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

MR. BALLANTYNE: I support the Minister of Local Government's initiative. There is a chance the Pope may be coming to Yellowknife and I wonder if the department would pave the road to Yellowknife?

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

HON. GORDON WRAY: All I can say to that, Mr. Chairman, if I can talk him into going to Baker Lake it should be really interesting.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Highways/maintenance operations, total O and M, \$13,619,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Directorate, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. Detail of capital, directorate, \$57,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Project Management, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Project management, total capital, \$1,444,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Buildings And Works, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Operations/accommodation services, total buildings and works, \$598,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Acquisition Of Equipment, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Operations/accommodation services, total acquisition of equipment, \$525,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Operations/Accommodation Services, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Total operations/accommodation services, \$1,123,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Operations Repair And Upkeep Of Buildings And Works

Energy Conservation, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Total energy conservation, \$1,174,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Major Repairs And Upgrading, Headquarters, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. Major repairs and upgrading, total headquarters, \$804,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Major Repairs And Upgrading, Fort Smith Region, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Total Fort Smith Region, \$605,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Major Repairs And Upgrading, Inuvik Region, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Total Inuvik Region, \$1,090,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Major Repairs And Upgrading, Kitikmeot Region, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Total Kitikmeot Region, \$220,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Major Repairs And Upgrading, Baffin Region, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Total Baffin Region, \$1,720,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Major Repairs And Upgrading, Keewatin Region, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Total Keewatin Region, \$708,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Major Repairs And Upgrading, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Total major repairs and upgrading, \$5,147,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Acquisition Of Equipment, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Total acquisition of equipment, \$120,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Operations/Repair And Upkeep Of Buildings And Works, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Total operations/repair and upkeep of buildings and works, \$6,441,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Operations/Repair And Upkeep Of Vehicles And Equipment, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Total operations/repair and upkeep of vehicles and equipment, \$750,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Highways/Marine Operations

Buildings And Works, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Total buildings and works, \$165,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Acquisition Of Equipment, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Total acquisition of equipment, \$150,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Highways/Marine Operations, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Total highways/marine operations, \$315,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Highways/Maintenance Operations

Buildings And Works, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Total buildings and works, \$608,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Acquisition Of Equipment, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Total acquisition of equipment, \$1,466,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Highways/Maintenance Operations, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Total highways/maintenance operations, \$2,074,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Total department, \$12,204,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): On page 10.25, information item, detail of work performed on behalf of third parties. Any questions? Shall we continue?

Total O And M, Agreed

Total O and M, \$84,780,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Total capital, \$12,204,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): That concludes the Department of Public Works. We would like to thank the Minister and his witness. Does the committee want to deal with the Department of Education at this time?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Department Of Education

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Would the Minister of Education like to make opening remarks at this time?

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Chairman, I must confess that this takes me a little bit by surprise. If the House wishes, I would be willing to make opening remarks, yes. I had frankly anticipated we would not get to Education today. I will have to ask my officials to...

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Progress.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Is it the wish of the committee to report progress at this time?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Progress.

---Agreed

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you very much.

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.

Motion To Accept Report Of Committee Of The Whole, Carried

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

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Carried

MR. SPEAKER: Are there any announcements from the floor? Mr. Clerk, announcements and orders of the day please.

ITEM 17: ORDERS OF THE DAY

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Orders of the day for Friday, February 10, at 9:30 a.m.

1. Prayer
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3. Ministers' Statements
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9. Tabling of Documents
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12. Motions: Motion 14-84(1)
13. First Reading of Bills
14. Second Reading of Bills

15. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters: Bill 1-84(1); Tabled Document 4-84(1)

16. Report of Committee of the Whole

17. Orders of the Day

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. This House stands adjourned until Friday, February 10 at 9:30 a.m.

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