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CLERK OF THE LEGISLATIVE  
ASSEMBLY

Petition #7-87(1)

In accordance with rule 56(10) I am forwarding the Executive Council's response to the above petition.



L. Vertes,  
Deputy Minister.

cc: Minister of Education

Deputy Minister,  
Department of Education.

Legislative Assistant to the  
Executive Council

Attachment

## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Petition tabled by Mr. Arlooktoo on May 28, 1987

Response by the Honourable Dennis Patterson, Minister of Education on behalf of the Executive Council

### Increasing Allowances of Students at Ukkivik Residence

On Wednesday, May 27 Mr. Arlooktoo tabled a petition to raise the allowances of the students living in Ukkivik Residence. The petition compares the wages paid to territorial inmates to the allowances of students in residences.

Inmates in correctional centres can earn between \$2.75 and \$11.75 per week. This amount varies according to security level of inmates, employment, and incentive. This amount is also related to the number of days per week an inmate works. Half of this wage, however, must be placed in a savings account, which is available to inmates upon their release.

If an inmate does not work, he or she would receive the minimum daily allowance of \$1.10, totaling \$5.50 a week. This allows \$2.75 to be placed in the inmates savings account, and for a weekly spending allowance of \$2.75.

In comparison students in Ukkivik Residence receive a \$5.00 per week allowance. If they wish to supplement this amount these students, like any other territorial students living in residence, are free to supplement their allowance by working after school and on weekends. Some students work part time in the residence, and others, who work in Iqaluit, are provided transportation to and from their work by residence staff.

In the past the rate of student allowances in residences was set at the discretion of the local Superintendent. In 1988-89 the Department of Education will ensure that all students in residence receive a minimum allowance of \$5.00. To supplement that amount residence administrators will provide opportunities for limited part-time work in residences for students who require additional money. For example, students in Akaitcho Hall now may choose to work on the week-ends to supplement their income. Also we will ensure that students who require basic financial assistance beyond pocket money for needs such as clothing will be referred to Social Services.

The petition also referred to the fact that the residence building was older than the Baffin Correctional Centre, and that the Correctional Centre had five skidoos. While it is true that the residence was built in the 1950s, it is in fair condition and is structurally sound. The Department of Public Works continues to maintain the residence, and last winter the heating system was improved in one area of the building. The Correctional Centre has skidoos for a program to teach land skills to inmates, while the residence does not. Some land skills are being taught to interested students in Ukkivik. Snow machines and other equipment are rented or leased as required by the Baffin Divisional Board. Owning equipment would be more expensive. The Baffin Divisional Board and Iqaluit Education Council are currently investigating ways to improve the program.

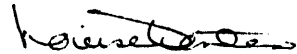
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CLERK OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Petition # 9-87(1)

In accordance with rule 56(10) I am forwarding the Executive Council's response to the above petition.

Yours truly,



L. Vertes,  
Deputy Minister.

Attachment

cc: Minister of Municipal and  
Community Affairs

Deputy Minister,  
Municipal and Community Affairs

Legislative Assistant to the  
Executive Council

# RESPONSE TO PETITION

No.

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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Petition tabled by Mr. Angottitauruq on May 29, 1987.

Response by the Honourable Gordon Wray, Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs on behalf of the Executive Council.

Gjoa Haven Arena/Curling Complex

The Minister has written an individual response to each petitioner and a copy has been provided Mr. Angottitauruq.