



Petition tabled by Mr. Pudlat on October 17, 1994

Reply made by the Honourable Don Morin
Minister Responsible for the NWT Housing Corporation

REINSTATEMENT OF SOCIAL HOUSING FUNDING

There is a severe shortage of housing in communities across the Northwest Territories. The 1992 Housing Needs Survey indicated there were 3,584 households in need across the NWT. In 1993, the Federal Government eliminated all funding for the construction of new social housing. This has resulted in a loss to the Housing Corporation of millions of dollars each year.

Since the cuts were announced, the GNWT has been working hard to get federal funding for new social housing reinstated. The Premier, myself, and other Ministers have taken every opportunity to push our case with our federal counterparts. A number of other organizations and Northern Leaders have been working with me to get the Federal funding back. Members of the Legislative Assembly's Advisory Committee on Social Housing, other MLAs, Territorial and National Aboriginal organizations, local housing organizations, community Governments, Metis Locals, Band Councils, and northern Members of Parliament have all had meetings with, made presentations or written letters to the Federal Government.

The Housing Corporation will continue to seek solutions with the Federal Government to address the unique and critical need for housing in the Northwest Territories, and I will continue to keep communities informed about our progress in this area.

The Northwest Territories Housing Corporation appreciates the support of the communities of Cape Dorset, Lake Harbour, and Sanikiluaq, and will be forwarding a copy of this petition to the Honourable David Dingwall, the Federal Minister Responsible for the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

