

RESPONSE TO PETITION

No.

3-90(1)

NWT GOVERNMENT LIBRARY



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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Petition tabled by Mr. Wray on February 22, 1990.

Response by the Honourable Michael A. Ballantyne
Minister of Justice

REMARKS BY JUDGE AS REPORTED IN NEWSPAPER

On February 22, 1990, Mr. Wray presented a petition from the residents of Baker Lake calling for the removal of Judge Bourassa from the Territorial Court because of remarks attributed to him by an Edmonton Journal article dated December 20, 1989.

Upon receipt of complaints I requested the Judicial Council to investigate the circumstances surrounding the newspaper article and the comments alleged to have been made by Judge Bourassa, as soon as possible.

The Judicial Council recommended that an Inquiry be conducted. Madam Justice Carole Conrad, of the Alberta Court of Queen's Bench, has been appointed to conduct the Inquiry and has already commenced her work.

The Petitioners have been advised by letter of this course of action.



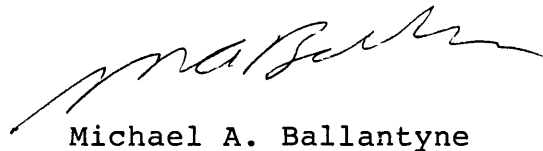
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DAVID M. HAMILTON
CLERK OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Enclosed please find a Response to Petition No. 3-90(1), tabled by
Mr. Wray on February 22, 1990. Thank you.



Michael A. Ballantyne

Enclosure

