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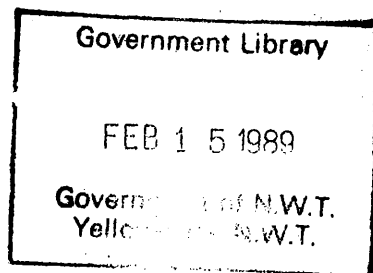
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Tabling Statements

Mr. Speaker;

In accordance with Rule 57(10), I wish to table responses to Petitions:

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RESPONSE TO PETITION

No.

1-88(2)

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Petition tabled by Mr. M. Angottitauruq on October 13, 1988.

Response by the Honourable Jeannie Marie-Jewell
Minister of Social Services

Northwest Territories Child Care Policy

The Department of Social Services with the assistance and input of other agencies and community groups is presently developing a policy which will be presented at the next session of the Legislative Assembly.

RESPONSE TO PETITION

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Petition tabled by Joe Arlooktoo, M.L.A., Baffin South on October 13, 1988

**Response by the Honourable Tom Butters,
Minister Responsible for the Housing Corporation
on behalf of the Executive Council**

Lake Harbour's Request for Additional Housing Units in 1989 Due to its Housing Shortage

The 1988 Housing Needs Survey completed by the Housing Corporation shows a Territorial need for 3,000 housing units. The Housing Corporation can, with the capital resources available, build only 300 units a year. This in effect means it can only address 10% of the housing shortage problem each year. At the community level, therefore, a need of ten units can only be addressed with an allocation of one unit.

In the smaller communities showing a lesser need, it is often necessary to deliver units on a two year program. Such is the case in Lake Harbour. As Lake Harbour is showing a need for fourteen units, the plan provides for a delivery of 1.4 units per year. As the Corporation cannot economically deliver less than two units a year in Lake Harbour, it is necessary to alternate the years of delivery. This however, never occurs two years in a row. Lake Harbour received two units in 1988/89 and is receiving three units in 1990/91.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Petition tabled by Mr. Arlooktoo on October 17, 1988

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

Swimming Pool - Lake Harbour

The Department of Municipal and Community Affairs has experienced exceptional demand for new swimming pools provided under the Above Ground Pool Program. This highly popular program has increased three-fold since 1980 to seventeen pools in operation in the summer of 1988. Four new pools are scheduled to open in 1989.

The Lake Harbour petition represents the thirteenth request in the last two years. Although the capital costs for new pools are relatively modest (approximately \$25,000 for each pool), considerable other resources, including those of the community, must be mobilized to ensure a successful program. To ensure that the necessary operating support for a new pool is in place, only two new pool programs are introduced each summer. Pools are purchased one year in advance and shipped to the community. During the next year procedures are undertaken to ensure qualified staff are hired and trained, the pool is erected in a suitable facility and necessary program materials and operating supplies such as chemicals are ordered and shipped.

A community must commit to a number of responsibilities prior to obtaining a pool, including: a suitable permanent enclosure for the pool with changerooms, showers and other health and safety requirements; accommodation for the pool supervisor; fifty percent of the salary costs for the supervisor and assistant(s), and; the full cost of utilities for the pool's operation.

At this time we have no indication of Lake Harbour's commitment to assume these responsibilities and a number of communities are considered a higher priority, including Pangnirtung in the Baffin Region.

I will, however, have one of my regional staff meet with community representatives during the next six months to discuss this petition. If the community is fully prepared to assume the responsibilities expected of it under the program, I will further consider Lake Harbour's request and its relative priority with other requests.

RESPONSE TO PETITION

No.

8-88(2)

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Petition tabled by Mr. Peter Ernerk on November 1, 1988.

Response by the Honourable Tom Butters
Minister of Government Services

on Air Services, Coppermine

In response to Petition #8-88(2) tabled on November 1, 1988, a letter was written to His Worship Mayor Karl Pedersen of Coppermine advising him that the Speaker of the House would be inviting representatives from the northern airline industry to appear at the winter session of the Legislative Assembly to tell Members about the services offered and how those services are priced.

Copies of the applicable Hansard pages on the air services debate were also sent to the Mayor.

RESPONSE TO PETITION

No.

9-88(2)

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Petition tabled by Mr. Michael Angottitauruq on November 1, 1988.

Response by the Honourable Tom Butters
Minister of Government Services

on Air Services, Pelly Bay

In response to Petition #9-88(2) tabled on November 1, 1988, a letter was written to His Worship Mayor Ovide Alakannuark of Pelly Bay advising him that the Speaker of the House would be inviting representatives from the northern airline industry to appear at the winter session of the Legislative Assembly to tell Members about the services offered and how those services are priced.

Copies of the applicable Hansard pages on the air services debate were also sent to the Mayor.

RESPONSE TO PETITION

No.

10-88(2)

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Petition tabled by Mr. Michael Angottitauruq on November 1, 1988.

Response by the Honourable Tom Butters
Minister of Government Services

on Air Services, Gjoa Haven

In response to Petition #10-88(2) tabled on November 1, 1988, a letter was written to His Worship Mayor Ralph Porter of Gjoa Haven advising him that the Speaker of the House would be inviting representatives from the northern airline industry to appear at the winter session of the Legislative Assembly to tell Members about the services offered and how those services are priced.

Copies of the applicable Hansard pages on the air services debate were also sent to the Mayor.

RESPONSE TO PETITION

No.

11-88(2)

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Petition tabled by Mr. Michael Angottitauruq on November 1, 1988.

Response by the Honourable Tom Butters
Minister of Government Services

on Air Services, Spence Bay

In response to Petition #11-88(2) tabled on November 1, 1988, a letter was written to His Worship Mayor David Tucktoo of Spence Bay advising him that the Speaker of the House would be inviting representatives from the northern airline industry to appear at the winter session of the Legislative Assembly to tell Members about the services offered and how those services are priced.

Copies of the applicable Hansard pages on the air services debate were also sent to the Mayor.

RESPONSE TO PETITION

No.

12-88(2)

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Petition tabled by Ms. Nellie Cournoyea on November 1, 1988.

Response by the Honourable Tom Butters
Minister of Government Services

on Air Services, Holman Island

In response to Petition 12-88(2) tabled on November 1, 1988, a letter was written to His Worship Mayor Jack Kupeuna of Holman Island advising him that the Speaker of the House would be inviting representatives from the northern airline industry to appear at the winter session of the Legislative Assembly to tell Members about the services offered and how those services are priced.

Copies of the applicable Hansard pages on the air services debate were also sent to the Mayor.

RESPONSE TO PETITION

No.

13-88(2)

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Petition tabled by Mr. Bruce McLaughlin on November 1, 1988.

Response by the Honourable Tom Butters
Minister of Government Services

on Air Services, Cambridge Bay

In response to Petition #13-88(2) tabled on November 1, 1988, a letter was written to His Worship Mayor Kelvin Ng of Cambridge Bay advising him that the Speaker of the House would be inviting representatives from the northern airline industry to appear at the winter session of the Legislative Assembly to tell Members about the services offered and how those services are priced.

Copies of the applicable Hansard pages on the air services debate were also sent to the Mayor.

RESPONSE TO PETITION

No.

14-88(2)

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Petition tabled by Mr. Ludy Pudluk on November 4, 1988.

Response by the Honourable Tom Butters
Minister of Government Services

on Air Services, Resolute Bay

In response to Petition #14-88(2) tabled on November 4, 1988, a letter was written to His Worship Mayor Aleesak Eckalook of Resolute Bay advising him that the Speaker of the House would be inviting representatives from the northern airline industry to appear at the winter session of the Legislative Assembly to tell Members about the services offered and how those services are priced.

Copies of the applicable Hansard pages on the air services debate were also sent to the Mayor.

Petition tabled by Mr. Kakfwi on November 7, 1988.

Response by the Honourable Nellie J. Cournoyea
Minister of Health

MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL SERVICES IN YELLOWKNIFE FOR FORT FRANKLIN RESIDENTS

The petition from residents of Fort Franklin, tabled by Mr. Kakfwi, is related to a long standing wish of Fort Franklin residents to have the option of receiving referred medical treatment in either Yellowknife or Inuvik.

Fort Franklin residents, because of language, cultural and family ties, have for a few years requested that their referrals be made to Yellowknife. The GNWT response has always been that referral location was a Health and Welfare Canada responsibility, but that after transfer the situation would be reviewed.

Since transfer, the Inuvik Regional Health Board has been formed and the Fort Franklin residents' request has been brought before them. The Board has recommended that the residents of Fort Franklin be given the choice of referral to either Inuvik or Yellowknife.

After consultation, this recommendation was forwarded to the Executive Council by the Department of Health. I am pleased to tell you that the Executive Council has directed me to inform the Inuvik Regional Health Board that when residents of Fort Franklin require referred medical treatment not available in their home community, they now have the option of receiving such treatment in either Yellowknife or Inuvik. This option is for Fort Franklin residents only. The Inuvik Regional Health Board will communicate this decision to the Fort Franklin residents.

Petition tabled by Mr. Wray on November 7, 1988.

Response by the Honourable Michael A. Ballantyne,
Minister of Justice

BAKER LAKE - SEXUAL OFFENCES

This same petition was sent to me by the Mayor of Baker Lake, Mr. Simailak, and by residents Heather Chetwynd and Sally Meserah, in May of this year.

The problems of sexual assault and sexual abuse are extremely important matters, and I am pleased to see that they are taken very seriously by the people of Baker Lake. Interest and concern from neighbours and community members can have a great effect on helping both victims and offenders.

Subject to the guidelines set out in the Criminal Code, sentencing of persons who are convicted is within the discretion of the Judges who try them. Independence of the judiciary is central to our justice system, and it would be improper for me to attempt to influence judicial decisions. There are many considerations which go into deciding on the appropriate sentence in each case.

I wrote to the Mayor, and to Ms. Chetwynd and Ms. Meserah, in June, in response to the petition. At that time, I suggested that they might wish to consider sponsoring a community forum for public discussion dealing with all aspects of sexual abuse and assault, including causes, results, prevention, and legal consequences. I indicated that I would be pleased to send a representative of my department to take part in such a forum as a resource person on the legal aspects of the issues. That offer remains open.

The wording of the petition was very broad, and therefore my response was general in nature. If residents have specific matters which they believe warrant investigation, I would need to receive the details.