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Mr. Speaker reads the daily prayer

Mr. Speaker: Madam Clerk, is there a quorum present?

Madam Clerk: There is, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: I will now call this House to order.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Mr. Speaker: We will proceed with the Daily Routine.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any documents or correspondence for tabling?

Are there any Reports of Committees?
Are there any Introduction of Bills?
Are there any Notices of Motion or Resolution?

Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Speaker, I beg leave to give Notice of Motion, seconded by the Honourable Member from Watson Lake that Sessional Papers Number 2 and Number 3 be discussed by the Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further Notices of Motion?

Are there any Notices of Motion for the Production of Papers?

We will then proceed to Orders of the Day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Mr. Speaker: We have three questions standing on the Order Paper and Madam Clerk, would you ascertain if Mr. Commissioner would be available to the House this morning?

Madam Clerk leaves room

Mr. Speaker: At this time I will declare a brief recess.

Recess

Mr. Speaker: Well at this time we will call the House to Order. We have arrived at the Question Period, and we have with us Mr. Commissioner to assist us in this endeavour.

Would you proceed with your questions please?

QUESTION PERIOD

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I

could give an official answer to the question asked by Councillor Lang on March the 7th. He asked "When will the Peake Report be made public"? Mr. Speaker, the Peake Report on Agricultural Policy for the Yukon is presently being printed and barring unforeseen delays the anticipated arrival date in Whitehorse is on March the 17th.

Mr. Commissioner: Will it be printed in green, Mr. Speaker?

Mr. Speaker: Have you any further questions?

Mr. Commissioner?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Speaker, I have answers to two questions that have been asked in recent days.

One, Councillor Lang asked about the final recommendations of the consultant hired by the Northern Canada Power Commission, and with respect to the fact that no recommendation from any consultant ever appears to be final, I will offer that the first two volumes of the report by Sigma Resources have been completed, and the full report should be available before the end of this month.

It is our understanding that the report will be made public.

Councillor Whyard, who is apparently an avid evening T.V. fan, was asking about the problem of the Northern viewer having to suffer through the absurdity of repetitive exposure to Vancouver sales pitches and other such advertising aimed primarily at the Vancouver sales area, and the reply to this, Mr. Speaker, is that all Northern Service Television broadcasts are regular CBC programming beamed to the ANIK satellite directly from Toronto or Vancouver. There is no local transmission, although special programs prepared in the north may be broadcast from Toronto facilities via ANIK. The bulk of Northern Service programming comes from Toronto on the national network and carries national advertising; feature films and the news program Hourglass are transmitted from Vancouver and paid for from the budget of CBC, CBC Vancouver.

Since national CBC programming ends about 11:20 p.m., late night programming available on Northern Service is in fact paid for by Vancouver advertising revenue. The answer to Mrs. Whyard's question, there is, advertisers do not pay a special rate to have their message carried on ANIK, and to the alternative to receiving Vancouver based advertising on certain programs, would be to eliminate all T.V. programming seen at those times in the north.

Mrs. Whyard: Thank you, Mr. Commissioner.

Mr. Speaker: Have you any further questions?

Well there being no further questions, I would thank Mr. Commissioner for assisting us this morning, and on the Order Paper you will note that we have no outstanding bills for processing at this time. What is your pleasure?

Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, I move that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and the House resolve in Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering Bills, Sessional Papers and Motions.

Mr. Speaker: Is there a seconder?

Mr. Phelps: I second it.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale, that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and the House resolve in the Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering Bills, Sessional Papers and Motions. Are you prepared for the question?

Some Members: Question.

Mr. Speaker: Are you agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: I shall declare that the Motion is carried and the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale will take the Chair in Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker leaves chair

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Mr. Chairman: I will call the Committee of the Whole to order and declare a 10 minute recess.

Recess

Mr. Chairman: We will now call the Committee to order, and we have with us today, Mr. Gillespie, Mr. Miller and Mr. Huberdeau as witnesses. Before proceeding with Bill Number 2, I would like to note for the record that we have been provided with a new page 17, 16 and 17, for the Main Estimates, and there is a correction contained in the new page under Item 322, Adult Education, Night School and Continuing Education, and this is the correction that was mentioned by Mr. McIntyre yesterday.

We recessed yesterday when we started discussion on the first item of the fourth main in Schedule A of Bill 2, and that item was Territorial Secretary and Registrar-General, \$720,020.00. Are there any questions or comments? Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Prior to the closing of Committee yesterday, I voiced general dissatisfaction under Establishment 400, more particularly the inspection and enforcement provisions of the office of the Territorial Secretary and Registrar-General.

This is not a question that is strange to this House, this is a question that has been raised in this House, for

at least two former occasions and at this time I rise in protest, in protesting the actions and the conduct of inspectors in this particular field of inspection.

The first real problem we had with the administration and their attitude towards inspections and this type of thing, were found in a proposal to Bill Number 1 of the 1973 First Session of the then Council of the Yukon Territory, in which an attempt was made to amend the Interpretation Ordinance, to provide, and I will read the Section which was found to be repugnant and properly so,

"Any officer of the Territory or a Municipality charged with the enforcement of an enactment or a by-law shall, while carrying out his duties, related to such enforcement, be deemed to be peace officers."

Now the members of the day, including myself, felt that already the government was somehow evolving into a massive law enforcement agency, and we felt that we had an R.C.M.P. in the Territory who are attending to the peace and good order of the Territory, and beyond that we should be having employees of government and I suppose in some cases, the municipalities, Mr. Chairman, that were working with the people. This reflected in the Game Department, where we felt that game wardens should not be hired to go out and arrest people, but game wardens should be hired and function as working with trappers, working with outfitters, working with the general public on improving the standards of game management and policies of trapping and hunting and this sort of thing in the Territory, and safety.

Secondary to that function would be their enforcement function, and it seems to me that it's a matter of attitude. Now the attitude expressed in 1973 was, clearly, that we wanted to make these people peace officers, all these inspectors.

Last Spring again the subject of inspectors reared its ugly head when on the south highway, and I believe in some instances in other parts of the Territory, the inspection services started to weigh heavily and predate upon operators who were attempting to do their best, and so forth, and many of you may recall the conversations and debates at that time, and I won't relate them again.

That was voiced in the House on Thursday, April the 18th, during discussion of this very budget, and noting has been done. There has been no change in this policy that the administration appear to have embarked upon.

Now, I could be wrong, I could be making a false accusation on the administration, maybe perhaps the individual inspectors are taking it upon themselves the writing and interpreting of the policy, but it would appear that if there is a direction from the administration in terms of policy, that this has got to be corrected. If not, then the administration has to talk to these inspectors and straighten them out.

Now, more recently, and I must single out liquor inspection at this point, more recently a new liquor inspector was brought into the Territory and put into service throughout the Territory. Mr. Chairman, and it cut a swath which will long be remembered in the annals of history of this administration.

Using policies of entrapment, which are, I think repugnant to everyone in the Territory, this gentleman wandered through the Territory with very little apparent knowledge of the full workings of the Liquor Ordinance, of the way of life of the operators and the

people of the Territory, and what would appear to be arbitrarily started shutting this one down and that one down for this, that and the other thing.

Indeed, an Appeal Board was held and several of the operators availed themselves of the Appeal Board and went back to the Liquor Board and found little remedy in their efforts, at a great expense to the operators, more particularly in the outlying districts.

What I am getting at, is that at this point in time, I don't think after three years of asking, that we can accept a policy which is now in existence in terms of inspection. I think that at some point we must find a rational approach to this question, I think that--I really feel that the Executive Committee of which three Honourable Ministers here are a part, should and I know they are busy, but they must sit down and examine this whole question of inspection, and the relationship between the inspectors and the people of the Territory, and more particularly in this particular instance, the operators in the Territory.

Now, I do know that--I know of inspectors that have worked in this government for many years, and over the years that have been good, and when people had problems in labour, when people had problems with liquor control, and people had problems with Workmen's Compensation and so forth, and as recently as Medicare, that they didn't go roaring into these premises howling and wailing about what a terrible thing the operator had done by non-compliance of a Statute or a regulation. They went in with the attitude, well I am going to see what I can do to help this guy and solve this problem, get him on his feet and the best of our ability, we will work with him, we will get the enactment--we will get the whole thing straightened out is what I am trying to say.

Now, on the Liquor Board, it seems apparent to me that if the Liquor Board cannot recognize the problems that exist between the inspector and the licencees, then it seems to me only proper that the administration should, at this point, consider a nominee to the Board, to the Liquor Control Board, who sits in judgment over these people, who is a nominee of the Yukon Hotel Motel Association, and I don't speak of somebody who necessarily is now in business himself, but I speak of someone who, in their opinion, having been in this type of business, would be a suitable person to sit on that board, and maybe offer, through that medium, to the Board, some expertise when they sit quietly and pass judgment on people brought before them by virtue of an action of an inspector. That to me would be sensible, and I believe, if I am mistaken, Mr. Chairman, that this is the practice in some of the provinces of the Dominion.

I believe that we can resolve this question. I know that there are--inspectors have a job to do, and I appreciate it, and I think everybody in the Territory appreciates that they got a job to do, more particularly when you are considering inspectors in the fields of building, of plumbing, of electrical and this type of thing. Obviously they are there, they are there for the prime purpose, intended purpose of making structures safe. They are thinking of the safety and well-being of all the people of the Territory.

And I note, and I must say that in that area, I found--I have received less complaints in this year than ever I received formerly, so there still remains the problem when the inspector walks into an old premise on the south highway, an older physical structure and says,

"Now look it Charlie, you have got to change that wiring", that he's maybe talking, talking to this fellow, you have got to spend \$30,000.00 or I'm just going to shut you down. And I don't know just how we resolve that problem, but it would be nice if this was to be the case, that he could also say in the second breath, and not only that, we are prepared as a government, to offer you a long term low-interest loan and help you make these necessary adjustments.

Now, this is another area we could think of in that field of inspection, but there must be answers and these are just two answers to two specialized, two or three specialized fields that I suggest obviously in concert this administration should be able to come up with more answers in a way that we can upgrade the policies of our inspection departments.

I won't dwell on that much longer. We have seen newspaper clippings, we have seen--in some cases maybe these people have it coming, and in other cases they certainly don't, but I think that the people, more particularly, demand again some rationalization of this policy, and I would not, as I stated yesterday it was my intention if I had to stand here and ask the House, whether they accepted it or not, for the deletion of salaries to a dollar, if that was the only thing we could do to achieve some relief from this--some redress from this serious situation, I was prepared to do that. And I prefer not to put before the House such a motion at this time.

I think that the honourable thing to do is ask the administration to work with the House and the people of the Yukon through this House, in attempting to alleviate what is becoming a very, very bad and dangerous precedent in the Yukon Territory.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Taylor. Mr. Gillespie, do you have any comments?

Mr. Gillespie: Yes, thank you and thank you, Mr. Taylor, for bringing up a problem that I must admit has been quite a vexing one for all of us who are involved in this Liquor Inspection Service primarily, and it's one as you know, that addresses or attempts to address one aspect of a sort of a liquor problem generally within the Territory that seems to be recognized.

You will see other things in the budget that deal with that in the Welfare and Alcohol and Drug Services aspect. You will recall in the fall, and it's an on-going program now, a check stop operation and various other things that we're trying to do to improve what appears to be an alcohol problem in the Yukon.

And one of the things, of course, is liquor inspection. It's called a necessary evil, if we must, it's something that has to be carried out, as you point out, in the right spirit, and I will agree with you wholeheartedly on that. It's not one of--we're not seeking to coerce people. We're not seeking to bear down heavily on the operators that are providing liquor to the public.

If we can avoid an enforcement, that is our aim. Our aim is to go in there with a helpful attitude, as opposed to one which is domineering.

Now, any inspector is, I think you will appreciate too, in a difficult position. He's asked to go in there and in some cases, and I don't suggest for a moment that this prevalent at all, but in some cases, deal with people who are reluctant to cooperate, and in that case

he has to do the job, and that job is an unpopular one pressures are brought to bear on him, and on the administration.

This makes it very difficult for the administration-- these sorts of pressures make it very difficult for the administration to really assess what is the nature of the work that individual that you are alluding to is doing, and to what extent the allegations that have been levied about what he is doing are valid, and to this end, what we have done, Herb Taylor met last week with the Hotel Motel Association, last Wednesday I believe it was, and asked them to please come forward in writing to him personally, or to me, with their comments regarding the way in which the inspection service is being carried out, and we are hopeful that we will get those comments.

And we are also, and I will say this right now, we will welcome those comments from anybody, from any source at all, that will help us to determine just to what extent these allegations are valid, and from--as a result of that knowledge, we can determine how then we will follow it up.

But having said that, I must sort of emphasize that we see anybody in the inspection service as performing a difficult job, and unless we can back them up when that backing up is warranted, then they are in an untenable position and cannot function.

We would like to see a good attitude, using enforcement only when necessary, but we would appreciate any information anybody can give us that will help us achieve that end. Thank you.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you. Are there any further comments or question? Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Chairman, I would more or less back Don Taylor's comments a hundred percent. I don't think I can say much more, except for the fact that as of now, I do feel that the inspectors are taking their liberties, and also possibly going against the laws of our land to obtain, well what can I say, crimes...or to enforce the law against operators in the Territory.

I am hoping in the next few days to maybe prove one way or the other if this may be the case, and if it is, I think maybe it would be up to this Council to look into the Liquor Ordinance again, and to look into the powers and so forth of an inspector and I am hoping we can do that too.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you. Are there -- Mr. Hibberd?

Dr. Hibberd: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Perhaps Mr. Gillespie could help us out in giving us some information regarding what are the professional qualifications of the inspectors for them to do their job, and are there any specific terms of reference which they are given to follow?

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Chairman, I don't have those details at my fingertips, but I can obtain them for you, if you wish.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you. Are there any other comments or questions? Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I would like to thank Mr. Gillespie for his reply to this serious matter,

and I would hope that -- and I am glad to hear that the administration now are going to receive input from the Hotel Motel Association, and indeed anyone in the general public, who wish to have input inot this situation. And I would hope that also that the minutes of the Liquor Board Hearing would be taken into account as well, in compiling a picture of what really is going on, and I think I would accept personally in a spirit of good working relationships with the administration as an elected member, their assurance and the assurances that I have been given this morning, Mr. Chairman, and I would drop the subject at this point, although I may have something to say on other areas of inspection later, and wish the administration well, because I really think that these are necessary evils, we must have inspectors in order to enforce Statutes, but we must have rational enforcement and sensible enforcement, ans proper and reasonable interpretation of these Statutes and regulations and I will drop them at this point.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I would just like to make a brief comment. Again, I would like to come to the defence of a Board that we have established under legislation, and I am referring to the Liquor Board.

These people, again, are carrying on a great service for the Territory. They spend a great deal of time. They have some very difficult decisions to make, and as an elected person, as a political person in the Territory, I feel that I would offer no criticism to the task that they have undertaken, and the Honourable Member from Watson Lake's suggestion that an appointment to the Liquor Board could possibly be made by the Hotel and Motelmen's Association, would be contrary to the spirit of the legislation under which the Liquor Board was established now, so some very serious consideration would have to be taken before this type of thing could be done, and amendments made to the Liquor licence as it is at the present time.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Flemming: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask, I am not just sure which person, but I would like to know what the wages for these people on the Liquor Board are, as of now.

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Fleming, I believe the -- it's \$100.00 per day, per diem rate is the rate that is set for them at the moment. While they are operating, they don't receive a salary or anything of that sort, the only thing they receive is a per diem allowance which provides them with \$100.00 per day. Yes, this is while they are actually sitting.

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, and that was just amended very recently. Until that time they only received \$25.00 per day, and I don't know whether they received a travel allowance, and it does mean three days away from work for one member.

Mr. Chairman: Have you got a supplementary comment?

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Chairman, I would ask the government to be sure of that, because I feel myself that

possibly the inspectors do have a problem. There is no doubt that when they were receiving, I'm not sure of this but I think it was around \$360.00 a year or something, to be on this board, that there was no way that they could go and get information on the highway that they should have. Consequently, at times when somebody asked for a licence, and I am not guessing at this one because in this case I was the person, and they did not have the full facts in the settlement whereas the licence was asked for, and they had not been there to find out and I didn't blame them, because they didn't have the money to go there, or somebody wasn't paying enough to be worthwhile travel like that on a job.

So I feel possibly now with the sound of things, that if they are making enough so - they have been paid to do a job, and I see them going out and doing it properly.

Mr. Chairma: Mr. Gillespie.

Mr. Gillespie: I think maybe I answered the wrong question in the first instance. You asked for what the Liquor Board was being paid?

Mr. Fleming: That's right.

Mr. Gillespie: And I answered \$100.00 per day while they were sitting. I think you are also interested, Mr. Fleming, in what the Liquor inspectors who are separate service altogether, are getting. Is this correct?

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Chairman - no, I am just interested in the Liquor Board, the three members on the Liquor Board, what their remuneration is for the job they are doing, and I am very interested in knowing if they are being paid enough to really go out and do a job and know what the score is.

If they must issue a licence to a place, we will say at Carcross or Teslin, they need the information from the local public there. They can't just make a guess at whether there is a liquor store in town or whether there is not a liquor store in town, due to the fact that some of them are not too sure just where the boundaries of the town even are, and in this case in Teslin, they had the information that there was one, two, three, four liquor outlets in Teslin, and at that time there was one.

Now, there was one close across the highway, there was one up three miles up the the highway, but these are not in the town of Teslin, the townsite of Teslin, and they were misinformed, and consequently they refused a licence which was later given out when they found out the facts.

But these are some of the things that I think should be looked into so that they are paid enough to do the job.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Fleming, the payment is \$100.00 per day, plus expenses, for anybody that lives out of Whitehorse, and that's the policy in our policy manual. I can't give you the number off the top of my head but it's laid down in the policy manual.

Mr. Chairman: Are there any further comments or questions? Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, while we are at

Establishment 400, there is another situation here under licencing, and it's been noted that in regulations and edicts from the administration that again this year, the Yukon and the people, the operators in the Yukon, are paying higher licence fees.

I would like to know, possibly not at this minute, but I would like all members to receive the actual amount of increase in revenue that these changes will have in terms of, you know, dollars and cents. I would like to know how much additional revenue over last year's figures will be raised by this year's increases in licence fees.

This is in fact, taxation without representation, and I think it's important that all members know.

Now, again the assessor used to be, I believe in this Department, and I'm not sure where the assessor is now, I think he's in local government, but - or under Land Titles here in this Department. In any event, I would like to know - here again, another tax or impost upon the people was perpetrated on the people of the Yukon this year, not in asking for a raise in taxes, but in raising the assessment rates across the Territory, having the effect of obtaining greater revenues from real property in the Yukon Territory, and whether then or now, I would like the answer to how much additional revenue this increased assessment is going to bring to the people, or to the government of the Territory from this source.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, if I might, I can answer, I think, all of those questions.

The first point that was made was that there was new fees from motor-vehicle licences put into effect this year. The Commissioner's Order was signed with the Council approval, last year. In January of 1974 this House was told that that was going to happen, it was a two year increase.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Not unanimous, Mr. Miller, as you are aware of.

Mr. Miller: Well regardless. The House was told a year ago that this change was coming about and it was a two year increase phased over two years. The additional amount of money that we would expect from the licence increase in 1975 will be something in the neighborhood of fifty to seventy thousand dollars.

The third point that was made was concerning assessment. The assessment, I think, that the Honourable Member is referring to is the re-assessment that took place in the Watson Lake area during the 1974 assessment period. This is an on going thing that happens not less than every five years, according to the Taxation Ordinance. Really all it is doing is bringing the assessment base up to a common level. That has been the practice in this territory for 25 years to my knowledge.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes. I thank the witness for this information. It is interesting to note that as he states, this House was told, not asked about these increases.

Also, in terms of the increase in assessment, I still would like to know how much additional revenue, some of these assessments have doubled and tripled. I would like to know how much additional revenue this is

geared to, or will, in fact, derive for the Government of the Yukon Territory?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, to the best of my knowledge it will derive probably about \$4,000.00 in additional revenue.

Mr. Chairman: Any further questions? Mr. Fleming.

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Chairman. On the licencing. I would like to comment on the licence issue a little. The practice today it seems, especially in the outlying districts is bad due to the fact that these people, some of them are operating 12 months of the year, some of them are operating 5 to 6 months of the year under the same licence. Now, I think, actually there should be a difference in licencing. When you are going to go in in the summer when the tourist -- gather just the tourist money in and operate for 5 or 6 months as a summer resort, I think your taxes, or your licences should cost you accordingly. If you wish to give this country a service and stay open during the winter months, regardless of whether you are going broke or making money or not making money, you do provide a service, a year round service. I think it should be looked into and see if these people to have a different licence., price wise, and possibly a few different restrictions as far as the Liquor Ordinance is concerned too. Right now, 6 months of the year you get exactly the same type of liquor licence as anyone else that stays open twelve months of the year, suffers through and does give the country service.

I was just wondering is there has ever been any thought at all about this, or has it been discussed at all, you know, yourselves. Any thought on the matter at all?

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Fleming I am not aware that, in the time that I have been here, that any thought has been given to that particular proposal but I will undertake to look into it. That is all I can really say for the moment.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Whyard?

Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, on the subject of motor-vehicle licences, I wonder if we could have some information regarding the number of motor-vehicle licences issued in the last Year? I have a feeling that we must have the highest number of vehicles per capita in Canada. The last time I looked at a new licence plate for '74 it was up around 7 something. Would that work out to about one car for every 2 point something or other people? What is going on in this country?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I think the total number of licences that we issue for motor-vehicles exceeds 12,000. You are quite correct in the case of automobiles, we were over 7000. Now all of them weren't issued. What we do, is that we send to all of the agents blocks of numbers, so they may be holding some in Watson Lake or Dawson that aren't issued. The precise figures, I am sure, we can give you, if you would like to have them. One of the things that I

discovered a number of years ago in looking at the same question was about probably 25 percent of the licences issued during the course of a year, aren't here at the year end. They have gone south because of the turn over. This is one of the factors. People coming in, the transient nature of our people creates this.

Mr. Chairman: Are there any further questions or comments? Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Chairman, I must ask first if this is the proper time to ask a question on auto insurance? Would this be proper to ask that question now? Or is it -

Mr. Chairman: I will allow the question.

Mr. Fleming: Has there ever been any thought in the government of taking over the automobile insurance in this country?

Somehow I seem to find that the government somehow is very, very afraid of insurance companies. I find the Compensation Act, which I myself fought for years, and in fact ever since I came here and as soon as I found out it was handled by a private insurance company, I started to fight it, and mind you, I have been in lots of problems. I have been in across the street, compensation, in the years that I have been here, and had to go to somebody else to get compensation, and been refused it there because I wouldn't pay under the circumstances they wished me to do, which was borrowing my money for a year every year, and now in the last year or two -- and I did get a little help in town here, I went to the right people, I think, and I think I helped also to have that changed.

In the meantime, they said that compensation could not be handled by the government as cheap as the insurance companies could handle, and they didn't want it, but they more or less had it, you know, this sort of thing. Now the compensation is cheaper, and I will defy anybody to say otherwise, because I will get them the papers to prove it if you so wish, and the car insurance today is the same thing all over again.

We are being taken by the insurance companies. I paid the other day in the neighbourhood of \$600.00 for a young fellow to drive a little Volkswagen back and forth to work for a year, and I say this is not necessary. I can see young people maybe causing a lot of accidents, I can see them causing a lot of trouble sometimes, but there are also many, many young people in the country who don't cause accidents, who are good drivers, much better drivers than I am at 56 years old, yet I get my licence cheaper. This is the type of thing the insurance companies are sticking us with. They have an excuse that if you are under 25 years old, you are causing too many accidents, and so therefore you must pay the price, and I always felt that it don't matter what age you are, if you are doing the job, you shouldn't have to pay the price. If you can drive properly, and you don't drink and you are sensible, then you shouldn't be imposed upon because somebody else isn't.

And I for one, am prepared at any time, to back anything that will put the insurance in the hands of the government itself and the people of this country, instead of the insurance companies.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming, I am going to treat

that as a comment, and thank you for your comments. I feel we are wondering from the relevancy of the item under consideration, and while it's fair ball that you made those comments, I would like to restrict any further discussion at this time.

Mr. Fleming: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Yes, Mr. Lang?

Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, I would like to refer back to the Liquor Inspectors. I am wondering, who are these people responsible to? Are they responsible to the Liquor Board, or are they responsible to the Territorial Secretary?

Mr. Gillespie: The answer to that, Mr. Lang, is the Territorial Secretary. They are responsible to the Territorial Secretary, not to the Board.

Mr. Chairman: Are there any further questions or comments? Mr. Fleming, do you want a comment in return from either Mr. Miller or Gillespie? I will allow that.

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Chairman, I would just like a question. I would like to ask a quick question.

Mr. Chairman: Yes.

Mr. Fleming: Has there been any thought to this? This was the first question I actually asked.

The Chairman: Mr. Gillespie?

Mr. Gillespie: To my knowledge, Mr. Fleming, there is not -- while I can appreciate your concern, about the way the insurance is operating or may be operating in the Territory, to my knowledge no thought has been given to the possibility of the Territorial Government taking over that function.

Mr. Fleming: Thank you.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you. Any further comments or questions? Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: We will then move on to the next item, which is Records Office, \$244,969.00. Clear? Mrs. Whyard.

Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, I note in the breakdown here of these estimates that there is an item for 50,720 for communications. What is this, a computer, which I would have expected to see under machinery and office equipment? You mean that we spend \$50,000.00 a year from that office on communications? Then what does it mean, Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Gillespie.

Mr. Gillespie: Mrs. Whyard, I believe that is mainly postage.

Mr. Miller: The correct primary title should be "Communications and Cartage", which includes all of

our postage, and that's postage for the total government, not just for the one office. All of our mail goes through Central Records, and they provide all the postage for all government departments.

Mr. Gillespie: Including all the brochures and that kind of thing. It adds up.

Mrs. Whyard: Sorry, Mr. Chairman, this is mailing for all government departments?

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you. Any further questions or comments?

The next item is Land Titles Office, and that's \$60,092.00. Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Well, Mr. Chairman, I don't think there is any question that any time you mention Land Titles there isn't going to be some great debate in the House, but I would suggest that coming forth either at this session or the next, that no doubt there will a Motion before the floor of the House, to discuss the whole question of land and likely disposition, land sales, land titles and everything else in the Territory, but I wouldn't want any member to think that by drifting by this one little item that the subject is excluded from debate, because no doubt every Member has some very serious and important input to put into this whole question of land.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Taylor. I am sure we have a consensus on that. Are there any other questions or comments?

Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, just one.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Whyard.

Mrs. Whyard: I understand there is a new system of land registry titles being implemented to coordinate federal and territorial offices. Is this under this new item? Is this going to cover the cost of that system?

Mr. Gillespie: Mrs. Whyard, speaking to this function here only at this point, all this is is the registry function. It's a clerical recording operation that we're talking about here, and that's all.

Mrs. Whyard: Territorial lands only, Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Miller: For all land.

Mrs. Whyard: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Miller: Basically maybe to just clarify that a little further, this is taking over for administration purposes only, the office that your good colleague, Mr. McIntyre, used to run down here in the Territorial Library Building.

Mrs. Whyard: Thank you.

Mr. Chairman: Any further questions or comments? We will then turn to Item 11 in Schedule A, Project Capital, and I believe we were at page 66, and

the item is Territorial Secretary, Miscellaneous Equipment, \$3,000.00. Mr. Lang?

Mr. Lang: Could I have clarification on testing purposes?

Mr. Gillespie: Yes, Mr. Lang, this \$3,000.00 is broken down into \$1,000.00 for equipment required by the new Motor Vehicle Examiner, who will be travelling through the Territory to issue licences, drivers' licences that is, and the other \$2,000.00 is for new safety examining equipment. I'm not exactly sure of the nature of this, but our safety inspectors take around with them certain monitoring equipment that they use in the performance of their work, and that's what this is for.

Mr. McCall: Radar traps.

Mr. Chairman: Any further questions or comments? The next item is Queen's Printer equipment, \$30,000.00. Mrs. Whyard?

Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, I have to object on principle to this one, as I have for some years, I object at any time to any government agency taking on business which can be done by private enterprise locally. I would like some assurance that this equipment is for some reason, other than simply empire building in that department.

I would like to be assured that this printing has to be done by the government because it is beyond the capabilities of local business people.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Gillespie?

Mr. Gillespie: Mrs. Whyard, this equipment is the product of a Price Waterhouse consulting study, which recommended that we improve or upgrade the existing equipment that we have, to continue to do just that service that we are doing now, not to take on any additional services that would take away from the business outside of the government.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Whyard.

Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, we are going to spend \$30,000.00 to improve the printing job we are doing now, rather than allowing a local company to invest that much money in a business which is paying taxes and is a good community citizen? I can't see this, Mr. Chairman.

I doubt whether there would be \$30,000.00 available to a local business to improve their facilities.

Mr. Gillespie: Perhaps the only comment I can make in response to that is that we are always examining the possibility of having the work done outside as opposed to inside, and as a matter of fact, as a result of this very study, the Hansard is now being printed not in the government as was the case in the past, but outside of the government.

Mrs. Whyard: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I am very pleased to see that and I meant to comment on it earlier in this session. Thank you.

Mr. Chairman: Any further questions or comments

on that item? Clear.

We will now turn to the fifth main, Schedule A, Department of Health, Welfare and Rehabilitation, and that's at page 28. Thank you, Mr. Gillespie, for attending.

The first item is Disease Control, \$81,000.00. Mr. Hibberd?

Dr. Hibberd: Mr. Chairman, I would be interested in inquiring of the Minister, what the status of tuberculosis is in the Territory today? How many cases there are that are being treated, and how many new cases are being found annually?

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I'm not able to answer that. I don't have the data available, but I certainly will get them for the Honourable Member.

Mr. McCall: Mr. Chairman, while you are doing research for statistics, I would like to ask for the statistics on venereal disease also by the Honourable Minister.

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I will get that for him.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Whyard.

Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, I'm just wondering why under this heading we don't include alcoholism and drug treatment. Isn't that disease control as well?

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Hon. Mrs. Watson: I don't know whether it's a disease or it's a medical deficiency, but we have made provision for it in a different section of the budget, the next page.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Whyard.

Mrs. Whyard: Well, Mr. Chairman, I just thought it should be under the same--under this heading.

Mr. Chairman: Any further questions or comments on that? The next item is mental health, \$146,200.00. Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: The next item is General Health Services, \$582,149.00. Mr. Taylor!

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, when--I would like to make reference under General Health Services to the Watson Lake Cottage Hospital, and I'm wondering if the Honourable Minister could inform me as to whether it has as yet been decided to make this a general hospital, or is it intended that it remain a cottage hospital, and if so, is she satisfied that there is sufficient funds in the budget to operate the hospital in either category for this current fiscal year?

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, it is the Watson Lake, will be classed as the Watson Lake Cottage Hospital, and as the Honourable Member is well aware, and I think that the funds that are in the budget

for this year will be adequate--

Some Member: --for the balance of the year.

Hon. Mrs. Watson: I don't know just when they will be in the new facility.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: I would be remiss in my duty if I did not make my annual complaint Mr. Chairman, to the effect that the Watson Lake area has long required a hospital, not a nursing station, and that indeed is what this is. It's a million dollar nursing station.

We are still looking as we have for oh, 15 years or more, for a proper hospital, and I would like to know--I have asked on many occasions, when it is intended, possibly in this fiscal year or next, to add an operating theatre and a number of extra patient beds. I believe we have four general patient beds in this facility. We have three maternity--no, two maternity, three children and I believe four general patient beds is all that's in it.

Now, may I have some and possibly the Minister doesn't know, but could I have some indication as to whether or not the operating theatre and the addition of general patient beds is anticipated for this structure?

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, the plans for the hospital at the present time involve these various facilities, and it refers to it as a hospital. Northern Health refers to it as a hospital, whether we call it a cottage hospital or a general hospital is just semantical, I think, capable of providing adequate patient care for at least five patients. Detention area to meet the needs of alcoholic and drug patients. A mortuary, out-patient care and sufficient space for public health teaching and clinics. So I think that pretty well answers your question.

There is no planned operating theatre in the facility.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask Mrs. Watson if in the near future she sees a change in the Carcross Health station to possibly being a Carcross Health Centre. I see in the cost here, it is Carcross Health station and Teslin is a health centre.

Now, at Teslin we have one nurse who does travel to the Carcross Health Station from time to time, and it seems when she is away that this is when all of the accidents happen and there is no nurse consequently in Teslin.

Due to the fact that the highway to Skagway will be completed possibly within the next couple of years, I feel that this is a very important item that we should have in Carcross, a health centre, rather than we should have in Carcross, a health centre, rather than a health station so we can have a permanent nurse. Is there anything in the foreseeable future that is going to happen there, do you think?

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, not that I AM aware of, but as--I can certainly bring your request forward to Northern Health Authorities and it can be considered, and if not on a full time health centre

category, a classification possibly we could go to having a health station manned during the summer months when it is busier, the busiest time at Carcross. But we will certainly take it under consideration.

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Chairman: Ms. Millard. Then Mr. Taylor.

Ms. Millard: I would like to reiterate Mr. Taylor's complaint to the Department of Health, Welfare and Rehabilitation on Dawson's behalf.

The Father Judge Memorial Hospital is classified as a hospital, but as far as I know, the facilities are so poor that almost every patient is flown to Whitehorse. Could we have some kind of breakdown on the services that are available for that amount of money, and whether or not it would be possible to expand the services that are under the roof there now?

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I would draw the members' attention to A-22 which breaks down to give us some statistics on the in-patient services which were provided, or which are anticipated, and if we look at the Father Judge Memorial Hospital, that's 145 patient days for a whole year, which certainly doesn't bring the utilization rate up very high for that facility, and then if we are talking to expanding the capabilities of the facility, I think we, should know have a very serious look at it?

Mr. Chairman: Supplementary?

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman--

Mr. Chairman: Miss Millard?

Ms. Millard: --this is what my complaint is that the facilities aren't being used, and that the amount of money that is being spent on emergency flights from Dawson to Whitehorse could possibly be used to expand the facilities in Dawson, rather than on flights which is just a waste of money.

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Oh, Mr. Chairman, I'm sorry. I didn't realize she was waiting for an answer, but the point I'm trying to make is that you have a facility there now, and I think there are many types of, quite a great extent of treatment that can be done at Dawson City, and the point I'm making is that you're only using 145 patient days. Maybe you don't have that much sickness at Dawson City for the number of people that you have there.

Now, you're looking at expanding and putting in a very, very expensive facility which needs some very, very specialized type of people working in it, if you're going into this expense. So I think you could pay quite a few airfares for evacuation into Whitehorse, before you could justify the building of a complete operating theatre and so on at Dawson City or Watson Lake.

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman, just one more supplementary.

Mr. Chairman: Miss Millard, a supplementary, I think Miss Millard wants the last word.

Ms. Millard: Right. I wonder if we could have statistics on that then, the amount of money that's being spent on flights from Dawson to Whitehorse and in the actual chartering of the airplane, in the escort that is involved and in comparison to the amount of money that could be spent on a building or expanding facilities in Dawson.

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I would be very happy to bring these statistics, but of course it's under a different establishment, but I will certainly bring the statistics down and I'll have it broken up for Watson Lake also.

Mr. Chairman: I will now hear from Mr. Taylor, and then Mr. McCall and Dr. Hibberd.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I rise to point out it would be grossly unfair to say that this is the load, just by looking down the sheet at A-22, predicting patient days and this type of thing. Sure, this is based on the policy that we are asking to have changed.

These people in, for instance Watson Lake, and no doubt in Dawson as in other areas of the Yukon, where we don't have hospitals, these people are driving and flying and doing everything but coming in on bicycles to Whitehorse, to receive medical aid, surgery and this type of thing. So it doesn't, the actual need for patient beds and patient days and this type of thing doesn't reflect at all and cannot reflect in A-22, the schedule that's placed there.

What we are asking for is like, we would like a school in our community in order that our children can have good education and people can have children remain in the family, rather than shipping them off to a dormitory some place in Whitehorse, they can be educated at home and we would like to see them have a reasonable level of hospital services in the major centres throughout the Yukon, and I consider Watson Lake to be a major centre, and I consider that Dawson City is a major centre, and I also consider as my Honourable friend across the way is about to point out, no doubt, that Faro is a major centre.

And we feel that we are entitled to better facilities than we now have. I did have another question though, related to the cost sharing Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Well if there be a region, do I take it then that if it were a region, then obviously the office is here in Whitehorse, there must be somebody you could talk to here in Whitehorse then that could give us the answer to this question.

I am wondering if Mr. Miller might have the answer to that question?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the decision hasn't been taken by the Federal Government as to when they are going to turn this responsibility over to the Yukon. We are currently on what we consider as Mrs. Watson indicated, to be a planned course of action leading to the take-over.

The division, or the region was created in 1974. We will have a first year's experience as of March 31st, 1975. It will take six months before the treasury people in Ottawa can get that experience out in terms of real numbers. I don't know. I -- but it's really a decision that has GOT TO BE MADE BY THE Minister of National Health and Welfare, as to when he is going to turn that responsibility over. Do you want my guess? I

can give it to you, but it's just a guess. A decision has not been taken.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you; Mr. McCall?

Mr. McCall: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

First of all, I would like to thank Mr. Taylor for once again giving me a hand in putting Faro back in the Yukon Territory.

I would like to seek a correction here to Appendix 22. I believe, and I stand to be corrected, we have no such thing as a nurse's station in Faro any more, I believe it's a cottage hospita.

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, he is correct.

Mr. McCall: I would also like to ask a question at this time. What provisions in this budget this year are being made to upgrade the facilities in the cottage hospital we know now as a cottage hospital?

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I can't answer that question, because our budgeting has to tie in with National Health and Welfare's budgeting for capital expenditures, and I think in this instance I will turn it over to Mr. Miller to explain how our capital budgeting for health facilities has to tie in with National Health.

Mr. Chairman: Before we hear from Mr. Miller, I am going to turn the chair over to Mr. Land, as I have to leave until 2:00 o'clock this afternoon. Mr. Lang, in turning the chair over to you, I note that once Mr. Miller has finished answering the question of Mr. McCall, Dr. Hibberd is next on the list, and I'll ask at this time Mr. Chairman, that I be excused until two o'clock this afternoon.

Mr. Lang becomes chairman

Mr. Chairman: Yes, you may. Thank you.
Mr. Miller?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the financing of capital projects' arrangement we have, if you like between ourselves and the Federal Government, they actually build the facilities in most cases.

Now, we have in the past built certain for them, but the general tendency is now that they build the facilities and in effect, we pay our share of that cost the year after they incur the expense. So, they make the decision, spend the money and we just kick in a portion, based on a cost sharing formula that incidentally was developed in 1961, and hasn't been changed since. But that's the way the thing works at the moment, and we are not proposing to change that procedure. We don't intend to change that procedure, because we are working on this eventual turn-over of all health facilities to the Yukon Territory.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Hibberd?

Dr. Hibberd: Mr. Chairman, am I to understand from Mr. Miller's remarks, that the Federal Government is responsible for the developing of the health care program for the Yukon Territory, or is the Territory itself responsible for the development of the needs of the people of the Yukon?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, at the moment the Federal Government, Northern Health Services, are responsible for developing the program and providing the services for health in the Yukon Territory.

Dr. Hibberd: Supplementary question?

Mr. Chairman: Just a minute, Mr. McCall. Dr. Hibberd?

Dr. Hibberd: They are providing the health care, do I understand you to say?

Mr. Miller: That's correct, Mr. Chairman.

Dr. Hibberd: They are providing the financing?

Mr. Miller: No, Mr. Chairman.

Dr. Hibberd: The Medical Care Delivery Program?

Mr. Miller: They provide part of the financing, in effect the major part, in spite of what is shown here, they do provide the major part of the financing.

Mr. Chairman: Before Mr. McCall, I believe Mrs. Watson, the Minister of Health and Welfare, had a comment.

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Yes, Mr. Chairman, it was even more ludicrous in the past. Often we didn't have a copy of their budget. When we went to our review and forecasts, so that we could tie our expenditure, what they required from us, to fulfill the medical program or the health programs that they were developing.

Now, in the past four years they have come forward and had their budget forecast ready so that we could tie our forecast in with theirs, so that shows you that we do have limited control, and we certainly have very, very limited control over the type of facilities that will be built, the types of hospitals and so on that will be built by National Health. They have to budget for the facility first. They make the decision, then they tell us and we have to kick in our share. That's basically what it amounts to.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McCall?

Mr. McCall: Yes, in view of what Mrs. Watson has just said, I would like to project a question either to the Honourable Minister or Mr. Miller to answer. If this is the case, and the Federal Government seems to be carrying the ball game around here as far as our National Health, I am curious as to what plans they have in the future, if we know of any, and just how far are we planning to be involved? In other words, how much are we going to tag along for the ride for the Federal Government?

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Yes, Mr. Chairman, that's what we were speaking over, that we would take over administration of health in the Yukon Territory from Northern Health, and this is why they have created a health zone. The Yukon is a health zone, so that we can identify the costs that they expend in the Yukon to

provide this health service, so that when we take over the administration, we know what amount of funds we want to get from them. Very similar to taking over the administration and maintenance of the Alaska Highway.

If we take over the administration, we want them to give us the money.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Berger?

Mr. Berger: I would like to add something to the previous discussion about transporting people in and out from Dawson to Watson Lake. I think even if the Minister of Health and Welfare gives us the statistics on the cost involved in transporting the people, the true cost is actually--is to the patient, because when patients are transported to Whitehorse, as out-patients for example, they have to stay in hotels, they have to eat, they have to have taxis to the hospitals, and those costs are direct to the taxpayers of the Yukon.

So I would say that in the long run, it's the people who are not only paying taxes to fund the hospital service, but on top of it they have to pay additional -- for additional services.

And another question I have is on the hospital in Dawson City itself, three years ago, the City of Dawson asked for a ramp to replace the present steps system in Dawson, which is treacherous there, especially in the wintertime when they transport patients in and out on stretchers, and up to now there was actually nothing done about it. And I was wondering if something could be done about it in the near future?

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman I will certainly take that -- that was a ramp rather than -- a ramp to replace the steps, and I think the Honourable Member from Dawson made a good point that even with the fact that you do have, we do have assistance for evacuation or for transportation for medical treatment, there is an extra cost burden that some of the outlying area people have to assume personally in order to get their treatment.

Mr. Chairman: There is no more comment? Clear? We will go onto the next item, Subsidized Travel and Medical Necessity, \$90,000.00.
Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: I would like to ask the Minister a question, after I make a few comments on the transportation from the outlying districts to the hospital, and the transportation warrants that are issued for subsidization or whatever for expenses, in the case where you drive a person to town personally, possible, or they come in on a bus, they are not an emergency case, they are not brought in by the ambulance. A nurse usually phones in to the doctor and gets the permission to have the person sent to town, either this morning or tomorrow morning, or immediately, or, you know.

And I know this is in the legislation, we have legislation now providing this to the extent of maybe the bus fare or whatever is equivalent, you know, so forth and so on, I think you know all about that too, so the only problem is that in the past, it seems you can't collect it unless you're smart enough to make sure you

go and get a transportation warrant paper and you fill it all in and so forth and so on yourself.

Now, I find many, many people that come in and don't receive the subsidization, due to the fact that they don't know how to go about getting it.

Now in the legislation, it is like your income tax, you know. It is there, and provided for for all of the people, yet very few people, I would say, very few people in my district ever get this subsidization, due to the fact that they have to go and spend, and I did this myself -- I'm not guessing at this one again, for a lady in Teslin, I won't mention any names, but to just prove the point, I told her she should get her money that was coming to her because she was called into the hospital four times, and they had never given her a paper to fill in, nothing. Nobody had notified her or anything, and to get that paper and to get it filled, I was in town a half a day.

I had to go to the Health and Welfare there, I was over to that one over there, I was over to the hospital to see the doctor. Now, this is a little ridiculous when the money is supposedly there, supposedly you fill in the sheet somewhere or the doctor signs it, and you get the money.

Now, I find on native travel subsidies there is no problem. You bring the native person into the hospital, they immediately want to know who brought him in, they just walk up to the desk and fill in the paper, the date, so forth and so on, sign your name as the transportation facilities. There is no problem.

What I ask now is why can't our transportation be handled in the same way, instead of it being on the onus and the person to find out if he can even get it or not, because it is something that is paid for by all of the people.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I think that the Honourable Member has made a good point, and I agree that I think there are a lot of people who are not aware of this program, and the benefits of this program, and I will undertake to see what routine somebody has to go through, what they expect them to go through in order to get payment, and to see whether we can cut down some of the--I know the red tape, I guess we could easily call it, in order that a person could receive some payment.

I believe that it is necessary to have the signature of the doctor. Is that not right, on the travel warrant, but the route it has to go through after the doctor gets his signature on it, I am not sure, and this is the one thing I'll see, and also probably clean up the form. I don't know, but we will certainly have a look at it.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Berger?

Mr. Berger: I would like to make a correction here because Dawson has been without a doctor and so any nurse in charge of the hospital can sign a travel warrant.

Hon. Mrs. Watson: True.

Mr. Berger: And it's strictly up to the nurse in charge on the day when the travel warrant is required to issue a travel warrant.

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman. this could be

true, but I thought the doctor who provides the treatment also can sign the travel warrant. Not necessarily eh?

Mr. Berger: If the nurse feels it is necessary for a patient to go to Whitehorse then it is up to the nurse to sign the travel warrant.

Hon. Mrs. Watson: The evacuation?

Mr. Berger: And take the responsibility for it.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: I agree that the nurse in attendance does have to sign, or it is supposedly to come from the nursing station to start with. She does sign the travel warrant that you go to town. This is where part of the problem is, if I may clear it up.

To start with, and using Teslin as an example, there were no forms there. The legislation was here, but there were no forms in Teslin. I myself took some out there.

I find that this--the administration again is just not being done when the person is there, and of course, I think, Mr. Berger, I think you are a little wrong in the last remark, I think, and Mr. Hibberd can clear this up, but after they have the travel warrant issued, it goes to the doctor and he must sign it. That has been one of the problems because I think maybe the doctors have refused, rightly so, and I would too, if I had to fill in a transportation warrant for somebody that I had to work on all night. I don't think that's up to the doctor. I feel they have enough work now, and I think that is part of the reason this administration isn't working out properly.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Hibberd?

Dr. Hibberd: Mr. Chairman, as a point of clarification, I think these warrants are often issued by the nurse, but first she consults the doctor in Whitehorse, who then gives verbal permission for her to sign that form, and this is the way it is carried out.

I might add that there are some problems, because it is a privilege that does come under abuse. If someone up at Beaver Creek wants to come in shopping, they very often have it--try and use a medical reason to have their travel expenses paid. And so the doctor really has to be involved, there has to be some policing of it.

Mr. Chairman: Is this clear?
Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I just wondered if the figures are available as to how well received was this program during this year, this fiscal year and you know, were there many people applying for travel subsidization?

Mr. Chairman: Do you have a comment on this Mr. Miller?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, to the end of January, 1975, which is essentially an 11 month period, we have spent \$94,000.00.

Mrs. Whyard: I'm sorry, Mr. Chairman--

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Whyard.

Mrs. Whyard: --We can't hear down at this end.

Mr. Chairman: Do you want to speak a little louder?

Mr. Miller: At the end of January, 1975, for an 11 month period, we have spent \$94,000.00 on this particular establishment.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Chairman, ask Mr. Miller, is that \$94,000.00, is that strictly for this type of transportation we are speaking of, this transportation from the outlying districts into town, or does that include some transportation possibly to Edmonton and so forth and so on?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, that includes both the transportation into Whitehorse and the transportation outside the Territory.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Miller, or Mr. Chairman, I wonder if we could have the breakdown on that possibly brought at a later date or perhaps he could introduce these now, or if you don't know it now, could we possibly have that?

Mr. Miller: Yes, Mr. Chairman, we will get that and bring it forward.

Mr. Chairman: Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: We will go onto the next item, Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, \$123,535.00.

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Chairman: Miss Millard

Ms. Millard: I note that under professional and special services, there's been a phenomenal increase from \$7,000.00 to \$50,000.00. I wonder if we could have an explanation of this?

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Yes, Mr. Chairman, you will see that there's quite an increase in this whole establishment, and so it should be. I think it's been long overdue. We now have an Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, and I hope we will have some programs.

We've had the money for this type of person, staff and we really haven't had programs and I think we are really getting underway to try to come up with some treatment programs for the abuse of alcohol and drug, and if you will notice under Establishment 505 under Grants, we have made provision for grants to private organizations, such as Crossroads, who carry out a treatment program for alcoholism, and since, I

believe, Crossroads are the only organization that are doing this at this present time, the assistance is made--there is provision made for them here.

Now, there's quite an increase in the Professional Special Services and it is our plan, this year, to try to establish, and it will take some months before it is established, it will likely be mid-summer or late summer before we have it completed, a detoxification centre, a place where people can be sent to dry them out, as it were to say, rather than having to use the facilities at the hospital. Sometimes they put them in the lock-up, sometimes they have even put them down at the Correctional Institution, sometimes they have gone home and had problems.

There's been quite a deficiency here in the Whitehorse area for such a centre, and really a hospital shouldn't be used as a detoxification centre. There are cases where there is medical treatment required with the detoxification, where they certainly require hospitalization, but not always on an everytime basis. And we are hoping to establish the detoxification centre and hoping that we can have it recognized as a medical service under Yukon Hospital Insurance Scheme, and then have it operated possibly as an annex to the Whitehorse General Hospital, and that way, the operation costs and the maintenance costs of the detoxification centre will be cost shared approximately 50 per cent by the Federal Government under Y.H.I.S.

We are at the present time, there are many things that have to be cleared up. We have to have a commitment, a firm commitment from the Federal Government that it can be an insured service under Y.H.I.S. We also have to determine a location, we have to determine what building we will use, and at the present time we have two vacant group homes in the Whitehorse area and one of them, we have been meeting with the Crossroads people and have suggested they may consider using one of the group homes on a temporary basis, to see them through until they have a permanent facility.

And we are also suggesting that possibly they could use one of the vacant group homes, we could use one of the vacant group homes for a detoxification centre. The one we were talking about for detoxification centre is situated on, I believe it's Lowe Street, in the downtown area, and the specialists in this field say that the closer to the main stream of the population for detoxification centre, the better.

In fact, in some of the large cities, they have them right in the main street, so it is a requirement to have it in the downtown part of Whitehorse or it would be an asset to have it there, and this is basically the type of program that we want to go into with this establishment.

I might also add that the alcohol consultant works very closely with the rehabilitation officer with the Department of Education, if people require some rehabilitation through Crossroads and possibly over, at some times through the detoxification centre, but there is more of a correlation of these services within the government.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: That gives rise to a question that I have raised here on a couple of occasions and other Members have expressed concern on, and that is the

drug abusers, more particularly the younger people who find themselves involved with drugs and probably to the stage where they can really use some help, and yet, who are afraid to go and seek help because of the grilling they are going to get, and the information they are going to have to release. At that time it was felt that some facility should be provided as a detoxification center, something of this nature, for this nature—or this type of thing, and whereby they were not required, except on a voluntary basis to a third degree sort of thing, as where did you get your stuff and this kind of—this I think, is a deterrent for a lot of young people who are in need of help but are absolutely afraid and terrified of going to seek it. I am wondering if any information could be forthcoming on this subject? Do these young people have to go through a third degree grilling in order to go and get treatment, or in fact, can they get treatment, notwithstanding whether they wish to discuss their problem or not with those who are giving the treatment?

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I certainly am not an authority on this but I would presume that with our laws as they exist today that it would be very difficult for them to receive treatment without giving further information. Now I could be wrong on this. I really am not capable of speaking on it.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor, a supplementary.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman. I would like to -- I wonder if the Minister would take it upon herself to get the answer to the question for me and see if we can look at the question. If this is the case, that these young people must go through a third degree grilling to get treatment, I think then that we should take another look at the situation and provide a facility whereby they don't have to. This is what I am getting at, what is the practice?

Mr. Chairman: I believe Mr. Hibberd has a comment on this.

Dr. Hibberd: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I would like to comment on it. I think the facility that Mr. Taylor is referring to is a separate facility from which you are talking about?

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Oh yes, from the detoxification -

Dr. Hibberd: Yours is more of a drop in center which would be a voluntary agency where they could have availability of professional help, information, etcetera, whereas a detoxification center in itself refers to a person who is undergoing withdrawal from drugs and is seriously ill and actually does need professional help at the time, which is quite a different centre than what you are talking about.

I must say I am very glad to hear -- very pleased to hear what the Minister says regarding the detoxification center because there was considerable apprehension on the part of the Members of the hospital that it would be incorporated in the present building. As things now stand this is almost an impossibility. It would create havoc on the one ward that

it would be imposed on, which is the Medical Ward, which is already now suffering considerably because of the lack of psychiatric facilities therein.

I would be interested to know if this detoxification centre, which the Minister has alluded to, is to be included with the facilities of the half way house, or whether a separate facility is being talked about?

In addition, in view of the very serious nature of the problem that we are confronted with in terms of alcoholism, and as the increasing attention being paid to it by many agencies as well as by this government, I am amazed that the grant that is being made available to the one facility that is doing so much good in this community is a mere \$25,000.00 I really think this matter should be looked into and they should be encouraged to augment their facilities, they are scraping by now and they are doing a very good job with what facilities they have.

I really think that they could do with more support from us.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman. The facilities that I am speaking of, the detoxification centre is separate and apart from the Cross-roads, from the treatment centre. One would be on Liard Street on a temporary basis. We have offered it to Cross-roads, asked them to consider it. The detoxification would be in a separate building. The specialists in this area have advised me this would be the route to go.

Now with the Crossroads program, the grant that was put in there seemed to meet with their requirements in the past year. This is the operation and maintenance. This is no provision for a facility, for a capital expenditure at all, for a facility. This would have to be dealt with in a different manner. I think that the Crossroads were able to operate this year and still have some of the money that we made available to them last year so that they could carry it over to this coming year.

We should also remember that people who are in Crossroads often are being subsidized by the Territorial Government through other programs, through the rehabilitation program, their maintenance is being paid for by the government in Crossroads. We have people who are on social assistance often, or who do not have funds to pay to Crossroads for their maintenance, for their room and board, per se, and the government pays Crossroads for their room and board. Crossroads also does charge individuals who are capable of paying for their room and board. So that actually Crossroads has not made any request for more extensive funds than this on an operation and maintenance basis. I am sure that if Crossroads found that they had more clientele, it varies, I think at one time during the summer they were down to 6 patients and they go up to 13, so it does fluctuate. If they find that they have more clientele and that they are having problems in continuing and to meet the on-going cost of the facility, then we would certainly have to reconsider the assistance that the government is giving to them.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Hibberd?

Dr. Hibberd: With regards to separation of the detoxification centre from Crossroads, I would seriously question whether this is a valid position to

take. I think the transition of a person who is coming out of the detoxification centre and into the learning facility of Crossroads, they are very much and integrated picture. There are many Crossroad facilities that operate on that basis, and operate quite successfully on that basis.

As far as the grant itself is concerned. Now these people are scraping by, there is no doubt about it. Why should people who are in a treatment centre such as this have to pay for their room and board? They can go across to the hospital with pneumonia, which is an illness as well, they don't pay there. Why should they have to pay at this facility which is so much more important?

Also to be considered, if you do look at their statistics on how it is being utilized there is no doubt there is a continuing increasing use of the facility. There is no doubt that this will be increasing in the future. So I really think that they do require more funding.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson.

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman. I certainly can't argue with you. I haven't got any arguments on whether detoxification should operate in conjunction with Crossroads. You professional people will have to argue this out. That is as far as I can determine. This is how I have been advised, that it is much -- it is advantageous to the operation of both facilities to have them separate and apart. I can understand your point of view too, where you go from one to the other. It is sort of a continuous type of operation.

The point I made about the board and room costs was to indicate that there is a hidden subsidization of the operation of Crossroads by the fact that we do subsidize the people under the Rehabilitation program because the Canada Assistance Act Rehabilitation Program Agreement permits us to pay and they fund 50 percent of it. By doing this we are able to subsidize the existing grant that there is.

As I said, if Crossroads have their program, find that they are having more people to treat that are using the facility and that they have problems with their program, then I feel that the government is certainly going to have to look at providing more funding, because they are doing a very worthwhile program. It is a treatment centre for alcoholism, they have had a success where no other institution has had even any rate of success in the Yukon. We will be back here for a supplementary if we find that the Crossroads are having trouble.

Dr. Hibberd: Thank you.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Mrs. Watson. Miss Millard?

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman, I really would like to support Dr. Hibberd in his stand that Crossroads deserves a lot more money than this. I worked there last winter and the program there is very basic. I don't agree with the Minister that it should be just be a problem of feeding them and housing them. There are a lot of programs that are going on that are available to us through professionals that aren't in Crossroads now because there is no money to carry it on. I don't think we should treat them as if they are just--there is just a

physical illness involved and they need feeding and housing for the moment. They need a lot more than that. They need all kinds of rehabilitation programs which are not being considered and certainly cannot be considered with this \$25,000.00 grant.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I am very sorry if I left the impression that this is just a board and room type of program. That is only one part of it. They have to live in a facility to take part in the treatment program that we are providing. This is one of the expenses that they are involved with is having people who carry out the program there. Also we have our staff. Our alcoholism consultant, our alcoholism counsellor, some of the members of the Welfare Branch spend certain times every week over at the Crossroads institution providing some assistance.

Any assistance that Crossroads have requested of the government has been encouraged and if there is any instance that you people feel that the government is not providing the support service they should be, I would like to know about it. I believe we are hiring special people and they should make their service available. It definitely is a program centre, but board and room just happens to be one part of it, they have to live in.

Mr. Chairman: I can see that there is some more room for debate here so I will call a -- I see it is 12 o'clock and I will call a recess until 2 o'clock and we will carry this on.

Recess

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Phelps, we are on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, and would you please take the chair once again?

Mr. Phelps becomes Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you. I gather that we are in the midst of a long debate here. Is there anybody on your list to speak? Miss Millard? The Chair recognized Miss Millard.

Ms. Millard: I didn't expect this so quickly.

We were discussing the \$25,000.00 grant which would be going to Crossroads and how it would be used, and we understand it will be used for O & M only. There is no provision in the budget for any kind of accommodation for Crossroads which now finds itself in real problems, except the offer of one of the group homes which is being closed down.

I was wondering if that is going to be on a permanent basis, or whether that's just an interim thing, and whether the Minister is considering any kind of permanent situation for Crossroads at some time in the future, possibly before the next budget?

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, the offer of the use of the group home was just on a temporary basis to sort of see them through. The problem of a permanent home for Crossroads still has to be resolved, and we've met with Crossroads and I would hope that we will be able to meet again with the people that are involved.

We are looking at government building that may be

available, they are looking at a building program, and somewhere along the line, we are going to have to resolve it and make provision either within the capital budget next year or some type of arrangement with Crossroads for permanent residence, but there is no provision for that in this budget.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you. Yes?

Ms. Millard: Along the same lines, will there be any provision for extra staff, perhaps a rehabilitation officer of some sort for training, for job--for people--like alcoholics have a real problem in trying to find work and rehabilitating themselves to get to the point of even going to Manpower is a difficult thing, and that's one of the roads that they might take is, at the Crossroads, is whether or not they will go and find a job.

Is there any provision going to be, or any promise of provision, for more staff in consultations or else in a permanent staff members at the Crossroads building?

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, that's a good question, and of course that would have to be--we would have to agree on this with Crossroads when we determine the extent of their permanent facilities and the operation and maintenance costs of the facility would certainly have to be taken into consideration, and some cost sharing formula determined or something like this, and then provision made within the budget for that.

Mr. Chairman: Dr. Hibberd?

Dr. Hibberd: Mr. Chairman, just at the time that we broke off at noon, the Minister made reference to the fact that there were other facilities available to help Crossroads in their work, and she mentioned the fact that the social workers themselves are lending assistance in this area.

I would like to take issue with this with the Minister. I think that these social workers are already overburdened with their own work and they are simply not capable and are not offering the services to the people that need them from Crossroads. There have been many difficulties in this area in the past. They simply are not offering the support services that you suggest.

I would also like to inquire of the Minister whether she is aware that the budget for Crossroads whether it includes any payment for Father Cairns who is now appended fulltime to Crossroads and is devoting his entire services to it, or whether his time is being donated.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I believe the unique situation of Father Cairns dictates that he contribute his time to Crossroads. I think there was provision made within their budget to put him on a salary, but because of his position, it is now a contribution of time.

I'll certainly look into the support service that the Welfare Branch provides to the Crossroads for counselling and this type of thing.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lang?

Mr. Lang: I would like to ask the Minister, did the Crossroads--we're talking about Crossroads here--apparently \$25,000.00 has been allocated, have they made a formal application for monies, and if so, for how much?

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I really can't--I think they have made a formal application, but I'm not sure of the exact amount, because their application was based on some expansion of their facility, and of course the size of the facility would certainly dictate the amount of budget that they are requiring.

Mr. Chairman: Any further comments or questions? Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: We will pass on then to the next item which is Yukon Hospital Insurance Services, \$2,147,119.00. Mrs. Watson?

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, just to answer a question that the Honourable Member from Whitehorse South Centre asked the other day, he asked for a breakdown of the services used by patients who had been referred outside for treatment.

Of the patients who were referred outside for treatment, 41 of them only used doctors' services outside; 26 patients used hospital out-patient services outside; and 80 patients used hospital in-patient services outside the Territory. A total of 1,148 patient days resulted from in-patient services, and these statistics are for the period April the 1st to September the 30th 1974. Detailed statistics are not yet available for October the 1st on because of the delay in hospital billing.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you. Dr. Hibberd?

Dr. Hibberd: I would like to ask the Minister if this refers to patients who were referred outside, or those who used the facilities of outside doctors and hospitals.?

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, this refers to patients who were referred outside.

Mr. Chairman: Dr. Hibberd?

Dr. Hibberd: Mr. Chairman, I would like to carry on with reference to number 515, the Yukon Hospital Insurance Services. I would like to comment on the hospital facilities that are available in the Yukon to Yukon residents.

Our mayor hospital here of course is centered in Whitehorse, and it has some time now faced a very grave crisis in one particular area of its function. Generally, as you know, it is divided into the usual subdivisions, medically, surgical and medical wards. The medical ward at the present time is forced to take care of all of the psychiatric patients that are presented to the hospital, and this of course does include our detox centre at the present time.

Now, it is impossible for the nursing staff on that ward to either have the time or the expertise to serve

the dual function of general medical nursing and psychiatric nursing. They are entirely two different specialties in the field, and they are at the present time, being forced into doing the two jobs and not to doing them adequately. There's a great deal of frustration and lowering of morale on this basis.

Now, the necessity is that there should be psychiatric facilities, which may or may not, include the detoxification centre, separate from the medical unit on that ward. There are, in addition, other areas in which the hospital could function with our present needs in the Yukon today. I refer to the--such areas of expanded physiotherapy, and in particular, I would refer to the necessity of having some sort of convalescent facilities where patients who are involved in major illnesses, but are past the acute care stage but not yet ready for home care, and there are several in this community, because of the nature of the people that make up the community.

These are some of the areas where I think that are deficiencies in the present hospital, and probably it would require separate facilities appended to the hospital to take care of these needs, certainly not within the present building, could this be done?

I would also like to refer back to earlier comments regarding the hospital facilities in other communities.

With deference to the remarks made by some of my confreres, I think that we have to establish priorities in this area. I think that if a doctor is practicing in a town where he is the only doctor, it is, of necessity, that he is limited in what he can do, no matter how resourceful a person he is. It therefore demands that almost any surgery that arises will require referral to a centre where there are facilities for the giving of anaesthesia, where there is operating room facilities. He simply can't do these things alone.

I would also think that a good deal of this referral is based on the fact that the only specialty area of referral is in Whitehorse. I think that the referrals are pretty well tailored along these lines.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Dr. Hibberd. Mrs. Watson, do you want to comment on --

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I thought the comments of the Honourable Member from Whitehorse South Centre regarding the facilities that he feels that are required to serve Yukon people within the general hospital were certainly very valid ones, and we will certainly have to see what we can do about establishing some priorities and seeing that Northern Health get the message from us as to what type of facilities we would like to see developed.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McCall?

Mr. McCall: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I would like to ask the Honourable Member from Whitehorse South Centre, pertaining to these priorities, how would you like to see the priorities, and in what manner would you like to see them set, some priorities that you mentioned. Could you elaborate on that?

Mr. Chairman: Dr. Hibberd?

Dr. Hibberd: Mr. Chairman, if the Member is referring to the matters on which I was speaking, I think they would come in order of how I spoke. I think

that the separate facilities, a separate building appended to the hospital for psychiatric facilities and other facilities such as convalescent care, would take precedence.

I might add that there is also, although it really doesn't come within the jurisdiction of this House, there is a considerable problem with obtaining adequate nursing staff for this hospital, which would also apply to the outlying hospitals, in that their budgetary requirements are restricted. One of the reasons that has been alluded to by the Minister in that they have not been able to identify their cost factors as separate from the Northwest Territories, and they have therefore been limited to the previous year's budget, despite the increasing load that is being imposed on this and other hospitals.

As a result, the nurses are being forced to take on more and more work for the same pay, which is considerably below that which is being paid their brethren outside.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you. Mr. McCall?

Mr. McCall: I think what you are looking for here is, I would presume, a complete in depth study of all the total health program that we have in the hospital itself now, in order to establish a priority, is this correct?

Dr. Hibberd: That sounds like a reasonable suggestion, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. McCall: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Are there any further comments or questions? Mrs. Whyard?

Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, regarding convalescent care, there is a program established and available through Northern Health Services which is utilized by our sister Territory, whereby under the Canada Assistance Plan they obtain funds which provide for nursing care in the patient's home, up to the amount it would have cost to retain them in hospital. This makes use of, I gather that's the basis -- this makes use of perhaps retired nurses who are married and living at home and looking after children, and do not wish to assume a full time nursing job in a hospital, but are available for this kind of part time role in nursing, thus they serve two purposes: The patient can go home earlier, recover faster, and get professional nursing care, at less than the cost of staying in hospital.

Mr. Chairman: Before we hear from Dr. Hibberd, I wonder if people could speak up, because the noise from outside apparently is drowning out many of the comments we're hearing.

Dr. Hibberd?

Dr. Hibberd: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think that Mrs. Whyard's comments are indeed appropriate in terms of shortening hospital stay and getting the patient home, but the facilities that I am alluding to refer to more than that.

The convalescent hospital includes facilities that cannot be done at home. This is -- I'm not at issue with

Mrs. Whyard on the issue, I'm at issue with the Department.

The facilities that are required, in particular require physiotherapy. I'm referring, of course, to people with long term fractures, or neurological types of injuries and the like. There are a considerable number of them, and these can only be done in a semi-nursing home situation. It's not really a nursing home, they need more active care than that. There have to be other facilities available, and that's why it's an advantage to have it associated with our hospital here, and in particular the physiotherapy department.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, doctor. Mr. McCall?

Mr. McCall: I would like to ask the Minister of Health and Welfare, do we have such a thing as a rehabilitation centre?

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, no we don't have a rehabilitation centre, but within education budget we do have money for rehabilitation training, and we have a rehabilitation coordinator who is to coordinate programs, health programs, alcoholism programs and training programs from the Vocational School for any of the clients that are referred to that branch of the government.

Mr. Chairman: Are there any further questions or comments, or even debate?

A Member: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: We will then pass on to the next item, which is Yukon Health Care Insurance Plan, \$1,649,709.00. Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I'm wondering if the Honourable Minister has had time, I know it is difficult for all Ministers getting into their new Departments, but if they've had time to determine as to whether during the course of this fiscal year, any alterations are anticipated in terms of extending benefits under the Health Care Insurance Plan, or further reductions in premiums?

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, no, there are no changes anticipated to the Yukon Health Care Insurance Plan, either in the form of extended benefits, or a reduction and/or increasing of premiums, no.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I thank the Honourable Member.

During the last budget session, and I do have some notes on it here somewhere, the administration agreed to look into the whole question of considering chiropractic care as eventually forming part of the Yukon Health Care Insurance Plan, and I believe at that time it was Mr. Tanner was looking into it, and I'm wondering if it has come to the Minister's attention, this question of chiropractic care being appended to the plan or not?

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I'm very familiar with the question being asked, but I certainly haven't had the opportunity to do any work on it at all, I'm sorry.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I would certainly appreciate it if the Honourable Member could -- if she can find the time during this session, to see if she could bring us a little information as to what the status is in relation to this question.

There's another question arises out of the Yukon Health Care Insurance Plan, and that's its acceptability in other areas of Canada, and I was grieved to hear of a situation in Fort Nelson which occurred some three weeks ago with one of our hockey teams, our young people down there, received an injury in a hockey game and the young lad was taken to a doctor who said, well, you know, that if he's not B.C. Medical, or didn't have B.C. Medical coverage, there wasn't much he could do, so they put the young lad on the airplane at Fort Nelson and his mother got on the plane at Watson and they flew him to Whitehorse here, and determined that he had broken his arm in two places.

And it pointed up to me the need to get hold of some of the people in British Columbia and have them, if they have not already done this, notify all the doctors within that province, that indeed these people should receive treatment and how it works. I know how one approaches this, but I think something should be done to ensure that all the doctors know that when a Yukoner needs services out of province, that they can get them and have no problem in letting the doctor know how it's charged and how it works.

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I regret the fact that the young lad was denied medical treatment. I'm sure that most B.C. doctors would have performed the treatment, charged the patient and then the patient would have billed Yukon Health Care Insurance Plan. That's how it should be done. I think it would be very difficult to try to contact every doctor in the Province of British Columbia or in the Province of Alberta to indicate to them that they should give medical service to Yukon patients.

Most doctors, do, and it's most unfortunate, I think, that this occurred, because the billing, the patient would have had to directly pay it and then the Health Care Plan would have paid it.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor, on the same point?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes, just to finalize, I just would like to point out that this is the only situation which I have very personal -- I mean it's very recent knowledge of, but I have heard of such things occurring, complaints from other Yukoners at other times and in other places like Vancouver and this type of thing, but it seems to me that some attempt should be made to notify the B.C. authorities, Medicare authorities, or possibly their College of Physicians and Surgeons, to point this up to them, that there is some difficulty being experienced in the acceptance of the Yukon Health Care Insurance Plan, at least to this degree, and maybe clarifying it for them.

Mr. Chairman: Dr. Hibberd?

Dr. Hibberd: Mr. Chairman, I think to clarify this point, it has come up a great deal, and what I think is actually happening is that Yukoners are suffering from the ills imposed on us by other provincial governments.

As my experience in practicing in B.C. told me, that indeed, it is almost impossible to collect, from some provincial governments, your medical fees. Now this -- I had many occasions to treat Yukoners while practicing in B.C., and had no trouble collecting, but in other provinces, particularly Quebec, but there were others, it was simply impossible to collect, and then you are forced into the situation of trying to collect from someone who is 3 or 4 or 5,000 miles away, and you have to collect from the patient, and therefore, it has been a difficulty, but the situation has been created, not by ourselves, but by other provinces in their reticence to heed our plan, or B.C.'s plan, rather.

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the Honourable Member a question. A doctor has a choice, does he not, of either charging the patient from out of province, or charging his medical scheme?

Dr. Hibberd: Yes he does, because there are a lot of other problems involved, whether it's a valid card or what might be involved. The rates are different in the different provinces, but it has not been a problem to my experience with people from the Yukon. When I was -- in the area that I was practicing they were freely accepted, possibly because I was known in the area.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you. Miss Millard?

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman, I have a couple of questions. Perhaps everyone knows this except me; is it 50 percent recoverable from the Federal Government on this plan?

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Fifty percent of the national per capita cost for medical treatment, times the population of the Yukon Territory. The population is determined by the Bureau of Statistics; this is where we have a bit of an argument with them. We feel that our population is 22,000, and I think they have been graining us 21, so we lose money on that.

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman, just one more question. There's a very complicated formula on page A-23. Estimated cost for 1975-76, I believe there must be a mistake in the second number below -- I see now that that 50 percent recoverable is 22 is the population, I presume, \$70.85 is the per diem rate, I would believe --

Hon. Mrs. Watson: National average.

Ms. Millard: -- national average, yes. I don't know what that next number would mean, but that one below is I believe wrong. What would it be?

Mr. Miller: It should be 1,387,890.

Ms. Millard: Excuse me, Mr. Chairman. I wonder if the Honourable Minister would be willing to just give us a brief outline of how that formula is developed?

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, is it the one on A-23?

Ms. Millard: Yes.

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Well they are taking the national per capita average of 70.85 times our population times -- now I'm not so sure, I think I will have to refer to Mr. Miller on the 9.4. It's part of the year, is it not, when they determine the capita?

Mr. Miller: That's right.

Hon. Mrs. Watson: right.

Mr. Miller: Basically what they are saying there, the 9.4, in 1975-76, we would pay 9.4 months of 1975-76 costs. There is always a 2.6 month lag in the bill processing, so in 1975-76, we will actually pay 2.6 twelfths of the 1974-75 actual cost, and 9.4 twelfths of an estimated 1975-76 cost.

Mr. Chairman: Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: The next item is Administration Welfare, \$626,000.00.

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Chairman: Yes, Miss Millard?

Ms. Millard: The question on the Manpower summary on page 34, there are under Social Worker 1, 13 man years; under Welfare worker, one year. I believe that welfare worker is what would be called a case aid, and I believe that person is employed in Dawson City.

I was wondering if the Honourable Member for Health, Welfare and Rehabilitation, could say why there is a policy to hire social workers when the cost is far higher, than to hire case aids, when I know that a lot of the work can be done by case aids, rather than professional social workers.

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I'm not as familiar probably as the Honourable Member is, but I don't think the welfare worker is a case aid. I think that she has had some training in the community college. There is a difference between a social worker and a welfare worker, but at the present time, we do not have any case aids on the staff.

Mr. Chairman: Miss Millard?

Ms. Millard: Supplementary to that, would they be willing to consider this kind of program?

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, yes, we have certainly looked at it and we have endeavoured to train case aids, and I think the Honourable Member is probably familiar with the fact that we provide assistance to sending some of our Yukon residents out to take this type of training, and we haven't had that good a luck. Once they get their training, they don't return to the Yukon or they aren't that interested in the program. But it's certainly one area that we are going

to have to look at a little more thoroughly and see whether we can utilize case aids, because they can -- they're a paraprofessional and they can provide quite a good service for our Welfare Branch.

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman, there's an item on the budget on page 30, Rental of machinery and office equipment, that goes from \$1,000.00 last year to \$22,500.00 this year. I wonder if that could be explained also.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, maybe I could attempt to answer that one. Basically what it is it appears to me to be a reallocation of travel and relocation costs, government employees and the rental of office machinery, and I believe what it relates to is the use of the pool cars that are assigned to the Welfare Department.

Mr. Chairman: Ms. Millard, you look a little puzzled, do you want to carry on?

Ms. Millard: Yes, I am puzzled. I thought that the Welfare Department had several cars, they wouldn't have to be using pool cars. I know in Dawson there's only one pool car. I presume that's in Whitehorse, and is that rented out in each budget for each Department that they have to pay a rent on pool cars?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, all our government vehicles, for example I think over at the Welfare Office here in town, they have got six vehicles. They are permanently assigned there, if you like, but are still considered to be pool cars, and we charge back to each Department the actual cost of operating the cars that they use.

Mr. Chairman: Miss Millard?

Ms. Millard: Another supplementary?
Then I presume last year they didn't use this system, because it was only a thousand dollars, where the next fiscal year will be \$22,000.00, or are they going to be travelling 22 times as much?

Mr. Miller: I think that I am really suggesting, Mr. Chairman, is that we have some reallocation of costs from travel and relocation, and possibly just the normal increases that are going on with the pool car rental increases.

You will notice travel and relocation is decreasing from 20 to \$14,000.00, so that's part of the reason.

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, can -- I might add there has always been quite a misunderstanding with Departments how they should charge the -- whether travel and relocation costs, government employees, should include the rental for pool cars. Some Departments use it in that description, other Departments use it in rental of machinery and office equipment, and this is where the discrepancy has come there.

I know that the Welfare were having some problems with clearing this up, and rather than clarifying it for us, I think they have made it a little bit more confusing.

Mr. Miller: And in fact it's incorrect. It should be travel and relocation.

Mr. Chairman: Are there any further questions or comments? Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: The next item is Child Welfare Services, \$670,000.00. Miss Millard?

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman, I was wondering if the Honourable Minister might be able to answer whether under Child Welfare Services we could not in the future include parent fee subsidies for child care, particularly under -- for day care and this sort of thing. Would that be a possibility, rather than under -- which is now the case, under a grant which is reliant on several different interpretations and obviously could be used more, which is my complaint, than it is. If it could be put under Child Welfare Services, then it could be a kind of guarantee for the Child Care Association, so that they might know that in every year coming they would get that parent fee subsidy, rather than having it come under social service agencies, instead of Establishment 534.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Millard. Mrs. Watson?

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, that's going into a completely new field, of parent fee subsidy. Would you -- you know, there are so many questions that you would have to ask who would qualify, would it be just people in need, would general people -- parent fee subsidy for people who use the child care centre, or parent fee subsidy for people who get their own babysitter, or a parent fee subsidy for people who want to take care of their own children?

It's a different concept altogether, and it's -- actually it's quite a valid one, but in order to make -- I couldn't possibly make a commitment at this stage of the game before, you know, the whole thing was looked into, because it's certainly a very new field.

Mr. Chairman: Ms. Millard?

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if the Honourable Minister might then just make a commitment to look into it?

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Oh, I will, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Mrs. Watson. Any further questions or comments? Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: We will then move on to the next item which is Social Assistance, \$679,000.00.

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Chairman: Miss Millard?

Ms. Millard: I'm sorry if I seem to be the only one asking questions, but this is one --

Mr. Chairman: I'm pleased somebody is, Miss Millard.

Ms. Millard: -- of the few areas I am acquainted with, and I was wondering under Subsistence and Maintenance, \$496,000.00, if the Territorial supplementary allowance is included in that. If so, how much?

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, yes, the Territorial supplementary allowance is included in it, and I have sheets here, there is more information for the Honourable Members, if they wish to have it.

The Territorial Supplementary Allowance for pensioners, that's people who qualify under the G.I.A., Guaranteed Income Supplement, was \$11,690.00. The Territorial Supplementary allowance for non-pensioners, those who are permanent exclusions from the labour force, \$15,262.00.

Mr. Chairman: Quite possibly--

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I could have these distributed if the Honourable Members wish.

Mr. Chairman: Yes, that would be appropriate. We will hear from Mr. Lang and then Miss Millard.

Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, I see here we have have total recipients of 3,205. I would like to know how many of that are more or less the transient type that come through the Territory?

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, the information is on this sheet. The Social Assistance is broken down into categories and districts, and I thought you would like that information.

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Chairman: Miss Millard?

Ms. Millard: Back to the Territorial Supplementary Allowance. Is this the allowance that a social worker was interviewed on the radio about recently, and she said that she was having difficulty having people apply? I was wondering if there is going to be any -- I know by experience that it's difficult to get across a new program, the supplementary allowance to the Old Age Pension was a difficult one to get across to people. I wonder if we can be assured that the people, especially like the Blind Persons' Allowance and the Disabled Persons' Allowance recipients are definitely going to be advised that this is available, and certainly encouraged or made to apply for it, because it's certainly necessary.

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, that's right, because we don't make the Blind Persons' Allowance, these people, the people who have been getting the allowance, have been advised that the Territorial Supplementary Allowance is now available in lieu of the other, and actually it's -- they do receive more funding under the Territorial Supplementary Allowance, and it is a problem, it's a very real problem that we haven't had as many applicants for this supplementary allowance from the Territory as we had hoped. And one reason, I believe that they consider it a type of welfare program, to a degree, and they feel that there is a little bit of stigma attached to

it, which is most unfortunate, because it's a program that's available to any people in the Territory who are senior citizens who qualify for the Guaranteed Income Supplement, or who are permanent exclusions from the labour force.

We have -- our welfare workers within the Territory are aware that there are a lot of people outside of the Whitehorse area that are not applying and they should, they have been trying to get people to apply and anything that we can do -- we carried on an advertising program originally to get people who do qualify and have a right to this type of assistance, if they come forward and make application for it.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Chairman, I see transient, \$3,936.00 in the metropolitan Whitehorse area. And 750 Watson Lake area. I'm wondering by transient -- well my question is, what would you say there is on non-Canadian citizens in this area? Is this included in the welfare that is given to say American citizens that are in this country, they come in here and they have a little trouble and so forth and so on? Is it included here or somewhere in this -- in these expenditures, and or do you have a figure, by any chance?

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Yes, all transients are included in this. I don't know whether they are broken down, whether they are Canadian citizens or whether I can get that information, but that's all transients and some of this money is expended through the hostel situation, the hostel that was established here in the Whitehorse area.

We had transients coming through, they stayed at the hostel, but they didn't have the amount of money to buy a couple of meals, or to pay for their overnight stay at the hostel, so the Welfare Branch funded the hostel for these people, for their accommodation. But the practice is to just give them enough to get them a meal and get them moving on again.

And the same type of thing happens, though, with Canadian or Yukon citizens who are in other parts of North America, the United States or in Alaska, and they are broke, and they don't have any money, the American authorities do provide that money for a meal and some assistance to get you out of the country and to get you back home.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the Minister if she feels that--how long--I realize you have more or less answered my question, but if, for instance, an American citizen came to this country for the summer months and got a visa for six months and so forth and so on, and then became a dredge on this monies we have here, would in effect, the government see then or at this time, that he was just given enough to get out of the country, or would they carry on for two or three or four months with the Welfare program for him as they would for say a Canadian citizen?

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I just can't answer it. I think they would try to assist the person to get them out of the country, and after a period of time, the person would either have to show that they are getting landed immigrant status and are prepared to

go to work, or they make a proposition to them that maybe they better move on.

I'm sure that we wouldn't be attempting to carry people for too long under this situation, but the same token, just because they are Americans, we can't let them go hungry either.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, this whole subject has come up on other occasions as well, and in my constituency at Watson Lake, is the first place that we see a lot of these people coming up the highway as they enter the Yukon, and it was always felt by many members of our community that in dealing with this question, if you can help somebody to get them on the road and on through to Alaska, or this type of thing, fine, but you find a lot of people coming out here, and will probably find more so this year as economical situations outside become worse. These people come up looking for work, and they have fantastic ideas. They think they can come here and go to work on the Alaska pipeline for instance, and they are all confused and mixed up, but no money.

There is two things that happen; one is that they become a burden on the community, and in some cases will apply to the Social Welfare Department and try to go on the day to day basis as expressed by the Honourable Member from Hootalinqua, and we always felt as a community that what we should really do, if there doesn't appear to be any job opportunities for them, and the social worker agrees that there's no opportunity for them, is to buy them a bus ticket and send them back to British Columbia, and let British Columbia look after their own cases, and do it that way.

The other problem that arose was the lodge owners along the highway who are faced with having these people dropped on their doorstep, people that are hitchhiking up the highway, and this type of thing, and not being able to get rides for them, and get rid of them, and they can't day by day, and we wondered, of course, last year as to whether or not these lodge owners could recover anything from the Department or get some assistance to get these people on the move or looked after or something.

And I believe last year in the budget debate, we were informed that possibly the lodge owners should phone the Department of Welfare when they get into a situation like this, phone even collect I think it was stated, advise what the situation is and then the Department on a case by case basis, would see what they could do to alleviate the situation.

I would have normally asked the Honourable Minister if the Department had in fact, over the course of this last summer, had this happen, but it would be an unfair question I think at this point, because the Honourable Member is just getting used to the Department.

And I think it's important, and especially this summer as I say, where we may expect a greater influx of people looking for work in the Territory, that we consider very seriously this question of how long we are going to allow people to stay on welfare in these communities, rather than the alternate proposal of buying them a bus ticket and sending them back and let the Province of British Columbia look after them.

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, we buy lots of bus tickets, it's a lot cheaper than keeping them, and if they'll take a bus ticket, they buy them. And actually, to be perfectly honest, in my estimation \$4,731.00 wasn't too much that we had to spend on transients for social assistance. It isn't that great an amount of money.

Mr. Chairman: Miss Millard?

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman, I understood when I was a social worker that there was a reciprocal agreement with the provinces anyway on any assistance given to transients, repatriated to their own province.

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I'm not aware of it but I will certainly look into it.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the Minister, as they say transient now are they saying transient, that is all that people that come into the Territory. Does this mean that it is somebody that could be say, an American citizen, a Ukrainian---that is drawing it, would he be considered transient if he was drawing it, would he be considered transient if he was drawing it, for any more than just the one time or being helped out of the country? Would he be considered a transient if he was here for say three or four months and drawing any of this?

Hon. Mrs. Watson: No, Mr. Chairman, he wouldn't be considered a transient. It is just when they are travelling through and are here for a couple of days, a week, and then are moved on, or they come in once, and usually they come into the office once or twice to get some assistance, and then they are off.

Mr. Chairman: Miss Millard?

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman, maybe I could ease some qualms here because I felt that the amount of assistance that we gave to transients was very low. It was enough food for a half a week to hitchhike out of the Territory, was our policy, but it may have changed in the last five years, and that amounted to \$7.50 for someone to hitchhike from Whitehorse to Dawson Creek, which was the next stop on the welfare route, and it was very poor indeed, so I wouldn't have any qualms about the amount of money that's being spent, because we are not feeding them too well.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming and then Mr. Lang.

Mr. Fleming: In reply to Miss Millard, Mr. Chairman, I stand corrected on some things because I am not aware of the situation as transient. I can see now where their money as transient is practically nil, I am very agreeable.

The only thing I would like to comment on at this time on the fact, and back Mr. Taylor's theme, I think he might have meant the same thing, that we just don't come out and say that we know, although we do know these things can be abused, and by people from other countries, and I think it may pay us just to take a little closer look at it. Not the transient area, in the area of people coming into the country and trying to stay in the country without any money, and somehow or other

working their way into a position so they can get welfare and still not be taken out of the country.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Fleming. Mr. Lang?

Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, I have done a lot of travelling in my time, and I find it interesting to know that there is a welfare plan for travelling. It is interesting to note.

I have looked at the figures here, and I see that we have approximately 15 per cent of the normal Yukon Society on welfare, and this is what the Territorial budget puts out. Now, we do not have the budget by the Indian Affairs or by the Unemployment Insurance. I would find it very interesting if we could get these figures and figure out what situation the Yukon is in the phase of the welfare state in which we seem to be going, because I always thought from what I can gather from the couple of days that we have been sitting here, everybody has been speaking of where can we get more money for doing this, for an example, Crossroads and this type of thing, and it appears to me nobody does anything for themselves any more, everybody is coming to the government for a handout.

I would like to find out the figures if we can, if the Minister could find out, as far as the federal programs are concerned, and to verify them with this, to see what the actual figures in the Yukon Territory are to date.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Lang. Mrs. Watson?

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I thought that the tables would be very interesting for the Honourable Members and the one on page 23 for the case load comparative expenditure, and when you think that our total recipients either under the Child Welfare Ordinance or under the Social Assistance were 6,116 people out of a total population of between 21,000 and 22,000 that's a fair percentage.

And to also think as the Honourable Member says, that we do have quite a large sector of our population who are receiving benefits under the Federal programs like the Unemployment Insurance.

Now, whether I can find out the number of recipients, I might be able to find the dollar value of the Unemployment Insurance that is paid out, but I don't know whether we can find out the actual number of recipients, and then, of course, the Social Assistance program for the status Indian Affairs.

This may be very difficult, the information on the cases in this, for the simple reason that the Indian Affairs has contracted with some of the Indian bands, not all of them, just some of them, to take care of their social assistance program. To administer it.

So it would be pretty difficult to get statistics, accurate statistics from the, but just by looking at our Yukon statistics, I think it's almost boggling it a bit, you know, the number of people who are getting some assistance from our government already.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I have a question. We are talking about employable unemployed here, which give rise to a question. If, as a result of a strike a labour strike in the Territory, someone approached welfare to get welfare while on strike for he or his family, would this be allowed?

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, they would have to make an application out and they would have to declare their needs and their assets, and at that time they would be able to determine whether they would qualify for welfare assistance. They may ask them to sell one of their cars.

(Laughter)

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor is that --

Hon. Mr. Taylor: I wasn't restricting this to employees of the government --

(laughter)

Hon. Mr. Taylor: -- I was saying any -- of course any one on strike. It seems to me that when a person, maybe the Honourable Member from Pelly should explain this a little better, but it seems to me that when people go on strike that there is a fund set up by their labour organization that would provide so much a day. Now I stand to be corrected, but I wanted to get this clear because I have been asked this question and I have been kind of interested in it myself and never thought to ask it.

It seems to me that if a person is on strike he should not be entitled to welfare.

A Member: Oh come on.

Mr. Chairman: Perhaps we can hear some comment from Mr. McCall?

(laughter)

Mr. McCall: I would like to clarify one point --

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McCall I hope they are related to the budget.

(laughter)

Mr. McCall: I don't see where it is Mr. Chairman, but I would like to answer the Honourable Member from Watson Lake about this strike affair, although it is irrelevant to what we are dealing with here today.

First of all it depends upon what type of strike you are involved with, legally or illegally. When it comes down to a legal strike, which I think is what you are coming to, this also depends, the association or union you are involved with, or whether they have such a thing as a strike fund. Now, if they do not have a strike fund I think it is quite appropriate that they apply through normal channels for assistance.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Mr. McCall. Any further comments or questions? Miss Millard?

Ms. Millard: Just one last comment to Mr. Taylor. It is up to each individual social worker who gets assistance and who doesn't right in the field and if you are having difficulty, then you should go to her, or him. If there are people who aren't getting assistance that you feel aren't getting assistance, then that is the problem. They fill out an application form which is very strict. They fill out forms signing away their authority so that you can go and investigate their bank account. If you are knowledgeable at all in the com-

munity you know whether or not they are driving, whether or not they are receiving some other kind of assistance and so, it is the individual social workers fault if that is happening. I would go right after them if I were you if you find instances of it.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Perhaps in view of the fact that the unemployable are unemployed -- pardon me, the employable unemployed figure here, which is the second largest figure, it would appear in our list here, possibly if those people who are on strike apply for welfare we can have them working on the jobs of the strikers in order to offset this thing --

(laughter)

Hon. Mr. Taylor: -- and possibly do it this way. It seems to me highly unreasonable that any labour organization should be permitted to go on strike without looking after themselves and asking the government to go and fund it. We have unemployed people who can't find work that go on what we now affectionately call 'unemployment enjoyment'. That is another little term.

I can't honestly see, in my own mind, that where people do go out on strike, for whatever good reasons they may have for doing so, that the government of the Yukon Territory should be expected to pick up the short-fall while they will not work.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McCall is quivering with desire to answer that. Mr. Fleming would you defer your question to Mr. McCall

Mr. McCall: Thanks, Mr. Chairman. At this particular point I would like to request that the Chairman of this House would restrict Mr. Taylor from referring to all this strike nonsense. We are dealing with a budget and not a strike or any particular wording to that effect.

Mr. Chairman: If I thought you weren't going to be nice, Mr. McCall, I wouldn't have let you go first. Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Chairman, I would just like to comment on Miss Millard's statement of being able to find out some things. I think you will find it very hard to find out very much if you are just an ordinary citizen about social welfare that is given to people because I have had this experience. I think their files are very confidential and I think -- if the Minister of Education can support this -- it is just individuals, unless possibly, as you say from social welfare workers she may get something, but from the top offices, you don't get any information on people that are drawing welfare. Or even get an answer as to whether they are drawing welfare or not. This is very confidential. I agree --

Mr. Chairman: Miss Millard?

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman, just to answer. Yes, and I agree that it should be totally confidential. Anything that should be given should be statistics only. However I have had the experience myself where a Territorial Councillor in Dawson has come into my

office and demanded knowledge of people on assistance and I have refused him. I understand the Commissioner gave him the right to do that. This brings up a very interesting problem because I felt at the time that he should not be -- the thing should not be available to him. I wonder if that practice is still being done?

Hon. Mr.s. Watson: Mr. Chairman, confidential files are confidential files and I am sure that any politician who knows anything about politics doesn't want to read anyone else's confidential file.

No, it isn't a practice. The information on confidential files is not given out.

Mr. Chairman: Are there any other questions or comments? Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: The next item is Categorical Allowances and there is nothing on that item. That is because we are expected to pass some Bills. Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: One question on that. I understand now that as in the Commissioner's Opening Address that there will be changes made to the means of distribution of the Disabled Persons' Allowance and Blind Persons' Allowance. When will we be dealing with this Bill? After we have concluded with the first review of the Budget?

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, it is at the pleasure of the House that the allowances, the Categorical Allowances, Disabled Persons' and the Blind Persons' Allowance that kind of assistance is now given through the Territorial Supplementary Allowance and we do not make any payments under those other Bills. Actually it is to the benefit of the person, the recipient, they are able to receive more now than they did before under the other legislation.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman something was brought to me the other day by a constituent in respect of this when they heard the Commissioner's Opening Address. I will have to have more time to get the detail on this but I am pointing out that although they make more it is more difficult to get. The reasons that were given to me had something to do in relation with the forms one must now fill out in order to get this additional supplement in this new manner. I am not acquainted with what it is, I will have to go back and check the party that suggested this to me. It is suggested that it may be more difficult now to get these allowances by this new scheme because of forms and information required.

Maybe the Minister could check that.

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I would have to have the name of the -- if you could give me the name of the person involved, because the application form --

Mr. Chairman: Couldn't this possibly be raised when we repeal the Bills in question or the Ordinance in question? Or the second time through? Are you clear on that item?

The next item is one that I anticipate will be hotly debated, and I see that we have a goodly number of interested parties in the gallery, and I at this time would like to declare say, at least a 10 minute recess, and then we will come back and meet this issue head on.

Recess

Mr. Chairman: I will now call the Committee to Order, and the next item is Social Service Agencies, \$40,000.00. Mrs. Whyard?

Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, I have two questions to lead off this discussion.

First, what does this reduced amount of \$40,000.00 cover? What organizations will receive grants from this amount, and could I have an answer please first?

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, it doesn't specifically cover any organizations.

If you will notice last year, 74-75, there was an item, there was \$57,000.00 and maybe I could give some information on how this money was allocated last year, the 57. Crossroads received \$20,000.00, and if you will notice this year, we have taken the Crossroads contribution out of there. The Family Counselling Service was allocated \$20,500.00; Day Care Centres \$12,000.00 through subsistence -- Day Care Centres, 12,000.

Ms. Millard: The item before that?

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Family Counselling, \$20,500.00. And Crossroads \$20,000.00. I'm doing last year's.

The Youth Hostel, \$4,833.00, and the Durnham Coffee House, \$3,500.00. Well at the present time, the Durnham Coffee House does not exist, and the Youth Hostel I don't think are going to require any assistance in the form of a grant, because they will be able to get their assistance from the Secretary of State, because they are beginning to plan for it now, and they will not lose the grant, the Secretary of State grant that they lost last year because of the fact that they didn't have a facility.

Crossroads is taken care of in establishment 505, therefore, we have Family Counselling, Day Care Centres, and any other organization that may wish to make application. This does not mean that we are just precluding and saying that these are the organizations that should receive assistance.

It appears from first glance that there is less money for social services grants, but actually there is 40 at 25, and if you will notice at first on establishment 537, there's a grant or a contribution of \$6,000.00 to provide funds in connection with International Women's Year, so that there will be no requirement for organizations to endeavour to do something for Women's International Year to take it from the social services grant.

So actually there is more money than there was last year, and I would also like to point out to the Honourable Members in this Assembly that we were faced with a great problem when we reviewed this budget this time, that there was a cutback in the deficit grant that was forthcoming, and we faced a great decision, where would we have to go for extra taxation in order to carry out with some enrichment, some of the programs that are now in existence, or bring in new programs, or would we try to get by this year and give

us an opportunity to set our priorities, and not go for extra taxation or extra revenue. And we -- whether we made the right decision or not, we chose the route of no extra taxation or no extra revenue, and this is why we just haven't got the enrichment in some of these programs that people have been looking forward to.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Whyard, you had another question?

Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, if I may refer to the votes and proceedings for the Second Session in '74, page 466, the then Minister, Mr. Tanner, introduced a sessional paper where he said:

"Basically what I plan to do with the concurrence of council is expand the social service agencies and set up a board for the agencies themselves to distribute the funds, themselves to distribute the funds, because it has been my observation in the short time that I've been here, and the knowledge previous to being in this position, that in effect what happened previously, that every individual request for a grant for social service agencies, went through a long, meandering red tape process before it was granted. It was on the heads of the individual members, either in the Department or the Executive Committee.

I feel that if we make the grants to the agencies in total, and let them distribute the funds, it will get better value for our money. We will probably get better input from the public."

Could I ask what the status is of that plan? How far did it proceed?

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Yes, Mr. Chairman, in fact that sessional paper is still in effect today. However, I believe when the former Minister endeavoured to establish a Board from representatives from the various social service agencies, they weren't that anxious to establish a board to make the allocations. They felt that it was a political decision and possibly the politicians should be making the decision.

Now, I don't know for sure how they feel about this today, but I would hope, and I have made -- brought forward no new policy for distribution of these grants to social service agencies. As far as I'm concerned, sessional paper 15, as far as the allocation of the monies, still applies, this year, until we have had time to reassess the whole situation.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you. Miss Millard is next and then Dr. Hibberd.

Ms. Millard: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My question is with the total amount of -- \$40,000.00, I presume that's 50 percent recoverable under the Canadian Assistance Plan, is that right?

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, it isn't all 50 percent recoverable. Some of these things, these payments that are made, have a stipulation that I think people have had a little bit of mis-information that it is automatically 50 percent cost shareable under the Canada Assistance Plan. This is not so, the service has to be provided, for people who can establish a need for this service.

Mr. Chairman: Miss Millard.

Ms. Millard: Well whether we have to pay from Territorial funds \$20,000.00, \$30,000.00 or \$40,000.00, I still believe that it is way too low. I have an item here, just the one that seems to me one of the most shocking, \$63,000.00 for a helicopter to go from Old Crow out to count the caribou. We don't even know at this moment whether or not there are any caribou. We can't predict whether any are going to come into Old Crow. I certainly don't resent that there should be a wildlife service, and there should be all kinds of things, but to put \$40,000.00 into the faith that we should have in private individuals who are willing to put an awful lot of energy out for an awful little bit of recognition is niggardly, to say the least.

Yesterday, I was arguing about the education budget, a total of \$620,146.00 is going to special education and rehabilitation services, that is not including the LEAP grants from the Federal Government of \$200,000.00 odd, which brings a total of \$800,000.00, for presumably 10 percent of the population. Ten percent of the school population, I don't know how that is calculated, but we will agree with that at the moment.

We all have a brief from the Child Care Association, very detailed and very well organized here, explaining what is happening to them, and they are obviously not being considered in a \$40,000.00 budget, simply because there is going to be requests from Family Counselling and other places also, so that in other words, we are saying to the Child Care Association, we can't afford to run this so we are not going to give you anything more than just enough so that you can't run it, and I would really like, for the next budget at least, for this to be really reviewed. We have to support these people who are giving their individual time and effort towards the Child Care Association, and all the other associations, Family Counselling, the rest of them too, are really doing an awful lot of effort which we should support as a Territorial Council.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Miss Millard.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson, do you wish to comment on that?

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I think Dr. Hibberd, and then I will comment.

Mr. Chairman: Dr. Hibberd?

Dr. Hibberd: Mr. Chairman, we have been persuing the budget for the Department of Health and Welfare and recently we have been considering various items. We have noted the administration of various welfare programs to the tune of \$626,000.00.

We have reviewed Child Care Welfare Services to the tune of \$670,00.00.

We have talked about Social Assistance programs of \$679,000.00. The Minister now informs us that because of the squeeze put on them, they had to make the decision of where the money should be apportioned. I would suggest to the Minister that \$40,000.00 in terms of the money that has been spent in other areas, the \$40,000.00 is very niggardly, to say the least.

I think the role of these private agencies is exceedingly important in the evaluation of an overall plan. I think the role of the private agencies will do things that the government is either unable or will not do.

There are some areas they undoubtedly do the job better than the government agencies. Crossroads is a good example, people will not go to it.

In other areas, the people in the private sector are more responsive to the needs of the community, and on that basis they will initiate the program. They have done so in such areas as family counselling and day care centres, and now they are struggling, but their need must be recognized, and it must be recognized in terms of financial support.

I find it very difficult to support the Minister's position that they could only afford that amount of money for all of these agencies in the face of all the money that is spent elsewhere in the Welfare Department.

In instance, I think there are Members who have recognized the need of the private agencies, in particular two members of the previous Council contributed from their Slush Fund. Mr. McKinnon and Mr. Tanner both felt that it was important to contribute to the Day Care Centres, and yet in this present Executive Committee, has failed to recognize that same need.

I think that there have been considerable efforts on the part of the private agencies to try and develop and organized program. I think that they have--their efforts have so far fallen on deaf ears.

I think there are certainly areas that have not even been mentioned yet that neither the private agencies nor the government has moved into, although they were discussed, discussed during the election campaign. There has been no mention of these factors. I certainly think that the role of the private agencies has not been recognized by the present government.

In particular, I would like to know if there is a philosophy involved regarding the role of the private agencies versus the government's function in some of these areas? I would appear, through information from the Director of Welfare, that he considers this his province, and that he wishes overall administration of these funds. I consider this a very difficult thing to accept. There is no doubt that there's a very valuable role being played by these agencies.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I think the remarks that both the Honourable Members made are quite valid. The reference that the Honourable Member from Whitehorse South Centre made regarding the extensive welfare budget that we have at the present time is very true, but if the Honourable Member looks at that welfare budget, every part of that welfare budget is a statutory requirement. We are required by law, the government is required by law, to do certain things and to provide certain services and assistance under the Child Welfare Ordinance, and under the Social Assistance Ordinance. None of this is any new program or any fringes.

We have taken on the responsibility of care for the aged, through our nursing homes, through our Territorial Supplementary Allowance. We have group homes where we have to take care of children. We have to pay for children in foster homes. We provide the adoption services. These are all things that we do by law.

Now, I agree very much that in many instances, private organizations and volunteer organizations

within a community can perform a great function which does not duplicate, but does enhance the type of program that a government has to perform. And when we were faced with this problem with funding, as I said before, there were things that we absolutely had to do by law, and these are the things that you have to make provision for first, or you have to change your laws.

Now, if we had decreased the subsistence allowance to group home parents or if we had decreased the minimum subsistence level that we try to attain for our senior citizens, then I think we should have been criticized, and this is the only really area where we could have done a great deal of accommodating.

There is one area too, that I think that we should take regard of, and not only the Council here or the assembly here, but also the organizations that are carrying out this volunteer social service, and that is the area of duplication. Their service can complement government service, but I don't think that we should be using taxpayers' money for duplication, and one of the things that I noticed when I got into this Department, and started going through some of the functions that the social service agencies were performing, and then going into communities and listening to some of the conversation and then doing some work on it, and find out the duplication that we have in the Yukon Territory where we are using taxpayers' money to provide social services is quite shocking.

For example, the Social Welfare Branch provides counselling, it provides child care, it provides social assistance. The Public Health Branch of Health and Welfare provides counselling, it provides not the social assistance but it provides psychiatric counselling for people with social problems.

Indian Affairs provides social assistance for status Indians. They in turn have contracted to some of the Indian bands. The Territorial Government provides child welfare for Indian children. The Manpower Outreach services to people in the community. It's also funded by a government agency, a Federal Government agency.

Probation Services also provides counselling and provides the support service, social service to various individuals, and it is funded by Territorial Government funding.

Y.A.N.S.I. provides a type of service of this nature. They are funded by the Federal Government.

Manpower itself has rehabilitation officers and this type of thing. They provide counselling to people, and it becomes--there is a great deal of overlapping, and I feel, and it's all of these services are being provided by government funds, taxpayers' funds.

Now, there is a need for volunteer work, there's a need for volunteer organizations, but let's direct and assist the volunteer organization to complement what we are trying to do, not to overlap. We have got one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine agencies right now providing counselling and social service assistance programs in the Territory, and in some of the smaller communities when you have a hundred people or a hundred and fifty people, and you have nine agencies, excluding the R.C.M.P., telling them what to do and how to do it.

One agency will tell the father he should go to one place to work and move his family. Another agency will go and tell him that it would be best if the family were left in the same community. Another agency, because the youngster is involved with the law, will tell

the youngster he had better go with his father.

So my point is, I would like to have a whole look at the whole thing, because I feel there is a role for volunteer organizations, but just where, and maybe it sounds like I am asking for time, that I haven't done anything on it, but it is going to be very, very difficult to get federal organizations to try to coordinate with our organizations for counselling, for family counselling and the child programs that they have, and the employment programs. Oh, I forgot to mention Gordon's rehabilitation program.

You know, we are almost programmed to death, and we have got to coordinate these, because we are beginning to look very foolish with taxpayers' money, the two levels of government are.

Now, going into the Day Care Centres, this is one area where I do have a great great deal of concern for the simple reason that there wasn't time to really attack the problem the way it should have been attacked.

The Day Care people are coming to us for subsidization. Now this is only one way of assisting them, this is only one way of attacking the problem, and it's a big problem. Child Care, it's a big problem in every jurisdiction in our country today. Part of it is the fact that we have women who are going out to work, a big reason is the fact that it requires two members of the household to work in order to meet the commitments that they have to own their own home, and this type of thing, and then we have the single parents, who in order to support their family, have to go to work.

So child care, we have a new concept of society almost, and child care that used to be taken care of by one of the parents, and usually the mother, in the home the concept has changed, and society really made any compensation to take care and to fill this gap.

Now, these people have come forward and have asked for subsidization. Actually, they have asked for assistance to get them out of a situation that they are in at the present time, and I can understand this and they are suggesting subsidization. And again I am not shelving the problem, but I would like to have the opportunity to look at the various alternatives, and I would be very, very--I would look with great acceptance at some type of a program that gave a parent a choice for the subsidization, it wasn't necessarily to a child care centre, but which gave a parent the choice of whether they wanted to take care of their child in the home, or whether they wanted to pay to have their child taken care of in a centre.

I think that it wouldn't be fair to the Yukon Territory, to the taxpayer or to the families who have small children, to come out with just one program and say we are going to subsidize it. There are many alternatives.

Should the government run day care centres? These things should be looked into, and then come forward with the proper funding to see that it's properly done on an on-going basis. Subsidization in this instance, and I think there are three day care centres in the Whitehorse area at the present time. That isn't nearly enough.

Now, if we turn around and just subsidize the parents who have their children in that day care centre, is it fair to the parents who have their children taken care of by private babysitters, so it becomes rather a complex problem, and standing up her and saying we are going to subsidize this on an ad hoc

basis, and not help them solve the problem, I think would be most misleading, and I know that I'm leaving myself open to criticism and justifiably so, but I would ask the Council's concurrence to be able to come back with the next budget, with a program where people have a choice, or where there is assistance for child care, and it's an on-going item in the budget and so identified. One which is equal, so that everyone in the Yukon Territory, whether they live in Whitehorse or Faro or Beaver Creek, be given an opportunity to take advantage of the program, and so that everyone can take advantage of it at an equal level also.

Mr. Chairman: I'm sorry

Dr. Hibberd: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and thank you for the informative remarks.

I would like to discuss some of the features which you arose or which you -- you did say, when you first arose, that you did have the decision making process to make regarding the allocation of funds, and now you come back and tell us that you're bound to your commitments previously. There obviously must be some elasticity in how your program is administered. You say that you are bound to Child Welfare services, et cetera, but I am sure there are other funds available, and you had to reach conclusions on that basis, and your decision making was \$40,000.00 to the voluntary agencies.

There is a point that you have raised that I must seriously question, and that is you used the words "direct and assist" with regard to the voluntary agencies. I think if you use such a phrase as "direct and assist", the private agencies, the voluntary agencies are functioning in areas as I said before, where the government has either not yet recognized the need or they are functioning where the government is incapable of doing so. But as soon as you assume the role of directing their operations, then they are no longer able to explore areas of social need.

I think it is important from a philosophical point of view, I think it is important that the voluntary agencies retain their autonomy and I think that should be well considered in drawing out future budgets.

You mentioned that duplication of services, this has come out, I think in particular as regards family counselling is concerned. From my own experience, I would have to say that despite the fact that the Director of Welfare has stated otherwise, they are not doing the job of family counselling. From my own professional experience, the only facility available to us at this level was that provided by the voluntary agency, and I think it would be tragic if this were to be dropped.

You also mentioned that the choice must be given to the persons involved, whether they want their children in the Day Care centre or whether they should be at home. I think by our previous consideration of social assistance programs, they obviously do have that choice. I think that when we consider that 37 percent of your social assistance program is involved with single parent families, then there obviously is a choice involved to that extent. Although they don't have much choice as far as going to Day Care Centres unless we can fund them more adequately.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Whyard?

Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, if I could just make a few comments. To get back to my original question, how much does this \$40,000.00 cover, how many agencies must rely on it for their total budget, I would assume from the remarks that we've heard so far, that this is the entire allocation for the Yukon Social Service Society, which provides a program of counselling and would like very much to continue their Homemaker services, and also the same \$40,000.00 would have to cover any aid given to day care centres, which have not been in the program.

Now, as far as the counselling agencies already available, through various Departments of this government are concerned, I certainly applaud the fact that they are available, but I must point out that none of them would concern the average Yukon citizen such as myself. I am not on social assistance, I am not unemployed, I am not disabled, and if I have a problem, I have to go find my own counsellor.

I would like to point out that mental health costs in this Territory, we have just seen in this budget today, we spend three times as much on the mentally ill patient for transportation and maintenance as we do on cancer, T.B. and V.D. and counselling is the vital ingredient in the preventive treatment of mental health problems.

I think that to remove the one private agency to which someone can go anonymously, quietly and privately and discuss their serious mental stress and strain, would be a grave error, medically as well as financially.

Now, as far as I can see, in every discussion of any social services assistance, whether it is during an election campaign or around this table, the key word always is "priority". Where do you place the priorities when you are assigning funds in your annual budget? We have liquor profits in this Territory of \$3,200,000.00, our revenue from marriage licences is \$1,000.00. I would hate to think that anyone considers this a fair reflection of the kind of life that goes on in this Territory.

I know that there are many young married couples in this country, working very hard, both of them, to establish homes and raise their children at a fair standard of living, and we all have to admit that it takes two parents to do this in this area of high cost.

Day care is part of the picture a working parent everywhere in Canada, and every province in Canada has already established some kind of cost sharing for this particular service. Now, I am not criticizing the present Minister for a lack of policy on day care. I think a discussion on day care could go on for days around this table, and I would like to shortcut it, by making a suggestion to this Council, and that is, that we should extend an invitation to appear before this Council, to Mr. Howard Clifford, the consultant on day care for the Department of Health and Welfare at Ottawa, who has offered to appear and provide all background information that we may require, before we decide what kind of program this Territory is going to launch or is not going to launch in this field.

And Mr. Chairman, I await your instructions as to whether you would consider a motion or whether that is a proper motion.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Mrs. Whyard. What is the feeling of the members on Mrs. Whyard's suggestion?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: Question?

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I wonder whether it would be possible to have Mr. Clifford come at the time the government presents their policy on day care? That would be the time to have him here.

Mr. Chairman: Well possibly the appropriate way to do this would be to have Notice of Motion. Would that -- I'm sorry?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I was just going to suggest the same thing as the Honourable Minister just suggested, that is a policy coming down at this session in relation to day care?

Hon. Mrs. Watson: No, Mr. Chairman, there is not. There just wasn't time to have a look at the whole program of child care, and as I said, I feel very badly about it, but there just wasn't the time, and to get the proper funding for the type of program. It has to be done, you have to get your funding.

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman, my understanding of Mrs. Whyard's suggestion was that we don't have a policy until we talk to Mrs. Clifford, or Mr. Clifford, and I think that would be a good idea.

I don't know if Mrs. Whyard agrees with that.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Whyard, do you have something?

Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, I think as the federal representative on this topic he would be most helpful on the subject of finances available and methods to pursue. I don't know how far the Minister has gone with the program.

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I haven't done any work on it all, and naturally I would be looking at this type of expertise to consult before we go into some type of a program, but I'm quite open as far as the Councillors are concerned, whether they want to --

Mr. Chairman: Well really, Members, isn't it a question of timing? Now I'm not quite sure what Mrs. Whyard is thinking in terms of timing.

Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, I am thinking in terms of this session, as soon as possible.
Agreed?

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I'm quite flexible.

Mr. Chairman: Is it -- Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: I'm still unclear. Is it a case of getting together with the interested parties with the

Minister, Mr. Chairman, or is it a case of having a debate in the House on the matter? This is what I am curious about.

Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Whyard.

Mrs. Whyard: I think all members need this background information. We have been approached by agencies here, asking for assistance. They are under the impression that there is financial assistance available under the Canada Assistance Plan, to subsidize parents who wish to leave their children in day care centres, but I understand from the Minister that this is not her understanding. Her understanding is that this applies only to parents who are already under social assistance. Therefore, this bars a working parent who is not on welfare from getting a subsidy, and she has already touched on the complexities of this. How far do you go, a day care centre, private babysitting in your home, whatever.

I think that this is a man who can give us a great deal of intelligent information on all aspects of this question, and I would like to hear him before we finish vote number 534.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: This is what I was getting at, Mr. Chairman, I didn't know whether it was intended that the interested parties get together with the Minister and work up a program for presentation to the House, or whether you wished to debate the question in the House.

I would suggest then, if this is the -- as the Honourable Member has stated, that a time certain be set for dealing with this matter, and preferably when the parties are available.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Taylor. What I propose to do then is to -- at this time, when we have finished the present debate on Item 534, to stand it aside and carry on today, and in the meantime, I would like by tomorrow to have some idea of when this person would be available, and I think that we should possibly consider extending an invitation to the Association itself, to one or more of their executive as witnesses, and we could then at a time certain, hear from the witnesses and council could direct questions to these people. Does that sound reasonable?

Some Members: Agreed?

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Before we leave this item, I would like to make a few more remarks.

Several of the Honourable Members stood up and said that our government, and government is people of the Territory, are very niggardly in the \$40,000.00 amount of money.

I would draw your attention to this budget, and if you look at the programs, the social programs that the 22,000 people in the Yukon Territory enjoy today, and the value, the monetary value of those programs, it would be astounding. You look at your social welfare budgets, look at Vote number 5, look at vote number 3,

because we have one of the most sophisticated systems of education in our country today. Special education, where we are going for education of exceptional children. This should be lauded.

We are going into rehabilitation programs, vocational school is a program of where we are rehabilitating people who are not able to receive employment. This itself, look at the grant structures that we have under Fitness and Amateur Sports. People call it niggardly, it's still \$180,000.00, so I think if you look at our whole budget for the Yukon Territory, I don't think that the social programs that we have here, and I'm including the health programs, are poor programs.

I think we have programs that we can be well proud of, and I feel very badly that the Honourable Members chose to criticize the government in this instance because they have not made provision financially, to fund other programs. Because for \$22,000.00, we have come a long way and we will go further with proper planning. Let's not jump into something that is not going to benefit anyone, and be sort of a noose around our necks. Let's think out our Day Care program properly, and I think we can come up with another good social program.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Mrs. Watson. Miss Millard is next.

Ms. Millard: I would just like to state something on which I am in agreement with our Honourable Member from Health, Welfare and Rehabilitation, in that she claims that there are several different government departments, both federally and territorially involved in problem families, and that really is true. And she has my wholehearted support if she would pursue some kind of coordination of these available services within the Departments that are available.

I note that in Intragovernmental Affairs, \$109,000.00 is now set aside. I was wondering if perhaps the Honourable Member would be willing to ask them to set up a program of coordination of the available social service available -- the things that are available from social services under our two governments, and I'm certain that we can find -- save enough money between the several, to fund volunteer agencies a little more generously.

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, that would be the route that we would go, would be the intragovernmental committee where we would get some understanding of the working levels of these various departments with the Territorial Government, so that there would be better coordination of the program. That's right.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McCall?

Mr. McCall: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

I would just like to comment on what the Honourable Minister for Health and Welfare has just stated. She leaves me with a very distinct impression that we are not entitled to very much under the Health and Welfare Program, and I think we are entitled to a lot more than what we are getting now in this particular budget, and I don't think our position should be

directed to several Members who have stated their own views, as well as the Honourable Minister's on this particular point. I think it is a little absurd.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Whyard?

Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, I had intended earlier to log the expanded amounts to a number of special services, about which all of us heard during the election campaign, and too, which all of us pledged support. And it is a pleasant surprise to have this budget handed to one and find that many of those special services have been taken care of without any bludgeoning on the part of private members to Ex. Com.

Crossroads is getting special attention; retarded children are getting special attention; disabled and handicapped people are getting special services. There is a special education program for the handicapped, the grant for alcoholism and drug abuse has been doubled, but it's only human nature, having once received those advantages to press for more, and I'm sure the Honourable Minister will understand that.

She has a budget of seven and a half million dollars in her Welfare Department, which is an awful lot of money, but it is our duty to hone in on the one item which strikes us as being something that needs a little more beefing, and when we sincerely believe that it is a worthwhile service, it is our duty to pursue that matter, in an intelligent way, and I think by consulting with Mr. Clifford, we may be on the right track, as far as day care is concerned.

I am still concerned that three major, in my opinion, three major programs have to split \$40,000.00. I've been associated with the Yukon Social Services Society since its inception, and if you think that's an easy sentence to say, you try it. And at its organization it succeeded the Children's Aid Society. I go back to the days when that Children's Aid Society handled all child care in the Yukon Territory with one case worker, and we raised the funds through a campaign annually.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Nobody's that old.

Mrs. Whyard: Yes. And when the Department was finally established in the Yukon Territorial Government, and they took over these duties, we were about to disband and the Commissioner at that time said to us, "Don't do it. Stay together, keep an organization going. You're no longer the Children's Aid Society, call yourselves something else but be the conscience of government", and those are pretty high powered words, and I really believe that the Yukon Social Service Society has done that, and they have conducted one study after another of the needs in this Territory, which were not, at that time, covered by government grants or government services, and having proven the need, and having done surveys, and having instituted the service in many cases, it has spun off to become a separate entity.

And in some cases, the Territorial Government is now paying the bill for those services, but first they had to be proven as necessities, and they were.

So I think we could all work together on this one. I'm sure that we're going to come back to this item. I would like to say more about Homemaker Service, for example, but I think we have spent enough time today

to indicate what the feelings are of this Assembly, and we can come back at it again.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Mrs. Whyard. Are there any further --

Yes, I see. On this subject, before we pass on to the next item, I would like to declare a short recess so that I can discuss with the officers of the House, the possibilities of setting up this special sitting at a time certain, and who -- and the protocol for inviting the witnesses. I would like to just simply adjourn at this point for five minutes.

Mr. McCall: Mr. Chairman, would you be so good as to inform the House afterwards?

Mr. Chairman: Certainly. I just want to explore the methods available to us as a Committee of the Whole.

We will recess then.

Recess

Mr. Chairman: I will now call the Committee to order. I would like to start off by saying that the reason for the adjournment just called, or recess rather, was that there seemed to be some confusion in some members' minds as to who Dr. Clifford was and how available he might be, and it appears that he is on staff, the Federal Government staff in Ottawa, and would be available at any time to come before this Committee or this House and assist us as a witness with respect to Child Care, the funding, the plans that the Federal Government has, the needs, et cetera. And it seems to me that it would be appropriate at this time to entertain a Motion about bringing this person before this Committee, and when, and I understand that Mrs. Whyard is prepared to make such a motion.

Mrs. Whyard: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I would move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse South Centre, that the national consultant on Day Care for the Federal Department of Health and Welfare, be invited to appear before Committee of the Whole on a day certain.

Mr. Chairman: I wonder, Mrs. Whyard, if I might have that Motion--have you written it out? Is your writing better than mine?

Mrs. Whyard: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Why not?

It has been moved by Mrs. Whyard, seconded by Mr. Hibberd, that the National Consultant on Day Care for the Federal Department of Health and Welfare, be invited to appear before the Committee of the Whole on the day certain.

Is there any discussion on this motion?

Some Members: Question.

Mr. Chairman: Question.
All in favour?

Some Members: Agreed?

Mr. Chairman: I declare the Motion carried.

Mr. Chairman: Well then, we shall carry on. I see we don't have a problem.

We're still on this item 534, is there any further discussion at this time? Mr. Berger?

Mr. Berger: If I may ask a question, it is something to go back to the item before we discussed here, and the statistics Minister supplied us, is that employable unemployed. Could I ask a question? Who are those people?

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I think that he has made a very good point there. He's looked at the statistics and he's questioning the fact, the transients in Dawson City, there was only \$20.00 handed out in Social Assistance to transients in Dawson City, so this does question the definition of transient, and the definition of when is a transient an employable unemployed, and I'll endeavour to get that, what criteria they used for that?

Mr. Berger: Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Chairman: Yes, Mr. Berger?

Mr. Berger: May I suggest to the Minister, I feel that maybe we could ask the question that now arises of funding of the Social Services and so I would be suggesting that maybe cut out \$88,000.00 to the unemployable employable people, and give it to the Social Services, which is a much better function--

Mr. Chairman: I agree, Mr. Berger.

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: Is there any further discussion on that point? Any further discussion on Item 534? Dare I say clear? We are setting it aside, that's right.

Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Chairman, I would like to, just for a moment, comment on it because of the fact that I have received letters from the Day Care Centre people and so forth and so on, and I think they are interested in how I feel about it, and I must say now that I am not very well acquainted with it, but I have been listening today here, and some programs of this nature I'm against and some I'm not. As for some of the ones like the Coffee House that are closed down in Whitehorse now.

I would just like to express my feelings, that if the centre can be--if it can be proven that it is doing a job, then I think we should be looking into the things that do allot more money for them. I am quite agreeable to that and I would like to say I am behind that anytime. Just so that you know where I do more or less stand, if the program is good, worthwhile and given by private citizens, I'm behind it. If it is proven as a business venture or something, then I am against it.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Berger.
Miss Millard?

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman, just one last comment. I hope that we're not going to be diverted into thinking that all the problems are solved on Item 534 simply because we are going to have a little concern about child care association.

There are other private agencies which need our attention also, family counselling is one, and the Yukon Social Services, and several others--certainly there would be more if there was more money, so I hop that we don't feel that this is buying our concern, because there are several agencies involved and we have only decided on one agency.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Miss Millard. Any further questions or comments before we set these issues aside and move onto the next item?

Fine, we will carry on then. The next item is Children's Group Homes, \$36,000.00. Dr. Hibberd?

Dr. Hibberd: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to inquire of the Minister what the situation is now as far as the group homes are concerned. It appears that two of them are closed. Are they--I am wondering whether they are still fulfilling the function for which they are designed, or whether they were closed because of difficulty in keeping them operating?

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Well, Mr. Chairman, they are closed because we didn't have children to put in them. One of them will be used temporarily possibly by Crossroads, and we hope to reopen the other one with a new program, which I will have to bring forward to the Assembly next year.

But it's just because the courts are not ordering as many children in to the homes, there is not that much of a need, the children are either put in foster homes or kept with their parents.

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Chairman: Miss Millard?

Ms. Millard: With 500 children in care predicted for this year, I can't see that there are too few children for our group homes. I understood that group home was a far more advanced program than foster homes. I certainly agree that it's one step in the right direction towards better care for the children in care.

Could we have an estimate of how many homes there are and how many children in each home and why the rest of them aren't there, and why we have to close down two homes, when we certainly have enough children if there are 500 in care?

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, 500 in care doesn't mean that we are responsible for providing homes for the 500 children, and I have a list of the institutions here and I can tell you we have nine group homes. We have the Children's Receiving Home, and an assessment centre in Whitehorse with a 15 bed capacity; tow house parents and a subordinate staff or child care workers and domestic staff.

We have a Handicapped Children's Home on 16 Klondike Road with an eight bed capacity; two house parents, the Sisters of Providence.

We have group home number 1 at 52 Liard Road,

Riverdale, eight bed capacity, that is one of the ones that is vacant at the present time.

We have group home number 2, 502 Low Street, Whitehorse, eight bed capacity, two house parents and that one is vacant at the present time. I believe it's the Low Street one.

We have group home number 3, 502 Hoag Street, Whitehorse, 8 bed capacity.

We have the Villa Madonna up in Hillcrest, eight bed capacity. The group home is owned by the Catholic Church, and we have two house parents, the Sisters of Providence.

In Dawson City we have a group receiving hom with an eight bed capacity.

In Mayo we have a group home with an eight bed capacity, and in Watson Lake we have a group home with eight bed capacity, and the two that are not used at the present time is because we just do not have children to put in the group home.

Mr. Chairman: Miss Millard.

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman, might I suggest that you not only not have children but you not have parents. I understand that there has been an awful lot of complaints, there certainly has been in the newspaper lately over the last year and I think their complaints are very valid. They have had a great deal of concern over communications with the Welfare Department. I would like to ask the Minister at this point whether or not she is going to act on the complaints that were in the paper over the last few months?

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I know of only one letter that was a complaint that was written to the newspaper and I have looked into that. The people have left. It is unfortunate that these type of letters are the ones that are printed. I received one just the other day from house parents that were leaving, who stated that they were leaving and were reluctant to leave because they found the working conditions excellent. They found the co-operation with the Welfare Branch and the case workers excellent, but for personal reasons they were leaving to go to a different area of our country. So it is most unfortunate that we only have the detrimental ones publicized and the rest sort of are hidden in a file. I know there has been some problem with group home parents. I think a lot of the problem is -- well I haven't completely looked into it either, they enter into a contract, they know the terms of the contract before they enter into it. They know the financial benefits. They know what responsibilities they have to assume, but I think there is one area where the actual pphysical facility sometimes is a group home correction of things and getting the necessary supplies and the necessary maintenance and this type of thing are little nit picky things which do cause a great deal of problems with people in the group homes. The contracts are there. We have on an on-going basis, we review the amount of money that we pay per child day in the group home. It is tied in with the cost of living increase so that there is an on-going review of the amount that they are paid for this Child care service in the Group home.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you. Dr. Hibberd?

Dr. Hibberd: I think, Mr. Chairman, apropos to the Minister's remarks that only some of the information is surfacing, I don't think that that would really account for the fact that there were twenty house parents that resigned in the period of one year from October '73 to October '74. They seemed to have a considerable number of complaints even within their own contracts. They had specific complaints, for instance, as far as getting relief is concerned. They are allowed 4 days off at \$25.00 a day but they have to find their own relief and that almost amounts to an impossibility.

You mentioned the contract and the food allowance that has been allowed. This was supposed to be subject to review. It may have been reviewed but despite the obvious inflationary costs the food allowance was not increased to the homes.

I think one of the principal problems has already been referred to by the Honourable Member from Ogilvie, is that there is considerable problem with the lack of liaison between the Department of Welfare and the house parents creating a good deal of problems in morale as far as the house parents were concerned.

Some of these I have already alluded to. Others include the actual conditions that the houses were maintained. They were not well maintained despite repeated efforts on the part of the house parents to have representation carried out on that basis.

I think we have come a long way from actually solving the problem of these houses and the house parents--

Mr. Chairman: Excuse me, Dr. Hibberd, we are having trouble hearing you at this end.

Dr. Hibberd: I have concluded my remarks.

Mr. Chairman: Miss Millard?

Ms. Millard: I don't feel that I have gotten an answer to the problem of 500 children in care and only, I haven't added it up, but there certainly is under 50, or around 50 in group homes and we are closing down group homes. I understand from my experience as a social worker we always had problems getting foster homes and certainly getting them wasn't so much the problem as getting good ones. I felt if I had ten percent good foster homes of the foster homes I had that I was doing a good job. I still don't understand why two children's group homes have to be left vacant when we are going to be using less proper facilities for children in care.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you. Is that a question?

Ms. Millard: Excuse me, I would like to ask the Honourable Minister then if I could have some answer to the question of why are the two houses vacant?

Mr. Chairman: Sometimes it is hard to tell. Mrs. Watson?

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, as I said before you have to have clients for your institution and we just don't happen to have clients. Some of them are in foster homes and some of them have been committed to the care of their families, under the care of the Welfare Branch to be checking on them, but we just -- if we had children for the group homes they would be in

there. The group homes are heated. It is not because -- and we have people that we can get as house parents, mind you, there has been a great turn over of house parents in our group homes. The criticism that the Honourable Member from Whitehorse South Centre is probably very valid, but on the other hand I think that a lot of people enter into these types of contracts don't quite realize the type of children they have to deal with.

They require a great deal of patience or else they wouldn't be in the group home. It is a very taxing situation they put themselves in and it really requires almost dedicated people. I don't think that any amount of money sometimes will pay for the type of patience and dedication that people -- the type of people you need who would go into as house parents of a group home.

It isn't just a situation where you can make money. You have to be a certain type of person and I am sure that is one of the reasons why we have a large turnover, mind you, the criticism, the basic criticism that the Honourable Member has made--the Honourable Member from Ogilvie has made, the fact of comment is probably very valid too. They think maybe they are not the complete reasons, but we just don't have the clients.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Mrs. Watson. Any further questions or comments?

A Member: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: The next item is Lodges and Senior Citizen's Homes, \$496,000.00.

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Chairman: Yes, Miss Millard?

Ms. Millard: I note with some dismay that there is a reduction in the dietary budget from \$40,000.00 to \$35,000.00 wherein everywhere else that dietary concerns are made there has been an improvement in the budget by 20 to 25 percent at least. Is this because there are fewer old people in the Senior Citizen's homes or are we going to try and feed them less?

A Member: Sock it to 'em, Baby.

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, we are going to feed them less.

(Laughter)

Ms. Millard: In that event I hope I never get old in the territory--

(Laughter)

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Miss Millard.

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman, could I have a reasonable answer to that question because I believe really it is fewer people in the nursing homes -- in senior citizen's homes. There has been a complaint lodged with me about the Dawson Home. And the complaint is that the diet has been reduced and I would like to be able to answer that.

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman I will get the answer to why there has been a reduction I don't know, maybe Mr. Miller has the answer there.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman. The reason -- it's not really a reduction, it is a reduction in the budget. It's not really a reduction in what we're spending. In fact during 1974-75 in that particular area we'll only spend around \$30,000.00. So it is an increase. We had over provided for it in 1974-75.

Ms. Millard: I have one further question. The staffing of the lodges. I note that the certified nursing aides have been reduced in 1974-75 to nine this year, and the nursing home attendants have been increased from four in 1974-75 to nine in '75-'76. Now a lot of people don't realize the difference, I think, between a certified nursing aid and a nursing home attendant. I worked as a nursing home attendant in the Dawson Home and I felt the responsibility that was given the nursing home attendants was far too great for their abilities. They weren't allowed to deal with medications, but they certainly did all the private and personal care of each one of the old patients. They were given no training period. There was no qualifications involved at all except if you could probably write your name. I really disagree that they should -- that certified nursing aides should be reduced by three. Unless we are closing one of the nursing homes because we had a great deal of difficulty. We had to have a C.N.A. on each shift and as it was the dayshift was made to be without a certified nursing aide because there wasn't one available. There was a position available but there certainly wasn't a C.N.A. available so we had to work under the nurse supervisor as a C.M.A.

I wonder if the Minister could explain this alteration. I certainly hope it's not to cut down on the budget because the certified nursing aides are certainly needed and in more capacity than they are now.

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I am sure Mr. Miller is a little bit more familiar than I am with this because there was a reallocation made during the year.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, to my knowledge that in fact has taken place that transfer and it is basically a question of classification that we go through in the personnel office. There was certainly no intent to cut down on the qualification of the people just to fit the budget. I can only assume that the Welfare Department in running their homes and institutions have asked for that type of individual and that is the classification that personnel has assigned to it.

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Chairman: Yes.

Ms. Millard: I would like to comment on that because I feel even a the C.N.A.'s don't have enough training. This is encouraging the individual nursing homes to hire a nursing home attendant who has no qualifications whatsoever. I really disagree that this should be the case. It should be the opposite that we are encouraging Certified Nursing Aids to at least have one years training, which isn't enough anyway.

Can I be assured by the Minister that the care is

going to be at the same level, if not better, than it has been in the past?

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Well, Mr. Chairman, we certainly wouldn't be endeavoring to lower the level of care that we are providing in our senior citizen's homes. I know that there was some reason for the re-classification and I will see whether I can get some more information on this for the Honourable Member.

Ms. Millard: Thank you.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Mrs. Watson. Mr. McCall is next --

Mr. McCall: No just go on to the next.

Mr. Chairman: Oh I see. Are there any further comments then? Mrs. Whyard?

Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if we might know what the qualifications are for residency in, for example, the Robert Macauley Lodge? Is there a period of time which is a basic for qualifying as a resident in one of the lodges --

Mr. McCall: 65 years.

(laughter)

Mrs. Whyard: Because I would like to book a suite right now ---

A Member: How long are you going to go for?

(Laughter)

Mrs. Whyard: I think that is a remarkably fine residence -- and it is a great place to be. I would like to know what the residency requirements are because you get the occasional rumor that somebody has brought in their dear old grandmother and two months later she is in Mcauley Lodge, you know. For my own information.

A Member: Vested interest.

Hon. Mrs. Watson: I think that is a very valid question and at the present time it is two years in the Yukon Territory and we are really going to have to look at this type of thing because we are finding where we have had long, long time residents of the Yukon, who were born and raised here and then they go outside to retire and when they get to a certain age they would like to come home to be with their families in the Yukon and they don't qualify under residency. For example, if the Honourable Member from Hootalingua desired --

(Laughter)

Hon. Mrs. Watson: We'd want to bring you home to die.

(Laughter)

Some Members: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mrs. Watson: But it does. We certainly have

to look at it, because this is a problem. And at the present time it's two years.

Mrs. Whyard: Two years, thank you. How many people of Native origin are present housed in any of our Senior Citizen's lodges?

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I just can't answer that, but I can get the information. Native origin. Housed here?

Some Member: You mean people born here?

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Yes.

Mr. Chairman: Is Mrs. Wyard asking for a racial delineation, or -- local --

Hon. Mrs. Watson: No no.

Mrs. Whyard: Yes Mr. Chairman I do mean of Indian origin.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you. Any further questions or comments? Dr. Hibberd?

Dr. Hibberd: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I wonder if the Minister can supply us with the information regarding, one, the cost to the individual who is in the -- these homes, and two, the actual cost to maintain that individual?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Berger?

Mr. Berger: Yes, I have a question concerning the Senior Citizen's Home in Dawson. Quite a number of years ago the electricity, the wiring was condemned in the Senior Citizen's Home. At least this was the reason given for taking the hot water taps out of this place. And the people in there right now can't even boil up their own cup of tea, or coffee whenever they feel like it. I wonder if the Minister could possibly look into that?

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, do you mean the Sunset Home?

Mr. Berger: Yes, I mean the Sunset Home.

Mr. Chairman: Any further questions? We'll then move on to the next item, which is Contributions. \$6,000.00.

Mr. McCall: Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McCall.

Mr. McCall: I'd like to comment on this particular item in the budget, --

(Laughter)

I was just trying to think what to say without getting dirty. As a male species of the human race.

(Laughter)

Some Member: Prove it.

Mr. McCall: Mr. Chairman. Is this really necessary. I personally strongly object to this \$6,000.00 that's included in our budget here. In connection with the International Woman's Year. I think that the Women's Liberation is going stark raving mad. Because they're screaming about equality with the male species of the human race and yet here we are, we've deliberated one full year to the women of the world, or mostly in Canada I guess, and then we come along here and allocate \$6,000.00 of money that could be well spent in other areas of this budget. Now, to me this is ludicrous because if we're going to adopt this policy of listening and answering to the Women's Liberation, I would strongly suggest that we adopt a motion or present a motion that we have an International Men's Year and allocate the same funds.

Some Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. McCall: My learned friend here says the Boy Scouts, I'm a little too old for that.

(Laughter)

Some Member: No your not.

Some Member: You couldn't qualify.

Some Members: Mr. McCall, I bet you never were a boy scout.

Mr. McCall: No comment. I don't know if I can put myself in a position to make a motion at this time. Like I say I strongly object to this \$6,000.00. I don't think it's necessary in this particular budget. For consideration, I would present two motions here. One, either we throw it out completely, or we adopt an International Men's Year and allocate \$6,000.00 for them.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McCall, possibly you could sit down and write out a motion. But before you do, possibly we could find out where this money is coming from.

Mr. McCall: Okay, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: I wonder if you could just possibly explain where this contribution, for our edification and where the money is coming from. Is it a special grant from Ottawa?

Mr. Miller: No, this is Territorial money. It comes from the same place that all our other money comes from. Either taxes or in the deficit grants.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you.

Ms. Millard: It looks as if we are going to be getting into a very lengthy discussion on International Women's Year as well as all the rest of the women's problems that women do have.

(Laughter)

Ms. Millard: I would like to suggest that we adjourn back into--I don't even really know the procedure yet. But that we get away from this until tomorrow morning.

(Laughter)

Mr. McCall: Mr. Chairman, this is ignoring the point in question--

Mr. Chairman: Order, order. Mr. McCall, I'm sorry Mrs. Watson was ahead of you, as was Mr. Lang. I wonder if I could calm everyone down for a minute and ask whether it is the wishes of the members present that we consider a recess at this time, until tomorrow. Call it 5 o'clock. We have to get back to the House before we do that. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: Then, yes, I would thank Mr. Miller and Mr. Huberdeau for being present throughout this, especially throughout the last 10 minutes or so. Thank you for your patience, I hope we see you again tomorrow at 10:35

Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, I move that Mr. Speaker now resume the chair.

Mr. McCall: I second that, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Question?

Some Members: Questions.

Mr. Chairman: Agreed?

Some members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: I declare the motion carried.

Motion Carried*

Mr. Speaker resumes the chair

Mr. Speaker: At this time we will call the House to order.

May we have a report from the Chairman of Committees?

Mr. Phelps: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I can report progress on Bill Number 2. The Committee of the Whole convened at 10:20 a.m. to consider Bills, Sessional Papers and Motions. Mr. Gillespie, Mr. Miller and Mr. Huderdeau attended Committee of the Whole as witnesses. We recessed at 12 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

It was moved by Mrs Whyard and seconded by Mr. Hibberd that the National consultant on Day Care for the Federal Department of Health and Welfare be invited to appear before the Committee of the Whole on a day certain.

This motion was carried.

It was moved by Mr. Lang and seconded by Mr. McCall that the Speaker resume the Chair and this motion was carried as well, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: You have heard the report of the Chairman of Committees are you agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: What is your further pleasure?

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Speaker, I would now make a motion that we call it five o'clock and adjourn.

Mr. Speaker: Is there a seconder?

Mr. McCall: I second that, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Hootaliqua, seconded by the Honourable Member from Pelly River that we now call it five o'clock. Are you prepared for the question?

Some Members: Question.

Mr. Speaker: Are you agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: This House now stands adjourned until 10:00 a.m. tomorrow morning.

Adjourned

