The Yukon Legislative Assembly

Number 12 | 5th Session | 23rd Legislature

Debates & Proceedings

Monday, March 8, 1976

Speaker: The Honourable Donald Taylor

Published under authority of the Speaker of the Yukon Legislative Assembly by the Queen's Printer for Yukon

The Yukon Legislative Assembly

Monday, March 8, 1976

Whitehorse, Yukon Territory
Monday, March 8th, 1976.

Mr. Speaker reads Daily Prayer.

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

Madam Clerk: There is, Mr. Speaker.

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

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

DAILY ROUTINE

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: I rise on a question of privilege this morning. Before getting to my question of privilege, Mr. Speaker, I think it would be well for the House to contratulate the Honourable Member from Klondike on obtaining the presidency of the New Democratic Party. I'm positive that he will be able to keep the Honourable Member from Ogilvie and the Honourable Member from Pelly in line from this point on, Mr. Chairman.

(APPLAUSE)

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: It seems that everybody was busy this weekend, except those of us who were suffering the flu bug. I hear via the radio the Honourable Member from Hootalinqua won the A Event in the curling bonspiel in Dawson City. I think that we should congratulate one of the older members of the House also.

(APPLAUSE)

Hon. Mr.. McKinnon: Mr. Speaker, my point of privilege, I received a glossary on my desk on Friday from Habitat, the U.N. Conference on Human Settlements, is put out under the authority of J. W. McNeil, the Canadian Commissioner General for Habitat. There are two or three pages, Mr. Speaker, on every area, every province, in Canada, including the Northwest Territories, including even the Ottawa-Hull area. And not one mention, Mr. Speaker, in no way, shape or form that the Yukon Territory is a distinct entity or a part of Canada.

I mention as a point of privilege Mr. Speaker, because I think it's indicative of the lack of interest that the Government of Canada, who sponsors the Habitat Conference, shows towards the people of the Yukon and the Yukon Territory is a separate entity. I think it's just another example of those areas that have been brought out by all members of the House at this session already. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Whitehorse South Centre.

Mr. Hibberd: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege. We have already given due credit to the new leader of the N.D.P. party, but I think it should be recognized that the preceding leader is with us in the gallery today, who has gone on to greater and better things.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: To Ottawa, that's better?

Mr. Speaker: Alright, we will now proceed with the Daily Routine. Are there any documents or correspondence for tabling this morning? The Honourable Member from Whitehorse West?

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Speaker, I have for tabling Legislative Return number 7.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any reports of Committees? Introduction of Bills? Are there any Notices of Motion or Resolution? The Honourable Member from Ogilvie?

Ms. Millard: Mr. Speaker, I have Notice of Motion, moved by myself and seconded by the Member from Klondike, that it is the opinion of this House that education in the Yukon Territory should directly reflect the needs and the desires of the communities it serves and, further, that the document "Barriers to Education" be referred to the Department of Education for review with interested organizations with the understanding that a written commentary will be forthcoming to the Yukon Legislative Assembly by the next session of the Yukon Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further Notices of Motion or Resolution? Are there any Notices of Motion for the production of Papers? We will then proceed to the question period. Have you any questions?

ORDERS OF THE DAY

QUESTION PERIOD

Question re: Subsistence Allowance for Compensation

Mr. Fleming: Yes, I have a question for Mr. Gillespie or the local government possibly. On the compensation being paid to individuals who must go outside sometime I would like to know if you could give me a written

answer as to what the Subsistence Allowance is for rooms and meals for these people that do have to go outside on compensation.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Whitehorse West?

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Yes, is the Honourable Member asking that question of me or --

Mr. Fleming: I did ask Mr. Gillespie but you can answer it. If the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West can answer the question, yes, that-s fine. Either --

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Speaker, is the Honourable Member referring to Workmen's Compensation? Mr. Speaker, I will get that information.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. Are there any further questions? The Honourable Member from Whitehorse South Centre?

Question re: Report from Fitness and Amateur Sports Committee

Mr. Hibberd: Mr. Speaker, I have a question directed, probably, to the Minister of Education. It is my understanding that the Fitness and Amateur Sports Committee met over this weekend and I am wondering, Mr. Minister, if there is any report or recommendations that will be forthcoming to this House from that meeting?

Hon. Mr. Lang: As soon as I get the report, Mr. Speaker, I will table it in the House.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Kluane?

Question re: Inuit Land Claim

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Assistant Commissioner this morning. The Inuit people of Canada have presented their land claim to the Federal Government. I understand that they have claimed certain portions of the northern Yukon. Can the Assistant Commissioner avvise us whether this is in fact true and could he obtain a copy or copies of their claim for this body's information?

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Administrator?

Mr. Administrator: Mr. Speaker, from my understanding of what is in their claim, it is true what you say, that they have claimed at least a part of the Yukon north of the tree line. I will confirm this and I will also bring back a copy of their claim for the benefit of the members of this House.

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Speaker?

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Whitehorse West?

Question re: Territorial Status in Northern Yukon

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Supplementary, Mr. Speaker, if I could supplement another Honourable Member's question. While the administrator is providing that information, I wonder if it would be useful at the same time to determine what the official approach is to the Yukon's territorial status in the northern section.

We keep hearing, Mr. Speaker, and we keep reading references to the fact that certain sections of our northern coastline are not in fact under the jurisdiction of this government and this might be a most timely question, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Administrator.

Mr. Administrator: Mr. Speaker, may I ask what is being referred is the northern slope or whether it is the waters adjacent to the northern slope, because I believe there are two separate issues here. One is, in the case of the waters: the federal governments of the United States and Canada are in active negotiations at this point in time as to who owns what part of that coastline under water. But if the question is with regard to the land itself, that's another matter.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Whitehorse West.

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Speaker, yes, we will be watching the outcome of those deliberations with interest. My question, Mr. Speaker, concerns the misapprehension that a number of federal officials are labouring under, that they are in control of whatever happens on the north coast of the Yukon.

I am informed by a number of people who should know, that the Yukon does not control that strip of land along the northern section.

Mr. Speaker: Perhaps Mr. Administrator could gather that information and bring the information before the House.

The Honourable Member from Kluane.

Question re: Yukon Involvement in Inuit Negotiations

Mrs. Watson: Yes, I have a supplementary question. Since the Administrator has confirmed that they have laid claim to certain portions of the northern part of the Yukon, could he determine for our information whether the Yukon will be involved in these negotiations when the negotiations commence with the Inuit people?

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Administrator?

Mr. Administrator: Mr. Speaker, I can only assume that, if the negotiations between the Inuit and the federal government ever seriously take into account the possibility of their laying claim to that portion of the Yukon, the Yukon Territorial Government will become very seriously and closely involved. I think I can give the assurance to this House that we will become involved in that event.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, if we're notified in time.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further questions this morning? The Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale.

Question re: Agreement with Alaska

Mr. Lengerke: I have a question for the Assistant Commissioner this morning. Has Yukon entered into any agreement with the State of Alaska, the Department of Public Safety, in the training of conservation officers and game guardians?

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Administrator?

Mr. Administrator: Mr. Speaker, the answer is no, we have not. Although there have been discussions between the two governments about the possibility of doing so. There is a difference in the game guardian role in Alaska from the game guardian role as we see it now in the Yukon. In Alaska, it's much more of a policing role as we would like to see it here. For that reason, we're hesitant about sending our conservation officers to their training program for fear that they would become overly oriented in the one direction.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale.

Mr. Lengerke: Yes, supplementary to that, Mr. Speaker I think now that we're talking of more action and activity in the northern part of our Territory that it would do well for Yukon to enter into some agreement with the State of Alaska in this because they are certainly interested in maintaining their sovereignty there too. They've spoken of really strengthening that particular role and this is why I asked this question this morning. So I would hope the Assistant would certainly look further at making some agreement.

Mr. Speaker: Order please. I would just like to remind members that, during the question period, it is not proper to enter into argument or debate. Mr. Administrator?

Mr. Administrator: Mr. Speaker, I don't think I answered the first question properly. We are entering-- we have had ongoing discussions with the State of Alaska with regard to joint administration of our game management concerns in that part of the country and we will continue to do so.

Mr. Lengerke: Very good.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Klondike?

Question re: Delegation to Habitat

Mr. Berger: Yes, Mr. Speaker, the Honourable Minister of Local Government actually spoiled my question because my question was about Habitat in Vancouver and I am still wondering if the Territorial Government is still considering sending a delegation down there in the light-- to show the Honourable Members ahead how we can only claim from it now.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: As I mentioned before, Habitat was so low on the priority scale that the Department of Local Government, that I didn't think, prior to this latest piece of information, that we would be represented there now. I am pretty sure that we will be.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Whitehorse South Centre?

Question re: Training for Ambulance Drivers

Mr. Hibberd: Mr. Speaker, I rise with a question for the Minister of Local Government, a problem which did originally rise in debate on previous occasions that I am not satisfied with the answer that I received at that time. Perhaps at this time, I could rephrase the question. It is in regard with the ambulance drivers. Is there any active program now established for the training or for the continuing training of ambulance drivers within the Territory, and if not, is there any program contemplated?

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: I thought the information was very clear in the package that was given. The answer was obviously no, Mr. Speaker.

MOTIONS

Motion Number 18

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further questions? We'll then proceed to Motions. We have Motion number 18. It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse South Centre, that whereas the Federal Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development has recently demonstrated publicly through interviews with a C.B.C. reporter his shock to think that Yukoners do not have confidence in the ability of northerners to make their own decisions along with an apparent lack of information about other concerns therefore be it resolved that the Yukon Legislative Assembly wish to go on record in strong support of Yukon members or representatives on Yukon and Federally constituted boards, be they utility boards, water boards or otherwise, this Assembly is confident that Yukon members or representatives can carry out factual, objective and conclusive investigations and reach acceptable solutions if they are indeed given the total authority to do so.

This Assembly simply but firmly reminds the Honourable Minister not to judge those Yukoners, those Northerners, that have not had the opportunity to fully

exercise their responsibilities because of jurisdictional limitations placed on the boards they serve. In stating this position, the Legislative Assembly also recognizes the initial efforts by the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development to ensure that greater representation and decision-making authority was provided to Yukoners and appeals to the Minister to once again continue those efforts to broaden this authority.

Further, this Assembly makes no apology for Yukon's recent and continued action with respect to the N.C.P.C. operation and electrical rate situation as well as other significant and major issues of serious concern to this Territory. The people of the Yukon will continue to react, as will this Assembly, in any way it deems necessary within its ability until definite solutions or progress are realized. We are more than ready to work with the Minister to this end and would welcome direct representation and communication from him to this Assembly rather than via other indirect means and response to Federal-Yukon problems.

M. Speaker: The Honourable Member from from Whitehorse Riverdale.

Mr. Lengerke: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The motion certainly speaks for itself. I think there's not too much to be said other than I'd like to say, in prompting the motion, in coming up with it, I knew that we had a reaction from the public even to the CBC interviews. Then the local media, the local newspapers, also published an account of it. And it was a result of that, Mr. Speaker, that we had or I had a number of calls, not only from my own constituency but certainly from Porter Creek and Takhini as well.

People were really up in arms with the fact that the Minister would say something like the fact that certainly Yukoners, he didn't think that we have the confidence in our own people to serve on the board. So certainly we reacted to that.

I think the motion clearly says that we do have that confidence in our board members. We also recognize the efforts of the Minister, the initial efforts of the Minister. It was through him that better representation was allowed on the boards and certainly Yukon representation. We would just ask and we appeal to him to return to that trend.

The last paragraph of the motion, Mr. Speaker, is the one that I think is very important, the fact that we really make no apology for the way that Yukoners react. Good Lord, Mr. Speaker, if the Minister was here, was living here, and was faced with the increases in electrical rates and the other problems of trying just to make a living, that he would certainly react in the same way. I don't think that we have to make any apologies whatsoever for the people. We are going to continue to bombard his offices with appeals, I would think, on many issues. Certainly, I think we are clearly justified in making that statement.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Whitehorse South Centre.

Mr. Hibberd: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in support of the motion. I think that this motion is quite self-explanatory; in fact, I think the motion in itself is quite superfluous. Except for the fact that the Minister, in his wisdom, felt it necessary to spell, or it to be spelled out to him; he doubted our integrity and our selection and we have to remind him that we are selecting and we have confidence in those we have selected.

Mr. Speaker, I think I can best sum up the situation by paraphrasing a politician of considerable more repute than those of us around the table. His remarks, Mr. Speaker, were "Give us the tools", to paraphrase, "we will do the job". Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the motion, the context of the motion itself. But I'd like to say that I think it should be moved into committee for further discussion because I personally feel it is too lengthy. I think that we should look at amendments to get it down to something that the Minister will read. In my opinion, if the Minister did receive this motion, his chances of reading it would be very, very slim. So I would like to move that we move Motion number 18 into committee for further discussion.

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: I will second that.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West, that Motion number 18 be moved into Committee of the Whole. 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.

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Speaker: May I have your further pleasure at this time?

Mr. McCall: Mr. Speaker, I would now move that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and the House resolve into Committee of the Whole for purposes of considering Bills, Sessional Papers and Motions.

Mr. FLEMING: I second that.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Pelly River, seconded by the Honourable Member from Hootalinqua, that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and the House resolve in a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of discussing 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 the motion is carried.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Mr. Chairman: I now call this committee to order and declare a brief recess.

RECESS

RESUMED

Mr. Chairman: I now call Committee to order. We have with us this morning as witnesses Mr. Miller, Mr. Gillespie and Mr. Williams. We are at present discussing Establishment 802 on page 74 of your main estimates - Legal Aid $70,000.00. Mrs Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, how much of this is for criminal legal aid and how much of it is for civil legal aid?

Mr. Gillespie: $35,000.00 for each, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Chairman, that was my question, but I was going to say-- ask the witness how they arrive at just a nice even split like that? Don't you think there would be more in-- towards the civil legal aid than the criminal?

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Chairman, we simply don't know. The experience has been, in the provinces, on the average that both types of legal aid have cost about the same amount and it is on this basis that we put in $35,000.00 for civil aid at the same level as criminal legal aid and we have no further experience to gain from at this point in time in the Yukon.

Mr. Chairman: Ms. Millard?

Ms. Millard: My question is under advertising and public promotion. What actually is being done to inform the public of their rights under legal aid?

Mr. Gillespie: At the time, or should this item in the budget be approved, we will enter into an advertising and promotional program which will involve sending our legal administrator or having him travel around the Territory to explain to the residents of the Territory how this program operates.

Mr. Speaker: Supplementary?

Ms. Millard: Yes, supplementary to the question, Mr. Chairman. It is my understanding that committees are being set up in the smaller communities. How is that progressing?

Mr. Gillespie: It is not progressing, Mr. Chairman, until such time as we know that we have funds voted for this purpose.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, before we go on to discussing civil legal aid, how much did criminal legal aid cost us this past year, in ball park numbers. Are we going to stay within what we budgeted, the $35,000.00?

Mr. Gillespie: Yes, Mr. Chairman, it is almost exactly $35,000.00 that we have spent in this last year. Almost to the dollar.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, does that include the increased fee structure that is being paid to the legal profession and could we anticipate a further increase in costs of criminal legal aid beyond the $35,000.00 next year, since you are budgeting at the level of this year?

Mr. Gillespie: At this point in time, Mr. Chairman, we are not anticipating or planning an increase in the fee structure to lawyers for criminal legal aid during this next year. So, we expect the cost will remain at this same level.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just wanted some clarification. Does this include all court costs that are associated with this? Like especially in the criminal?

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Chairman, it includes the counsel costs but not a number of the related costs.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Gillespie, would it not include, if there was calling of witnesses on the part of the person utilizing the legal aid, would it not include those costs as well?

Mr. Gillespie: This would come in the earlier part of the budget as I understand it, Mr. Chairman. Under General Administration, Establishment 801.

Mr. Chairman: Supplementary?

Mr. Lengerke: Supplementary, Mr. Chairman, just to the costs of– what is the estimate then for the related cost going back into your other establishment or your other vote? What are you budgeting for that?

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Chairman, I would have to come back with an answer to that because I do not know.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I just wanted to rise and be assured that if we have cost overruns during this forthcoming fiscal year, in terms of both civil legal aid and all forms of legal aid, that this won't mean the curtailment of the program or someone won't be able to receive the benefits of the program, that additional funds will be made available in order to ensure that everybody that requires the service gets the service, is this correct?

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Chairman, if we provide this program, it is effectively a statutory program, or it is a statutory program and we would not have the ability at the middle of the year to cut off this service or to reduce this service to the applicants.

So, we would provide that guarantee that we would maintain the same level of service right throughout the year.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: A supplementary to the question that the Honourable Member from Riverdale asked. Now, in the legal aid establishment, we are estimating $35,000 for civil legal aid. Now, this would be for counsel only I assumed. Have you built into your general administration the extra court costs that we will be required to face if we do have civil legal aid?

You have admitted that the extra costs of the court and the witnesses for criminal legal aid are under general administration. Under civil legal aid, your court costs would have to be under general administration. Have you built those additional costs in there, or will we expect you to come back and ask for more money?

Mr. Gillespie: I would expect that we would not be coming back and asking for more of these other related costs. The court costs will not increase. They should be the same court costs as we have now. The costs of witnesses and so on, we have made adjustments for in our budget, to accommodate what is expected there.

Mr. Chairman: I take it, from the line of questioning, that the real answer that is wanted is the total cost of this program. Am I right? And these are the figures that you are requesting the witness to bring back?

Mrs. Watson: Yes, Mr. Chairman, a realistic cost of this program and it could be, dependent upon the number of civil legal aid cases we do have, and we have no idea that we would be looking next year for another magistrate and all the relative costs to that and this is the point I am getting at.

It is not just the civil legal aid counsel.

Mr. Gillespie: We simply can't answer that question until, as the Honourable Member realizes, we have had that experience over the course of this year.

Mr. Chairman: But you have undertaken to bring back some cost breakdown. You did for the member from Riverdale and that would be part of what the problem of what Mrs. Watson is after. Am I not correct?

Mr. Gillespie: But I cannot anticipate what the additional requirements may be next year because we don't know at this point what they will be, either for criminal or civil legal aid.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Actually back to the initial question of the $35,000 split. Mr. Gillespie did mention that some research or some trends had been looked at, but I would like to know who did talk to what other jurisdictions -- provinces, I would assume, and really I would like to see some correspondence tabled in this House that does tell me that criminal and civil are on the same par as far as applications for legal aid. Because I think it is contrary to certainly what my knowledge is of what has been happening with respect to legal aid in the other provinces.

Mr. Gillespie: I will attempt to find this information, Mr. Chairman. I am not sure how much of it is in the form of correspondence and how much of it is the result of telephone conversations with provincial people, but I will attempt to find out that answer and bring it back here.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you Mr. Gillespie. Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, that is the point that I was trying to make when we passed the Civil Aid Legislation last session. We really don't know what the costs are or what they are going to be. They could really grow on us and we would have no idea, not just counsel costs.

Now, I would like to ask the witness regarding how they plan to deliver the legal aid services throughout the Territory, not just in the Whitehorse area? You went into that to some degree while we were discussing the Bill, but I would hope at this time you would have something a little more specific.

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Chairman, I have nothing to add to what I described the last time -- at the last session of this Council. This is a program that is going to be brought throughout the Yukon, not just in Whitehorse, by means of the court circuit, combined with the use of the telephone and our judicial administrator.

In this way, it is a service that is designed to be brought equitably right throughout the Yukon but I have nothing to add to what our plans were at that time.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Have you prepared your regulations at this time which would define who is the person, or who would qualify for legal aid?

Apparently there is going to be some means requirement. Now, what is your basis for the qualifications or eligibility for civil legal aid?

Mr. Gillespie: We would be happy to table the regulations that we have prepared, Mr. Chairman.

Mrs. Watson: Thank you.

Mr. Chairman: Are we clear?

Some Members: Clear

Mr. Lengerke: No, Mr. Chairman, not clear.

Mrs. Watson: No, Mr. Chairman, not clear.

Mrs. Watson: No, Mr. Chairman, we have informa-

tion coming.

Mr. Speaker: We will proceed with Establishment 803, Police Services Agreement, $1,462,114.00. Mr. Berger?

Mr. Berger: Thank you Mr. Chairman. We just received a proposed draft and I see we have two agreements here. One is based on the provinces and I am wondering what the difference there? Are we going to stay with the Federal Government agreement of 1974-'75 or are we going to come up with a provincial agreement there?

Mr. Gillespie: There is a difference between the agreement we have now with the RCMP and that which they are proposing for the next year. There are two essential differences. The first is, that instead of paying roughly 50 per cent of the total cost, they are now -- pardon me, 50 per cent of 80 per cent of the total cost, which is what we are paying currently. The RCMP are proposing that we pay 52 per cent of 100 per cent of the total cost. We have written to the Solicitor General pointing out to him that we think that we should remain under the old cost sharing formula.

The second difference, the second major difference, is that the new – the proposed new Police Services Agreement indicates that the RCMP will no longer provide a variety of services, of non-police services, that they have provided in the past, such as issuing of licences and a number of other things. In that area, we have an assurance from the Solicitor General that the duties presently being carried out by the RCMP will continue after the new agreement comes into effect. We are also speaking to Superintendent Nixon to get this in writing and in detail exactly what those things that we would see the RCMP in the Yukon continuing to carry out. Until such time as the Territorial Government is in a position to take up those responsibilities.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Berger?

Mr. Berger: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I am quite concerned with the provincial draft agreement because if we base our police agreement on this, then in Section 8, Section 5 actually, it also limits what the RCMP will do and I read the Section 5 in the Provincial Draft Agreement, Section 5.1, "The Provincial Police Services shall not, without the consent of the Commissioner be required to perform any police duties in any municipality having a population of more than...", and there is no figure in there. I wonder if this is going to apply in the Yukon also.

Mr. Gillespie: The figure that has been applied generally in the Provinces is 15,000.00 and I understand that they are contemplating raising that to 20,000.00. But they have also made latitude for those municipalities that have grown from less than 15,000 to more than 15,000 to continue to carry out those services. I have had assurances up to this point, only orally, but I am hopeful to get them in writing as well that once Whitehorse grows beyond the 15,000 population level, that the police services will continue to be provided here.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Berger?

Mr. Berger: Another supplementary Mr. Chairman. Also in Section 8 in the Provincial Draft Agreement too, it says the restriction that the police shall not do and one of them is like the witness mentioned is conduct driver road tests or written examination and the other one is escort guard or guard any mental patient or run away juveniles or transfer prisoners between Provincial institutions and I wonder if this is going to be affecting the Territory also.

Mr. Gillespie: I would Mr. Chairman, if it were to be applied according to the letter of this agreement. However, we have the assurance from the Solicitor General Warren Allmand and from Superintendent Nixon, that they will continue to provide all the non-police services needed, specifically the ones I'm referring to, that they have in the past. Until such time as the Territorial Government is prepared to take them over.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I don't think that we should pass this particular section of the estimates at this time, until we do have this information and find out which way we're going because of the dollar differences. You know 50 per cent of 80 per cent, and 52 per cent of 100 per cent are vastly, have vastly difference consequences budgetary wise.

I would like some information, I think, in respect of the operation of our police services. I would like to know, for instance, the total number of staff, police staff in the Yukon Territory. I would like to know the additional staff which is going to be brought in this year as opposed to last year. I'd like to know those comparisons. I'd like to know if it's intended to establish any new detachments during the course of this forthcoming fiscal year and the term of this agreement.

I'd like to know how many aircraft, that involves helicopters, would be involved in service in the Territory. I'd also like to know apparently last year we were talking about, they were bringing in a police dog service, I'd like to know if that is anticipated for this forthcoming year and any other information of this nature that maybe available from the "M" Division.

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Chairman, we have had correspondence with the RCMP on some of these items. And plus, of course, we have to be very aware of the fact if they are to increase staff, the cost of increasing that staff will borne in the subsequent year, that is because of the nature in which this agreement is set up.

We do have that information, I will bring it in but there aren't, final decisions haven't been made. If we run into difficulties in negotiating this Police Services Agreement and we would have to withdraw from some of the demands or requests that they have made, I imagine, because we simply could not afford to meet them.

Mr. Chairman: Yes, Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, just another question to is what type of a time frame are we talking

about? Certainly you wouldn't expect that we would pass these monies in the budget without knowing what type of agreement we're entering into. So may we assume that this is currently underway, these negotiations and the House could be informed prior to our conclusion on estimate?

Mr. Gillespie: It's not likely Mr. Chairman. The letter has gone to Solicitor General Warren Allmand seeking a return to the old cost sharing formula. It depends upon how long it takes him to reply to that question. I'm doubtful that we'll have it in the next few weeks.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Well maybe perhaps I should have asked the figure of one million, four hundred and sixty-two thousand, was this predicated on the basis of 50 per cent of 80 per cent, or was it predicated on the basis of 52 per cent of 100 per cent?

Mr. Gillespie: It's predicated on the basis of 52 per cent of 100 per cent. Which is the only thing they have said that they are prepared to cost share with us. They have not given us any other options.

Mr. Chairman: Ms. Millardl

Ms. Millard: I think most of the questions I had have been raised but they certainly haven't been answered. It's been replaced by a much larger question and that was the one that the member from Watson Lake has just asked. Are we expected to pass this budget without knowing what details are in the agreement, because it sounds like it could go from zero to way off into the blue. My main concern is how much is the restriction of services, because my understanding is the Northwest Territories is making up the same type of agreement. They have been told that they will not escort mental patients, etcetera, etcetera. So we can anticipate that there will probably be a lot less than what we want in this agreement.

I find it really disturbing that these things haven't been discussed before this and that's there's only a few days left of our sitting to pass this budget and we won't even know for sure what the agreement is.

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Chairman, without going into any details. My understanding is that the relationship between the RCMP and the Territorial Government in the NWT is quite different from that which exists here. The RCMP there have not been prepared to give them this guarantee, this assurance that these services will continue. The Solicitor General himself has given us that assurance already. We want simply now to detail the particulars of what that assurance means. In that area I foresee no problem whatsoever.

The question of funding, the difference in the funding amounts that could occur, amounts to 10 per cent. If we go for the figure here, we either go for the figure here or end up with the figure that is shown in this budget of a million, four, sixty-two or if we are successful in getting them to agree to withdraw to the 80 per cent figure, effectively this means a 10 per cent reduction roughly to this figure that we have.

I would like to add though, this agreement has already been negotiated and signed in the NWT with regard to the cost sharing aspect. There the NWT did not even raise the question, with the RCMP, to the best my knowledge, as to whether the 80 per cent should be retained or not. The implications for us are fairly clear because the precedent has now been set.

However we are doing our best to bring it back to the old cost sharing arrangement.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think most of my questions were answered. I will just ask one simple one. Can you tell me the amount of money that the agreement would be reduced by in eliminating the other special services that you were talking about, the-- I would imagine like some of the vet services and some of the other services that the R.C.M.P. extended?

In other words, not taking into account salary increases and benefits and the rest of it. Just really a difference between the-- what kind of a savings?

Mr. Gillespie: It would be negligible, Mr. Chairman. I would think-- the only difference would be in the amount of overtime that might have to be spent in performing certain of these duties.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, my question is with regard to special constables. I believe in some Yukon communities they have special constables and there are requests for special need of constables in some communities. Now, who pays the cost of the special constable and who determines how many will be authorized to act in the communities?

Mr. Gillespie: I am not sure how many there are, Mr. Chairman, but I believe the cost would be borne by the R.C.M.P. after agreement with the Territorial Government as to the cost sharing of the cost of those special constables. But I could confirm that because I am not absolutely sure in my answer.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I would like that confirmed because I know that at least one special constable that we have now in the Yukon Territory and is that cost already built in there and-or is it above the amount there? If they are going to go around and establish special constables in the Yukon Territory, certainly the Territorial Government should be able to give the final word on whether they are prepared to pick up the cost of, sort of, an enriched or different type of law enforcement service. It should be our responsibility here to okay it, not the R.C.M.P.'s responsibility.

Mr. Gillespie: I will confirm that answer once I have it, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Berger?

Mr. Berger: I thank you. I have a two-part question. First of all, what are the additional costs to the Territorial Government since the R.C.M.P. became a subdivision in the Yukon; and the other one is, last year the R.C.M.P. conducted a number of hearings throughout the Territory and I was wondering if there was any outcome or a report available to this House?

Mr. Gillespie: I will bring back the additional costs of the subdivision. As to the special task force, there has been no report and no indication of just when that would come. The task force, one of the last places that task force visited was the North and they are preparing a report and the proceedings in the same order as they conducted their visits. I cannot provide any indication whatsoever how long they will take. We did ask that question not so long ago and they did not have an answer.

Mr. Chairman: Is that report to be made available, generally speaking, Mr. Gillespie?

Mr. Gillespie: Yes.

Mr. Chairman: Ms. Millard?

Ms. Millard: Again, I think most of my questions are answered. I am still puzzled about the restriction of duties since any of the R.C.M.P. I have worked with, this is about all they did, what's under here, especially being crown prosecutors and things like this in small areas that there really is hardly any other activity and dealing with juveniles and all the rest of the problems.

I really want reassurance that Mr. Allmand's letter states definitely that these duties will be performed. In the far-reaching event that Mr. Allmand has a heart attack or something, we will have to be responsible through our Territorial Service for these things. It seems to me we would have to double a lot of our services, especially in the licencing field, and a lot of things like this. So, it would cost us a tremendous amount if these services were not through the R.C.M.P.

Is it possible to have a copy of Mr. Allmand's letter tabled or is that confidential?

Mrs. Gillespie: Mr. Chairman, I am sorry, it is not possible to have a copy of his letter tabled because it is a confidential letter and it is from Mr. Allmand himself, but I can read you these words: "The assurance that the duties presently being carried out by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police will be continued after the agreement comes into effect". And it is on the basis of that that we are satisfied that they will continue to provide the services together with the assurances that we have had orally and will be receiving in written form from Superintendent Nixon, we hope, as to the particular details.

My understanding is that all of these things that they have been doing, they will continue to do, and he is very quick in saying that. He did not hesitate. I have no concerns about that whatsoever.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I have a couple more questions. First of all, in this agreement, page 2, Attorney General means provincial minister responsible for law enforcement in the province inasmuch as the Interpretation Act of Canada states that in federal enactments that territory has the same meaning as province.

Do I take it then that this responsibility will be given to one of our three Ministers here in the Yukon to take over that responsibility, and my second question-- well, I will get the answer to the first one first.

Mr. Gillespie: The answer is no, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Second question, Mr. Taylor.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Well, the big question is, it always comes around when we talk about Police Agreement. Who do we talk to if we feel that we have a grievance with the R.C.M.P? Who is our Attorney General? You know, do we go down to Mr. Allmand or who do we go to in the territory? Who serves this function?

Mr. Gillespie: The Attorney General for the Yukon is the Attorney General for Canada and that's the Minister of Justice. Within the Yukon with regard to the police function, the Commissioner does on occasion speak to the superintendent and seeks assistance or support or whatever from him. I should say, here and now, that we've had very co-operative support from the R.C.M.P. in the Yukon.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: My question is, if a citizen of the Yukon feels aggrieved over some action that may have been taken by the force and wishes to lodge a complaint, without placing himself in a position where he could be harassed or prosecuted for making known his problem, who does he go to? Where does he get the confidentiality? Some way there's got to come a point in time in the Yukon Territory when someone has to serve the function of an attorney general or a quasi attorney general for that matter. That's why, Mr. Chairman, with respect that's why I would suggest that the time has come to transfer this responsibility even on a quasi-attorney general basis to one of the three Cabinet Ministers from this House.

Mr. Chairman: I would suggest, Mr. Taylor, if this aggrieved person came from Watson Lake that you would be the logical person to turn to.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, on many occasions I've been forced to stand in this House and defend situations and, fortunately, the R.C.M.P. through the new "M" Division have been-- have looked after the situations as they have arisen. But it has been necessary to stand in the House on these matters and I don't think

any member of the citizenry should have to bother their legislator and take up the time of the House bringing problems, police problems, grievances and so forth before this Chambers. This is why we should have anattorney general. As I say again, I think it's time perhaps one of the Ministers were given this responsibility and the accompanying authority to go with it.

My other question arises out of the definition of "member". We find that member means officers, regular members, special constables, and it goes on to say and civilian members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police appointed pursuant to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Act. Could I have an explanation of what type of people these civilian members would be?

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Chairman, civilian members would include such people as radio technicians, stenographers, clerical and other persons.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Whyard?

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, I wish to comment on the questions asked by the Honourable Member from Watson Lake, regarding where you go with a grievance or somebody's imagination regarding a grievance.

He has already given us his statement that in each of these cases he has received co-operation from the commanding officer of the division at the time. Therefore I don't see why it was necessary to take up the time of this House when direct approach to the authority responsible would have received the same attention.

I would like to ask the Honourable Member if he took advantage of the recent hearings conducted by the RCMP throughout the Yukon to bring such matters forward?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, certain representations were made in Watson Lake. I was out of the Territory at the time, as a matter of fact, that committee did come through. I still think it's important that the citizenry, the man in the street, we're not here as administrators, we're here as representatives. I'm sure that all members if they do get through their constitencies, know that there are problems from time to time arise, with the judicial system and the police and everything else.

What I'm saying is that if you have a grievance against your local constable or your local detachment, you don't go and tell the detachment because you get yourself deeper in trouble. The citizen wants some place to go to an ombudsman maybe, certainly to an office of an attorney general. I think it behooves this government to approach the federal government in the strongest of terms and say hey, we demand now that we have the services of a resident attorney general or quasi-attorney general or representative of the attorney general to deal with these matters.

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Speaker, until such time as the federal government sees fit to transfer that function to the Territorial Government, it will remain in the person of the Minister of Justice. In the meantime, if individuals have grievances, they have access to either the inspector or the superintendent, if they don't feel free to go to the local detachment, to indicate the nature of their grievance. My understanding is a number of these have been successfully dealt with at that level and effectively so.

In a more serious and continuing matter, of course, it would always be possible either through the offices of the Commissioner of the Yukon or directly to the Attorney General in Ottawa for this grievance to be carried to a higher authority for an answer.

Mr. Chairman: Ms. Millard?

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman, I am surious as, I know this can't be readily answered– at least I think it can't, but if the witness could find out for us how much subsidization do R.C.M.P. receive in this division, particularly in regards to food and housing?

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Chairman, I can ask the question. I am not sure whether they would have it readily available or not, but I will certainly ask the question.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, in this-- I asked about the question of whether we would have a police dog service or a police dog based in the Yukon, which I understand is required by the force, and for perhaps a very good reason, but I notice on page 10 of this agreement which we just had laid before us we have had no time to really study it, that we may be asked to pay a portion of the cost of the space occupied by the Innisfail Dog Training Kennels. Certainly that won't remain, will it?

Mr. Gillespie: I would expect it would remain, Mr. Chairman, if we are in fact going to have that dog available. We are going to have to pay our share of its costs and that would include training in Innisfail for the period that it was there being trained.

Mr. Chairman: In view of the information still forthcoming, I think if members concur we will proceed with the next establishment. Criminal Injuries Compensation, $1.00.

Court Worker program, $15,000.00. Ms. Millard?

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman, just back to 804 for a second. Are we to presume there has been no application to this fund this year?

Mr. Gillespie: That's correct, Mr. Chairman, we put in $1.00 because there was no way of knowing whether there is going to be any draw down or a fairly substantial draw down during the course of next year from this point.

Ms. Millard: Are we now on to 805?

Mr. Chairman: We are.

Ms. Millard: A question on the court worker program which I had previously-- whether travel was under this establishment or 801?

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Chairman, I was incorrect in my guess as to where the travel and related costs were in this budget for the court worker. They are all within the court worker program, establishment 805.

Mr. Chairman: Ms. Millard?

Ms. Millard: Well, Mr. Chairman, it is not a question but a comment then. I think that atrocious because the amount that's in here would just cover a good salary for a good court worker. This person is expected to travel out of that budget also; I find that rather nit-picking on the part of the Territorial Government that, I presume, that there isn't much travelling done because even if half of this went to travelling in the periods of time that the court is out-- in the lists that we have got, the court is always out on the road, I presume that court worker doesn't attend court every time that the court sits.

Mr. Gillespie: The salary that is paid to the court worker has been set by Skookum Jim Hall, to whom this grant goes, at I believe $12,500.00. The remaining $2,500.00 are there to provide for travel and related expenses.

Mr. Chairman: Supplementary?

Ms. Millard: Yes, supplementary. Can we have some assurance that this will be reviewed in the next year? $2,500.00 in any sort of travel program is rather ridiculous. Has it been looked into and will it be looked into?

Mr. Gillespie: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Now, it's easy to review but, you know, somebody has to come up with the dollars and cents. Courrt Worker Program, it's Court Worker Program and it is cost-shared with the Federal Government on a fifty per cent basis. We contract with Skookum Jim Friendship Centre to carry on the program, right?

Mr. Gillespie: Correct.

Mrs. Watson: We are voting money for a court worker who provides services to anyone who needs court worker services regardless of racial origin?

Mr. Gillespie: That's absolutely correct.

Mrs. Watson: Okay, I have an ad here that I took from the paper by the Skookum Jim Friendship Centre: "Native court worker trainee". Now, it implies: one, either-or the court worker is going to provide the services for native people only, or you can take the other interpretation that it must be a native court worker trainee.

Now, under our legislation, our Fair Practices Ordinance, this is absolutely in contravention of that Ordinance. Now, we are voting money for a court worker program, not for a discriminatory type of program, and I would like an explanation of this.

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Chairman, the particular implication of that, I had not noted that advertisement myself, but the greatest need for the court worker service has been among the native offenders. Whether this means that the person who is the court worker has to be a native or-- and I presume that is what it means and certainly not the reverse, that whoever the court worker is, he can only provide that service to native people. The way in which it is operated, and I have asked questions about this and have been given a very positive answer that this, the court workers that we have had, have provided services, very satisfactory services, to a goodly number of non-native people. I can only assume that the intention here was to hire a native person for this job because, in the main, the people who are using this service are native people.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, that is still in contravention of our Fair Practices Ordinance. How can a government, how can you ask us to vote money to be used in contravention to legislation that is passed in this House. I mean, we do not provide services, the government does not provide services based on race, whether it is services to a certain race or a service provided by a certain race, regardless of whether the court worker does serve a lot of native people.

I realize it does, but we were very, very emphatic when we entered into this agreement with Canada and, incidently, Canada wanted us to be a native court worker only. We said if we provide, if the government of the territory provides, court worker service it must be provided to anyone who requires it and must be advertised for anyone who is capable of providing that service. I think either Skookum Jim should be told that-- Friendship Centre, should be told the terms of the funding that we are providing - which brings me to another thing·

I want to refer to Indians and the Law Conference. I wonder if I can bring that up at this time or whether we have to revert back to Administration of Justice? Indians and the Law Conference.

Mr. Chairman: Carry on, I am not quite sure where you are.

Mrs. Watson: Well, one hears a great deal about Indians and the Law Conferences and I believe these conferences, I am not sure, maybe the witness can correct me, or establish for the view by the native people, of why the application of the law to them under the Criminal Code.

We were just talking about someone being aggrieved under the law in the Yukon Territory. There are not only Indian people who do not understand the law and the implications of the law, particularly the Criminal Code, in the Yukon Territory; there are many other

people. Why should we just take one, maybe there are more native people but why are we just segregating one racial group of people who can take advantage of this type of a conference.

Now, this conference is funded by the federal government I believe and also by the various provinces. I also know that the territorial government has been providing some funding. I would like to know the extent of the funding that the territorial government has been providing and whether you are planning on funding it to any greater extent than you have in the past. You again, providing this funding, are providing it only for the one race of people when the need might be for a cross section of the territory.

Mr. Gillespie: I cannot give you off the top of my head the exact number of dollars that were spent by the territorial government in this regard over the past years. I would say– well, I recall that we sent two native people, we paid for two native people, to attend a conference in Edmonton last year. We paid for another native person to attend a conference in Montreal recently, and we paid two thousand dollars toward a study to examine and to recommend to the territorial government the Yukon's native attitude and recommendations regarding what had been decided or what had been proposed at the earlier Edmonton Conference.

We have a particular problem with the natives in regards to the law that the natives themselves are very conscious of. What Canada has been saying and what the provinces have been saying is that the-- some special things may have to be done to accommodate the special problem that exists. It cannot be just dealt with by saying it is part of an overall problem and dealt with as if everybody had the same cultural background and experience. Therefore, we need to examine this thing very carefully. The Yukon has agreed that this is a problem and that we should participate in this examination. As a result of that, we have done so.

At this point in time it is only at the discussion stage, there is nothing that is remotely definitive coming out this examination. We don't know whether programs are going to be recommended that are going to cost a lot of money. Whether it is just a matter of changing court procedures or the procedures that are used in our jails or institutions across the country or what it is.

We do feel that we have an obligation to understand the problem that does exist. As to the problem that also exists for other segments of our population, we also agree that these need to be examined and that the judicial system needs to be explained to them. During the course of the last year, two main things were done in this regard. One was the court worker program which did reach many people who were not natives and, secondly, the work that the magistrate and various other people who accompanied the magistrate on his circuit did, by way of community meetings to discuss the whole judicial process with the people.

In this way, we have at least made that much of an effort to provide an equitable service to all Yukoners in that regard.

Mr. Chairman: Supplementary, Mrs. Watson.

Mrs. Watson: Yes. The thing that concerns me very much with this type of thing that you have tried to explain and you have explained fairly well, but I don't agree with your reasoning completely, but that's just a matter of opinion.

What comes from these conferences and this study that we paid $2,000.00 for and we don't know what the recommendations are. I wonder if we ever will. We will know what the recommendations are. if you want money to put the programs into force. Then it comes here. Then we will be asked to go to the taxpayers of the Yukon Territory to provide the money for the program. This is the injustice of it, I think. Everybody has to pay for it, but only one segment of the population is being assisted or has an involvement in determining what the program should be.

I just can't accept that. I don't think it's fair to the Yukon taxpayers at all. You'll be coming forward with programs likely, cost shared by the Territorial Government. They'll be inflicted on us by Ottawa, because they'll think it's good, we may not. We'll have the pressure groups and we'll be sitting here. Also there may even be recommendations in changes in the law which apply just to one segment of people. We may be even asked to change the law here in this House. Yet we've had no involvement in it whatsoever neither have all of the people of the Territory. This the danger of this type of thing.

Mr. Gillespie: We can provide the House with copies of the proposals that come from the Edmonton conference if members would wish to see it.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Gillespie, the Honourable Member from Kluane has raised a number of questions that I was going to raise and I've the answers. But one simple little question, back to he $15,000.00 that represents, that's 50 per cent, that's our share of this program?

Mr. Gillespie: No, Mr. Chairman, that's the total cost.

Mr. Chairman: Ms. Millard.

Ms. Millard: Just on the subject of conferences since it has come up. I really have to sympathize with the member Kluane because I would really like to attend those conferences also. It just happens that I don't have direct knowledge and experience of Indians and the law because I'm neither an Indian or in trouble with the law.

I feel that the people that have gone to those conferences from the Yukon, represent that area of problems very well. We just can't afford to send everybody, including the member from Kluane, to these conferences.

Also there are conferences on everything. There are conferences on women in trouble with the law, there are conferences on juveniles in trouble with the law. Indians are just one other problem in the whole real

problem. I don't see they're being treated separately anymore than women or juveniles are. However, beyond all that, I'd like to make some comments on. The latest kind of ideas that are coming out of corrections field in relationship to legal aid and the court worker program.

More and more court workers are being employed as kind of lay legal people, and are receiving tremendous amount of training. The result is that legal aid is needed less because the lawyer is not approached until it has sort of, the problem has gone through the first level of contact with the court, which is the court worker. So I would like to advocate that we save some money by trying to put out more court workers, because we will spend far less on legal aid. This has been proven over and over again. That's it's a very much of an intertwined program. We have to start thinking in those terms.

Certainly the court worker program, as I said last year, just doesn't have enough money to cover what is needed in the Yukon. I'd like to have some assurance from the Administration that we're looking at the things that are happening outside and the ideas that are coming from there in the corrections field. And that we're making some progress, not that we're just putting in a token court work who's sitting, mostly in Whitehorse, and not really benefiting from this program the way we could, even financially.

I would like to know how much travelling does that court worker do exactly. I know you don't have that in your books because it's probably something you'd have to receive from Skookum Jim. I would like to know, I've been assured that that court worker attends all the court cases but I'm beginning to wonder whether she can possibly do it with that amount of budget.

Can we find out how many trips she has made, where they have been, and what sort of input is she having actually into the whole court procedure as far as her time is concerned?

Mr. Gillespie: I will attempt to find those answers, Mr. Chairman. We have certainly examined the possibility of a second court worker, it is simply a matter of funding this year. The value of a court worker and the value of a second court worker is something that we fully recognize. In this year we are simply unable to include it in our budget.

Mr. Chirman: Mrs. Whyard?

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, it should also be considered that there are a number of other people involved in assisting people in court in the outlaying areas. Outreach workers and of course, our own probation staff and social workers, are involved a great deal of the time in assisting those who need advice are helped before they appear in court. In fact we have had ciriticism Mr. Chairman, that there are people falling all over each other in some of the court rooms on behalf of one person, appearing before a magistrate.

You can at times get up to three people assisting them. I might Mr. Chairman, all at the taxpayers expense.

Mr. Chairman: Pending that further information forthcoming, I am afraid we will have to carry on with the next establishment without clearing this one.

Mrs. Watson: I would like to have an opportunity to comment on this at a later date possibly if the -

Mr. Chairman: Well, I am sure you will. Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerek: I will make one quick comment with respect to this. I think certainly the Habitat people can take a lesson anyway. At least I see some reference made to the Yukon in this report so we are on the right track.

Mrs. Watson: Mrs. Chairman, one quick think though, you know. "Native People and Justice" and its bilingual English and French, not Indian.

Mr. Chairman: For the record, let it be shown that we are referring to the booklet entitled, "Native People's and Justice".

Legal Professions Ordinance, $1.00. we are in the process right now of establishing the - I have forgotten the exact title of the body but the body - what is it called–that will be chosen from among the members of the Bar in British Columbia is in the process of being established at this point in time.

Mr. Chairman: Without further reading of that Vote, we will proceed directly to Vote Number 9. I refer you to page 78 of your Main Estimates. Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, if we are going on to Vote 9, perhaps while Mr. Gillespie is here, he may have some answers back from the Tourism Vote before he leaves us.

Mr. Chairman: Do you have any further information?

Mr. Gillespie: Nothing further from that which I brought back last Thursday but I am prepared to discuss that either now or at a later time.

Mr. Chairman: Well, we will be returning to that item. Perhaps at that time, Mr. Taylor will have this opportunity. Mr. Gillespie, thank you very much.

Administration, Highways and Public Works, $777,537.00. Ms. Millard?

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman, I notice that under travel and relocation costs, it is more than doubled. There must be an explanation of this.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, in the 1976-76 Main Estimates, we included under rental of office equipment, machinery, the pool car charges they are now being claimed, if you like, or put in the proper place, Travel and Relocation Costs of Government employees.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes, under rental of lands and buildings, does any part of this involve housing?

Mr. Miller: No, Mr. Chairman, that includes only the office space in the new Territorial Admin building.

Mr. Chairman: Are we clear? Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Chairman, is it anticipated - this is another question I have asked for several years. Is it anticipated that this year an office will be provided for the Engineering Department in Watson Lake, that is an office equipped with a drafting table and some basic drafting equipment and this type of thing for engineers when they are working in the area, which is quite often?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, that question was raised last year with the Director of Highways and Public Works and there was, in his opinion, no need for such a facility.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Well, Mr. Chairman–

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: I would submit that there certainly must be because both within this department and the Department of Local Government, there are engineers I imagine they will be doing their annual survey of the airport road. They do that every year and they have done it every year for fifty years, I guess, or fifteen years.

Surveyors are always working in the area. I have heard from time to time that they are working out of hotel rooms and on pieces of plywood stuck on beds and things like that. It would seem to me that if there is some space around in one of our Territorial buildings, an office should be provided for engineers from both departments.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, all of our engineers are in one department, Highways and Public Works. Again, I have to repeat, in the opinion of the Director of this Department, there is no need for space to be set aside for his engineering people when they are working outside of Whitehorse.

Mr. Chairman: Perhaps, Mr. Miller might consider utilization of the hospital they have been unable to open in Watson Lake.

Mr. Miller: They could always use the operating table, that isn't there.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Miller, has any thought been given to transferring the responsibilities of the municipal engineer over to the Department of Local Government?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, there has been considerable thought and discussion over the last five years, that I am aware of. It is our considered opinion at this time that the municipal engineering section should remain within Highways where we have the engineering expertise to supervise it.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: I would like to ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government. Maybe I shouldn't try to get into a debate here but what would your opinion be, Mr. Minister, of transferring the services of the municipal engineer to your department and some of his support staff?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McKinnon?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, it has been under active consideration and one of the problems has been the physical proximity between the Department of Municipal Engineers or the Department of Municipal Affairs and the Engineering Department.

You will notice in the floor plans that the new building, the new Administration Building that actually Municipal Affairs are just side by side. So, we hope that number one, this is going to solve any communication problem, that we had before, and if we find that even then that we need further co-operation between the two departments, we are still willing to look at the other eventualities that the Honourable Member mentioned.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Yes, just a supplemmentary comment to that. The reason I asked that is because I know that it has been expressed many times. It is very hard to set some priorities when the Department of Local Government want the municipal engineer, they have to really work through the Director of Highways and sometimes this is a bit difficult.

So, that's the reason for that question.

Mr. Chairman: Ms. Millard?

Ms. Millard: I understand that it may not have been under this vote before but certainly under this administration, there used to be a man who was in charge of metric onversion. Is there still one man responsible for that in the Yukon and is it under this vote of another one?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, we have a Metrication Committee within Governmen which is comprised or is chaired by the - one of the assistant Superintendents of Education. There is an individual from the Engineering Department who was on that Committee and who was, infact, named as our co-ordinator.

Mr. Chairman: Are we clear? Maintenance of Territorial Buildings, $605,393.00. I refer you to appendix page 30. Ms. Millard?

Ms. Millard: Under this Establishment, I am a little confused. In one section it says repair and maintenance of buildings and I can't understand how that would be separate from anything that might come under salaries or materials.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, that would normally refer to those items which go to contract such as painting.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Chairman, just a question. Mr. Miller, I noticed throughout all the Establishments, the man power has been reduced considerably, and I am happy to see that, but I also realize that we have taken on additional responsibilities under this Department and I am just really wondering, you know, how we were able to do this?

I commend you very highly for taking on more responsibilities and reducing the man power, if my observation is correct.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, we have, over the course of the last year, exercised some considerable constraint within this particular department. We have done a little bit of re-organization and we have found that we have been able to get along without the positions that we had voted.

So, what we are demonstrating in fact, is a reduced number of man years required in 1976-'77. In fact, in 5.6, we never had those man years. We had them appropriated but we didn't have the bodies to fill them. So, we are just demonstrating what we have managed to accomplish in the last year.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: YYES, Mr. Chairman, I had one comment to make on Territorial buildings and it relates to the Territorial building in Watson Lake. I am wondering, if perhaps this year, that the Government of the Yukon Territory could provide a parking lot somewhere adjacent to this building for all those multitude of little orange and black vehicles that take up all the space in front of the building and leave no room for the public to get the post office, liquor store etc.,. I'm wondering if it's possible if they could put in a parking lot for government vehicles so that the public can have full access to the facilities of this building?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, this is the first I have heard of this particular problem. We will have a look and see what we can do.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: I'm sure everyone at Watson Lake would be most appreciative if this could be done because it's been a problem since they built the building.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke.

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Miller is the new garage, the highways maintenance garage completed now and has the department moved into it totally? What is happening to the old one, what is going to happen to the old garage?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the construction of the new garage is complete and we took occupancy early in December. The contractor is now completing renovations to the original garage which was part of the contract, the heating system had to be replaced, that will complete, if my memory serves me correct later this month or early next month.

The intention is to move the number one workshop, operation out of the one facility. We then intend to move the building maintenance personnel from the shacks, is the term we use, in to the existing automotive workshop. At that point we will be hoping to dispose of some of those little white shacks that are scattered around the compound.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengereke?

Mr. Lengerke: Yes, I'm glad to hear that they're going to get rid of some of the shacks because I recall when I came to the Yukon, discussion with respect to that facility and it was mentioned that they would probably be able to turn the other garage that they're moving out or have moved out of, over to the City of Whitehorse. It appears now, of course, the appraisal of this and we're going to get rid of other old buildings and some how make use of a facility that probably does warrant being used. So I'm glad to hear that.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Whyard.

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Well, Mr. Chairman, I'm a little late with this one. I was going to inform the Honourable Member from Watson Lake, regarding his protest re: lack of parking space in front of the government building there. That is part of our farflung and carefully planned program to prevent the increase of alcoholism in the Yukon, since that building includes the Liquor Store, Mr. Chairman.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: And the library I might say, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Ms. Millard.

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman, this is a general question for the whole establishment. In Dawson City the plans that Historic Sites have for renovating the whole town are now available and the rezoning by-law has been, has passed its third reading. I'm wondering how much discussion has taken place with the Historic Sites and all the other people involved in moving the government compound away from where it is. Since Historic Sites plans involve restoring a lot of that area.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I know that there have been preliminary discussions in regard to moving the garage in Dawson City. Unfortunately there is no commercial space available or industrial space to move it to.

The Minister of Local Government, I understand, and his staff are looking into the provision of some industrial area. At that time we will then see whether or not we can make that move.

Mr. Chairman: Supplementary, Ms. Millard?

Ms. Millard: Just supplementary to that yes. I thought it was being discussed that the government compound could be moved out to the tailings?

Mr. Miller: That's correct Mr. Chairman but we need some space to put it on first and that would have to be developed as an industrial subdivision.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, since we're talking about Territorial buildings, old Territorial buildings. I have a couple of questions. One hears about the future of the, and I don't know, there is a definite name for it, I call it the T.C. Richards Residence, that the Chamber of Commerce will be taking this over. What are the arrangements that the Chamber of Commerce will be entering into with the Government of the Territory to take over this building?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, we're at the draft agreement stage with the Chamber of Commerce basically what we're looking at is a five year dollar per annum lease arrangement with the Chamber being responsible for all repairs, maintenance, utilities, taxes, insurance, the whole thing.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Further to that, that's $1.00 per year, was that correct? Has the Government given consideration to putting it up and asking for a proposal from private enterprise so that it could be more of a potential revenue maker for the Territory?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, it was our opinion that that building had some considerable historical significance and it should remain in the public domain for that reason.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Another question then on an old building now. Hopefully, Haines Junction Liquor Store will move in to the new building. What does the government plan to do with the existing building which has no historical significance whatsoever and the property?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, we have just turned that particular building over to the Yukon Housing Corporation to see if they could lease it out.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, will they be advertising that the building is available for lease? I think this is one thing that bothers people, that the Housing Corporation takes it over or someone takes it over and they are going to make a lease arrangement but first of all, before the public is aware of it, somebody has a lease. It's gone and it hasn't been advertised that they are considering doing this type of thing and that they are asking for proposals. I think it causes a great deal of sort of discontent with the general population.

If they came forward specifically and said, now we are prepared to lease this as a business, as a residence, as whatever it is and, you know, we are prepared to review proposals. Will this be what the Housing Corporation does?

Mr. Miller: That's the intention Mr. Chairman, that we will advertise, or that the Housing Corporation will advertise for the lease of that building.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, one hears rumors about what is being done with these buildings and they always say well it's just rumors, just rumors, we will be advertising and a few months later, the rumor is true.

Mr. Chairman: The Committee will recess until 1:30 this afternoon.

RECESS

Mr. Chairman: I now call this committee to order. We will continue with discussion of establishment 901, Maintenance of Territorial Buildings $605,393.00. Mr. Taylor.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I have some questions relating to the Lynn Building. What period of time remains in the contract between the Government of the Yukon Territory and the people who own the Lynn Building? When will the Lynn Building be totally vacated by the Government of the Yukon Territory?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the contract still has another, roughly, eighteen months to run. We intend to vacate probably before the end of May. The question has not been fully resolved; it depends upon completion of the new Admin Building. We have, however, an undertaking from the new purchaser of the Lynn Building that we will be relieved of our contractual arrangements and in fact they are now advertising that space.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Another thought occurred to me in terms of Territorial Buildings and that is the bottle return system that we have going in the Territory, where bottles and so forth are returned to the liquor store. Is it anticipated that we will be constructing additional facilities anywhere throughout the Territory in order to handle these bottles, or how is this handled?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, there is no demonstrated need to add to any of our buildings because of the bottle return system. There is a minor problem at the Watson Lake Admin Building and we're going to have to put an extension on the thing, not because of the bottle return system but because of the inability to handle the

full shipments that we require at Watson Lake. So there will be a minor addition added to the back of that building during the next summer.

MR. McCALL BECOMES CHAIRMAN

Mr. Chairman: Yes, Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to comment on the appendix on A-30. I think it is most helpful and it's something that we always forget because the capital expenditure comes, isn't cost shared. It comes from the Federal Government. We never seem to realize that every time we build a new building we have to expect the obligation of the maintenance of the building. It's becoming, it's fast approaching, the one million dollar mark.

I would like to ask a question though. You're estimating less in '76-'77 than you did in '75-'76. Could you explain why for the operation and maintenance costs?

Mr. Miller: Yes, Mr. Chairman, we didn't feel that we had the money in 1976-77 to carry on a building maintenance program which has just recently reached, in our opinion, a satisfactory level. So we are undertaking in 1976-77 to reduce our painting contracts and hopefully we will be able to get some improvement in this situation in 77-78.

Mr. Chairman: Are we clear? Yes, Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, one more question. In the maintenance of territorial buildings, is the cost of maintaining low cost of housing and the rental purchase housing, is this included in this or does it come under the Housing Vote?

Mr. Miller: Well, Mr. Chairman, it is currently split. The Yukon Housing Corporation has, over the past two years, used a dual system of local contractors, where they are available in the communities, and using the building maintenance personnel of the Department of Highways for other-- in other cases.

You will notice the transfer to other establishments of $210,000.00 at the bottom line. That reflects the maintenance of Yukon Housing Corporation buildings to the tune of $90,000.00 with the other $120,000.00 being charged back to Highways as part of the cost of maintaining the highways.

Mrs. Watson: That's the Alaska Highway?

Mr. Miller: That would apply to all highway establishments other than housing. You know, we are talking about the maintenance shops and all the-- in the grader stations, this type of thing.

Mr. Chairman: Clear? 901, $605,393.00.

We go then to 902, $173,300.00, Territorial Roads and Airstrips. Ms. Millard?

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman, I note with some satisfaction that in 902 and 903, they are the same amounts in both years, the '75-'76, '76-'77.

However, my understanding was that this budget was supposed to maintain a level of service equal to what we were accustomed to before. How can this be the case when there is no increase in monies?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Miller?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, it's one of those questions. We felt that with $173,000.00 we could probably maintain, if you like, a reasonable level of service. It may not be identical to what's been available in the past, but certainly won't be that bad, that these facilities will become unuseable.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Miller, is there a cost sharing arrangement between the Federal Government and the Territorial in the maintenance of some of these airports?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the particular ones we are talking about in 902, there is no cost sharing. There is cost sharing with respect to airports covered under Establishment 904.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Berger?

Mr. Berger: In the light of the budget cut, actually I would call it on road maintenance and upcoming spring thaw weather on the roads, is there any road limits restrictions anticipated on the highways in order to cut the cost of repairs down?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, spring breakup; we constantly monitor these roads to make sure that if there is any possible danger because of overloading that can be corrected by restricting the load sizes. It's just too early this year to determine. We constantly, every spring, watch these roads very carefully and the road closure too, because if it will break up the road we're going to close it. It's that simple.

Mr. Chairman: Ms. Millard?

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman, I'm a little confused about airstrips. I know somewhere that it's listed what ones are covered by an agreement with M.O.T. Is Old Crow under that agreement?

Mr. Miller: Yes, Mr. Chairman, the airports that are covered on behalf of M.O.T. are listed in appendix A-33.

Mr. Chairman: Supplementary, Ms. Millard?

Ms. Millard: Yes, supplementary to that then. How much of the $50,740.00 for Old Crow is directly attributed to having a foreman in Old Crow, who is not from the village of Old Crow?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, if the question is what do we pay the foreman at Old Crow, my guess is it would probably be something in the neighbourhood of

$15,000.00 - $16,000.00.

Mr. Chairman: Yes, Ms. Millard?

Ms. Millard: Supplementary to that, he's provided housing and food as well and the maintenance of his trailer. Wouldn't that be included in the cost towards this airstrip?

Mr. Miller: Yes, Mr. Chairman, that's correct; it would be.

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman, how much is it?

Mr. Miller: I would have to get that information, Mr. Chairman.

Ms. Millard: Could you do so?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke.

Mr. Lengerke: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Miller, of $173,300.00, how much is going to be spent on roads and how much is going to be spent on airstrips?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the airstrip costs are very small because what we're talking about here is the remote emergency strips only. So normally they would only have a matter of a couple of bladings a year and that would be the extent of it. Precise figures, I don't have just at my finger tips.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: That was going to be my next question. I'd like to see some figures, at least a program for the 25 airstrips that you mentioned. I'd be very interested to see where the emphasis is going to be put as far as the maintenance is concerned and the money that is going to be spent.

Could we have that information, Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Miller: Well, we can try and bring in Mr. Chairman what we've spent to date, as far as next year's program is concerned, it's purely and simply a matter of maintaining the strip that's there.

Mr. Chaiman: You will provide this, Mr. Miller - this information?

Mr. Miller: I can provide current year figures.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Why would we be listing the road to Atlin? Is it the road to Atlin, isn't some of that in B.C? Have we got a cost sharing arrangement with B.C?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, this is from the Tagish Road to the B.C. border.

Mr. Chairman: 902, $173,300.00.

Mr. Lengerke: Not clear, Mr. Chairman until– I would like to see what the program is.

Mr. Chairman: Well, Mr. Miller said he would provide the information. We will then go to 903: $85,300.00, Recreational Roads and Boat Launching Ramps. Yes, Mr. Berger?

Mr. Berger: It's that you are saying clear and nobody wants to say anything. But all I can say is there is thirty-four roads listed, listed in here, if you divide that up there is not much left for anybody.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, this is– members of Council thought this was hilarious last time, but I must bring it up again. Listing the boat launching ramps in the various lakes in the Territory, and the largest lake in the Territory, Kluane Lake, is not even mentioned. I wonder if it's an oversight or what the plans of the government are in this regard?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Miller?

Mr. Miller: The listing includes only the recreational roads. It does not include the boat launching ramps that are currently in place, of which there are now some thirty or forty. I would suggest, if there isn't one at Kluane provision could be made to put one there.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Chairman: Yes Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: I would certainly appreciate it if they gave consideration to putting a boat launching ramp at Kluane and maintaining the road to the ramp.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, may I ask the Honourable Member to obtain the wishes of her constituency as to where that boat launching ramp should be, because Kluane Lake is pretty long.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Chairman: Yes, Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: We already have a submission into the government. It is rather elaborate but I am sure they will be able to make out, to accommodate it with the money they have available.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Mrs. Watson. I can see why it is an ongoing debate. Mr. McIntyre?

Mr. McIntyre: Mr. Chairman, I understand that Kathleen Lake is in the National Park and I am wondering why we spend money on a road that should be maintained by the National Parks?

The second thing is, I notice there is no money provided here for the road which goes from the Duncan Road to the top of Keno Hill. Since this is advertised by

the Territorial Government Tourist Department as a tourist attraction, perhaps some work should be done on it so that tourists could actually get to the top.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Miller, you wish to expand on that point?

Mr. Miller: No comment.

Mr. Chairman: Any further debate? Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, with all due respect, perhaps the Honourable Member from Mayo is deserving an answer to the question he has asked.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the Kathleen Lake situation I will have to check. I have an idea that that is no longer maintained by us. It's probably just an oversight of removing it from this listing.

With regard to the other road, the Honourable Member is referring to, I would have to check that out because I am not even knowledgable about where that road is.

Mr. Chairman: Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Item 903. $25,300.00. We now go on to 904, $217,680.00, Airport Maintenance. Mr. Berger?

Mr. Berger: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I find a very interesting item in here in the breakdown of figures on page A33. "Included in the above is the above is the operation of an airport terminal building at Dawson for a full years operation and it gives you the list of other things and there is a breakdown on it and also runway lighting listed and I was wodering what kind of lighting is that, because the electricity is out for the M.O.T., the old flare pot again?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Miller?

Mr. Miller: Well, Mr. Chairman, there is intentions in certain of these strips to include runway lighting and in fact, we are trying to get some airport - or some runway lighting into Dawson City if we can arrange it this year.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Berger?

Mr. Berger: I would welcome this but the latest information I had from M.O.T. was that they wouldn't consider runway lighting in Dawson. So, hopefully you are right Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, when you say they won't consider runway lighting, I think you have got to be a little careful. Dawson, Faro, can not be licensed as nightime operating airports because of terrain and other conditions.

Runway lighting is intended to be put in in some of these places for emegency use only.

Mr. Chairman: Ms. Millard?

Ms. Millard: In 904, I am interested to note that the salaries and wages are nearly doubled, but I can't see any increase in manpower.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, this gets to be a little difficult in this respect. Additional costs of salaries and wwages, when Territorial employees are working on these airports - for example, the highway maintenance people are intended to do considerably more work on these particular airports.

Their man years would continue under Highway Maintenance. It would not show as a separate charge against the airport maintenance. The only direct salaries that will be involved in the airport mainteance is when we get these terminal buildingswhere we are going to have to have part-time or full-time attendants at the particular sites.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, when we are talking about Federal airports, I have some question about the policy for the provision of air transportation facilities and services in the Yukon and Northwest Territories.

I am wondering if this policy is going ahead, as outlined in the paper that was submitted to the House, and if not, what alterations have been made in it in terms of these provisions of these facilites?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the policy is going ahead. The actual program for 1976-77 has not yet been worked out with M.O.T. So, while I think we presented last year, a tentative program for 76, that may shift slightly.

Our priorities in the Yukon have not shifted. We will attempt to complete the program, as it was detailed at that time, but there may be some delays from one year to the next and in fact, getting those things available at the particular sites.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, it is still - this is, I believe, a five year program and it is still anticipated that all this work will be done within the five years, is this correct?

Mr. Miller: Well, let's hope, Mr. Chairman, but that depends upon the finances available from M.O.T. because it is their money and they are suffering from the anti-inflation program as much as anybody else is.

Mr. Chairman: You had a supplementary to your first question, Ms. Millard?

Ms. Millard: Yes, I don't believe I got an answer. I still don't understand why, if these additional salaries and wages are going to go into people who are hired to stay in the terminal building once they maintain it, why isn't it shown under the Manpower Summary?

Mr. Miller: There is a number of reasons or a couple of reasons to suggest. One, we are unsure at the present time whether we are going to take these people on as Territorial Civil Servants or whether we will take them on as contract employees and in fact, in some of the communities we are hoping that possibly the community will become responsible for these terminal buildings and the operation of the runway because they have a more direct interest in insuring that the thing is run properly than if we are trying to handle it from 300 miles away.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I have a couple of questions on Appendix A33 and they are in the same vein as the member from Ogilvie. Am I to understand that you will be proposing to add half man years for Beaver Creek and Ross River? Those are two new places this year or did you have Mayo and Faro last year at the building maintenance terminal?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the Mayo one up to this point has been run by M.O.T. They've had their own staff there full time. There is some discussion now as to whether or not that will become a Territorial operated facility rather than M.O.T. facility, but that decision has not yet been taken.

In the case of Faro, Beaver Creek and Ross River, we were hopefull that we could get terminal buildings into those three locations during the course of this particular year. Again that has not been approved to date. We're still working on that.

Mr. Chairman: Yes, Mrs. Watson.

Mrs. Watson: So then this part of it is pure speculation to date. Just a little further, you are proposing that if you do take attendants on that their salaries would be in the neighbourhood of $13,000.00 Is that correct?

Mr. Miller: That's correct, Mr. Chairman, that's the current rate that M.O.T. now pays their operators.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, that is then built into your salaries and wages, three man years with the addition to what you charge back to your highway people. Now the Old Crow one. It isquite a bit higher than the rest and you were doing some explaining on questioning. I wonder if you could review that? I'm rather curious as to why that's so high.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Miller.

Mr. Miller: Well there are a number of reasons Mr. Chairman. One of them as I think the Honourable Member from Ogilvie has pointed out. We have a full time foreman at Old Crow, we have to supply him with housing, with food. In addition the fuel costs of operating the equipment in there are very high. I suppose there are a number of other things one could think of. Maybe when I bring in the cost of operating, that one, at least the foreman's cost, will be able to have a little more direct line as to why it costs so much.

Mr. Chairman: Yes, Mrs. Watson.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I hope you are not supplying him with food.

Mr. Miller: Yes, Mr. Chairman, we are.

Mr. Chairman: Yes, Mrs. Watson.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman why?

Mr. Miller: Well, Mr. Chairmann out at the Ogilvie camp, Klondike camp and a few other camps still provide food for our men. And Old Crow is one of them.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke.

Mr. Lengerke: Yes, Mr. Chaairman, just further to what the Honourable Member from Kluane was following. I just would like to take Ross River as an example and ask Mr. Miller the question, just to satisfy my own self. There's $13,860.00 you put in the budget is $11,500.00 of that for made up for the attendant and the salaries? And what would the balance represent? Am I reading this wrong -

Mr. Miller: That would be essentially correct, Mr. Chairman. If we've got the terminal building in there and had to have the attendant there, we've got all the other things that go with operating a full airport. It would be roughly $11,000 $12,000.00 the balance of the money is spent on maintaining the runway, which would be snow removal or just summer maintenance.

Mr. Lengerke: That's fine, Mr. Chairman, he answered this. Thank you.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Berger.

Mr. Berger: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I'd like to go back to Dawson again, Mr. Chairman. Is in this figure of $34,800.00 the relocation of fuel storage facilities and the building of taxi parking facilities included or is there other monies available. To my knowledge reconstruction of the Dawson airport is not finished yet.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, we're trying to get some fuel dispensing facilities in the Dawson City airport during the course of this summer. The capital cost will either be put up by the M.O.T. or by the oil company who supplies the facilities. That's our intention to put in some fuel dispensing facilities at Dawson. There will have to be a proper area for the planes to park while they are refueling.

Mr. Chairman: Ms. Millard?

Ms. Millard: Two questions, Mr. Chairman. First of all I understand M.O.T. is going to be building a terminal building at Old Crow. Will Y.T.G. have any share in the cost of that?

The other question is under utilities and supplies $24,000.00 where last year there was nothing. There must be some explanation.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the first question is yes, we're trying to get a terminal building in Old Crow this summer. Again it has not been fully approved. M.O.T. provides the money and in fact, in this particular case, they intend to call contracts for the building. Once they're on site, then we become responsible for operating them. That answers your second question because that's what utilities and supplies are for is operating these terminal buildings.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, briefly Burwash and Teslin. The amounts of money you have in there must be just for the maintenance of the airstrip because they have M.O.T. personnel there. That doesn't mean you're cutting back on the personnel to one attendant at a station.

Mr. Miller: No, that's correct Mr. Chairman, that money there is purely and simply for airport maintenance.

Mr. Chairman: Ms. Millard?

Ms. Millard: Back to Old Crow again and the cost being so high compared to others. Is there any provision in the future to have someone from the village trained into the foreman's job so the extra cost of maintaining the foreman at Old Crow isn't necessary?

Mr. Miller: Well, Mr. Chairman, we've been around the circle on that one three times to date and while I wouldn't rule out the possibility of training someone, if we can find a responsible individual in the community, who will look after the full line of equipment there, ensure that the work is done. We would only be to happy to have someone from the village do that.

Mr. Chairman: Supplementary, Ms. Millard?

Ms. Millard: Yes supplementary to that I understood there was a young fellow who was interested in that and has been approached.

Mr. Miller: That's quite correct, Mr. Chairman. We are attempting to do that because, I think you all know, that Cecil Best is due to retire and it is our tention to try it again, to see if we can get someone from the village to do the job.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Me. Lengerke: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Miller, what is the policy with respect to he airport that has a ground strip and a seaplane base adjacent to it? I believe there is one situation like this, Ross River, could well be. Do you have a cost sharing or do you share in the maintenance of both particular facilities?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, we do have some responsibilities for certain seaplane bases. The Mayo one, I am not sure what we are doing at Ross River. I think we have a floating dock there as well. So, we do provide docks and that's essentially it.

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Chairman, supplentary.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Those costs are included in this thing, any estimates we have here for - where there is a seaplane base facility?

Mr. Miller: I think, Mr. Chairman, to be fair, those costs are probably included under airstrips because they are very nominal.

Mr. Lengerke: Thank you.

Mr. Chairman: Clear, 904?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: I think before we go on to the next item, I will pass the Chair back to Mr. Hibberd.

MR. HIBBERD BECOMES CHAIRMAN

Mr. Chairman: Thank you Mr. McCall. Third Party Services, $162,000.00. Ms. Millard?

Ms. Millard: As I understand Third Party Services, since we go through this everytime, it's like an individual hiring the government to do something and they pay 110 per cent of the cost to the government, correct?

I can't understand why there is so much in materials and supplies. I can see machinery being used and things but I can't see things that would be used up, being under this estimate.

Mr. Miller: Well, Mr. Chairman, this covers one of the items that this inclusdes is dust palliative within communities where the community has asked us to do some dust palliative work. So, that's one of the reasons. There are other situations. For example, we maintain vehicles for various Federal Government Departments. We maintain buildings for various Government Departments, Federal Government Departments. The costs of materials would be included in that.

Mr. Chairman: Are we clear? Tote T ain -- Oh, I am sorry Mr. Berger.

Mr. Berger: I have to rise since the eyes of the witness were on me and Third Party Services on the recovery, we were recovering $178,300.00 but the cost of providing the Third Part Service is $162,000.00. I think the recovery, in my estimation, is not high enough to provide the Third Party Service especially to all the cost figures involved in it.

Mr. Miller: Well, Mr. Chairman, I guess we can go through this again if we like. It's our estimate that 10 per

cent above our actual cost is sufficient monies to recover our hidden costs, if you like, our administrative costs, and that's what we are doing in effect, is attempting to recover all of our costs and yet not be in a position where we are being overly competitive.

Mr. Chairman: Ms. Millard?

Ms. Millard: I am curious about maintenance of other government vehicles also. If parts were needed for those vehicles, would they be bought through the Territorial Government at cost, at government cost, or would they be bought through local outlets or would they be bought through the Federal Government agency that has the car?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, they would be bought by the Territorial Government.

Ms. Millard: And that's included in the 110 per cent?

Mr. Miller: Yes, Mr. Chairman, that's included in the materials and supplies, the expenditure side, and we would charge 100 plus 10 per cent for those as well.

Mr. Chairman: Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Federal Roads, $5,711,500.00. I refer you to Appendix, page 34.

Mr. McCall: Correction, Mr. Chairman, 906.

Mr. Chairman: Oh, I am sorry. Tote Trail Assistance, $50,000.00. Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I am becoming a little concerned over Tote Trail Assistance. I note the reduction of $100,000.00 to $50,000.00 and my concern is how this Tote Trail Assistance is currently being administered. It seems to me that the people who want to help, that is the smaller operator, the small guy who could use some assistance, seldom gets it because of the amount of money that is in the – the fund is so small and some larger groups come along and seem to get the lion's share of it.

The other thing is, I am wondering if it is still the policy, as it was originally, that before any monieses wer put into Tote Trail Assistance, that first of all, if it wer the case of a mining property, that this road went to a government geologist or some mining engineer went and looked at it to determine whether or not indeed it was worthy of -- the project was worthy of contribution from Territorial funds, and secondly, that when the road was in, does a civil engineer go and look at the road and make an assessment as to what he feels or the government feels is an accurate cost per mile, you know, upon which to base an allotment.

Now, it is my information that this -- in the past anyway, recent past, that this has not been done and I am wondering if I could have some information on this.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, there's a number of changes taking place in what is known Tote Trail Assistance Program and is now know as the Northern Explorations Program. First the amount of money that we're showing at $50,000.00 reflects what we think is going to be the demand on the fund. We have never yet limited payouts under this program becuase of lack of money. We feel that it is statutory type program and if applications are approved that we would pay that sum.

In terms of reviewing the applications, the Regional Geologist of Northern Affairs sits on the Tote Trail Committee, so we feel that we have adequate expertise in determining whether or not the application is a valid one.

The other changes that are coming about, that might interest all members, is that for the first time the chairman of this committee is going to be a Territorial Civil Servant, that will be the Director of Highway and Public Works. We will have on the committee, initially at least, full representation from the Game Branch rather than observer status. The federal members of the committee will continue as they were.

There is now also included under this program rather than just straight trails, there is provision now for including helicopter pads, sea plane docks and remote airstrips. So the program is being expanded in it's general application. We don't know what impact if any, that will have, but our guess is that $50,000.00 for next year should be enough. If it isn't I guess we're back here looking for supps.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman I can't understand then if you're going to expand this program why you've actually not provided for its expansion by only providing $50,000.00

The other question that concerns me is that when Tote Trail Assistance was first brought into being, Tote Trail's, not just for exploration, but for logging and for agriculture, was included. Is this still to be included?

Mr. Miller: Yes, Mr. Chairman, it's still to be included. $50,000.00 is our best guess of what the requirements will be. Last year if you'll notice 1974 - '75 the requirements were $32,000.00, we voted $100,000.00. This year we voted a $100,000.00 and it looks like our expenditures are going to come in about sixty-five, so fifty seems to be a reasonable estimate at this point in time.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McIntyre.

Mr. McIntyre: Mr. Chairman, perhaps the witness could explain the funding of this program. Originally it was 100 per cent funded by the Federal Government up to $100,000.00 and has this changed?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, it used to be funded by the Federal Government outside of the financial agreement at an amount of $100,000.00 per annum. We still, in looking at funding requirements consider 100,000 from year to year to be an average correct amount. And until things change appreciable, I think the last four year average is in fact, a $100,000.00. The program has been declining in number of applications either sent in

or approved and so we're simply trying to reflect that in our current estimate.

Mr. Chairman: Clear?
Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Chairman, I more or less like to know whether the word declined or approved, I would like to know whether it's declining or whether they just fail to approve some applications?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, to my knowledge, there has never been an application which, is worthy, or considered worthy by the committee, that has been turned down.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: There's just no place you can't drive to anymore.

Mr. Miller: That is part of it.

Mr. Chairman: Clear? Federal Roads $5,711,500.00. I refer you to appendix page 34. Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, just as a point of interest, why is the Cassiar Road 85 per cent recoverable and not the Atlin Road? Why should not the Atlin Road be equally recoverable?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the Cassiar Road is a resource road, the Atlin Road is not.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Well, Mr. Chairman, the Cassiar Road, it's only a small section from the Alaska Highway to the B.C. boundary, nevertheless connects to a recognized British Columbia Highway, as does the Atlin Road. I can't see why we should not be looking for a 85 per cent recovery on the Atlin Road as we do on the Cassiar Road.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the criteria is not what it connects to. It is the purpose of the road. In the case of the Cassiar Road it is purely and simply there as a resource road. Whereas the Atlin Road is no longer a resource road, in the sense of what it might have been back in the early 1900's.

It is almost now a community type road. So, that's why the difference.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Yes, I see this Skagway Road on here. I would presume by the Skagway Road they mean from Carcross to wherever the end of the Skagway Road is. Is that for the maintenance of that section that is there?

Mr. Miller: Yes, Mr. Chairman, what we are referring to there is the first 34 miles of the Carcross-Skagway Road.

Mr. Chairman: Ms. Millard?

Ms. Millard: On the Dempster Highway, is it not true that in the wintertime, to keep it open, it is a 100 per 'cent recoverable?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the Dempster Highway is closed.

Ms. Millard: But sometimes when it is open.

Mr. Miller: The first year that – Let me put it this way. Last winter, we kept the road open at the insistence of the Federal Government and because they insisted on us keeping it open, we charged then 100 per cent of the cost. This year, the road is closed beyond mile 18.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Chairman, my question has been answered, thank you.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, along the line of the last question I asked, why is the Two Mile Hill 85 per cent recoverable and not the south access because it seems to me that they both serve the same purpose?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the Two Mile Hill was considered as part of the resource road system when all the material came down Two Mile Hill to be loaded here at the main terminal. We have never managed to convince the Federal Government that that second road, namely the South Access road, is necessary for resource development, if you like.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McIntyre?

Mr. McIntyre: Perhaps this isn't the right time to ask the question and it may be appropriate at another time. This Council has never had the opportunity of expressing itself on whether or not the Dempster Highway should be completed vis a vis the Skagway Road. I am sure that many of us would much rather see the Skagway Road completed than the Dempster Highway, which, not only will not benefit the Yukon Territory that much, but is also a road which may ruin one of the great natural resources of the Yukon, which is the Porcupine caribou herd.

Ms. Millard: Well, I agree with the Member from Mayo. I think it's a tremendous idea. If he is coming forward with the motion, I will second it.

My question has to do with ferries. There is another ferry in the Yukon, other than Dawson, on the Ross River Road, isn't there, and is that treated differently than the one at Dawson?

Mr. Miller: Well, it's only treated different, Mr. Chairman, in that we separate -- attempt to separate the Dawson Ferry, whereas the Ross River one, it is basically a barge and we don't separate it, in terms of costing. It is just part of the North Canol Road maintenance.

Mr. Chairman: Clear? Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Chairman, I am just wondering -- no fault with our government or anything, but I am just wondering if the possibility has ever been looked into whether the total Canol Road is in effect something that is absolutely needed in the Territory, when you look at the dollars that are spent on, say the bottom section of it.

If there is no mining maybe in that area during the summer and there is the odd tourist goes up from the Alaska Highway and makes the cutoff, but when you look at the dollars that are spent there, I am wondering if it is really a feasible operation at all or not, to maintain it as a good highway other than maybe just leaving it as a trail.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, there are a number of roads in the Territory that one could ask the same question on, particularly when it comes to winter maintenance, whether they are worthy of staying open in the winter.

However, it seems once you have a road, you must maintain that road forever and a day.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Just a question with respect to a very small amount. Cartage, $3,154.00. A new item appearing in there and I wonder if I could just have an explanation on that.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, it's just a new primary in this year. In prior years, it would have been included under Communications.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, Federal-Territorial Engineering Services Agreement, how often is that negotiated and for how long is the term once it is negotiated?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, it is renewable annually.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Maybe perhaps --

Mrs. Watson: A supplementary to that. Is there – has there been any hint at all from the government that they may be wanting to change the agreement percentages, the 85 per cent recoverable?

Mr. Miller: Not as yet, Mr. Chairman. We would like to change the agreement and add some more miles of road under it, but we haven't been too successful recently.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I'm wondering about the policy of the administration in terms of some of these road camps. In particular I'm talking about the Nahani Range Road and it seems that during the winter time, governments as they all leave this building like the thing was on fire at 5 o'clock on Friday night, everybody around the Territory does the same thing. Nothing really takes place in government until the following Monday morning.

In these camps that seems to be about the time when the snow decides to fall. There was a problem with overtime, is it now the policy of the government to permit overtime to keep crews on, winter maintenance plowing snow over weekends when these things to occur in order to keep roads such as the Nahani Range Road open?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, our policy is to maintain the roads in the best condition we can. While we do have unions and the associated things that come with unions, we attempt to work with the union and the staff members to provide the best road service we can.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: My concern was that there are times and I know in this particular case the people at the road camp are doing a real super job. I'm just wondering about the arrangement for overtime in order to ensure that these workmen can get out over the weekends and plow roads, rather than leave a foot, and foot and a half of snow on these roads over a weekend.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I'm not aware of any problems with overtime on Nahani Range Road. I can only say that if the road needs plowing, it gets plowed. Now that's a pretty general statement and the Honourable Member might be able to catch me out once or twice, but maybe the boys all wanted to go to town and wouldn't stay in camp. That's maybe why it didn't get done, and you can't deny them that. But from an overtime point of view there is included in the highway budget this year is $525,000.00 for overtime.

Mr. Chairman: Ms. Millard?

Ms. Millard: Well, Mr. Chairman, my question is on the great northern disaster known as the Dempster Highway. We seem to get different dates all the time on when it's going to be completed. I understood that there was going to be a bridge across the Eagle River for some time now. The army was supposed to come in and build the bridge before the highway was even there. Now I understand the highway is there and there's no bridge. Do we have any idea what's happening on that?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the highway is to the Eagle River at the moment. The army intends to move in this winter to put the bridge across the Eagle. There is currently a tender out to construct the next 25 plus miles with the intention of constructing that this summer and next season. There will then be one more contract required to get us to the Northwest Territories border, which should be called probably in either late '77 or 1978.

Mr. Chairman: Ms. Millard?

Ms. Millard: A supplementary along those lines. Is consideration being given to any kind of incentive for people to, since there's going to be maintenance camps along the Dempster Highway and there already are maintenance camps along the Dempster Highway, which have difficulty getting men to stay at. Is there any incentive intended to keep people there to give them some kind of compensation for being away from town and that sort of thing?

Mr. Miller: Well when you say incentive Mr. Chairman, we have looked at a number of alternatives. The Honourable Member is correct, we do have problems in some cases keeping crews in these locations particularly the remote ones. My guess is that before too much longer we will be handling those camps, those very remote camps on a almost fly-in fly-out basis, two weeks in or three weeks in and a week out. That we haven't got to as yet but it's primarily because we close the camps in the winter time.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Miller, under the Federal Territorial engineering services agreement, you just deal with one road classification as far as cost sharing goes on the 85 15? And you also made the comment you were looking for a new agreement, is this what you would be trying to then do, to try and get other classifications?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, cost sharing, we have 85 15 per cent on all resource roads. The Dawson Skyline is an exception to that, it's a 100 per cent paid by the Federal Government. We are not attempting to change the cost sharing arrangement at the present time. What we are attempting to do is to get an additional road mileage included under the engineering services agreement. For example some of the placer mining roads in the Dawson area, we would like to see included as resource roads, but we have not managed to get to that point as yet.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: These are cost shared, like one of the roads you mention the placer road, is that cost shared on a 85-15 per cent basis?

Mr. Miller: It's not at the present time, Mr. Chairman, that was what I was suggesting. We're trying to get those roads included under the engineering services agreement. The roads that are now cost share are listed on page A-35.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I see in A35, on the Skagway Road there is no estimates for '76-'77, so I take it from there that there is nothing, absolutely nothing going to be done on that end of the highway this year at all?

Mr. Miller: Well, Mr. Chairman, the Skagway Road in 1975 – we maintained 18 miles at a cost of $1,875.00 a mile. In 1976 we intend to maintain 34 miles at a cost of $872.00 a mile.

Mr. Chairman: Ms. Millard?

Ms. Millard: Again on the Dempster Highway. As we are all aware by now, there was a study done by DPW, the Schultz Study in 1972.

I am wondering if any of the recommendations from that study are being implemented by the Territorial Government and certainly the Federal Government in its construction of the highway? Since we now have an additional four years to have implemented the recommendations in that study, at the time, they presumed the Dempster would be closed -- or finished by '74.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, if my memory serves me correctly, that study dealt with the environmental impact of the construction. We have not reconstructed any of that road and all we do is maintain it.

Ms. Millard: Well, Mr. Chairman, if he had read the study, that did include some parts of maintenance problems particularly in the education of the people who are running the machinery and construction of where they pick out the gravel – I forgot what they are called -- gravel pits, in construction of those and in construction doing anything along the sides of the highway and maintenance along the sides of the highway and a lot of things had recommendations to do with maintenance.

Mr. Miller: I could check it.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Chairman, my question may come up later on when we are dealing with capital and it has to do with the Skagway-Carcross Road and I did ask the question in this House another day of the Commissioner, if we could bring the date for work on this forward and I ask Mr. Miller again, is there no way that you can find some funding or that the Territory can get into some sort of a borrowing situation and borrow in advance of these funds now so that the work can go on?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, we are still trying. I think that was the answer that the Commissioner gave you. We are attempting to move that date back to 1978 – I am sorry, 1977 rather than 1978 but we have not been successful as yet.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: I am just wondering when you would be able to report further progress on that Mr. Miller? Are there meetings going on now or what -- who is exactly involved in the discussions with respect to the Federal Government and the Territory on that?

Mr. Miller: Well, I have been trying to deal with a couple of individuals in Ottawa to try and convince them of a way to do this.

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Chairman, if anybody can, I

hope Mr. Miller can because he has been able to do this in the past and I wish him luck.

Mr. Miller: I'll keep trying.

Mr. Chairman: Ms. Millard?

Ms. Millard: Well, Mr. Chairman, back to the Dempster Highway again and the environmental concerns there. I still would like some kind of assurance that the highly sensitive area that they are passing through is being recognized and in more than just land use regulations that there is some policy in the department particularly to educate the employees who are going out there in the event of forest fires, many concerns in that area that I feel are our total responsibility.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I will dig out the report myself and have a look at all the environmental concerns and insure that we undertake to do everything that we can reasonably can do.

Ms. Millard: Okay.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Why would the maintenance of the Two Mile Hill per mile be so expensive compared to the rest at $44,000 and $50,000 last year?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the primary cause of that is snow removal in the winter.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Further to that, the Alaska Highway is at $9,000.00 estimated per mile. Is that because of the calcium chloride, the dust retardant?

Mr. Miller: Well, Mr. Chairman -- well, that's partly it Mr. Chairman, although I think all the Honourable Members know that the Whtiehorse-Keno Road is probably one of the highest dust palliative roads in the Territory.

There are various reasons in that particular -- our Alaska Highway-Haines Road establishment that drive those costs up. One of them being the Haines Road, the tremendous snow removal in there in the wintertime. It's very expensive. We are now attempting to break out the Alaska Highway as distinct from the Haines Road so that in future, we can determine these costs with a little more accuracy.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I wouldn't be in too much of a hurry to do that.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Miller, the Honourable Member from Kluane raised a good point there on the costs of Two Mile Hill and it's interesting to note that the ratios on all the other highways for cost – for snow removal or for just maintenance hasn't increased that much and yet in '75-'76, '76-77, on the Two Mile Hill, that cost has just gone from $14,000.00 up to 50 and 44 and do you expect that much more snow on Two Mile Hill during those periods or have you been able to pinpoint the forecasting on that or what?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, in 1976 or I think it was actually in 1975, we widened Two Mile Hill to three lanes and to satisfy the heavy traffic demands we kept additional staff on, particularly on weekends and on the evening shift so that the early morning arriver in Whitehorse wasn't going to slide down the hill sideways and that's what it costs.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Berger?

Mr. Berger: Yes, Mr. Chairman, just a short question. On the Whitehorse-Keno Road there was an experiement done a few years ago on the first paving strip, mixing pavement up with asbestos. Could the witness possibly tell us the success of this experiment?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I'm sure that we have enough data as yet. There's different sections of that road are creating difficult problems. I think that you're all aware that at the top of the hill just across the Takhini River, there's some very bad ruts in the highway. Pavement in the North really hasn't had a full test as yet. People are still playing around trying to find out what's a good mix and what isn't, what's a good base and everything else.

So it seems to me that the last I heard about that particular test section was that it was standing up but we just haven't had enough experience on it to know if that's the type of thing to go to in the future.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Whyard?

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, I would just like to say at this time that despite the cost, I think that the City of Whitehorse deserves a little bit of praise from everybody concerning their equipment and methods of operating for keeping our streets useable during the winter. I had reason to compare the situation here in Whitehorse which probably has a longer winter than anywhere else I've been lately, with the situation in Edmonton and Ottawa and Montreal. Believe me, Mr. Chairman, there is no comparison. Those cities have disgraceful conditions in their streets throughout the entire winter. They certainly have a much larger tax base on which to draw for money to keep their streets useable during the snowfall. I know that they have more snow in some of those areas but you would think that they would also have more expertise by now.

The conditions here in Whitehorse are admirable compared to larger cities, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Are we clear? I declare a brief recess.

RECESS

Mr. Chairman: I now call this committee to order. Dawson Skyline $79,738.00.

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Yes, Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: I'm not quite clear. Under 908, I see under 908 in the Estimates, Heavy equipment operator 2, dropped from 99 to 88, I'm just wondering. I'm very glad to see that and I see drops all over here in some of the Establishments. But I'm wondering why the big drop there in equipment operators that actually I would think would be needed.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, on the day we took over the Alaska Highway, we attempted to reduce the number of staff involved in operating that highway. We have now managed to do that to some extent in cutting down the number of heavy equipment operators at each of the Alaska Highway camps. They now have the same complement and the same road mileage to maintain as the old Territorial camps have always had.

Mr. Chairman: Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Alaska Highway and Haines Road $6,618,141.00. Clear? Ms. Millard?

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to go back a step since I was late coming back and ask one question about the Dawson Skyline. What percentage of the operation of this is paid by the Clinton Creek Mining?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, there is no percentage paid by Clinton Creek Mining.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you. Ms. Millard I'm sorry you'll have a second crack at this but if we go around once if you're not here, it's your misfortune. I'm sorry.
Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I'm just wondering if at this date if we have yet received any information on the proposal by the government of the United States to pave the Haines Road and the Alaska Highway to the Alaska boundary and what arrangements are made in respect of its maintenance?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, we have no details as yet. We are lead to believe that the Government of Canada and the Government of the U.S. have in fact signed an agreement. We have not seen that agreement. It was subject to certain conditions one being a condition that they get all the government's approval and as I understand it, B.C. has not as yet approved, that's part of the holdup. We have not been able to get our hands on a copy of that agreement.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman it seems to me that it's encumbment upon the government of the Yukon Territory to demand some input or at least a copy of the agreement, inasmuch as the largest portion of this comes through our Territory and it seems to me that it is extremely unfair to ignore the government of the Yukon Territory in the face of such a major undertaking. I think that we have to be advised what's happening in order that we can prepare for the big development that will come. It's almost like talking about putting a pipeline through the Territory. I really feel that the government should make very strong representations to Canada to get this information.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I have been making some very strong representations for some three months and I am still not in receipt of that information.

Mr. Chairman: Ms. Millard?

Ms. Millard: Under this Establishment, I am a little puzzled over repair and maintenance of roads and public works. Isn't that what comes under salaries and wages and all the rest of it under that establishment?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the item of repair and maintenance of roads and public works would cover the contract work, such as crushing, dust palliative, that type of thing.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I heard somewhere and I don't know whether it was around this table or somewhere in the last little while that we may be phasing out the use of calcium chloride in our highway maintenance and going to another system or another petroleum-based product.
Is this correct, and if so what is the situation?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, there is no immediate intention to phase out calcium chloride because we haven't been able to find anything on a regular basis that's available to us. We did some experimental work over a period of three years using an oil palliative or an oil mix. It was very successful but unfortunately it became unavailable the year after we proved its success.
So, until we come up with something different than calcium, that's what we are going to have to continue to use.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I am wondering where I would find here somewhere on isolation pay and where it is included in here. Is it under substance and maintenance? I am wondering just how many of your camps do receive isolation pay and where they are situated?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, we don't pay isolation pay as such. All heavy equipmnt operators are paid on the same scale regardless of where they are in the Yukon Territory. So there is no isolation pay included in our contract with our employees.

Now, we do have provision at certain camps, particularly the remote camps , where we do provide facilities such as meals and this type of thing for nominal fees. That is the only type of isolation pay, if one could consider it as such, that we have.

Mr. Chairman: Ms. Millard?

Ms. Millard: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I am a little confused over the difference in the definitions between Subsistence and Maintenance and Utility Supplies and Services.

Mr. Miller: Subsistence and Maintenance, Mr. Chairman, would be monies that we would expend on catering contracts, food. Utilities and Supplies are as normal the cost of heat and light.

Mr. Chairman: Ms. Millard?

Ms. Millard: Supplementary to that, you mean we spend $216,000.00 to feed the men in the isolated camps?

Mr. Miller: We either spend that amount of money in doing that or we pay them in lieu of spending that amount of money.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, the annual-- I don't know whether this is a set annual figure but the 20.9 cost increase for this year over next year in terms of our allotment for the maintenance of the Alaska Highway and Haines Road was that a negotiated percentage or is that just something that was thrown at us by the Feds and also the same would apply in relation to the 6¼ per cent administration fee.

What is the story here?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the previous two years of this particular agreement, the negotiated or allowed increase for costs, was 5.6 to 6 per cent. In this current year, we managed to convince them that, with labour going up something in the neighbourhood of 12 to 15 per cent per annum and supplies going up 25 per cent per annum, that 6 per cent wasn't too realistic.

We negotiated the 20.9. The administration fee is a fee which we calculate annually and negotiate into the agreement and it's based on our costs of our headquarters, treasury, personnel and these types of things related to the overall cost and they have agreed to pay that as a separate admin fee for, I guess, this is now the third year running.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if I could ask a question on the man years portion because they are built into the various other establishments. Utility Systems Advisor, what would be the function of a Utility Systems Advisor on the administration staff of the Highways?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, this position was included in 1975-76 for the first time. Our intention was to attempt to find an individual who could go out and assist the L.I.D.s in operating their utility systems, a trainor, if you like. We were unable to find an individual in 1975-76; we are going to have another kick at the cat in '76-77.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman. Supplementary: why would this position, Utility Systems Advisor, not be under Local Government and why would not the municipal engineering staff be under the authority of Local Government?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I believe we answered the latter question earlier today and the Utility Systems Advisor is intended to work under the direction of the municipal engineer who installs the equipment.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, the Local Government people are the people who have to work with the L.I.D.s and plan with the L.I.D.s for these various systems and the maintenance of these various utilities. It just seems reasonable for the engineering staff plus the utility supervisor to be under Local Government. You are being involved if you have a problem within an L.I.D; you are involved with two Territorial Government Departments, and you know what that means.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I will repeat, I guess, what was said earlier. It is our considered opinion that engineers should work for engineers and up to this point we found that it has worked to some degree. There have been problems. We are correcting part of the problem that we now have in the remote location of these two departments. In the new Admin Building, they suddenly become almost integrated into one-- well, they become integrated into one area in the building, so they will be right next door to each other.

At some point down the line, I think you are probably correct that it will be transferred to Local Government but it is our view that they should not be done at this time.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, supplementary. You remark that engineers should work for engineers. I can't agree with that. The engineers here work for the people that they serve.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McKinnon?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, this argument goes back and forth constantly in the inner offices on the third floor and I think the Honourable Member is well aware of the argument that has been going on during her time as an Executive Committee member also.

We have reached the point at this time where one of the real problems was in just lack of proximity between the Department of Local Government and the Munici-

pal Engineering Department and just the running up and down the hill constantly of plans, of personnel, on a constant basis. It just became a total and a constant pain for both departments involved. We are prepared to see what it is like with the marriage of the two departments physically in the new building.

They are side by side with all the personnel, the equipment, the plans and the total ball of wax there in the new Administration Building. We are saying we are prepared to let it work for this year. If the problem still exists, which I maintain was mostly problems of proximity and communication, if that can be worked out, the majority of the problems have been solved for the good of all concerned.

If they don't, the argument is going to continue until we do find a satisfactory answer for the people of the Yukon Territory, not for the engineers or the Department of Local Government, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I am quite prepared to accept that answer so that the physical proximity of the two departments working together might be able to facilitate some of this– it seems to be a– oh, I hate the word, communication gap between the two of them but it sometimes appeared that that did exist.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I think Mr. Miller misunderstood my question. I was speaking of-- it was an allowance I should have said, Isolation Allowance, and I think it was last spring in Council, I brought up the fact that Swift River was not receiving Isolation Allowance. Ross River was, and comparing the two and so forth. Now, this is what I am speaking of is Isolation Allowance.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I now understand the problem that the member is concerned with. It seems to me that at that time the question was raised not only through the Honourable Member but also through other sources and it was determined that the people at Swift River should not obtain that allowance and the people at Ross River should.

Ms. Millard: Well, Mr. Chairman, I am still very curious about this Subsistence and Maintenance. Maybe the witness's answer wasn't full enough because, when you add it to the Subsistence and Maintenance that's in 907, you end up with $485,000.00.

Certainly, we don't spend that all on catering to some remote people in– I presume Ross River and along the Dempster Highway?

Mr. Miller: Well, Mr. Chairman, I think I indicated that foods, catering, the provision of food where we do provide it and allowances in certain areas of the Yukon where we do not provide food, we provide an allowance of $3.00 per day per man.

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Chairman: Ms. Millard?

Ms. Millard: Could he mention a few of those areas? That is news to me.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, that was just raised by the Honourable Member from Hootalinqua. Ross River is one of them. In certain cases in the summertime, there are other camps. I can't name them off the top of my head. They are all included in our union agreement.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Miller, under this Establishment, Alaska Highway and Haines Road, I would like to know what are the areas or the major areas that are going to be maintained, the priorities there? Are any bridges involved?

In other words, I would really like to know some of the details with respect to the program. It's rather a $6,000,000.00 program and I think you could possibly inform me what areas are going to be-- where the major thrust is going to be dealt?

Mr. Miller: Well, Mr. Chairman, the majority of this money is just for ongoing, day-to-day maintenance costs of operating some six or seven camps along the highway. In addition there is, if my memory serves me correct, a couple of crushing contracts to be carried out this year on the Alaska Highway and I can get those precise numbers for the crushing contracts but the majority of this money is just straight, day-to-day maintenance and dust palliative.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: So, other than the day-to-day maintenance, is there really any major area of maintenance that is going to be carried out this year ?

No, Mr. Chairman, because we don't do reconstruction or maintenance; we do it as capital, so it is purely and simply keeping the road in shape.

Mr. Chairman: Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Office accommodations-- Mr. Berger?

Mr. Berger: Mr. Chairman, in the light there is absolutely no figures on one side and there's figures on the other side. Maybe we could have an explanation of this department?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, this covers the costs of operating all of the Territorial Government Buildings, administrative type of buildings. And what we do is charge it all to Establishment 910 and then we charge back to the department on a square footage basis, their share. So that's why you see nil here. You've already voted it under the operating departments.

Mr. Chairman: Are we clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, under the man years office accommodation, new Territorial Administration Building, I see that we have provided for five commissionaires. I would be remiss in my duty if I did not rise to say that it is one of these gentlemen that we will be requiring in our Legislative Section and I'm wondering if the administration would agree that one of these commissionaires could be, during sessions of this Legislature, appointed to the service of the Sergeant at Arms in order to maintain order and so forth in the Public Galleries and assist him in the duties he is going to have in the new legislative complex?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the intention is to have a commissionaire on duty at all times in that building. I would suggest that, during Council Sessions, Legislative Assembly Sessions, that that commissionaire would be available if his other duties allow him to be available to help in any way he can.

Mr. Chairman: Ms. Millard.

Ms. Millard: My question was, what are the commissionaires and what are they going to do? I'm hearing all kinds of fantastic rumours about the operation of the new building. For instance, all the doors are locked and we all have cards with our name and picture on and we can't be admitted without the cards. It really sounds like there's going to be an awful lot of administration involved in it. Is that true? Can you give us a brief outline of how the operation of the new building is going to be?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, we have available a little booklet which we sent around to all Territorial Government staff. If members of the House would like to have a copy of that booklet, I'd be happy to have it tabled here.

Ms. Millard: Yes, please.

Mr. Miller: It describes the operation of the building as we see it today. It's subject to change obviously as time goes on but as we see it today this is the way the building will be operated.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: I've often risen to ask the question of whether or not this is a government or a secret society but is the Honourable Member right and correct that the government is going to so hide itself from the people, who would obviously mistrust; that it's going to have little cards and stickers to get around the building?

Mr. Miller: No, Mr. Chairman. All Territorial Government staff now have cards, I.D. cards, and these are issued on an ongoing basis. The only time the card will be used will be to enter the building after normal working hours.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, under Establishment 910, I note that the expenses are exactly the same amount that they are recovering from the charge that they have of $6.00 per square foot. Now, in the past we've also charged I believe $6.00 per square foot. Has that $6.00 per square foot actually covered the costs of the rental that we've paid for the various different buildings in which the government offices have been situated?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, that previous $6.00 per square foot has covered the cost of rentals plus, where we have operated our own building, the cost of operating those buildings. It's been fairly precise - we were within, I think, nine or ten thousand dollars last year in our estimate.

Mr. Chairman: Ms. Millard.

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman, will the operation of the restaurant in the building be under this establishment and are we looking to breaking even on that by having a contract let?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, our intention is to call tenders for the operation of the cafeteria in the new building.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I would hope the government is not looking at subsidized meals in the cafeteria?

Mr. Miller: No, Mr. Chairman, we are not.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, that does raise an interesting question. I have always said the easiest way to destroy the Government of the Yukon Territory would be to take away their paper and their coffee breaks. What indeed happened to the coffee break in this new function? Does everybody roar for the cafeteria all at the same time or just what happens here?

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, as far as I am aware the only coffee breaks are observed by Council.

(LAUGHTER)

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: I don't get one, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, this whole question is adequately described in the booklet that I will bring forward.

Mr. Chairman: On Establishment 910, are we clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Department of Highways and Public Works, $14,490,589.00. Are we agreed?

Some Members: No, no--

Mr. Chairman: I am sorry, we can't proceed with that.

Before proceeding further with the Main Estimates, there are other matters of interest to Council that I think should be considered at this time.

I think Mr. Miller would like to have an opportunity to speak at this moment.

Some Members: Agreed.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, excuse me. I am completely in th dark. What matters are we not proceeding with, the normal structure of the Vote of the Budget, on?

Mr. Chairman: The request has been received that there are matters of interest to Council that would be forthcoming and of interest today, that they would like to hear about today. If you would rather proceed in the normal manner, fine. We won't hear about them today.

Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: I would be most interested, while Mr. Miller is here, in hearing what progress is being made on the matter of the Teslin television. I believe also, it would be an appropriate time to deal with Motion number 18.

Some Members: Agreed.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, no wonder I was surprised, because I thought the whole matter of television came up under the capital vote under the Department of Local Government.

I was constantly preparing summations. In fact, I just had my two officers of my department examine certain questions which the Department of Local Government was looking at in the provision of television to the smaller communities. Right, I am surprised.

Mr. Chairman: Well then, Mr. McKinnon, is the request on your part that it be deferred until this is under consideration in the normal manner?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Therefore, the remaining factor to be considered by Committee at this time is Motion number 18. Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: I think, with all deference to the request from Local Government because that is the capital side, maybe we should hear from Mr. Miller. I am sure that the people of Teslin are extremely anxious and if there is information well, certainly, we should be able to have it rather than wait a few days. The guessing game will be on, so let's have it.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: That is exactly what I was trying to get away from - any guessing games. As far as I understood, it is 3:30 now, that either later this afternoon or early tomorrow we would be into the budget item where it normally would allow and there would be no guessing game because all the questions would be here before the Assembly and the answers would be here also. That is the only thing I object to - playing this kind of a guessing game and jumping from one area to the other when this is exactly what we are trying to prevent.

Mr. Charian: It appears to the Chair that it is very difficult to accede to the wishes of Council all at the same time when you are all going in different directions.

Mr. McIntyre?

Mr. McIntyre: Mr. Chairman, perhaps the Executive Committee could retire for a few moments so that they can get their heads together.

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, whatever is said now in Committee, decisions affecting television are going to have to wait for Capital. It doesn't matter what bulletins you hand out now, you are going to deal with it in Capital.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I have no objections whatsoever to any information that is available at this time being made to the House. It just seems to me through the normal process we would have been there in less than an hour or tomorrow morning when the whole issue could have been decided. The information plus the Capital. If it is the entire Committee's wish that we want to go off starting to take different areas out of different budgets, then there is no way that I am not going to go along with Committee.

Mr. Chairman: That is very good of you, Mr. McKinnon. The request has been received that we proceed with consideration of this particular item, which we would be normally coming forth with under Capital.

Would Committee wish to proceed with discussion of this particular item now, regarding television, or would they wish to defer until it comes up in the normal course of events?

Would you like to hear it now?

Some Members: Proceed.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Miller, you have the floor.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I have for distribution a little hand-out. If the Clerk would be kind enough to do this for me?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, maybe just to bring the Members of Council up-to-date on what has transpired with this. We have now spent approximately two years attempting to provide this particular program. The negotiations with Telsat Canada did not progress as well as we would have liked. We are now at the position of being charged $13,900.00 per annum, per station, as a tariff item for a small, low-cost, earth receive station.

In looking at this particular program, there appears to be no way that we can change that number that Telsat has given us. I think you are all aware that Telsat Canada Act, while it has never been contested in the courts, appears to give the exclusive rights to Telsat on both the transmitter satellite and receiver.

In order that we can get television into the communities for next winter, it seems that we are at the point in time where we have to make a decision of whether we are going to pay the Telsat rate or continue for another two years to fight a battle which appears to have been lost.

C.B.C. has indicated no interest in making available to small communities television which they have been handed the Mandate of Canada to do. I think this government, if we are going to provide television to these communities, are the only people that can provide it.

In reviewing the total program, we were looking at eight communities; we can service six of those communities using earth receivers; the other two communities can be serviced using mountain-top repeaters.

What we have managed to come up with here is that, is an outline of a program or policy which we think will allow the communities to have television, if they desire it, at a nominal cost to the communities. There is some effort required from the community in addition to the nominal cost. They are all laid out here.

It would be my thought that at some point, possibly in the fall, we should come back with appropriate legislation. We just don't have the time at hand right now to attempt to put this into legislation and we would operate it on a policy basis.

Mr. Chairman, the communities that we have been tentatively looking at and, of course, this is subject to the community wishes - Teslin, Haines Junction, Carmacks, Destruction Bay, Beaver Creek, Old Crow, Pelly Crossing and Carcross, Destruction Bay and Carcross being served by mountain-top repeaters and the balance of the communities using earth receive stations.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Well, that was part of my question. My concern is now that we have arrived at this position, how quickly we can get one or the other, as in Section 8, the earth receiver stations or the mountain-top repeaters under way and into operation?

Mr. Miller: The terms of the Teslin offer-- I am sorry, the Telsat offer-- service could be provided within six months after receipt of order. The mountain-top repeaters it would depend upon equipment availability but I would assume six months would be more than adequate timing for those as well.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, perhaps one could absorb this, and it is nice that we have this information at this time, and when we arrive at the Capital side of the Budget of the Honourable Minister of Local Government, perhaps by that time we may have been able to absorb some of the information that has been given today and come up with a few ideas and perhaps ask some more questions and get some more answers.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Miller, in item 4 it says a community organization must obtain all operating licences for a television system. What happens if they just don't get the licence, then the rest of this is negated?

Mr. Miller: The licences that we are referring to there would really be the re-broadcast transmitter in case of the earth receive station or the licence necessary to put in the mountain-top repeater. To my knowledge, there has never been one of those refused in Canada yet.

Mr. Chairman: I think, in view of the suggestion from Mr. Taylor and in view of the concerns from the Minister of Local Government, perhaps we can leave this matter in abeyance until it is further considered.

Do you want to speak to it Mr. Berger?

Mr. Berger: No, Mr. Chairman, just a question. I don't know how many members would be interested in this, but I would be interested, if it is possible, to get the legislation on what created Telsat, the actual act that created Telsat. I was wondering if it was possible it could be available for the House?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I can make a copy of the Telsat Canada Act available.

Mr. Chairman: So, with Committee's concurrence, further consideration will be left until the Capital portion of the Budget is considered. Are we agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: The other item of consideration, Motion number 18. It has been brought to the Chair's attention that this Motion was induced by remarks from the Minister and does require a fairly immediate reply. If we let it lie in Committee, we will not be replying to it until long after the fact.

The concern is, if we are going to reply to it, we should be doing it shortly.

So, if it is Committee's concurrence, we will further debate on Motion number 18 at the present time. Are you agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: The witnesses are excused. Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would just like to comment further on Motion Number 18 that the reason for its length, and I realize that it is a lengthy motion, I felt that it was of prime importance that we stated to the Minister exactly our feelings on this matter. Obviously, by all reports, some of the messages and our feelings, have not been related to him by his assistants. As I said my concern was very, very real with the

fact that he was not getting the message and I felt that this motion would just even by virtue of its length might create a little interest on his desk.

I certainly feel very strongly that I would like to see the motion go in its entirelty and certainly I wanted to emphasize the fact that the last paragraph, I think it is very important that this be considered and be sent along.

The only other way that I would certainly consent to doing this would be by some covering letter along with it. Really and truly the point has to be made, now. It wasn't just a matter of reocgnizing people on our boards. We can do that and certainly we do and we concur as I think this House responded. Really the people of Yukon are in a situation, they are confronted with high costs, and there are problems, and very real problems. The Minister has, somehow, seemed to pass these off at least, certainly the tone of any reaction that we have heard. That was the whole point in making this motion as lengthy as it is and trying to be as explicit. Thank you.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lang?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Yes, Mr. Chairman, the reason I asked this to be referred to Committee I feel the motion is very important. I think we have to re-affirm there are faith in the members on the various boards, whether they be federal or territorial, for the Minister's information.

I also think that the concept of a resolution or a motion should be clear and to the point. I feel, in my opinion, the motion, Motion Number 18, the way it is written out here is too lengthy. I would go along to the extent of maybe having a covering letter with the Speaker's signature sent along to the Minister with the motion. To me a motion is something that clearly states what you think about a situation. If you want to elaborate on it you should elaborate with a letter.

I have moved by myself, Mr. Chairman, and seconded by the Honourable Member from Pelly River, that whereas the federal Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development has made the statement that Yukoners do not have confidence in the ability of northerners to make their own decisions, therefore be it resolved that the Yukon Legislative Assembly wishes to go on record in strong support of Yukon members or representatives on Yukon and federally constituted boards and that this Assembly has the utmost confidence in these members to reach acceptable solutions if they are given the necessary jurisdictional authority, and further that this resolution be conveyed immediately by the Speaker of the Assembly to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

I feel it is fairly important, Mr. Chairman, that we say what we want and say it clearly, distinctly and bluntly.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McCall?

Mr. McCall: I think, in seconding this motion that it is actually a follow through to the original motion. It condenses it to the point that it comes to the point. I think this is what the Honourable Minister was referring to.

I too agree with the principle that when you write a motion out it should be matter of fact and not lengthy because the message gets buried within itself.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, if we are asked to consider an amendment I just don't recall having heard it, and it sounds like there are additional words, would there be any chance of getting a copy of the amended motion, the amendment we are asking to consider?

Mr. McCall: I would suggest a recess while all members receive a copy of this.

Mr. Chairman: I will declare a recess.

RECESS

RESUMED

Mr. Chairman: I now call this Committee to order. I will now read to Committee the amendment. Moved by the Honourable Member from Porter Creek, seconded by the Honourable Member from Pelly River that paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of Motion Number 18 be deleted and the following substituted therefore.

"That whereas the Federal Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Developmen has made the statement that Yukoners do not have confidence in the ability of northerners to make their own decisions. Therefore, be it resolved that the Yukon Legislative Assembly wishes to go on record in strong support of Yukon Members or Representatives on Yukon and Federally constituted boards and that this Assembly has the utmost confidence in these members to reach acceptable solutions if they are given the necessary jurisdictional authority."

"Further, that this resolution be conveyed immediately by the Speaker of the Assembly to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development".

Mr. Lang?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Well, Mr. Chairman, I think the amendments to the Motion speak for themselves.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Berger?

Mr. Berger: Mr. Chairman, I would like to further confuse the issue to propose another admendment to this Motion we have in front of us. I would like to see the third paragraph of the original Motion inserted between the second and the third paragraph of this amendment. Between he second and third paragraph of the original Motion.

Mr. Chairman: That was the Motion?

Mr. Berger: Yes.

Mr. Chairman: A seconder? Is there any further discussion? Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Chairman, I have no objection to the amendment as put forth providing we can add on in stating this position, "The Legislative Assembly also recognize the initial efforts". That particular paragraph and also that the third paragraph be added to this Motion. That's my amendment.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke, are you opposing an amendment to the amendment?

Mr. Lengerke: No, Mr. Chairman, I propose that the Motion stand, the original Motion be--

Mr. Chairman: We are now discussing the amendment to your Motion.

Mr. Lengerke: Okay.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McCall?

Mr. McCall: Mr. Chairman, I think we are going to be going around in a stairwell for a couple of days if we are going to keep this up. I think the prime intent behind the amendment, as I see it as a seconder, is to condense the original paragraphs which are suggested deleted.

Now, we are going back to the original position, as the Honourable Member just brought up, by putting additions to the amendment. I mean we are going to be running around here like a bunch of chickens with their head cut off the way we are going.

Mr. Chairman: Are going to be?

Mr. McCall: I am suggesting some of us, Mr. Chairman.

Mrs. Watson: May I amend that statement?

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Whyard?

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development has said publicly that we apparently have no confidence in our representatives on various boards. I felt that it was necessary for somebody to refute that statement.

All we have to do is say, we have confidence in our representatives on these boards and you know, to weaken the message by adding all this editorial comment and background information is ill-advised and I would suggest that the simpler the better and we get the message out of here and down there where it might do some good.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McCall, perhaps you could take the Chair for a minute, would you?

Mr. McCall: I am sorry, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Well, then I will speak from the Chair, if I may.

Mr. McCall: Okay, Mr. Chairman, just while you speak, I will do that.

Mr. Hibberd: Thank you Mr. Chairman.

MR. McCALL BECOMES CHAIRMAN

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Hibberd?

Mr. Hibberd: I think the guts of the Motion is embodied in the original Motion. It cannot be contracted. You lose a lot of the message in what you are trying to say in this amendment. I think the basic mesage that has to be put forward is there. All that has to be said is there. You can't cut that down.

This watering it down is just a dime store novel type of thing. It's not getting the message across. I strongly speak in favor of rejecting the amendment and going along with the Motion as originally proposed and getting that one off to the Minister as quickly as possible. Thank you.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you Mr. Hibberd. I will now eject myself from the Chair and hand it back to you Mr. Hibberd.

MR. HIBBERD BECOMES CHAIRMAN

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I would just like to make this statement, that I think this House has put forward many Motions and certainly some lengthy and some short and I think in some instances, the very concise and short Motions have been just a little bit too short and concise and that the Minister does not in fact get the message and I think that is really, as I said earlier, the purpose of this message. It speaks for itself.

This motion to me is very clear and it zeros in on a situation that prevailed at that particulr moment and if we water it down, certainly we can recognize board members and the rest of it and leave it at that. I have no objection to that statement but I do have - I feel very strongly that this message has to go - if it doesn't go out today, we have lost it and it has to go out in this context.

Mr. Chairman: Are you ready for the question?

Some Members: Question.

Some Members: On what? On the amendment?

Mr. Chairman: I will read the amendment to Motion Number 18. Moved by the Honourable Member from Porter Creek, seconded by the Honourable Member from Pelly River, that paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of Motion Number 18 be deleted and the following substituted therefore.

"That whereas the Federal Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development has made the statement that Yukoners do not have confidence in the ability of northerners to make their own decisions.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Yukon Legislative Assembly wishes to go on record in strong support of Yukon Members or Representatives on Yukon and Fed-

erally constituted boards and that this Assembly has the utmost confidence in these members to reach acceptable solutions if they are given the necessary jurisdictional authority.

Further, that this resolution be conveyed immediately by the Speaker of the Assembly to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development".

Some Members: Question.

Mr. Chairman: All those in favor?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: By hand please. Contrary? The Motion is carried.

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. McCall: Mr. Chairman, I take it you are now going to vote on the motion as amended?

Mr. Chairman: We just haven't figured it out, Mr. McCall.

55 Mr. McCall: I just gave you that information Mr. Chairman:

Mr. Chairman: I think that's actually what we did vote on.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Maybe to clarify the question, hopefully I've not confused anybody. Motion Number 18 was referred to committee. It was, of course, amended in committee. The amendment having carried it is only necessary now for the Chair to call for the question on Motion Number 18.

Mr. Chairman: Are you ready for the question on Motion Number 18.

Mr. Chariman: Are you

Some Members: Question.

Mr. Chairman: All thosein favour of the motion as amended?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chariman: Contrary?

Mr. Chariman: Motion is carried.

(MOTION CARRIED)

Mr. Chairman: For the time remaining we will proceed with the Main Estimates. I refer you to Yukon Housing Corporation page 92.

While we're waiting for the witnesses I would like to remind members of committee that tomorrow afternoon we are all invited to luncheon and tour of the Correctional Institution at noon tomorrow. For the record Mr. Miller has rejoined us as a witness.

Yukon Housing Corporattion Administration - $305,521.00. Ms. Millard?

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman, I note that there is a tremendous increase in salries and wages and no increase in manpower. Is there some comment?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the Yukon Housing Corporation went through a minor re-organization during the year. While there's no increase in man years, in fact what has happened, is that they didn't take on most of the new employees that were approved at this table last year until late on in the year, and that was an implied situation when we voted last year's estimates. What we're reflecting is a full year's salary in 1976 - '77 and it was only a partial year's salry in '76-'76.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I've a couple of questions. First question I have involves a rumor I have heard, that it will be the intention of the Federal Government to release, to, I'm not sure to the Territorial Government perhaps, through the Yukon Housing Corporation some 360 housing units, in and around the Territory. I'm wondering if this is correct and if so when is it anticipated these units will be turned over to the Yukon Housing Corporation for disposal?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the Honourable Member is referring to a comment that was in the Commissioner's opening speech. Whereby the Federal Department of Public Works has just recently received authority from Treasury Board, to dispose of excess housing units in the Whitehorse area only.

The Department of Public Works has not, as yet, determined how many units they will be disposing of, how they will be disposing of them or anything else. They are just currently trying to develop that policy.

One of the other considerations that they're looking at the present time is the possibility of contracting with the Yukon Housing Corporation for the administration o certain housing units in the Whitehorse area.

I don't anticipte that we'll have anything firm on this for at least a couple more months.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: The reason that I'm concerned about this is just in the Yukon Housing Corporation vote, if the administration work load is going to increase we would have to certainly ensure that there is sufficient staff to handle this amount of administration if we're involving this many houses. Really, the reason that I was concerned, I'm still trying to figure out this Homeowner Grant and it's slowly becoming clear to me that this would be a very nice carrot for somebody to buy a government house.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, as I've indicated, the discussions are in the very preliminary stage. I would suggest that if the Yukon Housing Corporation Board of Directors undertook to do certain administrative works for the Department of Public Works there would be an

administrative charge levied against the Department of Public Works for that work and that we would have to come back to this table to vote supplementary funds for that purpose.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Cleming.

Mr. Fleming: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I'm very surprised to hear that they may start negotiating or doing something about it in two months. When I asked the question the other morning from the Coimmissioner, he beat around the bush about it and pretended it would be a very long, long program and perhaps, too, it would take quite a while before they even thought of starting such a program.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, maybe I've mislead the House. My suggestion was that we would know a little better in two months what direction federal D.P.W. might be taking. I don't anticipate that there's going to be any mass selling of houses during the course of this fiscal year under review.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Whyard?

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, I can only say that I hope somebody's encouraging the federal authorities to move in the right direction. I think that everybody around this table has been asking for years that housing be released and that the public be given an opportunity to get their hands on it.

I really hope that there is some official direction being given and I see no reason why this Assembly shouldn't get into a motion on that.

Mr. Chairman: Long or short, Mrs. Whyard

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Short, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I'm not completely satisfied with the answer that we got on the salaries and wages because the manpower is the same and of course you didn't have the full staff. Eighty-six thousand to two hundred and twenty-seven thousand is quite a marked increase but there isn't the same increase in the fringe benefits. So are you planning on doing some of your salaries and wages by contracting for services with certain of these individuals?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I don't have the detailed calculations of the salaries. I will undertake to check those and advise the House.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I have a question relating to the policies of the housing corporation in relation to the establishment of community boards that administrate at the community level of housing. It has been the practice in the past, perhaps, on an experimental basis to have the tenants or have the association, a service from the tenants themselves.

I believe now that it's the intention of the corporation and the directors of the corporation to change this policy to make perhaps a change which would allow non-tenants to be part of the board. And this board of course decides who the tenants should be and this type of thing. I'm wondering if Mr. Miller could give us, in very brief, the outline of how this policy is to change?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I can give you that, but I notice that the chairman of the Board of the Yukon Housing Corporation is sitting in the gallery and I wonder if you wouldn't maybe like to hear it from him?

Mr. Chairman: Is that the wish of Committee?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Ball, would you come forward please? For the record, Mr. Ball, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Yukon Housing Corporation, has joined us as a witness.

Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes, perhaps as Mr. Ball is with us as a witness, Mr. Chairman, perhaps he could give us a broad outline of what the directors of the Housing Corporation are thinking and doing or purposing in relation to the constitution of the local boards at the local communities?

Mr. Ball: Yes, these are referred to as Housing Associations within the various communities. Due to a number of reasons, primarily because of the lack of expertise amongst and especially in the smaller communities, as the complement of housing increases, we trust that this will change but in areas in which there have only been 10 to 15 houses, the choice of ability and expertise in the area of managing has not always been what we would anticipate it to be.

Furthermore, there are some fairly strong feelings in a number of the communities, or have been, concerning the housing that has gone in there and I think that the Honourable Members here are aware of some of these ramifications where people, business people within the community that have lived there and have input for years into the community and made a strong contribution, now find themselves living in sometimes second class housing as opposed to what some of the people are living in, housing that we provide.

As a consequence, we have felt that it would be an excellent idea to endeavour to get input from the communities and therefore to have the Housing Association formed by possibly three from the housing complex itself and two from the community. This is presently what is being worked on and will be coming up for change so that this might be possible.

Does this answer the question?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Chairman, now that Mr. Ball is with us, and I thank him for his most interesting reply, perhaps I could learn as to-- inasmuch as a lot of the houses that the Housing Corporation administrate

are rental purchase houses, roughly what percentage are actually being purchased under the rental purchase scheme rather than, you know, in deference to being rented?

Mr. Ball: No houses have been sold as yet under the Rental Purchase Plan and just now is a draft of the legal aspects being drawn up and this will be coming before our Board in this meeting this Friday but nothing has been sold as yet but there are a number of people that are interested, yes.

I might add there that with the AHOP Program, with the Assisted Home Ownership monies that could come into this, it is financially feasible that a number of people now living in our rental purchase would be in the earning bracket that would allow them to purchase houses if they are desirous of doing this.

This is where the income is sufficient that the economic rent that they are paying would be of such that they could purchase if they so desired.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: No.

Mr. Chairman: Oh, I'm sorry. Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I have another question. I know for a couple of years now there has been some attempt made tohave created an apartment building and it didn't seem to be getting off the ground too well. I think financing became a problem with the last party of private entrepreneur that undertook this program and I am wondering if the Housing Corporation in this instance are giving or offering any assistance in the development of this complex at Watson Lake?

Mr. Ball: On reply to that, we have had a private entrepreneur from Watson Lake appearing at a board meeting a while back. Also, one from Dawson City and they, of course, would be going through CMHC for their financing. We have to be very careful as a housing coporation in going out and agreeing, giving them a guarantee as it were, that if they build an apartment, that we will rent X number of units because if one private entrepreneur comes forward and we then do this, somebody else can come and say, well, you didn't give us the opportunity to do the same thing.

So, we have to be very careful in making sure that there is no other private entrepreneur within the same community that is desirous of doing this and make it known that if anybody is interested in coming forward with a plan, that they all present their plans and hopefully that this will happen and Watson Lake is – there are two down there that are interested and there is one in Dawson City.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I might ask the witness if it is the intention of the Yukon Housing Corporation to carry on the contracting in the same manner as has been in the past, whereas, the contractor submits the house he wants to build or is the Yukon Housing Corporation going to change that policy and make up their mind as to what type of house we should have in the Yukon Territory?

Mr. Ball: That's a good question. We have gone both ways and the major reason that we went to asking the contractors to bring forth plans was that on one of the projects in which we put out the plans for bid, we did not have any bids and in fact, had to come back to the contractor because we didn't get a solitary bid.

So, there is where we were at. So, we are open to go either direction. We bring forth general plans in which we don't leave it completely up to the contractor. We bring up general guidelines and from there, if the contractor can come up with a more economic plan. This is as a rule, their complaint is that some of these plans are a little too sophisticated and so we say, fine, you come up with a plan and tell us what you can build the most economic reasonable house for and this is the way we have gone in the last houses that we built.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Ball, maybe you could tell me the Housing Corporation's experience with respect to some of the contracts or the tenders that they have called.

I understand some of the problems with respect to the smaller builders in Yukon has been the fact that they can't put up required bid bonds or they are not capable of bidding some of these and I am wondering if the Corporation is doing anything with regard to changing some of those basic rules. The reason I say this is because I know of other housing corporations provincially that have made some changes in the rules for nothern operations.

Mr. Ball: Yes, this has been discussed and will be continually looked at.

Mr. Lengerke: Anything positive with regard to that?

Mr. Ball: Not at the present time but we have made it possible for the smaller builder to get involved. I don't know if you are aware that six units are being built, one project over in Riverdale right now. So, it doesn't take too much of a bid bond to get involved with something as small as that.

Mr. Lengerke: Supplementary, Mr. Chairman. In other words, the trend will be to break down some of the larger projects into something that --

Mr. Ball: Right.

Mr. Lengerke: Very good. That's encouraging.

Mr. Ball: And this has in fact been true in the past but we didn't have them coming forward.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Berger?

Mr. Berger: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I don't know if I correctly understood but we talked about a private entrepreneur building an apartment in Dawson and the Yukon Housing Corporation has more or less guaranteed the occupancy or so. Can I have some more explanation on this? This is the first time I have heard about this.

Mr. Ball: Yes, well, this is not at all uncommon. If a private entrepreneur -- there is housing needed both from a staff standpoint or from a subsidized housing standpoint. Now, that the Housing Corporation is involved in both areas, it makes it convenient to work this out where, if we do not have staff, then we could put subsidized housing or visa versa possibly, into housing.

So, this is true, that a private entrepreneur would come forward with a plan and suggest tto us what the rates would be, what he could rent to us for and we would give him a guarantee to 60 per cent, 65 per cent, possibly, not higher than that, but in that area; of as low a period as possible, that we could work out within, hopefully, not more than ten or twelve years, of guarantee on this basis.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Berger?

Mr. Berger. I am appalled. Where has the so-called free enterprise system gone, the spirit of the free enterprise system? Here is a private enterpreneur building an apartment block under the guarantee of the government at 60 per cent.

Where has the spirit gone?

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the Chairman of the Housing Corporation whether you have concerns about as your housing stock increases in the Territory, whether your maintenance of this housing stock is going to become more and more of a problem because your houses are going to get older and you know, when people are not responsible -- when you are purely a tenant, you are not going to do the day to day maintenance in many instances

So, can you not see maintenance costs really becoming very high and a problem?

Mr. Ball: Well, I think that goes almost without saying that as the stock becomes older, it will become a greater problem and this is why we are keenly, keenly interested in the rental purchase program and even if we give all the assistance that is possible to give, in getting these people into ownership in these houses, as far as I am concerned and from day one when the Commissioner asked me to Chair the Board, this was my major concern, not building subsidized housing only but helping people to get into housing that they would eventually own themselves. But there will always be those who will never be able to own their own houses and in that case, certainly.

I have been a landlord for years and as housing gets older, this is just one of the laws. It will need more maintenance but that's the way it will be.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, a supplementary. As you develop the terms and conditions that you want to use for the sale of these rental purchase houses, will they be publicized and advertised so that all people have an opportunity, just not the existing tenants of these units?

Mr. Ball: Under the Rental Purchase Program, the people that are living in them would have first preference on them. Under the program as it is set up, the only people that would be able to buy those would be people -- they have to be a tenant under the present Rental Purchase Program in order to purchase. Am I not correct on that? It is absolutely essential.

So, advertising it to the public is not a possibility. You know, the general public can get into housing under the AHOP Program. There are other mean of people getting into home ownership.

Mrs. Watson: his is very true but these people have been getting the advantage of the rental purchase on a subsidization on the Rental Program and if you are going to make any subsidization on a pruchase, there are other people probably who are on the same economic footing that might be able to benefit from it. I think that, you know, we would have to look at that too rather than just tenants alone be given the opportunity.

Mr. Ball: Yes, but the Rental Purchase Program is one that is set up by Central Mortgage and Housing, not by the Yukon Housing Corporation as such. We can come along with suggested guidelines in giving anyone assistance but the program is a national program, not the Yukon Housing Corporation Program.

So, therefore we are restricted by what they dictate that we can do with these houses because they have the major portion of money in them.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Chairman, I am very concerned with the program as a whole and the effect it has now. I am just wondering if we aren't going to end up someday with a monstrous program and about half of that program is unfinished at the bottom, which the overnment does in many cases. They carry on with a big thing. It gets bigger and bigger and rolls ahead. They start to build apartments. They start to build duplexes.

To start with, they just had small homes, but did they finish those homes? Did they complete the job they started out to do there, homes that cost $35,000.00 to $40,000.00 now, which are set in the middle of a mud pie with nothing done around the outside of them and you can't walk into them in the springtime.

Are they going to go back and add some more money and do the job of landscaping, which I think was intended in the first place or I was told it was intended when I was working on them or are they going to carry on spending money on bigger projects and better projects and just leave that go to a sort of a hole down at the bottom?

Mr. Ball: I don't know just what the Honourable Member means by referring to finished or landscaping

because the landscaping aspect, or when you get into this type of housing out in the smaller communities, presents a big area of question. The Board has looked at this pretty seriously and when there are scarely any private homes within some of the smaller communities that have landscaping for us to come along and put grass in and then the tenants expect us to cut the grass for them, has not been a practical way to go.

Some of these people just do not do these things for themselves. Therefore it is completely impractical for us to put grass in some of these areas. Now then we are looking at this and granted they ave to be finished and the sidewalks will be if the sidewalks are not in, put in and we will possibly put in small gravel, granite or decomposed granite or something like this.

But as far as we can see right now it is completely impractical and we have lost the grass in some of the areas that we have put in. This brings back criticism again on the Board, why are you spending money to put grass in these areas and the people will not look after it.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McCall?

Mr. McCall: I'd like to ask a question Mr. Chairman. The point I'd like to make as to the opening remarks of Mr. Ball made which has left me with an area of concern and also confusion. Mr. Ball's remarks implied that private enterprise is a little envious as to what the Yukon Housing Corporation is doing, as far as their own housing policies and programs. What I'm curious about and the question I would like to ask Mr. Ball is, if this is the case, why do we not have any permanent structured buildings in the town of Faro under the Yukon Housing Corporation?

Mr. Ball: Why you do not have any permanently structured buildings? The job of a Housing Corporation as it has been set up has been to provide housing for those people whose income was insufficient to allow them to be able to get into housing of their own. Therefore it was our first and major concern to go to those communities where this need most existed. If Faro falls into that category and the demand is there for the type of housing and people within the income bracket that we are interested in going into in CMHC as being a senior partner in this agrees, then we will go into Faro. That's all I can say to that question.

Mr. Chairman: Supplementary, Mr. McCall?

Mr. McCall: Yes, Mr. Chairman. My next question is to Mr. Ball, is considering the adoption of the Yukon Housing Corporation. Why at any given time, Faro itself, even when it comes under the Yukon Housing Corporation, has never been properly considered in providing housing for employees other than people that work for Cyprus Anvil Mines?

Mr. Ball: I think the Honourable Member should be aware that we are putting housing in there this year, 6 or 8, I'm not sure which. I think possibly 8 units are going in there this year, staff housing.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McCall?

Mr. McCall: Just a supplementary Mr. Chairman. I wish that, with all due respect to Mr. Ball and the Yukon Housing Corporation, that they get off the kick of calling them houses when they're only trailers.

Mr. Chairman: I that a question, Mr. McCall? Mr. Lengerke.

Mr. Lengerke: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Ball what's the corporation's thrust this year with respect to remote housing. Are you entering into any program or new programs for remote housing. I'm talking particular with the needs for whites and non-status Indians. Are you involved in this at all?

Mr. Ball: Our manager would be in a better position to answer this than I am at the present time. But as far as the Board is concerned no action has been taken by the Board. But our manager has been down to a meeting just not too far back on rural and remote housing, but we do not at the present time have a program set up to do anything this year under the rural and remote program, but it is constantly before us.

Mr. Lengerke: That was my concern, Mr. Chairman, I knew that there was certainly some activity in that regard and I wanted to know if in fact you were anticipating that in a program this year.

The other question is I would imagine you work very closely with the Federal Department of Indian Affairs in the housing priorities.

Mr. Ball: By something I read in the Yukon Indian News just an hour before coming over here, I wonder.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I think that all members should know that under Project Capital there is an item for rural and remote housing which we can deal with, either now, or when we get to that stage.

Mr. Chairman: When we get there, please, Mr. Miller.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, since we cannot speak on rural and remote housing perhaps we will defer it. However I would like to express my support to the Chairman's position and the boards position regarding landscaping, lawn mowers and fences.

Mr. Chairman: Are we clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Operating Subsidy, $1,152,530.00, appendix page 36.

Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Did you clear Establishment 1800?

Mr. Chairman: I am sorry, I didn't Mr. Lengerke.

Mr. Lengerke: You didn't clear it?

Mr. Chairman: No.

Mr. Lengerke: Good. We are waiting some information with respect to the wages, the salaries and the contract information.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, there were a couple of other questions that I wanted to ask regarding Establishment 1800 and that was the transportation ---

Mr. Chairman: I am sorry I rushed you through.

Mrs. Watson: --- of non-government employees if that relates to the Housing Corporation Board of Directors and also your communications, the large increase from two thousand to nine thousand.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairmna, the transportation of non-government employees relates to the Board of Directors who are now meeting on a more regular basis than previous.

The communications, I think, is reflecting what it is actually costing to run the shop. Previous years, this thing has been built from experience, and with the take over of staff housing particulary, we have just found communications between the office and the field has gone up, and that is what it costs.

Mrs. Watson: Thank you. Mr. Chairman, and the Special and Professional Services, which is a new item, is that some survey that the housing authority wants done?

Mr. Miller: The special and professional services is intended to allow the Corporation to start looking at some particular designs, styles of housing that might satisfy the Yukon conditions, if I can put it that way. In the past we have been building modern three bedroom houses or brought in double wides, whatever, was available. They would like to start looking at some proper designs, if you like, for a Yukon house.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Chairman, I would hope, in regard to that, looking for a unique design for the north, an applicable design, that you indeed will confer with the other Housing Corporations, certainly the western housing corporations because they have some very good designs for northern living. They are very unique and they are very appropriate. I would hope, rather than spend a lot on money going through another consultants exercise that you do indeed talk to those people.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, there is no intention, with ten thousand dollars, to try and design a particular unit for the Yukon, what they want is to be able to hire someone to have a look at what the other people are doing so that we can gain from their experience.

Mr. Ball: By the way I might add, if I may, that we had the manager of the NWT Housing Corporation was over here just two weeks ago and a couple of the Board members, including myself and the manager, spent a lot of time with him looking over what they were doing there.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I am very happy to hear that and we will certainly be looking for some results, I think it is time that we got more into this area rather than to adopt southern Canada's.

Mr. Chairman: I am in a little bit of a dilema. We are approaching five o'clock, we have two more items regarding this vote to go through. It is Committee's wish that we try and get through with this so that the witnesses will not have to reappear at a later date, or shall we recess until tomorrow.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, I would suggest that we recess because we go right into the Capital of Yukon Housing Corporation which is fairly lengthy as well.

Mr. McIntyre: There will be a lot of questions on staff accommodation services and operating subsidy I would think.

Mr. Chairman: That is what I wanted to know, that you very much. Thank you very much for appearing, we would appreciate to have you with us tomorrow.

Mr. McCall: Mr. Chairman, I would move that Mr. Speaker do now resume the Chair.

Mr. Berger: I second that.

Mr. Chairman: I has been moved by Mr. McCall, seconded by Mr. Berger that Mr. Speaker do now resume the Chair. Are you ready for the question?

Some Members: Question.

Mr. Chairman: Are you in favour?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: Motion carried.

MOTION CARRIED

MR. SPEAKER RESUMES THE CHAIR

Mr. Speaker: I will now call the House to order. The Honourable Member from Klondike?

Mr. Berger: On a point of privilege Mr. Speaker. The Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre this morning referred to me as President of the New Democratic Party, it is actually the leader of the New Democratic Party and I wonder if there could be a change in the record on this point.

Mr. Speaker: Order please. Perhaps Madam Clerk could make note of that for the addendum in the Votes and Proceedings accordingly.

May we have a report from the Chairman of Com-

mittees?

Mr. Hibberd: Yes, Mr. Speaker, Committee convened at 10:40 a.m. to discuss Bills Sessional Papers and Motions.

Mr. Miller, Mr. Gillespie and Mr. Williams were present as witnesses during the Committees review of Bill Number 2.

Committee recessed at 12 noon and reconvened at 1:40 p.m. Mr. Miller informed Members of the recent developments relating to TV service in communities.

Further discussion on this subject was deferred until such times as Project Capital is being considered by Committee.

The witnesses being excused, the Committee then considered Motion Number 18. An amendment to Motion Number 18 moved by the Honourable Member from Porter Creek, seconded by the Honourable Member from Pelly River, that paragraphs one, two and three of Motion Number 18 be deleted and the following substituted therefore. That whereas the federal Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development has made the statement that Yukoners do not have confidence in the ability of northerners to make their own decisions therefore be it resolved that the Yukon Legislative Assembly wishes to go on record in strong support of Yukon Members or representatives on Yukon and federally constituted boards, and that this Assembly has the utmost confidence in these members to reach acceptable solutions if they are given the necessary jurisdictional authority, and further that this resolution be conveyed immediately by the Speaker of this Assembly to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. This motion was then carried, as amended.

Mr. Miller and Mr. Everett Ball, Chairman of the Board of Yukon Housing Corporation were present as witnesses during committee's review of Vote number 18.

I can now report progres on Bill Number 2.

It was moved by Mr. McCall, seconded by Mr. Berger that Mr. Speaker do now resume the Chair and that motion was duly carried.

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

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: May I have your further pleasure? The Honourable Member from Ogilvie?

Ms. Millard: Mr. Speaker, I move that we call it five o'clock.

Mr. Lengerke: I second that.

Mr. Speaker: I has been moved by the Honourable Member from Ogilvie, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale, that we do 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: I shall declare the motion as carried.

MOTION CARRIED

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

ADJOURNED.

LEGISLATIVE RETURN NO. 7

(1976 Fourth Session)

March 4, 1976

Mr. Speaker
Members of Council

On February 26, 1976, Councillor Watson asked the following question:

"We note the expansion of the Manpower premises, will there be an accompanying expansion of Manpower services and personnel in Yukon, and if so in what form or area and in what numbers and positions."

The answer is as follows:

The Manager of the Canada Manpower Centre in Whitehorse advises that the expansion of services or an increase in personnel. It relates solely to the need for increased space to adequately house existing staff, the Job Information Centre, Testing facilities and Reception area.

J. Smith
Commissioner