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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: Are there any documents or correspondence for tabling this morning? Introduction of Bills? Are there any reports of committees? Are there any Notices of Motion or Resolution? The Honourable Member from Mayo?

Mr. McIntyre: Mr. Speaker, I give Notice of Motion regarding the Skagway Road. The motion is moved by myself, seconded by the Honourable Member from Ogilvie, that whereas the completion of the Skagway Road would be more economically beneficial to the Yukon than the extension of the Dempster Highway, and whereas evidence submitted to the Berger Commission suggests that the Dempster Highway would have a greatly adverse effect on the Porcupine caribou herd than the construction of the Mackenzie Pipe Line, this House recommends that the further extension of the Dempster Highway be deferred and the Skagway Road be completed within the time-frame originally scheduled.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further Notices of Motion or Resolution? The Honourable Member from Kluane?

Mrs. Watson: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I give Notice of Motion, seconded by the Honourable Member from Riverdale - this re the Haines Highway and it is, the Yukon Legislative Assembly requests the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development to make available to the Territorial Government the copy of or details pertaining to the agreement between Canada and the United States in respect to the proposed reconstruction and paving of the Haines Highway.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further Notices of Motion or Resolution? Are there any Notices of Motion for the production of papers?

ORDERS OF THE DAY

QUESTION PERIOD

Mr. Speaker: We'll then proceed to the question period. Have you any questions this morning? The Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre?

Question re: Provincial Status

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Speaker, I have a question for Mr. Administrator this morning. On page 3 of Sessional Paper Number 2 of this Session, entitled "Goals and Objectives of the Government of the Yukon Territory", the statement is made under the heading of "Political Development" that the ultimate objective of the Territorial Government must surely be the acquisition of provincial status.

Mr. Speaker, one of the people suggested for the Commissioner's position, Dr. Art Pearson, was quoted in the Whitehorse Star of last night as saying, "Self-government for the Yukon is some time in the future and full provincial status may not be the answer".

My question to the Administrator, Mr. Speaker, is how could there be any possibility of the present system of government in the Yukon working if the Commissioner of the Yukon were in complete and absolute opposition to a stated principal objective of the total legislative and executive branches of the government of Yukon?

(APPLAUSE)

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Administrator?

Mr. Administrator: Mr. Speaker, my only answer to that question is twofold. First of all, the Commissioner operates under the instruction of the Minister and however the Minister instructs him so accordingly he must act. Secondly, he operates on the advice; he is not bound by the advice, but he operates under the advice of the Executive Committee. If the Executive Committee is able to change his opinion and he is able to get the agreement of the Minister, then his position could readily change.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale?

Question re: Report on Law Conference

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Speaker, yesterday the report "Native Peoples and Justice" was tabled in the House and my question is to the Administrator this morning in

respect to that.

This particular report was in connection with a conference held over a year ago and I understand there was another conference held in Montreal this February. I further understand that there has been a report filed or submitted, I think by Kathy Rear, who represents the native side of the Advisory Committee. I am just wondering if we could have copies of that report tabled as well.

I also understand the Minister of Health and Welfare went to that particular conference and I am wondering if she has got a report that she could make with respect to that conference.

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Administrator?

Mr. Administrator: Mr. Speaker, before agreeing to table the report that Kathy Rear made on her attendance at that meeting, I would like first to gain her permission and, if she is willing, then I will bring that report back and table it in this House.

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Speaker?

Mr. Chairman: The Honourable Member from Whitehorse West?

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Concerning the report made by me on the conference on Natives and the Law, I filled out a form which all members of this government and their officials are required to fill out after travelling on government business. It was an indepth review of what went on at the conference, merely an assessment of its value to a member of the Yukon Government, but if you would like me to provide you with my own personal reaction to the conference, I would be happy to do so.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Kluane?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Speaker, this is a supplementary question on the same topic to the Administrator and it's regarding having to obtain permission to table the recommendations prepared by the sub-committee. I understand that the public funds, the Territorial Government did fund this committee to the extent of \$2,000.00 to prepare their recommendation. In the light of this, I would hope that the government would realize, and the committee, that the report should be made available to these Chambers, to members of this Council.

Mr. Speaker: Order please. I'm wondering what the member's question would be?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, my question is on the light of the remarks I have made; would the Administrator now be able to answer the question more affirmatively?

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Administrator?

Mr. Administrator: Mr. Speaker, there are, in fact, two reports at issue here. One is the report by Kathy Rear of her involvement at this Montreal meeting.

There is another report that was prepared by the natives in the Law Committee in the Yukon in response to this book that you have, Native Peoples and Justice, that arose out of the Edmonton conference a year ago.

Now, that particular report is one that was sent in confidence by that committee to various government agencies, including the Territorial Government. When the Territorial Government and the RCMP and the various other agencies that are involved in the judicial system have examined this report and have come up with their responses to it, there will be another meeting with the natives in the Law Committee to discuss how they then want to proceed with it. But this is a report given by them in confidence to government.

I don't think that I feel free personally to release that to public review because of the manner in which it was given to us.

Mr. Speaker: Yes, perhaps at this juncture I could advise the House that, during Question Period, questions should not be phrased as to give direction to any of the Ministers or Administration, rather to ask simply if the documents could be made available and these can't be considered as instructions to the Administration. The Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale?

Mr. Lengerke: It's fine, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Pelly River.

Question re: Whereabouts of Mr. Commissioner

Mr. McCall: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Administrator. In view of the fact that the N.C.P.C. Hearings are being held in Edmonton and the information I received this morning from the Commissioner is in Ottawa, could you, Mr. Administrator, inform this House just exactly where the Commissioner is?

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Administrator?

Mr. Administrator: Yes, Mr. Speaker, the Commissioner is in Edmonton right now. He has not been to Ottawa, he's not going to Ottawa on this trip.

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Administrator?

Mr. Administrator: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have an answer to a question raised on February 23rd by Mr. McCall in which he asked when amendments to the Mining Safety Ordinance would be tabled in Council. The answer, Mr. Speaker, is that no amendments to the Mining Safety Ordinance are presently being contemplated by the government.

New regulations, however, are being prepared and these should be ready by this coming summer.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale?

Question re: Predictions for School Facilities

Mr. Lengerke: I have a question for the Minister of Education this morning. He may take this as a written question if he likes. I'd like to know what are the latest predictions with respect to a required additional elementary school in Riverdale? Also, what are the projections for other required school facilities in Whitehorse? What data has been compiled to substantiate these forecasts?

Hon. Mr. Lang: I will bring in the necessary information, Mr. Speaker.

MOTIONS

Motion Number 19

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further questions? We'll then proceed to Motions and we have this morning Motion number 19, moved by the Honourable Member from Ogilvie, seconded by the Honourable 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".

The Honourable Member from Ogilvie?

Ms. Millard: Yes, I think quite a lot has been discussed about this subject, so I will try to make it brief; on the subject of the Motion itself and why we should have to have this Motion, I feel I have presented enough evidence in this Assembly that there is much involvement by the communities in the problem of native education through resolutions from band councils, Indian organizations, school committees and the Yukon Teachers Association.

They all support aspects of native education. These resolutions and letters, personal letters, have been forwarded to the Department of Education; I find it regrettable that the Department has not sufficiently replied to the direct implications and accusations in the booklet "Barriers to Education", which supports the evidence that is coming from the communities.

I find it also regrettable that this Assembly has to put direction from this House to the Department of Education to reply to these accusations. I think it's the responsibility of the Government to reply to direct accusations of what is happening in our Territorial Government. It is also regrettable that we have to request that these things be reviewed with the organizations that are involved.

I would presume that a responsible government would be reviewing these things continuously with the organizations that are set up to do this, particularly with bodies like the Yukon Teachers Association and the school committees. I just find it totally regrettable that we have to go this route.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Kluane?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Speaker, I was going to move that the Motion be referred into Committee for further discussion.

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

Hon. Mr. Lang: Well, Mr. Speaker, I have got a few things to say on this subject. I would like to comment on the Motion with regard to the--

Mr. Berger: We have a Motion, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Did you make a Motion?

Mrs. Watson: Yes, I did.

Mr. Speaker: We have had no seconder to the Motion.

It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Kluane, seconded by the Honourable Member from Hootalinqua, that Motion number 19 be referred to Committee of the Whole. Is there any debate? Question has been called. Are you agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: I shall declare the Motion carried.

MOTION CARRIED

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

Mr. Lengerke: I'll second that.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Pelly River, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale, that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and the House resolve into 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 that 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

Mr. Chairman: I now call this committee to order. We will continue with consideration of the Main Estimates, page 92. We have with us this morning as witnesses Mr. Miller, Mr. Ball and Mr. Williams. We're at present discussing Establishment number 1801, Operating Subsidy \$1,152,530.00. Mr. McIntyre?

Mr. McIntyre: Mr. Chairman, could the witness tell me if Operating Subsidy in 1801 would be the place where assistance would be provided for people living in staff housing? I understand you're required to charge the quote economic unquote rental and it seems to me that in some cases economic rental won't be, the people living in those houses won't be able to afford economic rentals. Now, would the subsidy towards that economic rental be in this vote or in 1802?

Mr. Miller: In 1802, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. McIntyre: Thank you.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if, briefly, we could have a run-down of just where all these houses or how many houses are going to be provided this year; and are they being provided in the manner on A36 or what communities are they going to and how many are going where?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, when we get to the Capital, you'll find this year's program for public housing.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Well, I'll leave it until then, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Ms. Millard?

Ms. Millard: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I'm just curious since the supplementals revised the '75-76 estimate to \$444,000.00 it's now been increased to well over a million dollars. The explanation for the revision downward under the operating subsidy was that funds were available because of amortization payments not made and because certain projects did not require a full year's operating budget. Is this not being anticipated this year? It seems like a phenomenal increase of almost three times as much.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, in 1976-77 for the first time, we will be paying amortization payments on all of the units that have been constructed to date. We will have a full year's operating subsidy on all of those units. In prior years we never managed to complete the units within the fiscal year in which they were voted. It's just now catching up to us.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if the witness could tell me how many units in Watson Lake, that have been completed, are vacant to date under this program?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, under rental purchase, I'm not aware of any units being empty at this time. There are some staff units that were empty.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke.

Mr. Lengerke: Maybe the Honourable Member from Watson Lake can help me out there. I just made a trip to Watson Lake not too long ago and I noticed quite a number of these government houses empty, over in that vicinity of the hospital area. Are those particularly staff houses?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Well, Mr. Chairman, I don't really know which of the houses, they all look alike, which of those houses are staff houses and which aren't. So I really have to bow to the Housing Corporation to determine this. I really don't know who's in and out and people are moving in and out - it's beyond me, I'm lost.

I do have a question, Mr. Chairman, while I'm on my feet respecting these houses and that is, when the Housing Corporation construct houses in a community, what preference or what priority is given for accommodation of senior citizens?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the first criteria that the housing associations have looked at, in allocating these houses, has been families in need, a need of housing and low income. Now, the Corporation has been looking for two years, in certain communities, to try and provide senior citizen housing as a separate type of housing or as integrated within an apartment complex and this is where we have failed. We have allowed or attempted to get private entrepreneurs interested in doing the construction with the Housing Corporation guaranteeing a certain number of units within that and we have not been able to get a private entrepreneur in any of the outlying communities to build houses or apartments.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I am wondering about the -- I see in A36 all the locations and the type of units and the welfare units. It says 10 welfare units and yet there is no year for construction. I wonder why there is no year for when those were constructed?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, prior to the Housing Corporation going into business, the Department of Welfare acquired ten units, many of them were built by the Vocational School for the Department of Welfare and moved onto sites throughout the Yukon.

These units, after the Housing Corporation came into existence, were transferred from the Department of Welfare to the Housing Corporation so that we would be treating all peoples equally rather than having two separate policies which was effectively what we had. Just going by memory, there is, I believe, three of these in Porter Creek. There is a couple in Dawson City. I think there is at least one in Watson Lake, possibly two. I can't think of where the others are just off-hand.

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Chairman, I am wondering if the witness could give us any ideas as to how many out of the

all of the housing here, how many of these houses now are paid for by the Welfare Department or how many are they participating in?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, we just completed an exercise recently and it seems to me that Welfare are contributing entirely for eight people. The balance of the people are able to pay, because of the rent income scale, the rest of the people are able to contribute themselves.

So, if my numbers are correct, we had eight people who were totally supported by Welfare. The balance were at least able to come up with a portion of the rent themselves.

Mr. Chairman: Ms. Millard?

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman, yesterday there was some talk of a private entrepreneur in Dawson establishing an apartment block and some talk of a guarantee of accommodation by Y.T.G. I think this would probably be the proper establishment. I hope so.

Is the subsidy to come from this establishment and does the 60 per cent guarantee, is that for staff or is it other tenants and will there be rent paid on empty apartments?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the principle that we have been attempting to establish, or the Corporation has been attempting to establish, is that if a private entrepreneur goes into a community to build an apartment block, the Corporation would be prepared to guarantee for staff housing, for senior citizen housing and for public housing a certain percentage of the total units being built. When we say guarantee, it's exactly that. They would guarantee to pay the rent on those units. Now, as I have indicated earlier, we have been unable as yet to get a private entrepreneur to do this. We have advertised publicly at least twice and we have had proposals submitted.

The last one that I can think of, the rents demanded were in excess of \$500.00 a month. Obviously, we turned it down.

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman, supplementary to that. When you mean guaranteed rent, you mean whether or not there is a tenant in the apartment?

Mr. Miller: That's correct.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: What exactly is the maximum wage level that is allowed to qualify for the subsidized housing?

Mr. Ball: I don't know that there is any maximum. If the need is there, and the housing is not otherwise available, they would pay as according to income. But if the income was excessively high, they probably would not be too anxious to move in because they would be paying 25 per cent of their income and this means, on the large income, they might be paying \$400.00 a month or so in rent. But very rarely does this come up.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Berger?

Mr. Berger: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just a -- I would like to straighten out the answer the witness gave to the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale. Over a certain amount is 30 per cent of the income, of the gross income. But in the papers we received from the municipal meetings, there is a program description on rent subsidizers and for private entrepreneurs.

I wondered if any standard is set within the Housing Corporation, what these apartments have to be, size requirements and everything that they can use on families. My concern is in Dawson, the so-called low housing units that were built first in there, they are way too small in some cases for the need required in that area, with a standard unit set up for 835 square feet. There is people living in there, seven, eight to a family, and all it has created is another slum area; we transferred it from one area to another area; I am wondering if there is a certain standard for the need of the apartments?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, basically what we are looking at in the outlying areas is one and two bedroom apartments.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Berger?

Mr. Berger: Mr. Chairman, this is fine. You can build an awful small unit and still divide it up into two bedrooms. Are the floor sizes a certain minimum standard or so?

Mr. Miller: Yes, Mr. Chairman, this would be C.M.H.C. approved construction standards. The Housing Corporation has one in town right now, a small 18-suite apartment, that seems to meet the needs of the average, one-parent family or single people and that would be the relative established standards.

Apartments these days are more or less standard in size. You can get very large, but I am talking about standard in terms of reasonable size.

Mr. Ball: I might comment on that. The Housing Corporation's main concern is the other way around. There might be an odd exception of a large family in there, but our greater concern is that we have, in instances, maybe a single parent with two children living in a three-bedroom apartment; or maybe even a great nee with one child. We are concerned about this because there is really no necessity for a person with one or two children living in a three-bedroom house and this is one of the main reasons that we would like to see an apartment like we have in Whitehorse, primarily to meet the need of single parent families.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Berger?

Mr. Berger: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I don't want to get into an argument with the witness, but the thing is I again have to emphasize that a three-bedroom apartment or a two-bedroom apartment or a one-bedroom apartment could be all the same floor area of a certain amount of square footage and this is what I am getting

at.

I am really not concerned about how many apartments – how many bedrooms are in the place.

The other thing that I am really concerned with is in the light of what's happening recently in Montreal and Quebec about the old people who happen to move into real bad accommodations and so forth and senior citizens and so, I was wondering if it is the right thing to do for the government to let a private entrepreneur look after senior citizens under the circumstances. Obviously there is no real standards set.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I think I would have to agree with the Honourable Member. The standards are set by C.M.H.C. If you build today, that's the standards that you build to. If we are talking of one-bedroom accommodation, we are normally talking somewhere between six and eight hundred square feet of space which is certainly adequate for a one-bedroom or a single-parent family. You can go to two thousand but somebody has got to pay the bill.

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Mr. Berger: The thing is, to me, very important because of the long winter months up here; eight months of the year is wintertime, the family has to spend more time in the apartment or house. I think it is very necessary to have a larger area. 600-700 even for one-child family is not large enough, as far as I am concerned.

Mr. Miller: Well, Mr. Chairman, at \$50.00 a square foot, you can afford so many square feet and that's the end of the story, in my view.

Mr. Ball: Also in the view of the Housing Corporation.

Mr. Chairman: Ms. Millard?

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman, perhaps the witnesses could tell us how the rents are determined in the subsidized housing. Is it just gross income? What percentages? What's included? Is it just salaries and wages or is money in the bank considered, family allowances considered, etc. and is it reassessed regularly?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Miller?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, there are regulations which indicate how these are done. Basically it comes out to a maximum of 30 percent of adjusted family income.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman, certainly we could have an explanation of that, adjusted family income. I asked some direct questions about whether or not it was gross income, is it salary and wages only. Is it reassessed regularly?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, if the Honourable

Member will give me time to get the regulation book and read it, I will be prepared to answer the question.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, my question was a little similar to that. We had talked about the economic rent and then we talk about 30 percent of the income. My question was is the economic rent the amount that it costs to pay for the fuel, the lights, the taxes and the amortization payments. Or is the economic rent tied in with the formula?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, in rental purchase and public housing, we talk rent income, no economic rent in that situation. Rent income only.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?
A supplementary, Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Yes and then I have a further question, because I'm looking at the amount of the deficit, the subsidy which is a considerable sum of money. It's one million, one hundred and fifty-two thousand and if we build any more houses. And this is going to be on going unless we are able to sell some of the houses. We are also being faced with increased cost in electricity. And my question is does the corporation, through their regulations or through their housing associations, try to set some top maximum levels for the amount of electricity that can be consumed or the amount of fuel that can be used per square foot, or this type of thing. Do you have levels or do they get sort of a blank cheque?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, there are levels set. There are base levels set and the tenant is responsible for all the costs above that level.

Mr. Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I'm very concerned that the witnesses are a little reluctant to give out actual information that I think you could remember right off the top of your head. Because it is not I don't think considered under gross income and if it is now, it wasn't when it first started. I know there's no overtime included for one thing in the application if you apply for a house, unless it has been changed.

Mrs. Watson: It's part of the income. And further more there are some more exceptions I realize myself because I did apply for a house. My question is on the availability of one of these homes, at one time it was 25 percent of an income without some exceptions and then it only went to approximately between 10,000 and 11,000 dollars and am I to believe now that if a person is getting, say receiving 15,000 to 20,000, there was a house available he would be able to move into that house and pay a 25 to 30 percent or whatever. Is a house available at all for this type of person now all of a sudden?

Mr. Ball: I don't recall any top level on there, if the need was there.

Mr. Miller: That's correct, Mr. Chairman, the thing has been based almost entirely on need. There were houses available beyond the low income people, they have been rented. For example there's 17 units here in Whitehorse that are being rented to people in the 13,000 to 17,000 wage bracket.

Mr. Chairman: I'd like to hand the chair back to Mr. Hibberd now at this point. Mr. Hibberd?

Mr. Hibberd Becomes Chairman

Mr. Chairman: Ms. Millard.

Ms. Millard: Well I'd like to ask for the third time the question is the rent regularly reassessed?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the rent is reassessed on an annual basis.

Mr. Ball: The Yukon Housing Corporation changed this because the regulations laid down nationally are every two years and we changed this here to one year.

Ms. Millard: Oh, Mr. Chairman that was my supplementary because I used to work for the Housing Corporation and it was every two years then and I found it quite inadequate. It is my understanding that it's based on the income tax reports from the year previous. Is that correct.

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

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I'd like at this time to rise on a point of privilege and ask the Chair if Committee would agree I have received a communication a few moments ago of importance to the House, and rather revert to the chair, I'm wondering if the Committee, Mr. Chairman, would permit me as a point of privilege to make this information available to the House at this time?

Mr. Chairman: Is the committee agreed..?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: Those who disagree..?

Mr. McCall: I think before the Honourable Member reads out the communic the witnesses should be excused.

Hon Mr. Taylor: Just on my point of - it's not necessary for the witnesses to leave Mr. Chairman, as much as we are in Committee. If that's agreeable to committee?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: Is that agreeable Mr. McCall? Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman and Honourable Members I have received the following telex a few moments ago. To Mr. Donald Taylor, Speaker of the Yukon Legislative Assembly, Whitehorse, Y.T. I would like to acknowledge your telexes of March 3rd and 4th concerning the appointment of a new Commissioner of the Yukon Territory. Have given this matter my most serious consideration and hope to be able to make an announcement within the next couple of weeks. I appreciate you passing on the thoughts of the Yukon Territorial Council on this important matter. Signed the Honourable Judd Buchanan, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I thought points of privilege were only supposed to be raised on important matters.

Mr. Chairman: Yes, Mr. Taylor, that was more like puncturing a balloon. Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Yes, further to the question by the Honourable Member from Kluane. She was asking about the base levels that were set with respect to utilities and power. Can you give me an example of a base level for power?

Mr. Miller: Well, this varies by community and the style of housing. The one I know of, off the top of my head, is some of the detached housing in Dawson, the base in 1200 kilowatt hours per month.

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Chairman, would you happen to know one for Whitehorse?

Mr. Miller: I am sorry, Mr. Chairman, I don't .

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, in this deficit that we have suggested or estimated before us, have you built into it a possibility of the increase electrical rate and also, have you built into it the ten mills additional tax base which you are proposing in the outlying areas?.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, this estimate does not include any increase in electrical rates that might happen between now and the end of this fiscal year. Nor does it include the proposed increase of 10 mills.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman further to that, could we then possibly be looking at an additional 30 percent, 25 percent with the possibility of increase of taxes, electricity and fuel?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I couldn't give you a figure off the top of my head as to what the increase might be.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, this is probably one of the reasons why we would like to have a working capital to fall back on at a later date.

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if Mr. Miller could supply us with the papers with the rate structures on them at this time.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, is the Honourable Member referring to the rates that we charge for rent?

Mr. Fleming: yes, the amounts of wages, salaries and so forth that you need to have a home. In other words, actually the same one that you give to people who wish to rent a house and show him that so he knows where--his position. It's just a matter of a couple of pages.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, we would be happy to dig that information out and make it available to the House.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Thank you. Yesterday we raised the question with respect to Establishment Number 1800 and we didn't have Mr. Ball here, at that time, with respect to the salaries and wages \$227,542.00 and I was wondering if Mr. Ball could tell me if that particular amount of money reflects some monies or expenditures by contract.

In other words, is it all salaries and wages or is there some work to be done on a contract basis?

Mr. Miller: Well, Mr. Chairman, there is a couple of factors. Last year, if you notice in the estimate, Staff Accommodation, had salaries and wages. This year it is combined under General Administration. So, you would have to add the \$48,000.00 plus the \$86,000.00 getting you roughly \$135,000.00 30 percent wage increase on that totals something in the neighbourhood of \$40,000.00 which gives us \$174,000.00 as compared to a net of \$202,000.00 for the current year.

Mr. Lengerke: Yes, we didn't have that explanation Mr. Miller. Thank you.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: I have a couple of questions Mr. Chairman. One is that if the Home Owner Grant is instituted, will people who are resident in this type of housing be eligible for a Home Owners Grant if they are in rental purchase housing.

My second question relates to an occupant perhaps in housing who has himself other houses or trailers or this type of thing which he rents around the community. Is he entitled to live in one of these houses, notwithstanding he has other residence in the community?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McKinnon?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, if I could reply to that question, the answer is no, in any subsidized housing of any kind, you are not eligible for the Home Owners Grant. The person who has several houses, the one he declares as his principal residence, he may use for a Home Owner Grant. I just want to add to that a

little bit.

I think there is a misapprehension of a lot of people around this table of what the concept of this is. I would ask all of you to take a walk. I don't think too many of you have lately or take a drive. You know, drop over to my house once in a while for a soup or sandwich or something. Go in my constituency from the middle of Jarvis Street back to the escarpment and down to Two Mile Hill. Take a look at those houses. Take a look at the ones in Teslin and Carcross and Haines Junction and Carmacks and Watson Lake and throughout the Territory.

Then you come here to this table and tell me that the subsidized housing in these communities isn't better than most of the homes in the area that I represent, who are paying their total shot, full shot, all the way. I dare you to be able to say that at this table, Mr. Chairman, and that's exactly the type of person that the Home Owner Grant is supposed to be geared to, the person that is getting absolutely sweet nothing from this Government and is paying their full shot all the way.

There is all kinds of homes there with families, with two or three kids in 900 feet accommodation or bungalows. None of them are suffering from cabin fever. All of them are doing their thing in getting along except with the rising cost of inflation just eating away at every penny of their disposable income.

So, I don't like the tone around this table when I hear about, you know, how everything is happening for the people in the major centre because I am telling you, with the low assessments, the subsidized housing, with lower taxes, it's a very good point to be made. Perhaps a lot of us should be moving from the major centres back into the areas where I would like to be living and in the future, probably will be, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I still have my questions

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

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: The question was no. Any subsidized housing, whether it is under the Yukon Housing Corporation, whether it is by a mining company, whether it is by the Territorial Government, will not be eligible for a Home Owner Grant. If a person has four or five residences, the one he declares as a principle residence, he will be eligible for a Home Owner Grant on that property.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Those were the two questions, Mr. Chairman. I'm surprised at the sensitivity of the Honourable Member to my question. I was assuming that, when a person buys a residence on a rental purchase basis, instead of going to the bank to borrow the money or whatever - you're selling these homes I believe at \$42,000.00 or something in Watson Lake, I think that's the price that I've heard quoted, or \$47,000.00 - that when you buy a rental purchase house, that you are indeed the owner and I simply asked the question, would you be eligible for a grant if a grant was available.

The other question, that's an agreement for sale.

So, however, my second question was, can people live in these houses on a rental purchase basis in, indeed, they own and perhaps, say, rent out trailers and they own other property and this type of thing.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor, I think the question is answered.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: The question has not been answered Mr. Chairman. And I would not only ask, I would demand an answer to the question.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the intention of this is to provide housing for people in need, that's all. For someone who already owns housing, I would suggest he is not in need and should not be eligible.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: That's the answer I was looking for and this exists in the Territory, Mr. Chairman; simply that.

Mr. Miller: If the Honourable Member would bring to our attention the individual who is doing this, we'll see what we can do.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: I thought that's what we had an administration for, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Order please. Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, it's unfortunate the Minister of Local Government insinuated that everyone in the outlying areas was living in subsidized housing. This is not true. Just for the record, just for the record there are a lot of people who are living in 500 square feet, very happy to be doing it because they own it, very independent. Let's just get that straight too.

However, I agree with the basic philosophy of providing housing for people in need or we'd never embark upon the program by this government and we've been voting the money. However, I do have some apprehensions about it and I would like to get the opinion of the Chairman of the Housing Corporation. I do feel that in some instances it's becoming a deterrent for employment. People are very comfortable in their subsidized housing in these communities. There is no employment available but there is employment available somewhere else. Because they are comfortable, they are having assistance with their rent, with their facilities, they are not going to make the break to leave the community and seek employment. And that has some pretty drastic spin-offs and I would like to if the Chairman would care to comment on that.

Mr. Ball: That's rather a difficult question to comment on, any more than one could comment on unemployment insurance and some of the other benefits, welfare that are handed out. Certainly, there is no question in the world but that these benefits are deterrent to people working. What the answer is to it I'm sure the Board does not have completely, because any time that you start to do something for some people that are in need, they will take advantage of it. But do you stop doing it because somebody takes advantage of it, and

nine-tenths of the other people have a very definite need of it. All I can say is, we would endeavour to discourage this type of thing and again how to discourage it is a pretty big question. If any of the Honourable Members here have any suggestions, I am sure that the Board would certainly be glad to entertain any thoughts or ideas which you might have on any way we might take action to discourage this type of thing.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Have you considered doing a review of tenants who have occupied housing for two or three years and have not been employed? And reviewing to see whether employment opportunities are available? I agree with you very much, unemployment insurance and welfare and housing. And that's why I bring up housing. We're creating another non-incentive for employment. And maybe the Housing Corporation, through their associations, through their regulations, should be doing some follow-up. Of course, it would require more administration but just to determine whether it's just too comfortable a nest and is completely taking away the initiative of people.

Mr. Ball: All I can say to that is that it's a pretty dicey area for the Housing Corporation to get into because our job is that of providing housing for people in need. I think there are other agencies, such as our Manpower, and that it is their responsibility to endeavour to find work for these people. And it's really not one of the Housing Corporation to go out and find work. I'm sure it would be a very difficult area for us to start researching at any degree.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, supplementary. I wasn't implying the Housing Corporation would find work. But what I am saying is that these various agencies, there's never a tie-in with them; like with Manpower, we can do it with welfare because it's a territorial jurisdiction but, you know, once you get some of these case histories tied together after a period of time, I would certainly suggest give the person an opportunity of a year or two, but after a period of time I think I would start looking at it.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Whyard?

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, I can understand the problem that the Housing Corporation has in this area, but they know perfectly well that they do co-operate with Manpower and there is an exchange of information and it is Manpower's mandate to find employment for people and if, I have been told, that if employment is found elsewhere for them they move them to the job site. They don't leave them sitting there in subsidized housing - or they shouldn't. If they do, someone should be blowing a red hot fuse.

I am not very happy about the comments being made around this table by a number of members who are insinuating that there are people in that subsidized housing who, they know full well, should not be there. I

would think it was the duty of every member around this table, if they have that kind of information, to pass it to the Housing Authority and stop sniping from the sidelines.

Mr. Chairman, certainly I have heard three members of the opposite side of this table standing there today, or whispering to each other, that they certainly know people who shouldn't be in those houses because they own property and they have large incomes.

I would think it is fairly obvious that the next step is to prepare this information and pass it to the Chairman of the Housing Authority.

Mr. Ball: Thank you, we would certainly endorse this and welcome it very, very much so.

Mr. Chairman: Ms. Millard?

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman, I am sitting here frustrated, trying to see whether or not we are actually being honest in what is happening in the last few minutes here.

Mr. Chairman: I am glad that you are now able to stand up.

Ms. Millard: I am too. I really can't sit here any longer and let the tenants that I know in Dawson be maligned. I can see no negative results in the housing in Dawson. There certainly has never been; I am thinking of all the cases I know of in Dawson in the housing and none of them have refused to work because they are in housing. In fact, if anything, there has been a positive response in the whole family; the child is being housed better and probably fed better, so there is a better response in the school. The whole purpose of housing is to improve the family situation. It is being improved in the territory.

I feel we are maligning the Housing Corporation as well as the individuals in the housing. I don't feel the business of having to move to go to a job is really a silly thing to say, because most of those people have never even been out of Dawson. Why should we expect them to move to Whitehorse for a job when they live in Dawson and that is their home? I think we are really being negative here.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, my comments were expressed.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I am very happy that there is no — that the housing stock in Dawson is providing the service the Honourable Member says that it is providing. Unfortunately, I am one of these very strange people, I guess, the type of person who feels that it is rather honourable to be working and a lot of people haven't the opportunity to work. Let's give them the chance to have the opportunity.

Mr. Chairman: If you wish to go to work, Mrs. Wat-

son, what are you doing here?

(LAUGHTER)

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I agree. I often wonder.

(LAUGHTER)

Mr. Chairman: I must add one comment, I think, in favour of the Yukon Housing Corporation where some of the opposite circumstances have been encountered where it has been necessary for the Corporation to remove someone from the housing facility for one reason or another; when that situation has arisen, if it is a cold day, if it is a long weekend ahead, they don't kick them out on the date they are supposed to be out. I think they are bending over backwards to co-operate and they do deserve a lot of credit for that.

Are we clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Staff Accommodation Services, \$581,480.00. I refer you to appendix on page 37.

Mr. McIntyre?

Mr. McIntyre: This is the vote, Mr. Chairman, that concerns me. I think we all have received letters from the — representing the teachers in Mayo regarding the rentals that are proposed to be charged there and the fact that the teachers there believe that the rentals are as proposed, I don't think they have any real confirmation as to what they are going to be, that they won't be able to afford them and consequently will be leaving the territory. I don't know whether this situation applies in other communities but I understand that it does. If the rentals that are proposed for staff accommodation are put into effect, that it is quite likely we'll have a very difficult time in recruiting teachers for the next year.

I wonder if there is any provision in this staff accommodation services for subsidization of these rentals?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the Government's policy, as announced last year, is that we are attempting to take all of our staff housing to comparative market rent. That is not economical rent, it is comparative market rent. And the way that is done is that you use Whitehorse as a base and you deduct, for each community, based on the amenities that are available in that community.

We do not as yet have the appraisal done. It is being done within the next two weeks, at which time we will have some numbers. We will review the comparative market rent structure, the current rental structures and the final decision will be made at that time.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McIntyre?

Mr. McIntyre: Just a supplementary. It seems to me it is rather difficult to discuss the staff accommodation service when we don't know what we are talking about.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, what you are talking about here is the cost of operating staff accommodations.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McCall?

Mr. McCall: In view of what the statement, that what Mr. Miller has just said to the Honourable Member's question, I find it a little ridiculous to use the comparative rates in Whitehorse. My suggestion would be to consider comparative rates within the community.

Mr. Chairman: I think that's what Mr. Miller was referring to, Mr. McCall.

Mr. McCall: I don't think so, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, we are not talking about because in most communities there isn't a comparative market rental.

Mr. McCall: Oh yes there is, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Miller: Only where it has been negotiated by a union.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, the deficit for staff housing is almost a quarter of a million dollars. It's more than that, isn't it really? And this is for '76-77 and is this the deficit after you use the comparative market rent?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the true deficit on staff accommodation that we are anticipating for next year is \$50,000.00 net. That does not provide for any cost of amortization. It does not provide for any taxes. It is purely and simply the operating costs of the units, plus the rentals we intend to collect, based on current rental rates.

Now, the reason we have used current rental rates is: (a) we haven't got the appraisal done and (b) we have contractual arrangements with our employees so that there will be variable rates applied for the next few years.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lang?

Hon. Mr. Lang: What you mean, Mr. Miller, is the old housing versus the new housing; is that correct?

Mr. Miller: Well, basically Mr. Chairman, what we are talking about is old housing versus new housing and existing staff versus new staff.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: No, Mr. Chairman.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, am I to understand that \$50,000.00 net does not include taxes and amortization of some of the units. Is there anything else that it

doesn't include?

Mr. Miller: It wouldn't include administration, but other than that I think that's about it.

Mrs. Watson: Repair and maintenance?

Mr. Miller: Yes.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Berger?

Mr. Berger: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I don't know if I am in order here but on this rent here, I am quite concerned for the same reason as the Honourable Member from Mayo is, and I don't see anything in the papers we received for the municipal conference where the government is making an attempt to really use the buy-back plan we passed. There was a lot of opposition a year ago or so.

I think the first thing for the government to come up with the Rental Purchase Plan for the staff members in the outlying areas where they could purchase the house under a reasonable condition and even if they don't stay there for more than three or four years, the government could buy it back again. Is there any thought given to this type of thing?

Mr. Miller: Yes, Mr. Chairman, we are currently working on a proposal which might allow us to sell staff accommodation to existing -- or to tenants, staff tenants. I hopeful that we can have something on that further within the next month.

Mr. Chairman: Ms. Millard?

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman, under Rental of Lands and Buildings on A37, there is rental of a house in Dawson. Could the witness tell us which house that is in Dawson? Underneath that is something I just can't believe, Kontiki Coconut Co. Ltd., \$44,000.00. Is there some explanation of that?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the house that we are renting in Dawson is the one that I believe Dr. McCall is living in and the Kontiki Coconut Company is a registered company in the Yukon Territory which we rent apartments in the City of Whitehorse.

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Chairman: Ms. Millard?

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman, it sounds awfully suspicious. Back to the house in Dawson, I understood that was a government house. Who is the \$1,500.00 paid to?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, that house is owned by Northern Affairs and we are renting it from them.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I hope the Honourable Member from Pelly is listening. The rental of trailers and the Anvil House, Faro, seven units, \$26,000.00 a

year. Could you break that down a little bit. Listen!

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the units that we rent, the trailer units come out at about \$450.00 per month.

Mrs. Watson: That does not include the cost of placing them there.

Mr. Miller: I am sorry I don't know Mr. Chairman, whether that included the cost of relocating them or not.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, just for curiosity sake, what are you paying Anvil for the house per month?

Mr. Miller: I am afraid I don't know just off the top Mr. Chairman. It's in excess of \$400.00 but I am not sure of the precise figure.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Is that maintenance as well?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lang, I wish you would recognize the Chair.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Oh, excuse me, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Miller: I believe it does Mr. Chairman, but I am not sure. I could check it.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, just an observation. I am sure that the Honourable Member from Pelly wouldn't want to use comparable rentals in Faro as the base.

Mr. McCall: Well, Mr. Chairman, why not? Mr. Chairman, there is nobody in Faro that works for Cyprus and paying \$400.00. More like \$30.00. Mr. Chairman, that is the comparison I was referring to when I was talking to Mr. Miller before.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Miller just a supplementary to the question on the \$26,000.00 at Anvil. That's the annual amount of money that has been paid? You mentioned seven units at \$450.00 a month? If you want to figure that out, I think it would be about \$48,000.00 or somewhere in there. Pardon me, not \$48,000.00 but \$30,000.00, \$37,000.00 that you would be paying rather than the \$26,000.00 if that's the case.

Mr. Miller: Maybe my number is out a little bit Mr. Chairman, but I can get precise figures.

Mr. Lengerke: Obviously it is not \$450.00, it's slightly less.

Mr. Miller: Well, I know some of them are.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Chairman, as I understand you are going to have some type of a system where you can buy the homes, staff housing and such of the govern-

ment employees. Would this be also for private enterprise?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the proposal we are working on at the moment is -- maybe I would just outline it briefly for all members. We are trying to find a mechanism where by we can sell our staff housing units and our rental purchase housing units under comparable type of terms. What we are hoping to do it to tie this to the C.M.H.C. Assisted Home Ownership Program.

What we would do would be to offer to existing tenants those units. If we had surplus units available in a community, then we would make those available to the general population on the same basis, but we would have to have surplus units available.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Supplementary Mr. Chairman. Do I understand that the people that are now living, would be living in the homes. Wouldn't they be eligible too if they wished to buy?

Mr. Miller: The existing tenant, Mr. Chairman, will get first option to buy.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, does that just apply to the D.P.W. housing in Takhini or is this all staff housing in the Territory?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, this has nothing to do with the D.P.W. housing in Takhini because we don't own it. What we are talking about is Y.T.G. staff housing and Yukon Housing Corporation Rental Purchase Housing.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Berger?

Mr. Berger: Just a specific question as to what the witness is telling us. What is the Y.T.G. planning for the apartment in Dawson City where obviously you can't those things under those terms?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, we have certain apartments that we will not ever be able to sell. We would continue to operate those as rental accommodation.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Berger?

Mr. Berger: But under the circumstances that you are talking about right now, obviously those people are going to be at a disadvantage of living in this type of accommodation because they are going to have possible quite high rents in those things and we really don't own anything afterwards.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, that's the option that the individual has. They can qualify for assisted home ownership in CMHC and build their own house.

Mr. Ball: There are rental purchase --

Mr. Chairman: There are limits, Mr. Miller.

Mr. Ball: There is rental purchase accommodation available in Dawson.

Mr. Berger: Again I don't want to get into an argument with the witness. Anybody in Dawson who would purchase a house like was built in the low cost housing units would be out of his mind to purchase a house like this, because he would never keep up the repair bill on those things. This was what I was talking about before Mr. Chairman, when I said those houses are inadequate.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Chairman, just on this question of apartments. One that I know for instance the apartment building in Watson Lake, was the acquisition of land through zoning. You know one entrepreneur was always at the go but he couldn't get property within multi-dwelling zoning area, I guess you call it. I'm wondering if the Minister of Local Government would have any views as to how perhaps the Department of Local Government could assist the Housing Corporation or the private entrepreneur whoever is involved in the development of these apartments, where ever they be built, in Dawson, in Watson Lake, in attempting to solve this re-zoning problem in order that these apartments could be built.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Yes, Mr. Chairman, we rely on the intelligence and responsibility of the duly elected members of the Local Improvement Districts to make those decisions.

Mr. Watson: I support him a hundred percent and I would have been very disappointed if he had said otherwise.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McCall?

Mr. McCall: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I'd like to ask Mr. Ball if the rental purchase policy is going to be beneficial to people who live in Faro?

Mr. Ball: With the staff accommodation that's going in there?

Mr. McCall: That is correct, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Ball: I imagine the same terms and conditions would be applicable in Faro, that's applicable any where else. There is to be 8 units going in there this year. There's 3 in there now.

Mr. McCall: Supplementary, Mr. Chairman. I'd like to ask Mr. Ball if any employees are going to benefit with the exorbitant prices that they're going to be charging?

Mr. Ball: Any employees are going to benefit with the exorbitant prices that are being charged? Will you explain that a little further?

Mr. Chairman: Without entering any debate, Mr. McCall.

Mr. McCall: I would only enter debate, Mr. Chairman, therefore I will not go any further.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Yes, I don't actually have a question. I would like to comment, Mr. chairman, in support of the Honourable Member from Klondike and what he said and everybody frowned, not everybody, but quite a few of them frowned, and wonder what it's all about. We ought to just sit right down and face the bare facts that any person that is going to try and buy a home at 42 or 47 or somewhere around thousands of dollars, that is not worth any more than half of that, is going down the drain and they're not going to do it. We can all sit around and think of the myth and they can come up with all sorts of reasons why there's going to be homes for sale, there's going to be this and that. But when it comes right down to the fact, let's look at it, and I think the Yukon Housing Corporation should look at it too and our government should look at it. And be sure that when we do sell somebody something, we have something to actually sell him, because we don't today.

Mr. Chairman: I have one recommendation. If members insist on pounding their pencils on the table, I would apply for pencils with rubber tops. Mrs. Whyard?

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: As one of the people who frowns around the table when I don't understand what it is people are trying to get at, I would like to point out that it's a matter of caveat emptor, in private enterprise, as well as in government. When you're buying a house, you're going to pay the current rate that the market will bear. And whether the house you buy is worth 39 cents in actual fact, you are going to pay the market price. There are lots of houses on the market in this City, which are being sold at highly inflated real estate values, which you and I know that twenty years ago would have cost maybe a quarter of the current price. But that is no argument against the Yukon Housing policy of letting people buy the houses. If they don't think they're worth the price, then they shouldn't buy them. They should go and build their own the way they want it with another type of loan.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Berger?

Mr. Berger: No thank you Mr. Chairman because all it would develop into a debate and I don't think it's the time or place for it.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to express a positive aspect of this too. One of the small communities in my constituency, Destruction Bay are supposed to apparently get new staff housing this year. They are in the same quandry are we some day going to have to buy the houses that the government builds or at this stage of the game, would we not be better off building our own

homes. They are asking before the Housing Corporation proceed in building the staff accommodations, that they be able to be given the opportunity to buy lots in the community so that they can build their own. They're going to insulate them, they're going to build them the way they want to be able maintain them. Under the buy back scheme of the Territorial Government, I think this is a very good route for these people to go. The only thing we have to do to ensure that we make the land or the lots available to them. Actually some of them are sorry now they didn't embark upon this plan of action years ago.

Mr. Berger: A point of order Mr. Chairman, I don't think the Honourable Member has a question of the witnesses.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Berger you are - we are in a difficult position and we are discussing the subsidy. The witnesses are before us are with us all the time during our debate. I agree with the exception of Mr. Ball in this instance. Perhaps Mrs. Watson do you have a question for Mr. Ball?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Berger's criticism was legitimate and I should have withheld my remarks until the witnesses were gone. But I have nothing further to ask and I don't have a question.

Mr. Chairman: You did it again. Mr. McIntyre.

Mr. McIntyre: Mr. Chairman, regarding some of the reasons for the frown, I have a letter which was addressed to the Yukon Housing Corporation which says "The homes which were just completed in Mayo this summer have already started to show structural problems. We do not believe that many government employees will consider purchasing the ones here".

I wonder if the witness could tell us what the structural problems were and how much it cost to put the houses in the condition where the basements wouldn't collapse and the houses fall into the basement?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, there have been some problems, particularly with the - I believe it's two units where there has been some shifting and some pressure on the outside walls, causing some movement. We are still trying to determine the cause of that and the corrective action - they have taken temporary corrective action. There will be full corrective action taken next year. At that point, we will know what the cost of doing that is.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Berger?

Mr. Berger: I wonder if we could have a breakdown in the maintenance cost and the repair costs of all the housing units in Dawson. I am talking about the low cost housing units, the duplex housing units, the staff housing in the two single units and the John Korbo Apartment. Would this be possible?

Mr. Miller: Yes, we could get you that information, Mr. Chairman, with respect to either the current year or the past year.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Berger?

Mr. Berger: I would like it if possible especially in the Whitehorse - there seems to be a misunderstanding around here that all of the costs since the housings were built in Dawson.

Mr. Miller: We can get it Mr. Chairman. It will take us some time.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Chairman, just while we are on the subject of deficiencies in housing, I am wondering if it would be the intention of the Housing Corporation, Mr. Chairman, this year, to correct the unsafe electrical servicing to all of those new houses in Watson Lake, all thirty of them. They are all unsafe, exposed wiring and I am sure that the electrical inspector would not pass such a service for any citizen anywhere else in the Territory but for some reason, because this was government, they did pass it down there.

Now, I am wondering if this will be corrected at the cost of the Housing Corporation?

My other question is, I am wondering if some consideration would be given by the Housing Corporation, or the Administration, in attempting to get telephones into those houses in order to - there is a lot of women and children living over there and in cases of emergency and also in relation to the security of the building, that this could be accomplished as well?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the intention is to place that service underground during the course of next summer, as requested by the L.I.D. of Watson Lake. Following that, electrical service will be put in underground. The telephone service will be made available underground for those that want it.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: It doesn't completely answer my question. You say it is going to be done. Is that in this millennium? You know, at what point in time can we have the assurance that this will be done this year and, more particularly, in view of the dangerous nature of the inadequate electrical services, will this be rectified immediately?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I can't accept that. The reason that there are overhead wires, it's a temporary wiring job so the houses could be occupied because the L.I.D. requested the Department of Local Government to build underground services in the new subdivision of Watson Lake.

This is the same type of plans when the Honourable Member from Riverdale was the Manager of the City of Whitehorse - to go into Riverdale and Porter Creek, and we laid it out. We can't provide these services underground because you have to have a two or three year lead time to be able to buy the equipment and do it. Do you want lots this year and do you want them serviced? Yes? Okay; we have to go to overhead. The L.I.D. not local government chose, Mr. Chairman, to go under-

ground in Watson Lake, with the resulting problems which they were fully aware of.

To blame the Department of Local Government and the Housing Corporation on this one and bring in the red herring of C.N.T., which is a Crown Corporation, which every member at this table has his own horror story to tell about, you know; sure, pass a Motion of the Legislative Assembly about services by C.N.T. but please let's not drag these things in as red herrings, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Well, with respect Mr. Chairman, the deficiency I point out is a dangerous situation in every one of those thirty houses. It is an absolutely -- it's exposed wiring and any child with a tin shovel can go around and hit it and electrocute himself. That's how dangerous it is, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: May I inquire, then, of the witness, has there been no electrical inspection of these houses that are now occupied?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, this wiring was done by Yukon Electric Company with the permission of the Chief Electrical Inspector for the Government of the Yukon Territory.

Mr. Chairman: And therefore this wiring was passed in these houses?

Mr. Miller: It is passed for temporary service, Mr. Chairman.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: It will be underground during this building season, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: As I was saying, the matter -- every one of those units, every absolute one of them, has a non-safe service. I don't think it would cost that much money to do what everybody else in the Territory has to do with electrical services and that is to put in protective covering over the wires coming into the building from the overhead wiring system.

It is my assumption that it may not be possible to have that underground wiring or telephone cables laid in even this summer because you have the old problem of, you know, when you lay the cable down then you have got to go and reservice all these other lots and you are just going to tear the cable up.

So there are talking about lot servicing first before the cables. We might be looking at two years. What I am saying is, and I will agree with the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre, that perhaps the big fight is with C.N. C.N. wants the money for this and nobody seems to have the money and they won't put it in on their own hook.

This wiring situation, I say, must be corrected. I think it is grossly unfair to the other people of the Territory to insist that they do something and keep their buildings safe when, in fact, the government would permit an unsafe condition in their own buildings. That is my point

of view and that is the point of view of the people of Watson Lake and the point of view of those who live in those houses.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Ball, could you tell me what additional cost accrued to that particular project in Watson Lake by virtue of going to the underground wiring?

Mr. Ball: No, I don't have the figure, Mr. Lengerke, but it could be obtained.

Mr. Lengerke: It would be very interesting if we could obtain it, Mr. Chairman. Perhaps, possibly, the Minister of Local Government can answer that?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Yes, Mr. Chairman, there was a charge to every individual lot owner for the privilege of having underground services added on to the price of the lot. That is entailed in the total cost of the lot development, which is available and can be made available.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: It would be interesting if the Minister of Local Government could give us the price of some of those lots.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: The price doesn't reflect the cost.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I thought the price was supposed to reflect -- maybe we can have both, then?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: There was an exception made in the Watson Lake L.I.D. as all members know; it was brought in last year's budget.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: As a result of whose mistakes?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: That is for the court to decide.

Mr. Chairman: Well, it would appear that we cannot clear this item as there is more information forthcoming.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I'm quite prepared to clear it.

Mr. Chairman: Very well. Are we clear?

Some Members: No.

Mr. Chairman: We are not clear.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, if it's the cost of maintaining the Dawson houses that's outstanding, I indicated that it's going to take us some considerable time to get that because we're talking about, in some cases, six years.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Berger?

Mr. Berger: Mr. Chairman, the thing is I can't see how we can clear this item when we only have half of the information. We have no information, as far as I'm concerned, on the policy matters concerning rents and staff housing. We're told by the Minister of Local Government because we are criticising the Yukon Housing Corporation's policy and as far as I'm concerned I would like to have the facts and figures in this House to discuss the whole problem.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Berger, you realize of course that we are going around again and will have further opportunity to go into this. Perhaps the information will be available then. Will that be satisfactory to you?

Mr. Berger: I'm not willing to clear this item, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Well, the committee will recess until 1330 hours. Thank you, Mr. Ball.

(RECESS)

Mr. Chairman: I will now call this committee to order. Mr. Miller, we were requesting more information of you prior to recess.

Mr. Miller: I tabled with all members the Yukon Territorial Rental Purchase Housing Program, which indicates the rental rates, the eligibility, etcetera. All members now have that.

With regard to the question of the units in Faro. We are renting 7 trailers at \$300.00 per month and we are renting one house from Anvil at \$275.00 per month, for a total cost of \$28,500.00, and we have \$26,000.00 in the budget. We anticipate some of those units being returned before year-end. As an add-on to that, our costs of utilities in Faro for 16 units, which is the total we have there, averaged \$22,000.00 per annum.

Mr. Chairman, the Honourable Member from Ogilvie, sorry Klondike, requested some information on the Dawson housing. We don't have individual unit costs. The maintenance for the rental purchase housing project in 1973-74 was \$3,000.00; in 1974-75 it was \$15,000.00 in 1975-76, to date, it is \$28,000.00. We are budgeting for next year \$15,600.00 plus an additional \$80,000.00 to do foundation repairs.

In the public housing project for the same years, maintenance in 1973 was \$1,950.00; in 1974 \$3,200.00; 1975 to date \$5,000.00; and our budget for next year is \$11,900.00.

In the staff housing, we have not got a breakdown as yet of the maintenance versus total operation and maintenance cost. I have available here the total operation maintenance cost if the members would like that. A duplex teacherage in 1974 was \$2,850.00 and in 1975 to date is \$2,900.00. The John Korbo Apartments in 1974 \$13,831.00; to date this year \$21,425.00.

The three-bedroom house, in 1974 was \$2,200.00 and in 1975 to date is \$1,600.00.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Chairman, I don't know whether Mr. Miller could really answer this one. I don't really expect that he probably could answer this question. But there is a problem once in awhile in the deliveries of water, fuel and such and since I have to agree with the Minister from Whitehorse West, when she says we must report anything we see that's bad and so forth and so on and I assure you I have. That's why I realize that sometimes there is a problem and it is a little hard to report in a small town because you have to live with it always afterwards.

However, I am wondering, does the Housing Corporation keep in touch with the L.I.D.'s and people who are delivering water and delivering fuel and such and what happens on say a water delivery of 2,000 gallons when that actually turns into, I would say, approximately 3,000 to 4,000 gallons some months.

In other words, I will ask you a direct question. Are they collecting for this extra in any area that you know of right today.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, they are certainly attempting to collect. Now, there certainly are some people who we have difficulty collecting bills from but basically the Association is responsible for collecting the bills. While I realize that they give a fair amount of latitude to some of the tenants, tenants can be moved out if they don't pay the bills.

Mr. Chairman: Ms. Millard?

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman, I am curious about staff accommodation at Clinton Creek. Does the company supply it without any cost?

Mr. Miller: No. Mr. Chairman, we rent the accommodation from the company.

Ms. Millard: This isn't shown under Rental of Lands and Buildings.

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

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, my question relates to the operation of the local associations, housing associations in the communities, where Yukon Housing Corporation are involved and I noted in the case, for instance, of the Watson Lake Housing Corporation some difficulties were experienced by the Corporation or by the Committee, the local Committee, in terms of policy at the local level. I think it is resolving itself now, and I know the Housing Corporation jumped in to offer assistance to the local association.

But these are policies whereby for instance, a couple moved into a house, signed a lease, occupied the house and one or the other of the parties separated, divorced or left and changed the status of the occupancy. In the case of some, perhaps, in a common-law situation, where someone has moved in and this type of thing and it seemed to many of the tenants at that time that their leases were imperiled that because they were no longer married or in the same situation, maritally or common-law wise, when they signed their lease that

that ended the situation. I have come to find out from private conversation with the Housing Corporation that this indeed has been looked at, and that the policy now will be, and the direction given to the associations that when changes do occur in the occupancy of the buildings, that the incomes of the occupants, notwithstanding the marital status or whatever, is reviewed and the rents are adjusted accordingly, but that the tenure, the tenure of lease, if you prefer, will in no way be impaired for these reasons.

I'm just wondering if you know if the witness, I was hoping Mr. Ball might be here, could just elaborate on that and give us the assurances that (a) this will be the case and (b) that the some real strong direction will be given to the local association in policies of this nature, so that know how to handle these situations when they came up. They are local situations but very important to the tenants and the people involved and the association too for that matter.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I think all members are aware that the Housing Corporation has only been operating some three years and it's been a learning phase in both the corporation and in getting the policies developed and in the operation of these associations. They have been attempting to let the associations operate the houses within certain latitudes. But because they supposedly represent the tenants and the community they have been attempting to let them find some of the solutions themselves. It's only when they really get into trouble, does the corporation Board of Directors have to deal with it.

With respect to the question of change of status between a person who leases the original leasee of the building, I think for the most part that has now been solved by the problems that were created, not only in Watson Lake, but in other areas as well. Basically the housing is there for those who can demonstrate the need. I would assume that as long as there is a demonstrated need, regardless of what the marital status is, that the house would be available to those same people.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, probably the greatest concern was expressed with single women with children, who had an ability to pay the rent sort of the thing, not necessarily welfare situations, but women with children and these are people who desperately needed housing. I think a lot of the problems resolved in that particular area and it was indeed gratifying for us to hear from the Housing Corporation at the local level, that the policy did not discriminate these women with children, not withstanding, they were living singly, their ability to get into a house, to pay rent and this is good. I'm glad.

I still think that it is important that these policies be delineated clearly to the association.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, as the policies are developed, they are clearly delineated and we have housing people who spend their time travelling from one association to another, trying to educate them and assist them on any problems they do have. I think, given a

little more time, and with the makeup of the new associations that the input and the policies will develop probably at a faster rate.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Chairman, I'm just wondering about the rental purchase agreement and the monthly income. It says that you -- following the year in which their monthly income was greater than \$800.00. Now I'm going to look basically at a person whose income say \$900.00 to \$1000.00 in that area. You move out or buy the house, you have a choice of course and I've got to agree with that. But I'm wondering about the person that says now I would like to buy the home, and I would presume that we're not going to drop lower than about 35 to \$40,000.00. Therefore, he's going to have to pay that much for it. The interest, I'm sure, is not going to run under 8 percent and I think I'm being very lenient in all my figures, and before he gets finished he's going to pay in the neighbourhood of \$99,000 to \$100,000 for that home, if you figure it out over a twenty to twenty-five year period.

Basically what it amounts to is he's going to pay over \$400.00 a month I think for that. And I don't see where anybody would be possibly able to do this, if he happened to be in that rate somewhere of a thousand dollars, nine hundred, eleven, twelve, in that area, he would have to be much richer to buy the home, I think.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, there are thousands of people in the Yukon purchasing their house today that are in almost that equivalent situation. I don't know why this individual can't purchase the house. It's a question of desire and ability to pay. If you are making the money, you can do it.

Mr. Chairman: Are we clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Yukon Housing Corporation, \$2,039,531.00. Are we clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: We'll proceed with Capital. There was a number of items that required further information before they could be cleared. I think Mr. Gillespie now has some of that information for us, if Mr. Gillespie could join us.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, while we are waiting for Mr. Gillespie, I can give the answers that were requested in Vote 9 yesterday.

Mr. Chairman: Please do.

Mr. Miller: There was a question raised, Mr. Chairman, in regard to expenditures for the current fiscal year on territorial roads and airstrips. Rather than read this into the record, I will have it passed out, a copy for each member.

Another question, Mr. Chairman, with regard to the

costs of having a foreman at Old Crow. The gross salary is \$17,000.00 of which approximately \$10,000.00 is charged to the airstrip. In addition to that, there is approximately \$2,500.00 for room and board charged to the airstrip, and there is \$2,250.00 for utilities for a trailer, for his living accommodation that is also charged to the airstrip.

There was a question raised with regard to a road from Keno City to the top of Keno Hill, we are not quite sure what the Honourable Member was referring to, is an old abandoned mining road which our Highway Department does not maintain and they have never been asked to do so.

There is a Duncan Creek Road which is maintained. Expenditures to February 25 of this year come to \$4,500.00 for the period of this year. That Mr. Chairman, was all of the outstanding questions on Highways and Public Works.

Mr. Chairman: While this information is being passed around, I would refer to Vote Number 3, Department of Education. I believe the material that was required has already been circulated to the members.

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman, I think I have some questions on Special Education which - - I haven't got them delineated here, but I know they haven't been answered.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, I thought I had all the necessary answers here today. If I haven't would you please clarify and I will attempt to get what information is needed.

Ms. Millard: Oh, is that being handed out at the moment?

Hon. Mr. Lang: I handed out the information last week.

Mr. Chairman: No, it was out last week Ms. Millard.

Ms. Millard: No, I don't recall anything on Special Education particularly.

Mr. Chairman: Again I will remind the House that this is the first time around. We will be going over these again, and if you are --

Ms. Millard: This is not the second?

Mr. Chairman: No this is not, I am still trying to get them cleared the first time.
Department of Education, \$12,502,368.00.

Mrs. Watson: Do you want us to speak on the information that was passed around last week, at this time, or do you want us to wait until we go to it the second time.

Mr. Chairman: That is your choice.

Ms. Millard: There are certain statistics that I have

got noted here that, under Adult Education have been promised and under Rehabilitation Services.

Mrs. Watson: It has been provided, Mr. Chairman, we have it.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: I certainly don't know and I don't pretend to know, but if we clear the particular budget items the first time, does that mean we have to go through them again and there has to be a second clearance?

Mr. Chairman: They're cleared twice, yes. But these have not been cleared the first item.

Mr. Lengerke: I'd like to hear the comments from the Honourable Member from Watson Lake if he'd like to speak. What was that?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Chairman, the general route is to go through the budget and, the interesting part of it is, any part say we're talking about education. Any part of that budget you wish, or the activities of that department you wish to deal with, usually do do it on the first initial review and this is the important review.

On the second review is simply the Chairman calls vote 2, anything final on vote 2, clear, vote 3, clear, vote 4. So we don't go item by item anymore.

I think that perhaps if anyone requires any further information on any of these votes, like we're talking education now, now is a good time to ask for it, because it will probably be your last chance to get it and the last opportunity the administration would have to know that you want this information.

Mr. Chairman: That's specifically what we're trying to do now, is to see if there is any more information required.

Ms. Millard: Well I don't know if anyone else has got the material, but I certainly don't recall it on Adult Education, the statistics on the number of courses and where they are and how much it's costing.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, it was handed out. Now what the Honourable Member did with it, is beyond me, but I know it was handed out to each individual member.

Ms. Millard: I'll just save my question to the Question Period then.

Mr. Chairman: You'll still have another go, there is still first clearance. Are we clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, may I speak on the information that was handed to us?

Mr. Chairman: Yes, yes, you may.

Mrs. Watson: On the one program that I was really quite concerned about was the basic literacy for adult development. Commonly known as the Blade Program in the communities. I'm very much in favor of this type of program, this type of course going into the community so people who do not have to leave their home to utilize the course. I do have some concerns about the requirement to continue the course. Now I believe this is the third or fourth year and I wonder whether it is necessary to continue at the level that we are currently embarked upon for how many more years.

My other question is on the statistics that were provided to us showed us the enrollment, but didn't show us how many people enrolled to start with in the courses and how many dropped out and whether there has any achievement level? Now I'm going to ask you for these statistics, but this is the type of thing I'm very concerned about. Are the dollars that we're spending doing what we want them to do? So often we go into programs and we really evaluate them. Just because you had it for one year, then you have it another year, and then it comes back in here and we say well we're going to cut the program. We don't feel that it's doing what it's supposed to do and then you get a lot of political pressure to keep the program in. But I think government should be operating in the opposite direction. You should always be evaluating the programs to see whether they are worthy of the dollars that we're spending. I think this Blade Program originally was very good, and I think there was a conscientious effort by the people who wanted to learn to read and write to take the course.

Now I'm afraid that it's becoming an easy way to get a pay cheque. I want to be convinced that it is, in fact, an educational program, not a quasi-type of welfare program. I wonder if the Minister of Education has had any feed back in this regard from his departmental people, whether they do, themselves feel, that it has merit to continue the course for the amount of dollars we are spending. We must remember we are paying people subsistence to take the course. I know of senior citizens on pensions who are taking the course and who get subsistence.

Just how much of this are we going to do?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lang?

Hon. Mr. Lang: We discussed this when we were going through the budget the first time and as I pointed out, we have tightened for the criteria on subsistence to begin with. I am asking for a complete evaluation of this program. I would like to think that the people that have gone through the program are going to another stage, as I said, I think, in the Votes and Proceeding, if I recall correctly, something to the extent that maybe we could have a mobile welding class or a secretarial class going to these areas to teach these people how to go out into the world of employment.

But at this time, I can't answer the Honourable Member's question to the -- just to the extent that we are doing a thorough evaluation of the course.

Mrs. Watson: But Mr. Chairman, this is not specialized. This is basic literacy. There are various stages in it and you know, how long do we keep this course going.

I would like to suggest that maybe we should be looking, and I think, that every adult in the outlying areas, or in Whitehorse, should have the opportunity to acquire the basic skills. But I wonder whether we should be paying them to do it. This is the problem that I have. If they want to, the staff should be there, the materials should be there at a cost to the state, but should we be paying people to go to school just to get the basics.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, this is another question as well. As I said to the Honourable Member, we have tightened up on the criteria and subsistence and I think that you will find people that are taking the course this coming year will be there because they want to take the course, not because of the monies offered through subsistence.

I think the other major point that I made a little earlier is the fact that we are going to re-evaluate the course in order to see whether or not we can modify it so these people have another step in education to go -- in order to join the working force.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: And a person must also look at these sponsorship -- some of these positions or some of the slots in these courses are picked up by Canada Manpower and Yukon Territorial Government picks up the rest of them.

If I recall, when the Territorial Government was sold on the Blade program, by Canada Manpower, they made a commitment to pick up a major portion of those slots in those courses and what has happened in the community basic education, Canada Manpower is picking up 90 and Y.T.G. is picking up 96 and when we sold into this, they were picking up about 75 percent to our 25 percent.

By the time we get into these things, they have changed their priority and we are left paying the bill. Are we going to continue paying the bill and going along with the whims and fancies of Canada Manpower?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lang?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, I would like to assure the Honourable Member that if I still have this portfolio the next time the budget session comes around and that we have re-evaluated the course and if there has to be changes made, changes will be made.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I would appreciate an evaluation of all of that, not just every community level, even in the Vocational School Centre because if you notice, we are doing the B.C.S.D. We have been doing it for how many years and that's our upgrading and if we have to continue to do the upgrading, and if you look at the age group that we are upgrading, it's below the 21 years of age.

So, why aren't we doing that in schools?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lang?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, while we are on the subject of the Vocational School, there has been some concern shown by members of the public concerning the comments made in the House, I believe on the 26th of February, when we were discussing Establishment 320 and I would like to correct some misunderstanding voiced by some of the members who were questioning the qualifications of our vocational teaching staff.

I would like to point out that all our vocational staff are fully qualified in teaching the various courses. If people want copies of their credentials, I would be glad to provide them if necessary.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: I would just like to comment Mr. Chairman. The misunderstanding arose from the very answer that the Minister gave to a question. I know, certainly, to a question that I asked. That's how I arrived at the fact that there was nobody eligible or qualified over there.

Hon. Mr. Lang: I realize there was a misunderstanding, Mr. Chairman. I just stood up to clarify it.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McCall?

Mr. McCall: It seemed that the Honourable Member or the Honourable Minister brought the question up. I would like to ask him a question on this same point. Who determines the qualifications?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, it is my understanding it is the course that is offered and then the qualifications, I would take it, would be -- to be quite honest, I don't know how they are established. I could find out for you.

Mr. McCall: I would appreciate that Mr. Chairman. I am always curious myself who determines the qualifications and of course, what type.

Mr. Chairman: Department of Educations, \$12,502,368.00. Are we clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: We'll turn to Votes 7 and 8, and I think this is where Mr. Gillespie has further information for us. Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes, I just wanted to check. Did we have any further questions on Vote 5 on Welfare?

Mr. Chairman: It was cleared first time around.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: I just had a couple of questions that arose out of something that happened this morning that's all.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, Welfare has not been cleared. I believe there is two Motions that have to be discussed.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson, this came up in the Committee before and it was agreed in Committee that it had passed the first clearing at that time. That was the ruling of Committee.

Mrs. Watson: I don't mind when you debate them as long as you just don't let them die in Committee.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Gillespie?

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Chairman, I have no more information to bring back on the -- on Vote 7. All of that has been passed out. If there are any questions in that regard, I would be pleased to answer them.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Chairman, Vote 7 is the Takhini Library situation again in which I have expressed, as other members, some concern and I understand, and I don't know if this is correct, but I understand that the Honourable Minister of Welfare and Mr. Gillespie approached, of all people, the Sports Committee here over the weekend looking for money from the sports allotment in order to finance the Takhini Library and I believe also for the F. H. Collins Band. Could we have an explanation of why?

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, I don't know what station the Honourable Member is tuned into but he is way out in orbit. I have never approached the Sports Committee for anybody or anything and I don't intend to.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Well, Mr. Chairman, with respect, perhaps I could put the question to Mr. Gillespie because I was informed that he was at that meeting by a member at that meeting and they were there asking for funds from the Sports Committee to finance the Takhini Library and I am wondering why they would go to the Sports Committee for this kind of money?

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Chairman, there is a Fitness and Amateur Sport Advisory Committee that dispenses funds for fitness, amateur sport and cultural related matters. I believe that the Takhini Library Association approached that Association to seek funding to help them to maintain the Takhini Library.

I think this is maybe where the misapprehension arose.

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Were you there?

Mr. Gillespie: I was not there and it is very apparent that Mrs. Whyard was not there either. I did not meet with them at all during this last weekend.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: I attended that meeting at the

Takhini Library and I was one of the people -that -- if there is going to be some blame, I was one of the people that got up and said to the Takhini Library people, why don't you approach the City for possibly some -- a grant under their Recreation and Cultural Affairs Program, and I probably said it the same time, in fact, I know I said it. I said possibly there could be another area that you could approach the Territorial Government.

Now, obviously, they have taken up the call and written a letter to the Sports Advisory, if that's the body that has to look at these grants, and they are going to get a ruling one way or the other and I think that's probably where this came from.

Now, I know Mr. Gillespie, I know the Honourable Minister, was there too and I am sure they heard me say that.

Mr. Chairman: Ms. Millard?

Ms. Millard: Maybe I could help clear something up. I phoned Mrs. Couch on Thursday night and told her that the Amateur Sports Committee was meeting and that possibly the Takhini Library could put in an application form and perhaps come to the meeting and explain to them what was going on.

I would like to know from our absent Minister what the result of that request was since they were doing away with -- I know we passed the Education Vote but we are on the Takhini Library which has some relevance.

Mr. Chairman: The question was asked in the question period and the Minister has promised to bring forward the information.

Ms. Millard: Question period this morning?

Mr. Chairman: No, not this morning; yesterday, by myself. Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Well, Mr. Chairman, this information as I say I received over the weekend and perhaps the party who gave it to me gave it to me in the wrong context but I was told that the Minister and Mr. Gillespie were making this request before the Committee. We have since found that they have not, but indeed someone else has.

The question that still bothers me is why, why in God's name, does this Administration, who are budgeting for such a great big surplus, can't find the \$6,000.00 some odd dollars to keep the library open and why they have to have the Committee running around trying to find funds from here, there and the Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, Sports Association, brewers or anybody else that might -- ticket raffles or however they are going to find this money when, indeed, within the budget of the Yukon Territory somewhere there has got to be \$6,300.00 for that library and it's absolutely --

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, a point of order. Mr. Chairman, a point of order.

Mr. Chairman: Yes.

Mrs. Watson: I think it is completely irregular for the Honourable Member to be standing up reverting back to a Vote that we are not on at the present time, making up his own rules as he progresses. We are on Vote 7. The witness is here to answer questions on Vote 7.

When we go back to the Library Vote, he can stand up and make his political speech again. It's just unfortunate he really doesn't know the details of the Library situation at Takhini. I think that's very sad. However, I think we are on Vote 7, Mr. Chairman, are we not?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: A point of order, Mr. Chairman, I also raise a point of order, and I would suggest that the Honourable Member would secure for herself a pair of glasses; she will find that Vote 7 is G. Graham, Director of Library Services, and I'm talking about libraries and I'm going to keep talking about them as long as I'm in this House.

Mr. Chairman: Order, please. The library is included in Vote 7.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Pardon me, Mr. Chairman?

(LAUGHTER)

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Two points of order have been raised. The one member has raised the point of order that I'm not discussing Vote 7 ...

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor ...

Hon. Mr. Taylor: May I have a ruling from the Chair ...

Mr. Chairman: You did have a ruling ...

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Well, could I have that again - I didn't hear it.

Mr. Chairman: It is in Vote 7.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Thank you. May I continue?

Mr. Chairman: Yes.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Now, Mr. Chairman, as I was saying, somewhere out of Vote 7 there has to be found the funds ...

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, a point of order. We were talking on tourism in Vote 7.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I've made my point. If there is not sufficient intelligence around the table in respect of the rules of this House-- I just ask, find the money out of the Vote. I've showed you where to find it out of the allotment of books; find it.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Berger?

Mr. Berger: Maybe I should have made a point of information, Mr. Chairman. The library board was

turned down in the recreation department on the application here.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Chairman, that's interesting information anyway and we will probably get that through the Minister once he tables the report. I think the Minister is on the receiving end of that report from the Advisory Committee, are you not?

Hon. Mr. Lang: I haven't received it as yet, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Lengerke: Make sure you table that with great speed, Honourable Minister, because we have to make a decision here. My question, Mr. Chairman, of the witness Mr. Gillespie. He has provided some additional information under establishment number 700, Administration, that's the one I'm going to talk about.

Again, I just want to get some further clarification here. I appreciate his additional information but I have this observation, not a question. I say that the officers that have been working for the department have probably been very much orientated towards promotion. I'm just wondering now how their terms of reference or their job descriptions or whatever direction has been altered to allow them to participate really in a meaningful way in a program that's now going to be orientated to facilities.

In other words, Mr. Chairman, we do have a number of people, tourist program officers and information officers and these type of people. And I see by the information that the witness has provided that there's going to be an in-house project. I'd like to really know specifically, can I have a copy of the questionnaire that they're going to use for instance? And how are they going to tabulate some of this information and what is the time-table on it? And when is it going to start? Is it starting now, is it starting next week, or when, and have you got the mechanics in mind to put this program into effect?

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Chairman, as I indicated several days ago, we are at the preliminary planning stages with regard to our tourism research and planning activities for this coming summer. It was only fairly recently that we made the decision to change our priority focus from promotion toward research and planning within the Yukon.

At this stage of the game, we now know that we want to do the sorts of things that are indicated in the paper that I handed out. Now, it is quite correct to say that a number of our officers have primarily in the past been oriented towards promotion. Those same officers are going to have to continue with what is left of our promotional program but they are going to have to devote a considerable amount of their time within the Yukon travelling within the Yukon and determining the answers to some of the questions that are being raised here. For example, inventory of visitors facilities, services and attractions and this kind of thing.

This will include,— basically there are four people. There's the director or divisional head of the tourism

activity and three other people. One of which position used to be at Dawson. That position has now been moved to Whitehorse and when that is filled that person will be heavily involved in the sort of work that is indicated here for in-house activities.

As to the exact plans, the forms, the research study questionnaires and these things, have not at this point been developed and won't be for some time I don't think. It's just simply too soon at this stage of the game.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Yes, Mr. Chairman, for the witness: I do have some concern regarding the \$50,000.00 that you are budgeting for studies. When we have a full complement of staff and I would hope very much that the work that you have hoped to do this coming year to change the direction of the tourist branch, would be done with the staff that you have available; then, after your first year, if it is necessary to go further in and bring in professional people to do a study for you. Then I would suggest you come back to the House next year and embark upon that.

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Chairman, we are very concerned about the level of funding that we have even in this year because, as I mentioned, we have four people who are going to have to divide their time between the promotional activities that have to be carried out plus the research and planning.

Even the studies that are contemplated to be done by either students or consultants required supervision and a fair amount of time on the part of these people. At the same time, these people will carry on with their duties as in the past, in travelling around the Territory, meeting with the lodge operators and the tourist service industry to discuss with them problems that are completely unrelated to research and planning.

These are ongoing problems around the Yukon. I think their time is going to be fully, fully occupied between these three activities, promotion, research and planning and general travel and liaison with the tourism industry. I really don't see any way in which we can achieve the answers that we need by the end of this coming year in order to get on from the research phase into the planning and implementation phase next year.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Another question with respect to, again, the information that Mr. Gillespie provided. You have got under point 3, Current Problems, "A total of \$10,000.00 is budgeted to deal with problems in the Yukon tourist industry", and this is to include I think, and you can correct me if I am wrong, is this to set up some standards for a hospitality industry? In other words, ratings? Is this what we are going to arrive at?

What is the \$10,000.00 going to be used for? Who is going to do this work? Is this going to be the association, the Yukon Tourist Association, or— are they going to be involved? Is that what the \$10,000.00 is for?

Mr. Gillespie: The Yukon Tourist Association, the various other visitor associations that we have in the

Yukon, will be meeting with our tourism people from time to time in seminars and this kind of thing in order to get down to the real meat of the problems that they have already identified and certainly a part of this \$10,000.00 will be directed to the costs of holding those meetings.

Beyond that, there may have to be some summer student activity of various sorts. I am not exactly sure of precisely how they would intend to spend that \$10,000.00 but it would be in this area.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Gillespie, I don't mean to nit-pick and that's my problem. You don't understand I certainly don't understand. I think that particular activity could certainly be carried out under Number 1 without-- you know, you could take the \$10,000.00 and give it to Takhini Library if that's the case, excuse me.

Am I wrong here-- this is what I can't quite see, is why the \$10,000.00 is required when that could be going on in activity Number 1 because you, yourself, haven't told me exactly how you are going to spend that \$10,000.00 and that's my point. I would really like to know that.

Mr. Gillespie: Well, as I indicated earlier, because of the timing of the budget at this point in the year, I have great difficulty in being precise and this is becoming very apparent obviously. When we are talking about visitor facility standards and regulations, there are standards and there are regulations, for example, in British Columbia where they have a green book and we have been holding discussions with them with the view possibly to introducing something similar in the Yukon.

This is like the Michelin Guide in France, only a much more simplified thing that might have application in the Yukon and in this way there would be a rating of tourism establishments and the tourist who is coming and is looking for a certain establishment would merely need to turn to this book for a creditation and this sort of thing; it's a matter of, perhaps, of meeting with officials in British Columbia, of meeting with the lodge operators and the associations here, all of which costs money.

There isn't money budgeted - there are no monies budgeted, for travel or to bring people up who might be able to advise us in these areas under the first item, Inventory. So, we are trying to retain the maximum amount of flexibility now until we determine exactly how we are going to find out this information.

We only know that, as far as the tourism industry in the Yukon is concerned, at this point in time they have identified these three areas as the primary problem areas in the Yukon and we are allocating a nominal sum to deal with that problem at this time.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: If I understand it correctly, then, the \$10,000.00 could well be used for some of our officers to travel to B.C. and confer with those people and possibly this could be used to publish a book somewhat similar with standards for the Yukon?

Mr. Gillespie: It wouldn't be used to publish the

book but it might be used in different ways. You will appreciate that the budget is set together as our best estimate at this point in time of how we will divide that budget among the various activities within the tourism establishment.

Now, during the course of the year, we may find that we will want to move some money out of the professional special services into the travel area in order to accomplish our aims.

Mr. Chairman: Ms. Millard?

Ms. Millard: I have just about forgotten what I-- remember last time, the witness said that there is a slide show, I think it is, going around about Territorial Parks and we were going to have a showing. There is one at Porter Creek and one at the Y.W.C.A. but there is no time on the radio so I don't know. Is that the one we are supposed to attend or are you going to bring it to us?

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Chairman, the members are free to attend at Porter Creek or at any of the other showings that are being held around the community. The tourism people have advised me that Thursday afternoon is an afternoon when Mr. Hutton is not presenting that showing somewhere else. So, if members would like to see it sometime Thursday afternoon, that wish can be accommodated, or if there is any other time that is indicated he will revise his schedule to accommodate the members' wishes.

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman, I might suggest it would be helpful if we had a private showing since we might have some questions concerning the budget and that if you were present also, that it would be easier than in a public showing to get to some brass facts about it.

Mr. Chairman: Ms. Millard am I to take it that we are not going to get a clear vote today?

Ms. Millard: Oh, I think we can clear it as long as I have assurance we'll get our show.

Mr. Gillespie: I'm at the command of the Assembly, if there's a time that the Assembly would like to have it. I have indicated that we would prefer to have it Thursday afternoon but if there is some other time that the Assembly would like to have it, please let me know and I will arrange it.

Ms. Millard: I think we should have something more private because it's a policy of the department that's being expressed and with our knowledge of the budget presently and the plans for the future. I think that we could get into some details about the policy in my opinion.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lang?

Hon Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman I think the Honourable Member would be more than welcome in Porter Creek at the Community Hall there tonight at 7:30.

Ms. Millard: But is Mr. Gillespie going to be there to

answer questions from us though?

Mr. Gillespie: No.

Ms. Millard: I would rather he was there.

Mr. Chairman: Perhaps we could have some discussion on this at a more private time.

Mrs. Watson? Are we just going to go around in circles?

Mr. Watson: I have just one more question on 3 again, 2, the impacts. We are planning on hiring an economist under the administration vote, I believe. Would that person be able to assist your branch in preparing the economic impact model for Yukon tourism and what is an economic impact model?

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Chairman an economic impact model in the tourism area is something that has been developed by the tourism industry by the Federal Provincial Governments for use in other jurisdictions in this country. To indicate where tourism dollars go for example how many tourism dollars translate themselves into tax dollars for the Yukon. How much of the money goes into the service industry? How much of the money is retained in the Yukon as a matter of fact how much money a tourist spends in the Yukon?

It would also indicate I would hope how much money different types of tourists spend. For example a tourist that arrives with his own car versus a tourist that comes as a part of a bus tourist versus one that comes on an airplane.

All of this information is put together in models that exist elsewhere in this country that have to be adapted for the Yukon. From this will come information which will help us plan what kind of a tourism industry is that the Yukon in fact needs in order to gain the most benefits from it.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Further to that I can certainly see the merits in this. But again as you point out yourself a lot of the provinces have in fact their tourist industry have developed those kind of models. And certainly our tourists are not that much different than a lot of others visiting Northern areas.

So you can certainly quite readily take that information and transpose it to Yukon as far as if you want to know where the spinoffs, where the dollars are going and what sort of an impact they do have on the economy of a region. But leave that alone, even if the fact you've got the \$28,000.00 just who is going to be involved in doing this now? Who is earmarked to do this? One of the officers, is this a consultant again or what exactly is going to happen with the \$28,000.00. How did you arrive at that figure?

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Chairman, there are people who are experts in this particular field that have done work in the provinces. And we are going to be seeking their assistance. We're not planning to hire a company that

does consulting work in general to do this. We're seeking the help from those that have done tourism impact models elsewhere in the provinces to do this work here. This is the estimate that I have received for what it will cost to have them do it.

This is economic, social and environmental impact I might add, pretty comprehensive model.

Well the reason it's only twenty-eight and I say only twenty-eight, because I find that a small sum, is the fact that a lot of this work on models has been done elsewhere and these models have to be adapted to the Yukon situation.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Chairman, who in fact are you talking to in order to do this? What province?

Mr. Gillespie: I have been told Mr. Chairman, but I don't recall.

Mr. Lengerke: I'd like to know that and I'd like to know when it's going to start?

Mr. Gillespie: Well we have first, to conclude our discussions or initiate them with the individuals who might be able to do it. But we know where to find, we have names of people who have done this sort of work that we would like to have come up here. But we haven't any commitment at this point in time that they will. We need to pass this budget first Mr. Chairman, before we start bringing them in.

(Laughter)

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: One question. How were you ever able to prepare your estimates with your apparent lack of planning, before?

Mr. Gillespie: Very carefully Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke:

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Chairman, that really is the point and it's \$850,000.00 and you know with all due respect, when we even ask of 28 and 19 and what have you, we're not getting the answers. This is the thing that is really rather frightening because we could probably say, let's cut it in half, and then you can sort of budget accordingly then. I certainly wouldn't want to do that. This is a very, very important industry we're talking about and I know you realize that and I'm sure everybody around this table does.

We have to make sure that we're going to get the right thrust especially when you are changing a policy, a complete turn around. I'm sorry my question's gone again, Mr. Chairman, I stood up here and I spout --

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Gillespie?

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Chairman, it is going to be very difficult for us to answer these very valid questions until

we have a foundation in facts and we simply do not have any foundation in facts here in the Yukon at this point in time.

Now, we have allocated a sum of roughly \$50,000.00. It's almost—well, that is the one part of this budget, that if you wanted to call it fuzzy, I would have to admit that it is a little fuzzy at this point in time because we haven't determined finally how we are going to spend it. We think we know how. This is our first guess, our first estimate of how we would like to spend it but we would like to retain flexibility over the next few months as we learn more about it, as we discuss with people that have conducted this work elsewhere, how this money should be spent.

But the rest of the budget is very substantially reduced from what it was in the past, particularly when you take into account the wage increases and you take that out of the equation, it's a very, very tight budget except in the one area. The Professional and Special Services, as I am trying to indicate as best I can, we are not in a position now to be as definitive as we would like to be.

A year from now, assuming we get the information that we are seeking to get by way of inventory, impact studies and these things, we are going to be in a position to come out with far more definitive planning founded on some knowledge that we don't now have and be able to explain and justify our expenditures much better than I am afraid I am able to do now.

Mrs. Watson: Maybe when we go through the budget next year, the witness will be able to give us the answers that we are asking today and I would hope very much that we don't have a request for supplementary funding for this vote.

Mr. Chairman: I would like to refer the Honourable Members to the title on the page of our book. It says, "Estimates". Department of Tourism, Conservation and Information, \$2,522,190.00. Are we clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: I declare a brief recess before I proceed with Vote Number 8.

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Mr. Chairman: I now call Committee to order. Number 8, Department of Legal Affairs:

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Gillespie?

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Chairman, I have passed out some information in response to questions that were raised yesterday regarding this vote. In some areas, the answers are not complete because they are not available.

In the R.C.M.P. Establishment, for example, it was not possible to get from them a breakdown of the subsidies that were provided to the staff of the R.C.M.P.

nor was it possible to break out the additional costs incurred as a result of forming an R.C.M.P. Division from a subdivision in the Yukon.

In the material that is given for the R.C.M.P., I was also not able to get a detail of the aircraft leases that were taken by the R.C.M.P. for local work. On the other hand, they do have aircraft as indicated here at Whitehorse, Inuvik and Yellowknife which are used in large measure or in part to do work in the Yukon.

The proposed increases for the next two years are 17. These include public servants and a police dog. I guess they include the police dog as part of their Establishment. Of that 17, 6 have been requested for this coming year. A decision has not been made on whether to approve the addition of these 6 additional members to their complement because we are in the process of negotiating the police services agreement for this coming year and we would like to know what the implications are with regard to our ability to fund these positions.

You will appreciate that the expenses in this coming year are paid for only in the next year but although those six new positions won't be paid for effectively by the Yukon until the fiscal year '77 and '78, we have not yet approved anything.

There is information provided here on the numbers of special constables, there are eleven, and where they are located as indicated. The qualifications for special constables are also attached in this package.

The next item, has to do with the Court Worker program. There is a listing here of where the court worker went and some additional information which indicates the fact that they generally accompany the court circuit. I mentioned the other day that all transportation and other expenses are paid for out of this fifteen thousand dollar grant, and the comment was made that if the salary was twelve thousand five hundred, this did not leave very much for transportation and other expenses. I would like to point out at this time that when the court worker accompanies the court circuit, generally, his transportation does not cost the court worker program anything because the court worker travels in the car that is already going.

This has helped to make it possible to live within this fifteen thousand dollar figure.

I should also add that the federal government, actually it is the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, is paying for an additional court worker to be hired this coming summer under a training program. If that training program is successful, and if the territorial government chooses to carry on with that second position in the following year, then it would be budgeted and brought before this House as a second court worker in next year's estimates. Nothing is committed at this time. This is on a very clear understanding with Indian Affairs and Northern Development that although they are entering into this training program, we are not saying that we are going to pick up that program in the next year.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, nothing, but nothing, could illustrate what I have been saying around this

Chamber for the past two weeks. The program is started by the federal government, by a branch of the federal government, they cost share it, they get it rolling, they get people on staff, and then they say, or the people who are involved in it come to this government and say, look here is the program, how can the territorial government turn it down and not fund it. I can go through this book and pick out one after the other. This seems to be the name of the game. Who sets the priorities for this budget, really? Do we set it? Do our Executive Committee set it? Not really. Someone in Ottawa who has a lot of money, these various departments, they start the programs, they determine whether it is a priority.

I don't think that people really realize the pressures the Executive Committee are under constantly of one program after another. If it isn't Manpower, it's Indian Affairs, if it isn't Indian Affairs it is some other branch, it is justice. They are dreaming them up. They are prepared to fund them for one year and then the public, they establish the lobby force to lobby here, the pressures also come from the federal government, and we are, you know, you are sort of dead.

Really, I just, this whole exercise here seems just a little futile. We are just sort of being pushed up against the wall with a gun at our head and saying, okay fellows there you are.

I think this is one of the best examples. So, next year you can look at two native court workers, or two court workers under the Department of Justice.

Mr. Chairman Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Gillespie indicated, Mr. Chairman, that this year it is anticipated that there will be an addition of six personnel, which I assume to be constables to the divisional strength of the RCMP. I am wondering if these six, or perhaps, this information is not available, if it is I would like to know if this is to be, these people are to be stationed in Whitehorse, or are they perhaps, going to places like Watson Lake, or Pickle Creek or where?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, my understanding is that Watson Lake has been recommended for a training ground.

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Chairman, I don't have the answer with me as to just where these are proposed to be located. I will be happy to provide that to Mr. Taylor, if this is all right if I do it that way.

Mr. Chairman: Ms. Millard?

Ms. Millard: The second position that Mr. Gillespie is talking about is that the one that was advertised in the paper, the native court worker?

Mr. Gillespie: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

Ms. Millard: So that it was from Indian Affairs and actually there was no discrimination on our part?

Mr. Gillespie: That is correct.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, under the Fair Practices Ordinance there was a contravention of our Fair Ordinance and I think we should have our legal department looking into it.

We have a piece of legislation on the books and I think that Indian Affairs or whatever government department advertises in the Yukon should adhere to our legislation.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Berger?

Mr. Berger: Yes, Mr. Chairman, on the information passed out to us, I am really concerned under the court worker program. I am concerned with number two. The court worker has spoken on the radio regarding the program, I presume it is C.B.C., and they also tell us in three that they spoke of the BLADE programs in the different communities lined out in the schedule here. I don't see Pelly on there, I don't see Old Crow on there, and this is two communities that have no radio communication.

The whole thing of him speaking on the radio is useless, because those people can't hear him. I hope, either C.B.C. extends their facilities so those people would hear those programs, which are important to them or he is maybe eventually going to visit those areas.

(Applause)

Mr. Gillespie: A point well taken, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, could we have an indication of where the 11 special constables are stationed?

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Chairman, this is provided in the information on the second page of the R.C.M.P. related information that I have distributed. Pardon me, that's not true. I gather, Mr. Chairman, that most of them are located in Whitehorse. There is one at Old Crow I know.

They are located—they do work in relation to the Correctional Institute and various other activities in and around Whitehorse but precisely where they are located and what they do, I don't have that information. But again, I will provide it to the Honourable Member if she wishes.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming:

Mr. Fleming: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I wonder if it would be possible to find out when the proposed new detachment, the full-time detachment at Carcross will be started? I don't find it here.

Mr. Gillespie: It's in this coming fiscal year, Mr. Chairman, 1976.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McCall?

Mr. McCall: Thank you Mr. Chairman. In answer to the Honourable Member from Watson Lake's dilemma

on this police force in Watson Lake, I believe our detachment is being increased this year. So, we may be privileged to accept one of Watson Lake's rejects.

Mr. Chairman: Ms. Millard?

Ms. Millard: Thank you. Mr. Chairman, I recall asking about R.C.M.P. What were the benefits, not fringe benefits but subsidizations in the field?

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Chairman, I tried to indicate earlier that I was not able to get that information. They didn't have a breakdown. I took it to mean the fringe benefits to the employees of the R.C.M.P. by way of housing allowances, isolated post allowances and this kind of thing and I was unable to get that information from them. They didn't have that readily available.

Mr. Chairman: The Department of Legal Affairs, \$2,303,704.00. Are we clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you Mr. Gillespie. I would refer you to page 95 of your Main Estimates. Yukon Housing Corporation, Staff Accommodation, \$1,000,000.00.

Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes, where are these houses to be constructed and how many and in what communities and you know, this type of information?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, our present plans are to put eight units into Faro and seven units into Destruction Bay.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McCall?

Mr. McCall: Yes, Mr. Chairman, that's very exciting news, I would say, for the people in Faro. I would like to ask Mr. Miller a further question to that. What type of units are you considering presently?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, at the present time we are talking about double wide housing units. Double wide, eight.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Yes Mr. Chairman, are the--or Mr. Miller, are the double wides, are they going to be constructed in the Yukon?

Mr. Miller: I doubt it Mr. Chairman because there is nobody that constructs them in the Yukon.

Mr. Lengerke: Supplementary to that, Mr. Chairman, is there any--has the Housing Corporation ever thought of a vehicle to maybe get some housing industry going in that regard?

Mr. Miller: Well, Mr. Chairman, we call for tenders on these and they are open to public to tender on them.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Chairman, I am speaking mainly to try and get a pre-fab industry going that could well be beneficial to some Yukon community. If we are going into this kind--and I see remote housing down here, so I would think there is going to be some needs for further units and it might be a real, real good opportunity to get into some of this.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I don't disagree with you or with the Honourable Member. Five years ago, this House passed a housing program called Rental Purchase which called for 500 housing units at a cost of \$7,500,000.00 and for four years running, we had trouble getting Yukon contractors to even bid on them.

I don't know what we have to do. The Housing Corporation doesn't have the ability to start an industry of its own. I don't know what incentive has to be offered to the industry.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Chairman, just a comment to that. I think things have changed considerably since Mr. Miller has said that programs were initiated and certainly we know that there are problems of bidding and tendering and trying to come up with deposits and the rest of it. I think we have seen demonstrated in the Yukon some imaginary programs and I think that probably we could certainly look a little further at this thrust.

Mr. Chairman: How wide are these units, Mr. Miller?

Mr. Miller: The normal ones are now, twelve by roughly sixty, which becomes a twenty four by sixty.

Mr. Chairman: Twelve feet wide?

Mr. Miller: Sixty feet long.

Mr. Chairman: Does that not constitute a problem in bringing them into the Territory?

Mr. Miller: No, Mr. Chairman, fourteen feet is a problem, but not twelve.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, the seven units at Destruction Bay, and these were the people that had expressed the desire to build their own homes if lots were, serviced lots were made available to them. I would hope that the Housing Corporation checks this out thoroughly with these people before they sort of plan and go ahead and build seven houses.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the Yukon Housing Corporation staff were in Destruction Bay last week and there was no indication from any of the staff members, Y.T.G. staff members, that they are now desirous of building their own home.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, do you mean to say they have changed their minds after all the trouble I have gone to.

Mr. Miller: Sorry.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, were they advised that serviced lots would be made available to them this year?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, as I understand it, they were made aware of all of the factors that would pertain to construction, financing, availability of land, water and sewer service problems et cetera. The general indication, without commitments, as I understand it, is that they are no longer interested. We will continue to pursue that and if anyone of them wants to buy his own lot and build his own house, if Local Government can have the land available, we would be happy to see it.

Mrs. Watson: Well, Mr. Chairman, I certainly would like to thank the officers for going out and talking to the people and getting some information from them directly.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I think it was just about the time they heard of the Honourable Member's opposition to the Home Owner's Grant.

(LAUGHTER)

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McCall?

Mr. McCall: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would just like to get back to what the Honourable Member on my right brought up. I believe it is on record in the Votes and Proceedings at the last budget session, I suggested that we look into pre-fabricated industry concerning houses. At that time I also requested, I believe, that they investigate a similar suggestion that the Honourable Member just brought up, more so, the example of Churhill, Manitoba. I think it was also further suggested at that time, Mr. Chairman, which is approximately a year ago, that ideal locations for this type of industry is places like Teslin and Watson Lake. I have to this date, not received any information whatsoever as to the investigation that may or may not have taken place, and we are going through it again.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Just to further to what the Honourable Member says, certainly I would think that efforts could be co-ordinated between the Housing Corporation, Manpower, Indian Affairs to put together such a program. I think this is what has to be done if we are going to be successful.

Anyway, I had another question also, Mr. Chairman, if I could ask it? With respect to the million dollars that you have set up for, is it fifteen houses? So that represents what, sixty seven thousand dollars per unit or something to that effect. Does that include the price of the lot, the servicing and foundations and the whole bit, is that it or - ?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, that would include any lot prices. In addition to the fifteen units that we are talking about building, there is a hundred thousand dollars in this for relocation of units and furnishings, so that reduces your units costs.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Chairman, I take it from the remarks that there are eight houses in Faro now that are going to be double wide. I am wondering just how the contract was let? Did you, the government of the Yukon Housing Corporation, whoever, ask for in the contract, double wide housing, or did they ask for a plan from the contractor as to what kind of a house he would like to build, or did they just let out a contract and say build anything you want? How was it let out?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, what we are talking about in this particular case is replacing seven rented facilities that we have at Faro at the moment. We did put three double wides in there last year, which we managed to get tied into the Cyprus Anvil contract to provide housing in Faro. The Board of Directors of the Yukon Housing Corporation felt that that was the lowest possible price they could get from anyone, so they tagged on to the Cyprus Anvil contract.

This particular year we will be calling for proposals to provide eight houses at Faro, seven at Destruction Bay, and all we will specify is that they must be C.M.H.C. standards and they must be certain size. We will invite proposals from contractors, including people who provide double wides, or what ever. Our guess is that it will be double wides.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, my remarks go back to the discussion that went on here a few momemnts ago respecting how we can encourage Yukon contractors to bid and develop some of these units, either by the double-wide method or more preferably the permanent type of building. I've always said and other Legislatures have said in the Yukon that we've got to find some system to give some incentive to local contractors on perhaps a five percent preferential bid arrangement.

But everytime we get talking about this, the federal government say well we've got federal money in this so, obviously all the people in Canada should have the same opportunities. I'm wondering within the Housing Corporation as a Crown Corporation, if we could do this in fact.

Mr. Miller: Well Mr. Chairman, I would have to check to see whether we could do it. My question is whether we should do it, not "could."

Well we could try and find out Mr. Chairman but really I think the question is does this House, the members of this House want to give preferential treatment to a certain segment of the population. That's my question and I don't know the answer.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, that isn't my question. My question is can we do it? If we can do it, then perhaps the House may wish to consider the advisability of doing it.

Mr. Miller: Well we'll try and find out Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McCall?

Mr. McCall: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. What the Honourable Member is saying I think is distorting the whole picture of what was suggested, we're suggesting that we set up an industry or try and establish an industry for prefabricated buildings, like they have done in and around the area of Churchill, Manitoba. It would mean more than just one department getting involved. And it's a pretty heavy feasibility study which had to be done.

I don't say we give preferential treatment to any industry. I don't believe in that concept because it would defeat itself.

My question at this point or should I say my explanation to the Honourable Member from Hootalinqua, the three units that were brought out the Atco double wide units that were brought out to Faro for replacement, one of them burnt down and the reason was as the Honourable Member brought up this morning, poor standard in the wiring. That was quickly replaced but they are pretty dangerous pieces of equipment.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I merely had a comment on the answer I received from the witness and the simple thing is this, that is the reason that you don't have too many Yukon contractors I think building these homes in the Yukon. As the contract is let out and in no way can you build a good home in the Yukon and a permanent home for the price that you can pack up a little two inch wall affair up the Alaska Highway and plunk it down somewhere. So consequently if they're asking for bids which say you will submit to us, the plans, there is no way the price comparison is going to be there.

Yet these homes are acceptable under the Building Code. But they're not really acceptable to the people in the Yukon, I think that's the problem. I have to agree with the Honourable Member from Pelly river when he said there should be possibly an industry started here because then if we can build trailer homes in this country that is good enough for this country, then okay. The ones from outside are not adequate at any time.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Miller?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the double wides that we are now bringing in, are built to Northern Building Standards. They are not southern building standards.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: I can appreciate Mr. Miller's remarks with respect to the standards but still the fact

remains we should be trying to use every means available to us to at least certainly I would feel and maybe this House doesn't want to move that way, to encourage our own industry to flourish, our own people to build something.

Certainly I would think that by gosh, if this thing was framed in the right way, that a ready to move home can certainly be constructed. It could be constructed in Watson Lake, it could be constructed in Whitehorse, right on the lot of a major builder or a small builder, small contractor that can use labour right there and then, materials and move those units to where ever they have to be moved to.

I certainly think we're remiss in not trying to encourage that kind of thing to happen. Just further to that I'd like to know because now we're on this particular subject, we're looking at 2180 and 2183 and it all calls for certain types of housing to be constructed. And just right now could I have an idea of how many units we're talking about in the Assisted Home Ownership Program, the public housing, the rural and remote housing.

Now I realize the public housing could be something, take a different form in maybe an apartment or something like that. But what are the number of units in those particular establishments?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, before we go on to that. I would like to ask a supplementary on the other on the prefabricating industry you were talking about. We keep saying we should be encouraging it. I might be ignorant on this but how would you go about encouraging it, setting it up and how much money would it cost initially to do this? Would you be looking at private enterprise or do you, are you looking at government? I would really like to have a little more information on this.

Mr. Chairman: First of all Mr. Berger?

Mr. Berger: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I am rising on this particular subject because I think it is our duty of legislators to look into the possibility. The question the Honourable Member from Kluane asked was asked by the Honourable Member from Pelly River a year ago. There was never an answer given as he is right and I would also like to point out to the members here in the answer sheet we received from Mr. Miller, the Yukon Rental Purchase Housing Program. I think the answer is right there.

The three bedroom home of 835 square feet, there is 1,300 gallons of fuel oil set aside for a year's operation. This, to my estimation, is a crime in this day and age because this house should not use more than but 600 or 700 gallons of fuel oil if it is constructed properly.

I know as a fact those houses, again in Dawson, half their insulation was sold on the private market because they wouldn't bother to put the thing in there, yet it was passed by the building inspector and it was accepted by the Yukon Housing Corporation or C.M.H.C. at that time and those are the things that I am complaining about and those are the things I think we have to -- it is our duty to look into these things.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McCall?

Mr. McCall: With all due respect to the Honourable Member from Kluane, my suggestion as to where we would start the project of such a large scale would be through the Yukon Housing Corporation.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Just in answer to the Honourable Member from Kluane, I think it could take many forms. Certainly this could be achieved through government programs but more so, certainly the private enterprise should be encouraged and I would be more inclined that way.

There is a combination, of course, and I mentioned it earlier and so did the Honourable Member to my left that there are programs, for instance, that we certainly know of in Churchill but that is purely government activity there and this is fine. It has generated some -- certainly an economy and economic base but here we have enough people in the industry right now that probably just have not been encouraged, you know, enough.

Certainly, I think the private enterprise route is a good one to go if we can possibly do it.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, could I ask the Honourable Members a question? For example, the one at Churchill, is it subsidized by government funds or does it pay for itself and make a profit? Does it run -- is it operated to make a profit or break even?

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Chairman, if I can answer, that's very subsidized, I would imagine. It's strictly a government operation but funds have been diverted from Welfare Programs and Make Work Programs and Winter Work Programs and you know, LEAP and PEP and all the rest of it that you want, have been diverted into that.

However, it has as, you know, provided training base. Certainly the people are not -- the Indian people there who are involved, are not on the streets as much as they used to be. At least there is some meaningful activity and they have oddly enough provided a house accommodation that meets northern requirements and they have been quite successful at it. They have had their problems certainly.

I can think of many other areas where private enterprise has got into it, where the local little builder has been encouraged to, as I said earlier, to be able to provide -- build eight or nine houses right in his year, right in his particular base of operations and he can use the tools that are there. There is no movement of tools and away it goes.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McCall?

Mr. McCall: Yes, to carry on further answering the question of the Honourable Member from Kluane. I believe one of the major industry that is involved in the lumber trade, Beaver Lumber, does this type of trade, prefabricated. Substantial too.

Mr. Chairman, I might also add to the Honourable Member to my right. The major capital investment was put up the the Indian Affairs Department for the Churchill, Manitoba project but I think they are on a break even type of basis now.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Chairman, just on the question of whether or not an industry could develop in the Yukon for the purpose of producing mobile homes, that is the trailer type thing.

I looked into this in conjunction with other people who had contemplated doing just that in the Watson Lake area some years ago but they found that there was no possible way that they could construct a unit and recover their investment in the unit by building it in the Yukon because you have to haul all these components in and this type of thing.

They found that, in terms of a building construction, utilizing local Yukon product, forest products, the timber, there's good spruce in the country, that that was more advantageous for their construction program. So they got off the idea of the mobile home and they went to the -- into the business, as a matter of fact in one instance, of building contractors and building houses, designing plans and this type of thing.

I think here is where the answer lies - is keep our forest products industry going. Now, we have had a tremendous fight with government and perhaps -- I don't know where we sit on it now, trying to get the engineering departments of both the Federal and Territorial Government Departments, where involved, to recognize the use of native spruce, the Yukon spruce, in construction, in specs and the Fed's seem to ignore it.

They insist that any building they build must have fir throughout and whereby I believe it is still the policy and I am not sure on this but if it isn't it should be the policy of the Territorial Government to use spruce wherever possible with the exception possibly of stressed areas and beams.

This is where the answer lies and if we are going to develop anything, a renewable resource and an industry in the Yuko., we should be not looking at these double-wides and these trailers and restricting our activities to people like Atco and this type of thing. You know, there is not that many people around that would be bidding these things, I wouldn't think.

We should be encouraging the local contractor who hires local people to use where possible local product to build homes and build homes that are well insulated, homes that are designed for the North and built in the North by Northerners. Here is the answer to, I think, the problems as being raised by some of the Honourable Members.

Mr. Chairman: Ms. Millard?

Ms. Millard: Just while we're on the subject of things to do with housing. It just crossed my mind that perhaps there could be some discussion with Clinton Creek Mine on purchasing some of their mobile units by the government. Has any discussion taken place in that regard?

Mr. Miller: Well, Mr. Chairman, not as yet. We're thinking.

Ms. Millard: You're thinking?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Just an answer to my question, how many units did you have time to, Mr. Miller?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, we're talking about the possibility of 15 houses under staff accommodation. The Assisted Homeownership Program is money that we're asking you to vote which will allow us to provide an incentive to the local housing industry to build under the Assisted Homeownership Program. Under public housing, we're talking of one 18-suite apartment in Whitehorse and the rural and remote housing program has still not been defined well enough to know how many units or what type of construction.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I would certainly like some information on that Assisted Homeownership Program - I've heard so much about it and I would certainly appreciate any literature or information that you have on it.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I can obtain the information package from Central Mortgage and Housing and make it available.

Mr. Chairman: I believe the local limit is \$42,000.00?

Mr. Miller: The local limit is presently \$42,000.00 and the income level is \$17,000.00 adjusted.

Mr. Chairman: Pardon?

Mrs. Watson: Why are we voting money then?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, CMHC came up with this program across Canada about three years ago and the idea was that the normal spec builder in the area would build on a spec basis and sell under AHOP. We have not had sufficient interest from the builders in the Yukon Territory to build on a spec basis, so the Housing Corporation, to try and alleviate some of the house building problems, undertook last year to build some 24-28 units over in Riverdale. They're not as yet completed; they will be complete within the next couple of months and we'll see how we do selling them.

Mr. Chairman: I think one of the problems, Mr. Miller, was that the limit was not then \$42,000.00. It was not a realistic figure for the local contractor.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: I heard an Honourable Member say it was a realistic figure and I just saw a head shaking. Was it, is that correct?

Mr. Miller: That figure changed, Mr. Chairman, before the Housing Corporation went into the business.

Mr. Chairman: Correction, Mr. Miller. The figure changed in the fall of last year. Well, those houses weren't being built then. They were built to different specifications, Mr. Miller.

Mr. Miller: Well, I was informed today by the officer of the Housing Corporation that it looks like the

industry may not pick it up again this year on the spec basis. We'll wait and see.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, if they don't, then we proceed under this? Is that the idea?

Mr. Miller: That would be the intention, Mr. Chairman, yes.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, more information. The value of the houses will be in the neighbourhood of \$42,000.00, is this correct? And you have to earn \$17,000.00 or more to be eligible for one?

Mr. Miller: No, Mr. Chairman, the houses will run - the present ones being built are detached, I'm sorry, semi-detached houses; they are duplexes; they will run at about forty, forty-one thousand per side. The income level to qualify for Assisted Homeownership will be in the, I believe it's the thirteen to seventeen thousand dollar income bracket. Basically, Assisted Homeownership provides a method whereby, if you are less than the maximum income, there is assistance provided by Central Mortgage and Housing up to a maximum of \$700.00 per annum, for you to purchase that house.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lang?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, does it have to be a duplex that has to be built?

Mr. Miller: No, Mr. Chairman, it doesn't but that's the only way you can drag house prices down today, is have a common wall.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, if the government has to embark upon the Assisted Homeownership Program this year, or the Yukon Housing Corporation, where will they be building the houses in the Whitehorse area?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, if there are any communities in the Yukon that have a local industry and a number of people who would like to attempt to, or interested in, buying under AHOP, I'm sure the Housing Corporation will be more than happy to talk to them and this is one way of getting the houses built, they would be happy to do so.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lang?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, just for my information. If I am a contractor I can come to you and get a loan to build a house, or a at the same time do I have to have a buyer for that house by the AHOP plan?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the normal process would be that the builder would arrange with C.M.H.C. for financing, and build under the AHOP program as spec housing and the builder has to sell the house himself. In this particular case what housing coporation is doing is saying to the builder, you build, we will guarantee to buy from you, and then we will in turn sell under the AHOP program.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Berger?

Mr. Berger: Mr. Chairman, I don't know if the witness will be able to answer this question. On the news it was related to us that the Bank of Montreal and the Royal Bank of Canada has increased their interest rates. I am wondering if C.M.H.C. is going to increase their interest rates too on the plan here?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I am afraid I just don't know.

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: I didn't hear the answer.

Mr. Miller: I don't know what C.M.H.C. intends to do with interest rates, Mr. Chairman, I am privy to that information.

Mr. Chairman: You would expect them to go up though, wouldn't you, under those circumstances?

Mr. Miller: As the market goes up normally their rates go up, that is correct.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Thank you Mr. Chairman, I have a question for Mr. Miller. I am real pleased to see the number of units that are planned. I am just wondering on what basis were this number arrived at? What kind of a survey had been done, or has been done to determine the housing needs in Yukon?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, on Assisted Home Ownership there has been no survey done. The corporation undertook this last year for the first time to do this. We will have to wait and see the results of sales and then we will have to see what the general industry is doing within Whitehorse, at least, before they tackle any more.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: I don't want to get into a debate or an argument either on this, I would suggest, especially under the Assisted Home Ownership program that it would do the corporation well to clarify to the local builders that it is not just detached units that are having to be built. I think this is really an example of why you are not getting a response. In fact, the Assisted Home Ownership Program across Canada didn't get that great a response for a while and Central Mortgage and Housing were having a difficult time trying to promote it. I don't know if that has changed, to date, has it Mr. Miller?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, to my knowledge all the AHOP money that is available is being grabbed up.

Mr. Chairman: The limit available in the Yukon is considerably better than they are elsewhere in the country.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, just for clarification, I

am not sure that I gave the right numbers previously. The new Assisted Home Ownership Program is now a maximum of forty-one thousand on construction and income levels of twelve to nineteen thousand adjusted income.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Who did the exact surveying on the housing needs under all these?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, there was no housing survey done on Assisted Home Ownership. It was a calculated guess by the Housing Corporation Board that they should build "x" number of units.

On the public housing what we are talking about there is one apartment and there is a demonstrated need by a number of applications that the Whitehorse Housing Authority is holding that would more than fill that apartment.

Mr. Chairman, the rural and remote housing program has come about and we have included it in here as a provisional item. There has been a management committee struck comprised of C.M.H.C., the Yukon Housing Corporation management people, the YANSI organization and the Yukon Native Brotherhood organization. They undertook, using C.M.H.C. core funding last summer, a survey of eight communities in the Yukon. The survey indicated that the basic requirements or needs in these communities was for a semi-service type, smaller type of unit than we have been building, i.e. the three bedroom modern house. There has been no decisions made, there has been no agreement signed, the management committee is meeting this next week to, hopefully, work out some of the details. There will then have to be some delivery mechanism found, house design and everything else. It is very preliminary at this stage.

Mr. Chairman: I will declare a brief recess.

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Mr. Chairman: I now call this Committee to order. Mr. McCall?

Mr. McCall: Yes, Mr. Chairman, while we are on the subject of housing, I would like at this point to make a Motion, if I may. This Motion is moved by myself, seconded by the Honourable Member from Riverdale, "That the Yukon Housing Corporation together with the Yukon Builders Association pursue in co-operation with other Federal and Territorial agencies the feasibility of establishing a Yukon industry for the purpose of prefabrication and ready-to-move housing structures".

Mr. Chairman: I will now read the Motion in English. Moved by the Honourable Member from Pelly, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale, "That the Yukon Housing Corporation together with the Yukon Builders Association pursue in co-operation with other Federal and Territorial agencies the feasibility of establishing a Yukon industry for the purpose of prefabrication and ready-to-move hous-

ing structures". Mr. McCall?

Mr. McCall: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As I pointed out before when I suggested this a year ago and as I have said earlier in debate that to date I have not received any information whatsoever whether the individual departments had investigated my suggestion last year and it was brought up again today by another Honourable Member on the same subject and this should be considered. Basically this is what the Motion is, to go into and investigate a feasibility of this particular industry.

Mr. Chairman: Is there any further discussion? Mr. Lang?

Hon. Mr. Lang: I just question the value of putting the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development in the Motion in regards if we ever did get started, we always find that we get dropped our our head. It doesn't matter what program we have. They just throw this out.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Chairman, I think it is very essential that they are part of the total planning and the question with regard to the housing situation.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McIntyre?

Mr. McIntyre: Mr. Chairman, it seems to me that if we pass this Motion, we are authorizing the expenditure of some money and I don't think that we have any authority to authorize anybody to spend money unless it is put forward to us to begin with.

Mr. Chairman: This is a Motion Mr. McIntyre. It's not the form of a Bill.

Mr. McIntyre: It should be an opinion.

Mr. Chairman: What are you suggesting? Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Possibly some other Honourable Member would move that an amendment be made to the Motion and possibly something to the effect that within the budgetary constraints or budgetary limitations of the Housing Corporation and it really is an investigation that is being called for.

Mr. Chairman: That is the request of this Assembly? Would someone so amend?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I don't have a copy of the Motion but the Motion should properly read, "It is the opinion of this Committee that such and such be done", and this is the way it should read.

Mr. Chairman: I take that as - you are the amender?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Well, I haven't got a copy of the

Motion, so it's pretty hard for me to amend it but whatever it is, it should read, "It is the opinion of Committee that whatever, whatever...."

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Chairman, could you provide a copy of the Motion of the Motion to the Honourable Member and then he could amend it?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, with respect, I think it's probably is point of order more than anything else, not dealing with the Motion, but it seems that everytime we get involved in motions arising out of the Committee we arise in the same problem and if you want my genuine impression of what we look like, a bunch of dumbies all the time when this happens.

Certainly the proper method is to go through the Notice of Motion and the Motion and we all have copies and we know what we are talking about. I have never seen it fail in all the years I have been around this House that when we have these Motions coming out of our discussion in Committee, we get into this trap over and over and over again and the point of order is Mr. Chairman, if we keep these Motions coming out of Committee to a minimum and have the proper notice plus the Motion in front of us, plus the Motion in the House, it carries so much more weight and meaning as an opinion of the House rather than blowing out of Committee and it is so much easier for all members to realize what is happening at the time of debate of the Motion.

Now, we will break again while Motions are for Committee and then it is no use really going back to work before five o'clock this afternoon.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McCall?

Mr. McCall: Mr. Chairman, I am prepared to withdraw that Motion.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: I will withdraw it with - no, I will withdraw it.

Mr. Chairman: Are you agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: We will continue with the discussion of the Project Capital of the Yukon Housing Corporation. For the record, the items have not as yet been read into the record. I will do so now. Staff Accommodation, \$1,000,000.00. Assisted Home Ownership Program, \$1,200,000.00. Public Housing, \$600,000.00. Rural and Remote Housing Programs, \$400,000.00. Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I was waiting for us to move from Staff Accommodation and having that cleared first and I see that we were talking about Assisted Home Ownership Program. Just where are we now? What have we cleared and what haven't we cleared?

Mr. Chairman: The problem arose, Mr. Taylor, when there were various arguments that were brought

up that involved more than one area of this program. Therefore, I considered it better to put them under one debate.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Okay. That's fine, Mr. Chairman. I was waiting to get down to Public Housing for one and as you know, I am unalterably opposed to any further public housing in the Yukon and I have said that for some time now and I don't think that we should get involved in public housing. Rental Purchase Housing, great, but this public housing, the chicken coupe type development that has been imposed upon some of our communities is certainly not the answer.

The other thing is that the government have been attempting to get out of the housing business. That was always the avowed purpose of the government and it seems that we just keep getting deeper and deeper into it. That's my comments on public housing. I don't think that we should be producing anymore and if it is intended that in any event that the Administration are going to do this, are they talking about building more chicken coupes.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the Public Housing Project Plan for 1976 construction season is an 18 suite apartment in the City of Whitehorse for single parent families.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I find some of the remarks Honourable Member makes rather repulsive. Really I - oh, well, what's the use really. I am going to rural and remote housing and I would like to ask a question of the witnesses.

I know that your plans aren't that definite. To me, rural and remote housing means housing outside of communities. Now, I am concerned with this type of a program because we do have problems in this area already. You said semi-type of services, wells, I suppose, septic tanks, and then we always have the problem of school busing. We have the problem of road maintenance and the whole bit.

Are we going to create problems for ourselves by going into this type of housing or is my interpretation of rural and remote housing incorrect?

Mr. Mileer: Mr. Chairman, rural and remote housing is a C.M.H.C. program which was designed to provide housing in communities of less than 2500 population. That qualifies most of the Yukon communities for this type of housing. The intention, subject to whatever the Management Board comes up with, would be initially to see if we couldn't build in at least one community on an experimental basis, but there has been nothing firm developed in this regard.

It requires an agreement with C.M.H.C. It will require agreements with YANSI, Y.N.B. and other parties, the Yukon Housing Corporation. What we are suggesting is that the program is there for our taking. It appears to meet what the people in the smaller communities now want. We don't know whether the communities will allow us to build it. We don't know whether we have got the capabilities of delivering the program.

We are just at a state of flux at the moment. We hope that we will have answers before the construction season.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Is it anticipated under this Vote that a person could build a residence outside of a community, an organized community, or must they be on sewer and water?

For instance, if a person wished to build a home at Simpson Lake and so forth, could he borrow funds to build a home under this plan or must he be in an organized community?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, this is not a borrowing plan. This is a construction plan which is designed to help people of low incomes at the present time, as I have indicated, we do not have a delivery mechanism. We are talking about basically semi-service type of housing, not fully serviced and we just don't even have a design. The indication to date are that it might be log construction with water delivery and a holding tank type of operation.

Those are only indications. As the program develops, depending upon costs and depending upon the package that might be developed, if it is log housing, there is no reason why it can't be built anywhere in the Yukon, providing the individual has a right to the land.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Miller, would this housing situation I guess it's the small community at Lake Laberge would that be, for instance, an example where this remote housing program could apply? I might just say while I'm up here, I'm glad to hear of the log construction concept because again I know of many remote housing programs that have gone the conventional route and now the people that have been housed in those particular type of units be looked at and used, because they have proven to be more worthwhile.

Lake Laberge or Lac Laberge is that the area that could apply Mr. Miller?

Mr. Miller: Well, Mr. Chairman, this presents, using that precise example, can present some problems similar to those. There's no area where this cannot be applied. But the understanding under this agreement is that the people have to be able to pay back the cost of construction. So under those conditions, and under the zoning and area development regulations, either within the municipalities or areas, LID's, or area development regulations of the Territory, there's no restriction.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Yes, Mr. Chairman, my question was answered by Mr. Miller before, thank you.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Whyard?

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, I was going to rise earlier to point out what Mr. Miller has now said.

And that is this is the type of building program which strives to utilize local materials in a local setting. I think this is the kind of thing, the mover and seconder of the motion were trying to get at earlier that a more sophisticated plan for construction locally.

I think we would all like to see these houses built by local people with local product, rather than importing a southern design. My understanding of the rural remote program is also that it is based on the number of people who require such housing, is not a pot of money waiting for people to come and borrow from it. It is not an imposition of somebody's federal scheme. It is actually in reply to specific requests of people who want to live where they are.

I had the benefit of some conversation with a gentleman who's connected with this program earlier this winter and his experience is in northern BC where they are definitely using logs and local lumber for housing. And definitely adapting plans to fit the person who lives in that house.

It sounds like a very good investment for the Yukon, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I just wondered whether summer homes and lakeside cottages would qualify for this?

Mr. Miller: Well Mr. Chairman, these are permanent residences.

Mr. Chairman: Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Treasury Department - furniture and office equipment \$80,000.00. Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes is any part of this for the purchase of computer equipment?

Mr. Miller: No, Mr. Chairman, we do not purchase computer equipment, we lease it.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Then my question relates to the operation of the computer service. Perhaps I can pick it up when we next go back through.

Mr. Chairman: Liquor Control Equipment \$30,000.00. Clear?

Central purchasing equipment \$5,000.00. Clear? Liquor store extension Watson Lake \$55,000.00.

Mrs. Watson: When are we going to be finished with Watson Lake?

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: More money for Watson Lake.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: As soon as we finish pouring money into Dawson, Mr. Chairman.

No and seriously I would like to ask where this extension is going to go. I'd like to know where this extension is going to go, where there's room because they built this building between the lake and highway and they didn't leave any room for anything else. Is it the intention to acquire additional property from private enterprise to build this extension?

Mr. Miller: No, Mr. Chairman, there's no intention to acquire additional property. What we're talking about is a small extension on the back of the building. It will be primarily the enclosing of the loading there now and it will enlarge our storage space mainly because we haven't been able to put an elevator in which allows us to use the elevator in the basement.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Will it still be possible to get mail trucks and liquor delivery trucks in behind there or will it be necessary to back-fill out into the lake to make that space?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I don't have the details of actual construction but it is my understanding that there will be no need to change the actual dimension of the building.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Chairman, I may have missed it, but how many square feet are you adding on?

Mr. Miller: I think, Mr. Chairman, that we are talking about enclosing 1000 square feet.

Mr. Chairman: It all depends, Mr. Lengerke, on how much they are adding to Dawson City.

Mr. Berger: Mr. Chairman, everybody speaks of Dawson City. May I find out where you are spending the money in Dawson City?

Mr. Chairman: Order please. Are we clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: The Department of Education, Miscellaneous School Equipment, \$79,000.00.

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Chairman, can I just ask one question?

Mr. Chairman: Yes.

Mr. Lengerke: And I am sure it is an obvious answer but I would imagine that work is going to be tendered, the extension, or is it going to be done by a local contractor in Watson Lake?

Mr. Miller: Well, Mr. Chairman, it will be tendered.

Mr. Chairman: Are we clear?

Some Members: Yes.

Mr. Chairman: Vocational School Equipment, \$35,000.00.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, on the miscellaneous school equipment, I thought you were saying clear to the liquor store?

Mr. Chairman: I tried to sneak it through.

Mrs. Watson: However, I would just like to make an observation. I would hope that some of the funding that is being voted here is provided to update and to replace some of the desks and blackboards and this type of thing. In some of our older schools, for example, Christ the King Elementary School, Whitehorse Elementary School, some of the older schools, I don't feel have had the attention maybe that they should and now that we are voting \$79,000.00 this year, maybe they can do some upgrading on these.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lang?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, I have got a list. I could hand it out in regards to what is going on at the various schools. I can get it run off if the Honourable Member likes.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you Mr. Lang. Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Vocational School Equipment, \$35,000.00. Clear?

Mrs. Watson: If the Minister of Education has the list of that, we would be very happy to receive it.

Hon. Mr. Lang: I can get a list for that as well, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you Mr. Lang. Vocational School House Construction, \$25,000.00.

Mr. Berger: Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Berger?

Mr. Berger: Is there an indication of how big the house is?

Hon. Mr. Lang: I don't have that with me, Mr. Chairman, but I am sure I could get that information as well.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Miller?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the house that's currently under construction is a three bedroom house. My guess is that it would be slightly over a thousand square feet with two carports, one on each side.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Berger?

Mr. Berger: Then I would suggest that we let the vocational school build it during their building construction because for \$25,000.00 I think this would be a real good idea to get them to build the houses.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I think that all members should be aware that Canada Manpower pays most of the wages and what we are talking about here is the out-of-pocket cost. It also takes basically two construction seasons to complete the house.

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Chairman, at that price, I think we should magnify the program and don't worry about the time it takes.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, when we finish building these houses and tender them for sale, does the vocational school or does the government have trouble selling the houses that they--that is build under this program and are you able to make a profit because you do go to tender don't you?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the last two houses that were built and sold, were sold at a nominal profit and there was no problem selling them.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: I would just like to ask what the nominal profit is and then we would know whether it is good business or not?

Mr. Miller: I seems to me Mr. Chairman, the last one our total out-of-pocket costs were in excess of \$25,000.00 and we sold it for \$37,000.00.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Miller, is it then required to pay back the Federal Government for the overage?

Mr. Miller: Well, Mr. Chairman, any profit that we make goes to the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

Mr. Chairman: Territorial secretary and registrar general, identification and lamination camera \$3,000.00. Clear?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I think this is an excellent investment because it becomes more obvious all the time, when you're travelling, you require identification with your picture. I think it's-- for \$3,000.00 I would hope that they travel throughout the Territory again and provide this service this summer.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, it's the intention to continue making the service available in the outlying communities.

Mr. Chairman: Department of Health, Welfare and Rehabilitation, Northern Health Services Construction \$156,000.00.

Mr. Berger: Could we have an explanation of this, Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Whyard?

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: This is our share of the cost, \$102,000.00 for Watson Lake Cottage Hospital, \$34,000.00 to convert the Pelly Crossing nursing station to a health centre and \$20,000.00 for studies to make architectural changes in the Faro nursing station.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, is that \$102,000.00 with or without an operating theatre?

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, without.

Mr. Chairman: The members are referring to Appendix page 38.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: That is, provided they do open the establishment, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Northern Health Services, miscellaneous projects \$61,000.00, Appendix page 38. Mr. McCall?

Mr. McCall: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I take it this \$13,000.00 for the Faro nursing station x-ray equipment, this is a piece of equipment to replace the historic monument we've got out there?

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I'm very happy to say that we are about to replace that historic monument and it was long overdue. I know that the medical officer and the nursing staff there have been complaining for a long time about the inadequate x-ray equipment. It's nice to see something new going in there.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McCall?

Mr. McCall: I would like, at this point, to go on record to applaud the Honourable Minister for this allocation at long last.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Just a clarification from the Honourable Minister of Health and Welfare, \$30,000.00 for the Watson Lake hospital. It says outfit Watson Lake hospital; I'm sure that's not the total that's required to outfit the hospital is it?

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, that's for office furnishings, x-ray equipment, dental equipment, instruments and residences' furnishings. But it's only our portion of the costs.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: My question related to the dental equipment. Is it anticipated that there will be a dental x-ray machine there? This has been the big problem in Watson Lake, is that a lot of people have to be referred to Whitehorse because of the lack of dental x-ray equipment. I suppose it could be a problem elsewhere in the Territory as well. I was wondering if that is to be provided.

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, I don't believe that there will be any dental x-ray equipment there.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McCall?

Mr. McCall: Well, Mr. Chairman, I would like to elaborate on this particular point because we had great trouble with our dental x-ray equipment in the Faro nursing establishment. We went out and purchased our own dental equipment, x-ray unit, and it cost approximately just under \$3,000.00 and is one of the best in the country. And very economic to run.

Mr. Chairman: Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Chairman, I'm not quite clear. I'm just wondering, it's just a query actually, as to the car for the public health nurse at Pelly Crossing. I know that the native people and, of course, the village is almost all there is there. And all their expenses and so forth are paid by the Federal Government or Department of Indian Affairs. They come to the hospital for medicine and everything. I'm wondering for the public health nurse there that money is paid strictly by the Yukon Territorial Government, all of it in other words.

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Miller I think could assist us on this. I have a table here of shared costs for nursing stations, if you want to give me a minute to find it.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, this cost share of the costs, this is our share of the cost, of the capital.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: The cost is actually more than that, that's just for that. For the car for the public health nurse, the cost is more than \$4,000.00, in other words that is our share.

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

Mr. Chairman: Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Equipment and Furnishings, Welfare, \$35,000.00. Ms. Millard?

Ms. Millard: I would like to query the supplying

engineering services to Alexander McDonald Lodge, why is that in Capital? What sort of services wouldn't come under the other vote?

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Whyard?

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, I was hoping someone would ask that. We require engineering services on this one, Mr. Chairman, because they have to practically tear that place apart in order to replace laundry equipment which was so obsolete when it was put in there that they should have thrown it in the dump.

If the Honourable Member has ever been present in that nursing home when the laundry was being put through that machine, she would have known about it because the whole building shakes as if an earthquake were taking place. The whole building. Why it hasn't fallen down, I don't know. It is ridiculous.

Year after year, the department has asked for funds to remove the obsolete equipment, which is not the right size, shape nor design to be operating there, and replace it with modern updated laundry equipment. That is why this item is in here in Capital, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Miscellaneous Equipment, Corrections, \$21,000.00. Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, inasmuch as I won't have an opportunity to be in the question period tomorrow, I have a question related to this item. I spoke this afternoon about some of the problems facing the Watson Lake housing project, in terms of the electrical question. I am wondering if the administration could advise me now if there is a fire alarm system in the Wolf Creek Institution and if there is any back-up lighting system in that Institution, as I don't believe there is, especially in light of the objectives to provide for the protection, care and welfare of an individual in custody?

I would like to know the answers to that and, if these are not provided, is there sufficient money in this budget under 2552 to provide fire protection and back-up lighting system for this Institution?

Mr. Miller: Sorry, Mr. Chairman, I don't know. I would have to check.

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Well, Mr. Chairman, it is my assumption that there certainly is, but we will bring back specifics if the Honourable Member wants that.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: I certainly would like that, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McCall?

Mr. McCall: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I find this rather odd: on two occasions we have been invited to visit two institutes recently and here we are, the Hon-

ourable Member here from Watson Lake is harping on something he could have personally investigated himself.

Some Members: That is right.

Mr. McCall: I find this rather odd. Today, even, he was not in attendance when we had the invitation. Last year, I believe, we were up at that juvenile institution. I suggest the Honourable Member get his head straight.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, may I thank the Honourable Member from Pelly for his very, very kind words but, perhaps, if he could assist me in my duties as Speaker and sometimes during the day and allow me to catch up with some of this work, I would have time to go to institutes. I have, indeed, had three visits to the institute that the Honourable Member visited today.

Well, I will tell you if you want to have some fun and you want to play with this one, you just bite off what you can chew. I will tell you one thing, if we are incarcerating people in that institute at Wolf Creek and if there is not an adequate fire protection system in that building or adequate back-up electrical system, someone around this table is going to have to start laughing on the other side.

So, instead of berating me for doing the work of the House that I have to do alone, I think it behooves you to take a little more interest, all members, in the matters raised before the House. I don't find it hilarious at all.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McCall?

Mr. McCall: My heart bleeds; the Honourable Member is climbing into a box of Kleenex tissues here and we are expected to swallow it. I think this is a little ridiculous when the Honourable Member brings up the question; he could have personally investigated it himself and found out for himself what are the services, what are the problems, what are the conditions, instead of making excuses.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I already know the answer to the question.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lang? Mrs. Whyard?

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Well, if the Honourable Member already knows the answer, why is he asking the question?

Mr. Chairman, I would have had more sympathy with the Honourable Member's concern had he shown it while those juveniles were being incarcerated in old trailer units, but now that they are in a brand new building with all the facilities and equipment required for modern care, suddenly he is showing great concern. We will certainly bring in specifics, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Mrs. Whyard.

I think, prior to proceeding with another government department, I will entertain a motion.

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

Mr. Berger: I will second that, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: It 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 agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: The motion is carried.

MOTION CARRIED

MR. SPEAKER RESUMES THE CHAIR

Mr. Speaker: I will call the House to order.
May we have a report from the Chairman of Committees?

Mr. Hibberd: Yes, Mr. Speaker. Committee convened at 10:30 a.m. to discuss Bills, Motions and Sessional Papers. Present as witnesses were Mr. Miller, Mr. Williams and Mr. Ball during Committee's review of Bill number 2.

Committee recessed at 12 noon and reconvened at 1:50 p.m.

I can now report progress on Bill number 2.

It was moved by Mr. McCall, seconded by Mr. Berger, that Mr. Speaker do now resume the Chair and this 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 at this time?

The Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale?

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Speaker, I would move that we now call it five o'clock.

Ms. Millard: Mr. Speaker, I will second that.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale, seconded by the Honourable Member from Ogilvie, 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 will declare the motion as carried.

MOTION CARRIED

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

ADJOURNED

LEGISLATIVE RETURN NO. 8
(1976 First Session)

March 4, 1976

Mr. Speaker
Members of Council

On Tuesday, February 24, the following question was asked in Council:

"In our monthly report from the Territorial Government under Game Department, it mentioned that there was a land use meeting in December where discussion of a number of applications was involved. One was the large seismic program in the Peel River Reserve. It says that we are involved in a co-operative biological program to assess the impact of this work on the Porcupine caribou herd. Has this been completed yet and may we have a copy?"

The answer to the above question is as follows:

The co-operative program referred to is an ongoing concern of a number of agencies including our government regarding the effects of seismic activity on wildlife. The conclusions are not likely to be known for some time.

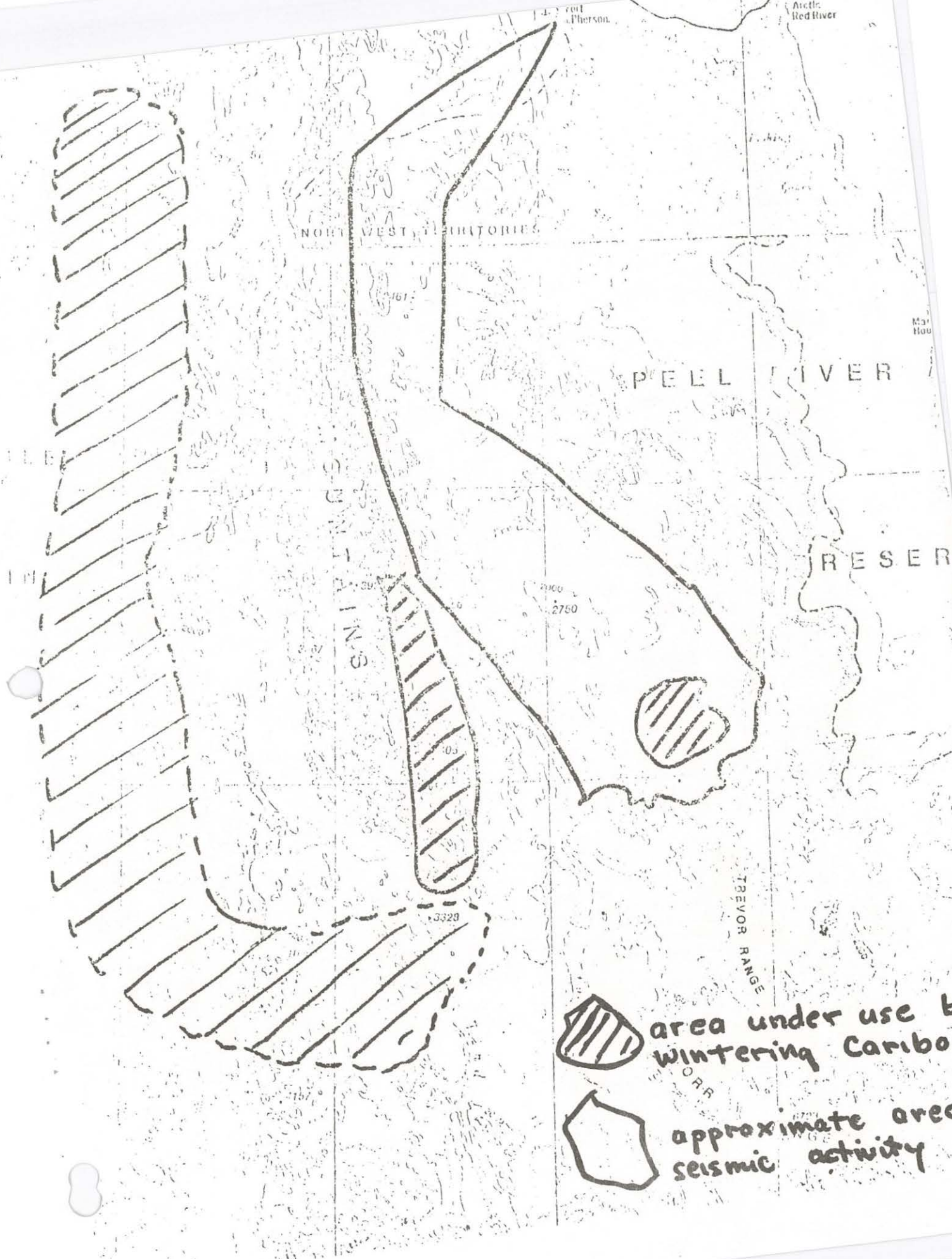
The work the Game Branch was recently involved in was a result of discussion by the Land Use Advisory Committee concerning an application by Mobile Oil Canada Ltd. to conduct a seismic program east of the Richardson Mountains and west of the Peel River. Concern was expressed by the residents of McPherson, by the Canadian Wildlife Service and by the Game Branch that part of the Porcupine caribou herd had wintered in this general area consistently for the last five years.


The permit was granted with the proviso that a survey flight be made to determine if caribou are using the area this winter. Representatives of D.I.A.N.D., the Canadian Wildlife Service and the Territorial Game Branch surveyed the area by aircraft in February. From this flight it was determined, in summary, that the largest segment of the herd wintering in the southern Richardson Mountain area was on the western flank of the range well removed from the seismic program. The area under use by caribou extended from the area of the Eagle River north to the Bell River. The smaller herds were located on the eastern side of the Richardson Mountains, one just off the proposed area of seismic work and one within it at the extreme southern end. The number of animals involved was not determined exactly but was estimated not to exceed 300.

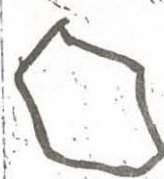
The attached map shows the areas to which reference is made.

Complete flight report on file.

P.J. Gillespie,
Member, Executive Committee



 area under use by wintering Caribou

 approximate area seismic activity

