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

*(Prayers)*

**Mr. Speaker:** We will proceed at this time to the Order Paper.

The Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre.

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** Mr. Speaker, I would just like to rise on a question of personal privilege this morning to let the House know what has happened since your ruling last fall on the style and substance of the Yukon Legislative Assembly.

As you know, Mr. Speaker, most members of the Assembly haven't got too excited about this matter as they believe that, just as in Canada and in the provinces, custom, usage and tradition would eventually prevail as our rights, as you correctly pointed out, are unassailable. I might just say it's happened, Mr. Speaker, much faster than even you and I or probably other members of the Assembly could have thought possible.

I'd just like to bring to the attention of the House, my last four pieces of correspondence from federal Cabinet ministers. From the Honourable Judd Buchanan, the Minister of Public Affairs, addressed to Mr. McKinnon, Member of the Yukon Legislative Assembly; from Mr. Len Marchant, the Minister of State for Small Business, to the Minister of Local Government, Government of the Yukon Territory; from Iona Campagnola, the Minister of State for Fitness and Amateur Sports, to the Minister of Local Government, Government of the Yukon; and the piece de resistance, Mr. Speaker, on February 4th, of this year, from the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development to Mr. McKinnon, Minister of Local Government.

So, Mr. Speaker, it seems to me that kind of leaves - probably leaves one lonely Crown Corporation somewhere out in left field, and knowing full well, Mr. Speaker, how that particular Crown Corporation is so far behind the times and is normally a stranger to the fact, I don't think that any of the Members would want it any other way.

#### ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

**Mr. Speaker:** We will proceed then under routine proceedings to the tabling of documents.

The Honourable Member from Mayo?

#### TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

**Mr. McIntyre:** Mr. Speaker, I have for tabling this morning, a position paper, "Meaningful Government for All Yukoners".

**Mr. Speaker:** Are there any further documents or correspondence for tabling this morning? Reports of Committees?

The Honourable Member from Whitehorse South Centre?

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

**Mr. Hibberd:** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present the third report for the Standing Committee on Rules, Elections and Privileges dated March 2nd, 1977.

Mr. Speaker, I seek the consent of this Assembly to waive standing orders respecting notice to move concurrence in the third report of the Standing Committee on Rules, Elections and Privileges. This will allow the standing orders to be adopted. The standing order governing introduction and first reading of bills can then be followed on this day.

**Mr. Speaker:** This would require unanimous consent of the House. Is the House agreed?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Speaker:** Any contrary? Would you proceed?

**Mr. Hibberd:** Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Pelly, that the Third Report of the Standing Committee on Rules, Elections and Privileges be concurred in.

**Mr. Speaker:** It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse South Centre, seconded by the Honourable Member from Pelly, that the Third Report of the Standing Committee on Rules, Elections and Privileges be concurred in. 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 has carried.

*(Motion carried)*

**Mr. Speaker:** Are there any further Reports of Committees? Introduction of bills - pardon me, are there any Petitions? Introduction of Bills?

The Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre?

#### BILLS: INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING



**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West that a bill entitled "First Appropriation Ordinance 1977-78" be now introduced and read the first time.

**Mr. Speaker:** It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West that an Ordinance entitled "First Appropriation Ordinance 1977-78" be now introduced and read a first time. Are you prepared for the question?

**Some Members:** Question.

**Mr. Speaker:** Are you agreed?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Speaker:** I shall declare that the motion is carried.

*(Motion carried)*

**Mr. Speaker:** And when shall the bill be read for the second time?

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** The next sitting of the Assembly, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North West, that the bill entitled "Financial Agreement Ordinance, 1977" be now introduced and read the first time.

**Mr. Speaker:** It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West, that an Ordinance entitled, "Financial Agreement Ordinance 1977" be introduced and read a first time. Are you prepared for the question?

**Some Members:** Question.

**Mr. Speaker:** Are you agreed?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Speaker:** I shall declare the motion carried.

*(Motion carried)*

**Mr. Speaker:** When shall the bill be read for the second time?

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** The next sitting of the Assembly, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West, that the bill entitled "Loan Agreement Ordinance 1977 No. 1" be read and introduced and read a first time.

**Mr. Speaker:** It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre,

seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West, that an Ordinance entitled "Loan Agreement Ordinance 1977 No. 1" be now introduced and read a first time.

Are you prepared for the question?

**Some Members:** Question.

**Mr. Speaker:** Are you agreed?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Speaker:** I shall declare the motion is carried.

*(Motion carried)*

**Mr. Speaker:** When shall the bill be read for the second time?

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** The next sitting of the Assembly, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West, that a bill entitled "An Ordinance to Amend the Community Assistance Ordinance" be now introduced and read a first time.

**Mr. Speaker:** It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West, that an Ordinance to Amend the Community Assistance be introduced and now read a first time. Are you prepared for the question?

**Some Members:** Question.

**Mr. Speaker:** Are you agreed?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Speaker:** I shall declare that the motion is carried.

*(Motion carried)*

**Mr. Speaker:** And when shall the bill be read for the second time?

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** The next sitting of the Assembly, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West, that a bill, entitled "Municipal General Purposes Loan Ordinance" be now introduced and read the first time.

**Mr. Speaker:** It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West, that a



bill entitled "Municipal General Purposes Loan Ordinance" be introduced and now read a first time.  
Are you prepared for the question?

**Some Members:** Question.

**Mr. Speaker:** Are you agreed?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Speaker:** I shall declare the motion is carried.

*(Motion carried)*

**Mr. Speaker:** When shall the bill be read for a second time?

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** Next sitting of the Assembly, Mr. Speaker.

I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West that a bill entitled "An Ordinance to Amend the Taxation Ordinance" be now introduced and read the first time.

**Mr. Speaker:** It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West, that a bill entitled "An Ordinance to Amend the Taxation Ordinance" be introduced and now read a first time.  
Are you prepared for the question?

**Some Members:** Question.

**Mr. Speaker:** Are you agreed?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Speaker:** I shall declare the motion as carried.

*(Motion carried)*

**Mr. Speaker:** When shall the bill be read for a second time?

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** The next sitting of the Assembly, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** The Honourable Member from Whitehorse West.

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek, that a bill entitled "Insurance Ordinance" be now introduced and read the first time.

**Mr. Speaker:** It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek, that a bill entitled "Insurance Ordinance" be introduced and now read a first time.

Are you prepared for the question?

**Some Members:** Question.

**Mr. Speaker:** Are you agreed?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Speaker:** I shall declare the motion is carried.

*(Motion carried)*

**Mr. Speaker:** When shall the bill be read for the second time?

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** At the next sitting of Assembly, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** The Honourable Member from Whitehorse West.

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek that a bill entitled "Real Estate Agents' Licensing Ordinance" be now introduced and read the first time.

**Mr. Speaker:** It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek, that a Bill entitled "Real Estate Agents' Licensing Ordinance" be introduced and now read a first time.  
Are you prepared for the question?

**Some Members:** Question.

**Mr. Speaker:** Are you agreed?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Speaker:** I shall declare the motion is carried.

*(Motion carried)*

**Mr. Speaker:** When shall the bill be read for the second time?

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** At the next sitting of the Assembly, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre, that a bill entitled "Credit Union Ordinance" be now introduced and read a first time.

**Mr. Speaker:** It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre, that a bill entitled "Credit Union Ordinance" be introduced and now read a first time.  
Are you prepared for the question?

**Some Members:** Question.

**Mr. Speaker:** Are you agreed?

**Some Members:** Agreed.



**Mr. Speaker:** I shall declare the motion as carried.

*(Motion carried)*

**Mr. Speaker:** When shall the bill be read for the second time?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** The next sitting of the Assembly.

**Mr. Speaker:** I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre, that a bill entitled "An Ordinance to Amend the Liquor Tax Ordinance" be now introduced and read a first time.

**Mr. Speaker:** It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre, that a bill entitled "An Ordinance to Amend the Liquor Tax Ordinance" be introduced and now read a first time.

Are you prepared for the question?

**Some Members:** Question.

**Mr. Speaker:** Are you agreed?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Speaker:** I shall declare the motion carried.

*(Motion carried)*

**Mr. Speaker:** Are there any further bills for introduction?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Speaker.

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

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** The bill should be read for a second time at the next sitting of the Assembly.

**Mr. Speaker:** Oh, I'm sorry, I neglected to enquire. I thank the Honourable Member for his observance.

Are there any further introductions of bills?

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

Are there any Notices of Motion or Resolutions?

The Honourable Member from Whitehorse South Centre?

#### NOTICES OF MOTION

**Mr. Hibberd:** I give Notice of Motion regarding the appearance of the Chairman of NCPC before Committee of the Whole.

**Mr. Speaker:** Are there any further Notices of Motion? The Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale?

**Mr. Lengerke:** Yes, Mr. Speaker, I give Notice of Motion, moved by myself, seconded by the Member from Whitehorse South Centre, that a special commit-

tee on pipeline development in Yukon be established to work in co-operation and liaison with the Pipeline Coordinator of the Yukon Government, to observe and report on a continuing basis to the Members of the Yukon Legislative Assembly as to the progress and findings of any discussions and hearings that are held in this regard and any other matters pertaining to pipeline development in Yukon.

**Mr. Speaker:** The Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale?

**Mr. Lengerke:** Mr. Speaker, Notice of Motion, moved by myself, seconded by the Member from Mayo, that a Standing Committee on Constitutional Development for Yukon be established to inquire into and make recommendations with respect to the constitutional development of Yukon;

that Messrs. McKinnon, Taylor, Hibberd, McIntyre and Lengerke be appointed to the said Committee and that the Standing Order 51:2 be suspended in relation thereto;

that the Committee have the authority to retain such professional, clerical and stenographic help as it may require;

that the Committee have the authority to adjourn from place to place;

that the Committee have the power to report, from time to time, to call for persons, papers and records, to print such papers and documents as may be ordered by the Committee, to arrange for verbatim transcripts and sit during the intersessional periods.

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

Are there any statements by Ministers?

This brings us then to the Oral Question Period.

#### ORAL QUESTIONS

**Question re: Social Worker Visits to Old Crow**

**Ms. Millard:** Mr. Speaker, I have an oral question for the Minister of Health, Welfare and Rehabilitation:

Why has there been no social worker visit Old Crow since August, although I have three times since August been promised that someone would travel there from Whitehorse since there are several cases needing immediate attention?

**Mr. Speaker:** The Honourable Minister of Health and Welfare?

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Mr. Speaker, if the Honourable Member wishes, I will enquire and bring the dates and details which would answer her question, but as the Honourable Member is well aware we have had great difficulty in obtaining a replacement for the social worker based at Dawson City, who normally visits Old Crow.

We have interviewed many applicants. We have screened dozens of applicants for this position, and it is almost impossible to find a suitable candidate through our regular processes.



As the Honourable Member also knows, our Department is looking at new ways of filling such positions in outlying communities, and we have been in correspondence with the Honourable Member on this subject, which we hope is going to be a means of filling such positions at a local level with qualified local people rather than having to go outside and spend at least six months receiving applications and screening such applicants.

I would be happy to bring more information to the House on this subject, and I will answer the Honourable Member's question in detail.

**Mr. Speaker:** The Honourable Member from Ogilvie?

**Ms. Millard:** Mr. Speaker, just a supplementary on that. With respect, I was promised that a social worker would travel from Whitehorse. I know the difficulties of getting a social worker in Dawson.

**Mr. Speaker:** What was the question that the Honourable Member wished to raise?

**Ms. Millard:** Perhaps if the Honourable Member would take that into consideration that a social worker could have travelled from Whitehorse.

**Mr. Speaker:** Are there any further questions?  
The Honourable Member from Hootalinqua?

#### Question re: Fuel Equalization Program

**Mr. Fleming:** Yes, Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Local Government as to the Fuel Equalization Program. Has there been any thought by the government into changing what is now considered the Fuel Equalization Program which is a Sessional Paper, Number 11-1973, First Session. Are you changing it in any way, or looking into it?

**Mr. Speaker:** The Honourable Minister of Local Government?

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** Mr. Speaker, the Fuel Equalization Program is a function of the Treasury Department under the Assistant Commissioner, Mr. Gillespie, and I would be happy to bring the question to his attention.

**Mr. Speaker:** The Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale?

#### Question re: Pipeline Research Grants

**Mr. Lengerke:** I have a question, Mr. Speaker, that I'll direct to the Minister of Local Government.

The other day, the Minister of Northern Affairs, the Honourable Warren Allmand, announced that \$119,000.00 had been granted to the C.Y.I. for pipeline research. Can you tell me what Y.T.G. has been given besides the \$35,000.00 for our pipeline co-ordinator?

**Mr. Speaker:** The Honourable Minister of Local Government?

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** I am led to believe we have received \$35,000.00 in this fiscal year, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** The Honourable Member from Hootalinqua?

#### Question re: School Bussing Contracts

**Mr. Fleming:** Yes, Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Education as to school bussing contracts. In the forthcoming year, is there going to be a school bus contract newly let out, or is it going to continue on as is and, if so, could the Minister bring to this House the information regarding where the bus is travelling and how much money it is costing the public?

**Mr. Speaker:** The Honourable Minister of Education.

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Speaker, the cost of the school bussing transportation will be outlined in the budget, in the Estimates. In relation to the contract, a decision was made here two years ago and in relation to letting out the contract, we have left ourselves the ability to go a period of, if my memory serves me correctly, five years before letting out the contract. A decision will be made later on this year whether or not it will be put out to contract.

**Mr. Speaker:** The Honourable Member from Hootalinqua?

**Mr. Fleming:** Supplementary, Mr. Speaker, the question, one of the questions, is where the school bus travels — the destination to and where and back?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** I'll bring that information in, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** The Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale?

**Mr. Lengerke:** Yes, Mr. Speaker, just supplementary to the question that I asked previously, the answer that the Minister gave me bothers me somewhat. He said that he'd like to believe that \$35,000.00 was granted for the co-ordinator this year, but again, what additional funds have been given, if any, or do you know of any being negotiated for?

**Mr. Speaker:** The Honourable Minister of Local Government.

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** Mr. Speaker, I think that we have received \$35,000.00 or it's been guaranteed that we're going to receive that, for this fiscal year, that we have asked for an additional funding for the next fiscal year to keep the office of the Pipeline Co-ordinator active and more involvement by the Y.T.G. in any pipeline activity with additional money. Whether that has been approved at this point in time by the Department, I can't say at this moment, but I'd be happy to bring that information in.

**Mr. Speaker:** The Honourable Member from



Whitehorse South Centre?

**Question re: Detox Centre and Crossroads Programs**

**Mr. Hibberd:** Yes, Mr. Speaker, I have a written question for the Minister of Health. Could the Minister supply this House with information regarding the programs that the Detox Centre and Crossroads, as to how much are they being utilized and give us an up-dated evaluation of their expected programs?

**Mr. Speaker:** The Honourable Minister of Health and Welfare.

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Yes, Mr. Speaker, I'll be very happy to bring that in.

**Mr. Speaker:** The Honourable Member from Ogilvie?

**Question re: Civil Legal Aid**

**Ms. Millard:** Mr. Speaker, a question for Mr. Commissioner. At what stage now is our Civil Legal Aid program?

**Mr. Speaker:** Mr. Commissioner?

**Mr. Commissioner:** Mr. Speaker, the Civil Legal Aid Program agreement was approved and has been signed by the Y.T.G. and it's awaiting approval in Ottawa at this time.

**Mr. Speaker:** The Honourable Member from Ogilvie?

**Ms. Millard:** Mr. Speaker, just a supplementary to that: I understood that there were some problems with the lawyers. Are they agreeable now to the Program?

**Mr. Commissioner:** Mr. Speaker, I'll have to update myself on that particular issue and bring back information for the Honourable Member.

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

**Question re: Building Lots in Whitehorse**

**Mr. Hibberd:** Yes, Mr. Speaker, I have a written question for the Minister of Local Government regarding building lots in the Whitehorse area. Could the Minister inform this House of what building lots are now available that have been developed by the Territorial Government and what lots will be available for the upcoming building season — how many, where they are situated, and approximately when they will become available. And thirdly, what, in conjunction with the City of Whitehorse, are the long-range plans for the development of residential and commercial property in the Whitehorse area?

**Mr. Speaker:** The Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale?

**Question re: Socio-Economic Plan for Yukon**

**Mr. Lengerke:** I have a question for the Commissioner this morning. In connection with the socio-economic plan for Yukon, what is the time frame that you're aiming at with respect to completing that?

**Mr. Commissioner:** Mr. Speaker, the socio-economic plan is something I'm sure will be discussed in the discussion of the budget next week.

As outlined in the Speech from the Throne, there are three phases, and we are pressing on as quickly as possible. We do not want to rush into a situation that is as important to the future of the Yukon as planning, socio-economic planning.

We are trying to make sure that no group, no individual in the Yukon is left out of any phase in this planning process, so I'm afraid I can't answer a definite time frame, except it has high priority, the priority within the office of economic research and planning at this time.

**Mr. Speaker:** The Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale?

**Mr. Lengerke:** Supplementary to that, Mr. Commissioner, I understand from your address that you gave to the Chamber ..

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I wonder if the Honourable Member could direct his remarks ..

**Mr. Lengerke:** I'll get to that, Mr. Speaker. On January the 4th. '77, that 11 requests were made for presentations that were to be in, I think these are from various interest groups that were to be in by the end of this month.

Can you tell me how many of those have been received to date, and what is the general reaction?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order please. I don't know if we can continue accepting these questions. All questions should normally be addressed to the Chair, through the Chair and perhaps then give direction as to who may ..

**Mr. Lengerke:** I apologize, Mr. Speaker, if I didn't direct that to the Chair.

**Mr. Speaker:** Mr. Commissioner?

**Mr. Commissioner:** Mr. Speaker, the response has not been overwhelming in terms of volume, but the response we have had has been very positive, and we have had some good dialogue with organizations in the Yukon and individuals, and we are looking now to saying, well we have got to go ahead and we've got to now lay out the options and go back to organizations and say what do you think of these options, and that's the stage we're going to be in very shortly now.

**Mr. Speaker:** The Honourable Member from Ogilvie?

**Question Re: Policy Regarding Dempster Highway**



**Ms. Millard:** Mr. Speaker, a question to Mr. Commissioner.

Last session, one of the Members requested an evaluation of the Dempster Highway. Can we look forward to a territorial policy on the Dempster Highway this session or next?

**Mr. Speaker:** Mr. Commissioner?

**Mr. Commissioner:** Mr. Speaker, I think that's something I had best take to the Executive Committee and discuss there. It has not been attended to.

**Mr. Speaker:** Are there any further questions? The Honourable Member from Hootalinqua?

**Question re: Yukon Mining Act**

**Mr. Fleming:** Yes, Mr. Speaker, I have a written question for the Minister of Local Government.

How valid is the Yukon Mining Act, as opposed to Ottawa regulations?

The second question: Is it legal to cut trees on a claim to build a cabin?

**Mr. Speaker:** The Honourable Member from Klondike?

**Question re: Land Freeze in Dawson Area**

**Mr. Berger:** Yes, Mr. Speaker, I've got a question for the Honourable Minister of Local Government.

It was brought to my attention in the Dawson area that there is an apparent land freeze on as of February 1st. There were two different reasons given to me, and I would like to know which one is the correct reason. One of them is because of Indian land claims and the other one is because of apparent evaluation by the federal government of lands, what purpose the lands are suitable for. I would like to know if either of these reasons are correct and why haven't those things been publicized in the papers, instead of having to go through rumour mills and never have the correct information?

**Mr. Speaker:** The Honourable Minister of Local Government?

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** Mr. Speaker, there has been no request made to this time for the territorial government to apply for a block land transfer from the federal government in the Dawson area for any specific purpose, and I can only say that when such a request is received by the Department of Local Government, that we will process it and apply for that block land transfer, and at that time will we know whether there is any other agency or person who objects to the territorial government receiving such additional lands from the federal government for specific purposes, whether it be in Dawson or other areas of Yukon Territory.

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

**Question re: Talks Regarding Use Of Recreational Facilities**

**Mr. Hibberd:** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Education.

I understand there has been dialogue between the Department of Education and the City of Whitehorse regarding the joint use of facilities for recreational purposes.

My question, Mr. Speaker, is how are these talks progressing, and what are the results of these negotiations to date?

**Mr. Speaker:** The Honourable Minister of Education?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Speaker, it's my understanding that the departmental officials from my department and the City will be getting together here in the near future and then I'll be able to bring back something to this House in relation to how things are going.

**Mr. Speaker:** The Honourable Member from Hootalinqua?

**Question re: Land in Town of Carcross**

**Mr. Fleming:** Yes, Mr. Speaker, I have a written question for the Minister of Local Government. Has the land in the town of Carcross been turned over to the territorial government by Ottawa? If so, when, and why were the residents of Carcross not notified at the time?

**Mr. Speaker:** Are there any further questions? The Honourable Member from Ogilvie.

**Question re: Blade and Link Programs**

**Ms. Millard:** Mr. Speaker, a question for the Minister of Education.

May we expect an assessment of the Blade and Link programs under the Department of Education this session?

**Mr. Speaker:** The Honourable Minister of Education?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Speaker, this is a very difficult question to answer because we only have so many people on staff to do an objective assessment of the particular program.

All I can say at this time is that a year ago there were 196 people on the program, now it's down to 130 and this particular program that was brought in prior to my taking the portfolio of education, was originally instituted in Saskatchewan and since that time they have discontinued that particular program, and we are requesting somebody from that particular ...

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Speaker, a point of order, he is not answering the question. It's a very simple question. Point of order.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I'll permit the ...

**Mrs. Watson:** There is time during the Minister's statements when he can make his statement.



**Mr. Speaker:** I will permit the Minister to complete the answering of the ...

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In relation to the assessment, we are inquiring whether or not we can get an individual from Saskatchewan to come up and have a look at the total program.

**Mr. Speaker:** Are there any further questions? The Honourable Member from Ogilvie?

**Ms. Millard:** Yes, a supplementary to that. Could we have some kind of time on that? Will it be this session?

**Mr. Speaker:** The Honourable Minister of Education?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** I don't have that information right now, Mr. Speaker. If I do get it, I will report back to the House.

**Mr. Speaker:** Are there any further questions? The Honourable Member from Hootalinqua?

#### Question re: Dormitory Spaces

**Mr. Fleming:** Yes, I have a question, Mr. Speaker, for the Minister of Education as to the dormitory spaces. Does the Minister foresee any problems in dormitory spaces in the coming year for the outside students coming to Whitehorse?

**Mr. Speaker:** The Honourable Minister of Education?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Speaker, not to my knowledge, but we can foresee possibly an expansion in dormitory space possibly in two or three years, but for the oncoming year, we believe we have facilities available.

**Mr. Speaker:** The Honourable Member from Kluane?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Speaker, supplementary question to the Minister of Education.

If you are going to expand, if you are considering expanding your dormitory facilities for the secondary students ...

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Could the Honourable Member kindly address the question ...

**Mrs. Watson:** ... would you consider ...

**Mr. Speaker:** Order please. Could the Honourable Member kindly address her question through the Chair. It would be so much better ...

**Mrs. Watson:** Would the Minister — Mr. Speaker, do you want me to speak to you?

**Mr. Speaker:** That is correct.

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Speaker, will you relay my ques-

tion then to the Honourable Minister?

**Mr. Speaker:** Maybe I should point out for all Honourable Members, inasmuch as this is the start of a session, it would be — it's difficult, I know, but when you address a question to one of the Ministers or to another Member, or indeed the Commissioner, could you kindly address your questions to the Chair in the proper manner.

It is difficult when you read votes and proceedings, it appears that I am being asked a question that I of course couldn't answer. So indeed most members are doing this, and I would just ask for the assistance of all Members in addressing their questions to the Chair.

The Honourable Member from Kluane?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Speaker, just a general observation, the effect of the question is sometimes lost. However, my question to the Minister of Education, if they are considering expanding the dormitory facilities, would they consider putting dormitories for secondary school students in some of the outlying communities, rather than expanding their facilities in Whitehorse?

**Mr. Speaker:** The Honourable Minister of Education?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Speaker, I would like to point out that I said that it would possibly happen in two or three years, depending on the number of students. At the same time in relation to the expansion of the dormitories, this would be a consideration that could be taken into account.

**Mr. Speaker:** Are there any further questions? We will then proceed to Orders of the Day under Public Bills.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY

##### PUBLIC BILLS

**Madam Clerk:** Item 1, Second Reading of Bill No. 1, Second Appropriation Ordinance -76-77 standing in the name of the Honourable Mr. McKinnon.

**Mrs. Watson:** On a point of order, I think there has been some error on this and I think it should be corrected because this is a very important Bill and I don't think that we would want to have any procedural hassle. The rules which were adopted this morning are not retroactive to yesterday, and yesterday the Honourable Minister gave introduction and first reading to the bill. The rules were not in effect so I would suggest, Mr. Speaker, that this morning Bill No. 1 be given First Reading and go onto second reading at the will of the Members.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is this the will of the House?

The Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre.

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** Mr. Speaker, I imagine that a point of order has been raised and I, not being a member of the Committee on Rules, Privileges and Elections nor



the Chair, I have no idea of where we stand. I certainly would like to have a ruling either an explanation from the Chairman of the Committee on Rules, Privileges and Elections and a ruling from the Chair. I'm really not excited about it, I just want to know what the hell is happening.

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

**Mr. Hibberd:** Mr. Speaker, we did change the method of introduction of bills and that is what the Member from Kluane is referring to. So that now with introduction of the bill, it is also given first reading at the same time. The reason that we did waive notice of motion this morning was simply to expedite matters so that we would have something to deal with in Committee of the Whole when we reach that stage. Otherwise we have nothing to deal with. I would hope that the Chair would see fit to give us the opportunity to proceed with that Bill No. 1 at that time.

**Mr. Speaker:** Well, if it's the wish of the House, perhaps once again first reading could be given to the bill in order to clear up this matter, if that is agreeable unanimously in this House. Are you agreed?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Speaker:** Are there any contrary?  
All right, we'll receive first reading at this time.

#### Bill No. 1 - First Reading

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West, that Bill No. 1 be now read a first time.

**Mr. Speaker:** It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West, that Bill No. 1 be now read a first time. Are you prepared for the question?

**Some Members:** Question.

**Mr. Speaker:** Are you agreed?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Speaker:** I shall declare the motion as carried.

*(Motion carried)*

**Mr. Speaker:** When shall the bill be read for the second time?

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** I'm at the direction of the House, Mr. Speaker. I don't have a clue as to what they want me to do now.

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

**Mr. Hibberd:** Mr. Speaker, the request was that we

waive the Standing Order for the purpose of getting this bill into Committee so that we can proceed to deal with it at this time.

**Mr. Speaker:** The Chair would receive an application for second reading at this time.

#### Bill No. 1 — Second Reading

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West, that Bill Number 1 be now read a second time.

**Mr. Speaker:** It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West, that Bill Number 1 be now read a second time. Are you prepared for the question?

**Some Members:** Question.

**Mr. Speaker:** Are you agreed?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Speaker:** I shall declare that the motion is carried.

*(Motion carried)*

**Mr. Speaker:** And shall the bill be referred to Committee of the Whole?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Speaker:** Agreed?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. McCall:** Mr. Speaker, I would now move that Mr. Speaker do now leave and the House resolve into Committee of the Whole.

**Mr. Speaker:** The motion would not appear to be complete, as there is no direction as to why, what the House is to discuss in Committee of the Whole.

**Mr. McCall:** There is a new standing order, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** Pardon me.

**Mr. McCall:** That is part of the new procedure, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** Well, I don't know that the Chair could receive a motion to refer to Committee of the Whole unless it is, something is, referred to Committee for discussion and I could not accept that motion at this time.

**Mr. McCall:** Mr. Speaker, it is for the purpose of considering bills, sessional papers and motions.

**Mr. Lengerke:** I 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 that 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)*

*(Mr. Speaker leaves Chair)*

#### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

**Mr. Chairman:** I call this Committee to order and declare a brief recess.

*(Recess)*

**Mr. Chairman:** For the record, now that the recorders are present, Mr. Sherlock and Mr. Al Williams are present as witnesses for the reading of the Second Appropriation Ordinance, 1976-77.

One (1):

*(Reads Clause 1(1))*

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, I believe it's in order now to discuss the whole bill?

**Mr. Chairman:** Yes.

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, would it be out of order if I questioned why this change in the preamble of the bill? It's a different preamble than what's been used before.

**Mr. Chairman:** Are any of the Ministers prepared to answer this?

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** Mr. Chairman, there was some discussion as to whether or not we were properly and correctly following procedures that under Section 24 of the Yukon Act demands that any of the money bills be from message from the Commissioner and the only change, as I understand it, is to make that absolutely clear that this is a money bill under Section 24 of the Yukon Act coming through address from the Commissioner which is what the Yukon Act states.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, a further question. Was the advice tendered regarding the preamble, the

change in the preamble, from the Legal Department of the Federal Government?

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. McKinnon?

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** Mr. Chairman, as far as I understood, it was to follow the procedures prevalent and common in all provinces and in the House of Parliament.

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, that doesn't answer the question.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** Was the advice tendered to us by the Legal Branch of the Federal Government that the preamble of our bill in the past had not been correct?

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. McKinnon?

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** As I understand it, Mr. Chairman, there was no direction that came from the Federal Government. It was in combination with our Clerk and Executive Committee and the Legal Advisor that we should have it the same, in the same manner, form, style and substance as provincial legislatures and the Federal Government.

**Mr. Chairman:** Two (1):

*(Reads Clause 2(1))*

**Mr. Chairman:** Three (1):

Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, are we going to go through this whole bill section by section before we go into the schedule?

**Mr. Chairman:** Yes.

**Mrs. Watson:** But we're not adopting these sections as we go through them?

You're not going to say "carried" as you go through them?

**Mr. Chairman:** Yes —

Mr. Taylor?

**Hon. Mr. Taylor:** Yes, Mr. Chairman. Perhaps the Honourable Member does raise a good point, inasmuch as for instance Section 2 of the Bill could be amended if in a detailed study of the schedule a deletion, for instance, could be made.

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, wouldn't we, in fact, be accepting the whole Bill without — before even going into the details of it, and this isn't the point, I don't think this is what we want to do at this stage of the game.

**Mr. Chairman:** No, Mrs. Watson, we will review it. I don't really know what your concern is.

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** If I could just indicate past



procedure, Mr. Chairman, and the procedure has changed; it's something that I'm not aware of and I am willing to abide by the Rules Committee and the feeling of the House that when we came to 2(1) in the Appropriation Ordinance we then examined the estimates in detail at that time.

**Mr. Chairman:** I don't think we actually did do that while I was in the Chair, Mr. McKinnon, but if that is the wish of Committee we will proceed with the schedule now. The usual is to proceed with the clause by clause reading and then go on to the schedule.

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, you want to go on with the clause by clause reading but, certainly, in normal bills we go on with the clause by clause reading and you say "carried" or you stand it over. In this instance, I don't think we can be expected to carry any of these clauses until we've gone into the schedule in detail.

**Mr. Chairman:** I agree, Mrs. Watson.

*(Reads Clause 3(1))*

**Mr. Chairman:** Four (1):

*(Reads Clause 4(1))*

**Mr. Chairman:** Now we will get to Schedule A. One refers to Page 5 of your Supplementary Estimates:

*(Reads Schedule A)*

**Mr. Chairman:** Establishment 100. Yukon Legislative Assembly, \$66,713.00.

**Ms. Millard?**

**Ms. Millard:** Mr. Chairman, under Establishment 100, is that where our Standing Committee expenses come from? And, Mr. Chairman, if the witness could tell us how much has been spent already on the Land Claims Standing Committee —

**Mr. Williams:** No, I can't, but I can get that information. The costs from the Land Claims Standing Committee?

**Ms. Millard:** Yes, please.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, I would ask that when the witnesses bring the information on the Land Claims expenditure for the Standing Committee that they divide it into the amount that was expended for travel and any other.

**Hon. Mr. Taylor:** Mr. Chairman.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Taylor?

**Hon. Mr. Taylor:** Just for the record, I believe the Recording Secretary's maybe having difficulty in determining which witness is speaking and perhaps we could find a procedure by which this could be clarified.

**Mr. Chairman:** Perhaps the witnesses, in replying, could wait until they're recognized by the Chair.

**Ms. Millard?**

**Ms. Millard:** Mr. Chairman, I could also use some kind of explanation of the last few words including a retroactive amount. I remember my salary being reduced, not increased.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Williams?

**Mr. Williams:** I believe the settlement, or rather the increase in salary, went back to November 1975 but that component was not paid until May or June of 1976 and that's the retroactive amount referred to, some \$35 to \$40,000.00.

**Ms. Millard:** And, Mr. Chairman ...

**Mr. Chairman:** Ms. Millard?

**Ms. Millard:** I presume with our anti-inflation rollback that we will again come up to what was expected previously.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Williams.

**Mr. Williams:** I'm sorry, I don't understand.

**Ms. Millard:** Will our anti-inflation ...

**Mr. Chairman:** Order please.

**Ms. Millard:** Will our Anti-inflation Board rollback bring this back to an even keel again?

**Mr. Williams:** Okay.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Williams.

**Mr. Williams:** This supplemental reflects the adjustments made after the anti-inflation rollback.

**Mr. Chairman:** One twenty, Administrative Services, \$9,605.00.

**Mrs. Watson?**

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, I have many, many questions that I want to ask on Administrative Services and, wait for one minute, Mr. Chairman.

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** While the Honourable Member is getting her material ready, I would just like to observe that I certainly hope the words before me are not to be believed. I don't want the Pipeline Co-ordinator to be recovered by anybody. I want him to stay.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, I refer back to our Main Estimates of 1976-77 and for Establishment 120, Administrative Services, to provide for the territorial share of the expenses of the Executive Committee and its sub-committees and general support service for the Council and the Executive Committee. We voted for



that \$752,354.00. In the Speech from the Throne yesterday, we were informed that we have a whole economic advisory branch established and in place, working on a socio-economic study.

**Mr. Chairman:** The suggestion therefore is that — we have stood over three of the five establishments here and at that time you would like the Commissioner present as a witness?

**Mrs. Watson:** I think so, Mr. Chairman, for one, it's a very important part of it. I think we should have the opportunity to question the Commissioner on Administrative Services, the Executive Committee.

**Mr. Chairman,** I'm not indicating with the Public Service Commission, no, but I think when we go into the main estimates, we're going to have to look at maybe cutting some costs on that.

The money has been expended, we have to pay it now but on the Administrative Services, I think there are a lot of questions I would like to ask him.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Taylor?

**Hon. Mr. Taylor:** Yes, Mr. Chairman, just before we pass along from the vote 1, I think that I would like to make a remark in relation to Establishment 100, and it is to me gratifying to see that through no doubt the hard work the staff of this House, and the hard work and consideration of the administration of the government of this territory, that at long last, full recognition has been given by this government to the Yukon Legislative Assembly and its existence in this Territory.

It is my fervent hope, as my Honourable colleague from Whitehorse South Centre pointed out this morning, that a certain Crown Corporation will cease misleading the people of the Yukon Territory, and indeed join the rest in giving recognition to this Assembly, and I feel it appropriate at this time to commend the government for this action.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Whyard?

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** I just have one comment on 160 and that is to say that it is a matter of great concern to all Members of this government, as well as the Honourable Member, that the costs of recruiting public servants is climbing so rapidly.

We know that increase in air fares is one factor, and we have no control over that at the moment. But as I indicated earlier in this House, it is the opinion of my directors that we must begin looking very seriously at using people in the Yukon, and if necessary, providing training here rather than continuing to recruit from outside, at great expense, people who may stay only one year.

**Some Members:** Hear, hear.

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** And I certainly understand the problems faced by the Public Service Commission. I know that they are bound by guidelines which they must observe, and I know that the length of time involved in recruiting is a sincere endeavour to make sure that the applicant who is selected is the best one and will stay

and do a good job for the Yukon, but there are other things which must be considered here, and I would like the House to know that this government is definitely looking into them.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Berger?

**Mr. Berger:** Yes, Mr. Chairman, I am very pleased with what the Honourable Member said, but I would like to also point out that in the last budget session, it was brought out to this House that anything, any hiring done on a local basis, those people never had the same privileges as people hired from the outside, and I hope the government would take a hard look at this, and extend the same privileges to the people hired on a local basis.

**Mr. Chairman:** We will defer further consideration of Vote 1 until we have some more information and the Commissioner is present as a witness.

Department of Treasury, \$584,212.00 page 8 of your Estimates.

**Ms. Millard?**

**Ms. Millard:** Mr. Chairman, I'm concerned through all these supplementals about the number of vacant positions that seem to be cropping up.

My understanding of our crisis, I think about a year ago or even later, was that we were going to replace people who left, but that we weren't going to open new positions. It almost appears to me with the number of vacant positions that we're getting assets from, that there seems to be a policy of not replacing people who left. Is that the case?

**Mr. Chairman:** I think that was the case, Ms. Millard.

**Ms. Millard:** That was definitely the case, not to replace anyone who left during the fiscal year?

**Mr. Chairman:** The proposal that was put forward was that there would not be full replacement of staff as they resigned.

**Ms. Millard:** I understood, Mr. Chairman, it was a freeze of present positions.

**Mr. Sherlock:** Mr. Chairman, if I may.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Sherlock?

**Mr. Sherlock:** The freeze extended from the time that the restraint program was introduced in November until the end of March, so you're quite right, there will be lapses of funds because of vacant positions during this particular period.

The vacancies that occurred prior to that were primarily because of difficulties in hiring and not because they didn't want to hire. They couldn't get the people they wanted.

**Ms. Millard:** So, to clarify, Mr. Chairman, these vacant positions were vacant at the time of the policy?



**Mr. Sherlock:** Some were vacant at the time of policy, right, the majority were.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, I wonder if I could ask the Treasurer how many positions are vacant at the present time and what they are?

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Sherlock?

**Mr. Sherlock:** Mr. Chairman, I would not have that figure available. We can get it from personnel and bring it. That is a personnel question.

**Mr. Chairman:** Establishment number 200, Territorial Treasurer and Collector of Taxes, decrease \$52,566.00.

**Mr. Berger:**

**Mr. Berger:** Yes, Mr. Chairman, I wonder if the witness could tell us how many positions are vacant in the Department of Treasury.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Sherlock.

**Mr. Sherlock:** At the present time? At the present time, Mr. Chairman?

**Mr. Chairman:** That was your question, Mr. Berger?

**Mr. Berger:** Yes.

**Mr. Sherlock:** We have two that are being actively recruited at the moment and one other, I believe. A total of three. And we hope to have them filled by the end of, early in April.

**Mr. Chairman:** Agreed?  
Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, on the insurance, I wonder if you could explain that, please.

**Mr. Chairman:** We're still dealing with Establishment 200.

**Mrs. Watson:** Oh, I'm sorry, I thought you'd gone to 201.

**Mr. Chairman:** Are we agreed?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Chairman:** 201. The Insurance, \$28,550.  
Mrs. Watson.

**Mrs. Watson:** I wonder if we could have an explanation of that.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Sherlock?

**Mr. Sherlock:** The bulk of that supplemental relates to supplemental pension payments that YTG makes in

relation to the Workmen's Compensation Ordinance. At the time that the present Ordinance was brought into force, there were a number of people who were being covered by private insurance companies under the previous plan. It was agreed that, because the benefits that they were receiving were less than what people would receive under the new Ordinance, it was agreed that YTG would pay them the difference between what they were getting from their insurance companies and what they would otherwise have gotten from the Workmen's Compensation Ordinance. So that's what the vast majority of those funds are for.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson.

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, I realize this, but you're asking for an additional \$28,000. Have you more people under this now or is there, I don't recall if there is an adjustment to the pension tied into the cost of living so that it's increased.

**Mr. Sherlock:** Yes, it's a combination of probably three things. First of all, yes, there is an adjustment for the cost of living, there's an annual adjustment. Secondly, some of these people, everybody didn't come onto this plan all at once. It depended on the amount of benefits they were getting from private insurance companies, so as our benefits go up, people that might not previously have received benefits will become eligible for benefits. So it's a combination of both those factors, cost of living increases, plus more people becoming eligible.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson.

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, a couple of questions. What was the increase in the cost of living? What was used as the index? And when will we catch up with the Workmen's Compensation Ordinance that we have now? When will we stop getting more people from private insurance onto this scheme? I know that we have many that we're carrying from years back and we'll continue to carry them, but if we're adding more, when do we stop adding more?

**Mr. Sherlock:** Okay, with respect to the first question, the cost of living adjustment was approximately 9% although I'll have to confirm that. And with respect to the question, I'll get some information from Workmen's Compensation. I believe they have a schedule of the potential number of people that could be effected by this. I should say that sometimes it's possible that the number can decrease too, because some people opt to take a lump sum payment. And a lump sum payment causes a large over-expenditure in the year in which it occurs, but it reduces future years' payments. So I'll try to get a bit more information on that.

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, in the sense that you didn't have a big lump sum of payments though did you, to bring this up?

**Mr. Sherlock:** I'm not positive. There were last year, I'm not sure if there were lump sum payments made in this current year. I'll find out for you though.



**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson.

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, and then, was the sum of this 28 also attributed to private insurance premiums? We all realize that insurance has gone up. What private insurance premiums? This is for the Vocational School students and this type of thing ...

**Mr. Sherlock:** That's right. There are three main components of that Establishment. First of all, there's the supplemental pensions which we just talked about. Secondly, there's the insurance which we buy from private insurance companies to protect YTG and its employees, and those costs have gone up \$5,000. The third component of that Establishment are YTG's share of Workmen's Compensation. In other words, the cost of our employee who becomes injured. And we're about \$5,000 under budget here. We're about \$5,000 over budget on what we've paid private insurers so those two offset themselves. So the remaining amount, \$28,000.00 relates to the supplemental pensions.

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, I think it's rather interesting that we're \$5,000 under than what we budgeted for with the Workmen's Compensation. We make a grant, don't we to Workmen's Compensation?

**Mr. Sherlock:** Yes, we — most private employers pay a fixed amount, based on their payroll, but with respect to YTG we pay the actual amount that Workmen's Compensation pays out. And so therefore our expense from year to year varies because we actually aren't paying an insurance premium. If we have a lot of accidents in a year, then our expense could become very high. If we have a good year with a very few accidents and no serious accidents, then the expense would drop significantly.

**Mrs. Watson:** So, Mr. Chairman, that would be very, very difficult to forecast then, wouldn't it?

**Mr. Sherlock:** It's a difficult thing, yes.

**Mr. Chairman:** Agreed.

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Chairman:** 202. Electric Rate Equalization. \$145,428.00.

**Mr. Lengerke?**

**Mr. Lengerke:** Am I correct, Mr. Chairman, then to question the witness, that to date, we have spent \$600,000.00 in that estimate.

**Mr. Sherlock:** We anticipate that we'll spend \$600,000.00 during this current fiscal year, yes.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Lengerke?

**Mr. Lengerke:** During this current fiscal year?

**Mr. Sherlock:** During this current fiscal year, yes, 76-77.

**Mr. Lengerke:** And for the '77 year, you're again asking for \$600,000.00. Is that correct?

**Mr. Sherlock:** I believe the figure in is \$600,000.00 and we fully recognize that it's going to cost us more than that. It's probably going to cost perhaps \$800,000.00 but at this point in time, the exact amount that the Public Utilities Board is going to allow the companies to raise their rates is unknown, so what we thought we would do is leave it at the known figure and make you aware of the fact that we will require supplemental, but we don't know exactly how much yet until the new rates are established and also the allocation of the rates.

It makes quite a difference on our payments as to how the electric companies actually raise the rates since we're only subsidising the first 300 kilowatts and they charge a sliding scale of rates. If they raise most of their increase on the first 300 kilowatts, our costs go up very significantly. If they put the increase on the second 300 kilowatts, for instance, then our expenses go up very slightly. So, at this point in time, we don't know what it's going to cost us for 1977-78.

Now, I don't know how long this staff or the number of people on staff have been — but they've been receiving pay and yet we're being told that they only need another \$9,605.00 for that establishment. There are a lot of explanations that are required on this.

Now, what is the extent of this new support staff? How long have they been there? How much money have we spent on them so far? Where did we get the money from? It is certainly more than \$9,000.00.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Williams?

**Mr. Williams:** The economic planning group is comprised of positions which were taken from a number of establishments, including two that were included in Establishment 120. They were two economist positions included in Establishment 120 and both of those positions are included in the economic planning group.

I believe there were a couple more taken from inter-governmental affairs. There was one taken from Tourism and there's also been — the positions under Indian Land Claims are also a part of that group, so the positions are scattered throughout several establishments in the current fiscal year.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, I'm not going to be satisfied with that. I want a written reply on that, and I am not prepared to pass this section.

I looked at the supplementary last night in depth and I think there is a lot of gerry-mandering going on, and I just want to know exactly what kind of gerry-mandering there is going on.

Now, we voted in administrative services, we voted 18.5 man years for year '76-77. What are we winding up with now? I want this in writing — how many man years have we got, and I want to know exactly where they came from, and I want to know exactly how much they are costing us.

**Mr. Chairman,** to me this is an erosion of our authority to pass estimates when they can take a whole gov-



ernment department and add a branch without even coming forward to this Legislature with even a policy statement regarding this new department, and it is a new branch of Administrative Services. We would be absolutely, we would be the laughing stock of the Territory if we didn't question this.

What's the point in bringing down an estimate, and we vote 18.5 man years, so many man years for inter-governmental affairs, so many man years for tourism, and we wind up at the end of the year, that they've been switched all around. We were sold a bill of goods and said tourism needed so many, they needed that many man years, so we voted them the money; then in the middle of the year say "Oh, we don't really need it". This is quite blatant.

I want some information on this; I want a complete breakdown of this whole area.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Sherlock?

**Mr. Sherlock:** Mr. Chairman, I would like to know if this question is in fact being directed to Treasury. I think the question raised is beyond Treasury's jurisdiction. It is a political or rather policy question. Treasury is a co-ordinating body. Presumably she wants the answer to come from some member of the Executive Committee.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, some of the answers will have to come from Treasury. They're going to have to, and I am sure you people have the man years transferred in yours, and the dollars and cents, the difference. This is the type of thing I want from Treasury right now.

I will deal with the rest at a later date, when I have that information.

**Mr. Sherlock:** We will supply the written reply through an Executive Member if the answer to the question comes to us that way.

**Mrs. Watson:** I appreciate that, Mr. Chairman, but I do feel that I have to have some facts in dollars and man years, and this type of thing, and I think this is where Treasury will provide this information.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Williams?

**Mr. Williams:** I'll bring back the answers to the specific questions raised, but I just wanted to say that the positions that were taken were basically planning and economic positions. They were just scattered throughout several establishments and the only thing that's really happening is that there's a consolidated approach being taken to the planning activities that were being carried on in a number of areas, but I will bring back a more detailed answer.

**Mr. Chairman:** Does the Committee wish that Establishment 120 then be stood?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Chairman:** One twenty-two, Land Claims Secretariat. Decrease, \$39,329.00.

**Mrs. Watson?**

**Mrs. Watson:** Why wasn't there an under-expenditure of the funds in the Land Claims Secretariat?

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Williams?

**Mr. Williams:** There was quite a sizeable sum of money provided in the main estimates, primarily with respect to expending contractual money for special services and for travel. Because of the delays in the talks taking place, it turned out that they didn't have to spend all the money that they conceivably could have, if land claims had been more active during the year.

**Mr. Chairman:** Agreed?

**Mrs. Watson?**

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, one more question. There were three man years last year when we voted that amount of money. Is it still three man years?

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Williams?

**Mr. Williams:** I will have to confirm that. There may be one about — one of the extra economic planning people may be being charged there; I will have to come back to that, I'll bring an answer back.

**Mr. Chairman:** One twenty-two then will be stood over.

One twenty-four, Intergovernmental Affairs. Decrease, \$7,594.00.

**Mrs. Watson?**

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, again Intergovernmental Affairs — how many positions are there on there now? We voted 5; how many positions are there now?

**Mr. Williams:** There are still five positions, although I believe two of the positions have been seconded to the Economic Planning Group. The reason that there is an under-expenditure is that I believe one of the positions was vacant for a portion of the year but I believe there were five positions there and I believe there are still five people whose salaries are being charged there.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, I wonder whether an effort had been made to fill that position that was vacant, or whether it was just left vacant deliberately?

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Williams?

**Mr. Williams:** I don't believe it was left vacant deliberately, and it wasn't vacant all that long. The total under-expenditure doesn't relate entirely to salaries. There was — that's Establishment 124, is it not?

**Mr. Chairman:** Yes.



**Mr. Williams:** Approximately \$2,000.00 of the under-expenditure relates to salaries, so that would only involve a vacancy of two or three months and the remainder of the under-expenditure relates to miscellaneous under-expenditures in supplies and travel and that sort of thing.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Lengerke?

**Mr. Lengerke:** Yes, Mr. Chairman, just a question. Is there a recovery from the Federal Government with respect to that establishment?

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Williams?

**Mr. Williams:** No, there's not. I believe at one point three or four years ago there was, but at the present time the expenses of that establishment are taken into account when we're negotiating our funding from Ottawa, so there is no recovery specifically for Establishment 124.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Lengerke?

**Mr. Lengerke:** Yes, Mr. Chairman. The reason I asked that is because I think I recall from last year's discussions that there was a figure of a \$25,000.00 recovery ...

**Mr. Williams:** I apologize; I stand to be corrected. A member of that establishment serves as a manpower — serves as a resource person to a Manpower Needs Committee, and we can recover up to \$25,000.00, depending upon our actual expenses.

**Mr. Lengerke:** Thank you.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, have we in fact recovered from Manpower for this ...

**Mr. Williams:** A bill has gone in; I don't believe it was for the full \$25,000.00 because we didn't incur \$25,000.00 worth of expenses.

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, on what basis is the cost-sharing with Manpower Branch?

**Mr. Williams:** They will reimburse us for our costs up to \$25,000.00, and so what they do, they — on the basis of the time spent on that Committee, they pro rate a person's salary, if there's any travel money and that sort of thing, they work out a cost, from within Establishment 124 related to that particular Committee, and bill on that basis.

It's not a flat \$25,000.00 billing.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Taylor?

**Hon. Mr. Taylor:** Just a question of interest, Mr. Chairman; I might direct a question to Mr. Williams, and ask him when we receive monies from the Federal Government as charges for services rendered to them or as their share of agreed-upon cost-sharing, does this

money come back in the form of what they love to call the "deficit grant" or is this an identifiable amount of money and then the Federal Government provides those funds to the Territory?

In other words, is this another — does this come back to us in the form of a deficit grant?

**Mr. Williams:** This particular type of recovery does not. Later on in the supplementals, we will come to the revenue and recovery section, and items like this which are specifically recovered for a specific program are identified as a recovery, as opposed to a component of the grant.

**Hon. Mr. Taylor:** Okay.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Sherlock?

**Mr. Sherlock:** Then, Mr. Chairman ...

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Sherlock?

**Mr. Sherlock:** The recoveries are reflected in each department, so you can identify them.

**Mr. Chairman:** One sixty, Public Service Commission, \$183,129.00.

Ms. Millard?

**Ms. Millard:** Mr. Chairman, could the witnesses tell us why, or perhaps the Minister of Local Government who isn't here, why the operation of the E.M.O. has been changed from Local Government to this section?

**Mr. Williams:** The previous year, the E.M.O. coordinator was a person who was employed by the Department of Local Government. It was a fire marshall. When the fire marshall left, it was decided that the person within Y.T.G. who could best handle that function was our security officer, Mr. Art Deer, and Mr. Deer is located in the Public Service Commission, therefore the entire program was transferred to the Public Service Commission.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Taylor?

**Hon. Mr. Taylor:** Yes, Mr. Chairman, in relation to the change in the E.M.O. program, how much of this \$183,000.00 was indeed spent towards the E.M.O. program and for what purposes?

**Mr. Williams:** Of the supplemental of the 183, approximately \$8,000.00 I believe was related to E.M.O. The other E.M.O. costs are basically a pro ration of Mr. Deere's salary and secretarial salaries. So, to answer the question of the sup., approximately \$8,000.00 relates to E.M.O.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Taylor?

**Hon. Mr. Taylor:** Then it follows then that the balance and the majority of these funds are for increased recruitment costs?

**Mr. Williams:** Certainly the bulk of them are for the



recruitment and relocation of staff, yes.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Lengerke?

**Mr. Lengerke:** Yes, I'd be interested to know, Mr. Chairman, of the \$175,000.00 balance that's for the recruitment costs, how much of that is that for travel, for people travelling to carry out interviews?

**Mr. Williams:** It's approximately a very small component, probably around \$10,000.00 relates to the costs of our people travelling. In most cases, people come up here for interviews. About the only time that we do a serious amount of travelling during recruitment is when we're recruiting teachers, when it's more efficient for us to send a small recruiting team out than it is to bring a number of applicants in.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, I'm extremely concerned about these; if you look at it, we're looking at a \$175,000.00 out of the total budget and \$563,000.00. We're almost at 30%, which is a great deal. Now, there should be some reason for it and I would like a complete breakdown of where that money was spent, if we could get this from the Treasurer, because it might indicate a need for some changing in our recruitment policy and it would be very interesting to know also how much it's cost us up to date to recruit a Game Director. It would be very interesting to know how much it's costing us to recruit teachers and how much of this is for relocation, for expenses for moving people in and out of the Territory. I think I would like to see a breakdown of this.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Williams?

**Mr. Williams:** In our original main estimates, we had allowed for approximately or exactly 85 relocations. That was just based on a long term average of the number of relocations. As it turns out, we now anticipate there are going to be 123 relocations this year, of which 42 are for civil service positions and 81 are for teachers.

The cost, the average for relocation right now, is running at about \$3,400.00. In cost, I include the removal costs, the advertising costs and any travel involved in either the person coming up here for an interview or in people from the P.S.C. going out to interview people. So the average cost is approximately \$3,400.00.

The cost on a specific move varies quite considerably from that, for instance, it's very expensive to advertise for a position. It may cost several hundred dollars to run one ad. One ad, if you're hiring a specialist teacher, might hire you one teacher or one ad, at the same cost, might hire you ten teachers. So it's difficult to deal in averages, but to the extent that you can, it is costing us \$3,400.00 every time that we hire somebody from outside.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, but I would like a breakdown. We had some in the '76-77 — we broke up that establishment. Now, I would wonder whether we

could have a breakdown of how that money has been expended and where the divisions are. It's divided into salaries and so on.

**Mr. Williams:** Yes, I can give you some information on that. The actual cost of moving furniture and effects up here is \$135,000.00. I'm sorry — \$296,000.00. The cost of advertising is \$85,000.00. I'm giving you total cost now, not the additional portions.

Those are the two main components. The other component, the cost of us either bringing people up here for interviews or us going out to interview people, is \$40,000.00. So those three main components come to some \$420,000.00. Approximately \$420,000.00.

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, that's the non-government employees — \$40,000.00 when we had estimated \$10,000.00. Now it actually costs \$40,000.00.

**Mr. Williams:** That's right.

**Mr. Chairman:** Establishment 160. Are we agreed?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, I would sooner we not agree to any of these until we have had an opportunity to do a little further questioning. Not necessarily from the Treasurer.

**Mr. Chairman:** Where from?

**Mrs. Watson:** Well, Mr. Chairman, I believe it would be necessary to have the Commissioner or, for Establishment 120, Administrative Services to be brought in as a witness.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, I wonder, I can't find it in my budget, maybe they have it — what does the budget, what did they estimate for recoveries under that, a recovery from the federal government, the income tax portion that the Yukon Electric pays? I believe we get 90 per cent of it back.

What did we budget and are we in line?

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Williams?

**Mr. Williams:** At the present time, we are still recovering the full amount. What happens is that the federal government rebates to us the amount — the federal portion of the income tax which Yukon Electric pays, and in the past, the amounts that the federal government rebated to us were exceeding what we were paying out, so we established the fund.

At the present time, though, the complete opposite is taking place. As you can see, we're estimating spending \$600,000.00 in this current year and our share of Yukon Electric's taxes is probably going to be somewhat less than \$200,000.00 but because a fund had been built up, the amount is still fully recoverable.

We anticipate that probably within the next 12 to 18 months, the fund will be fully depleted.

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chariman, my — I'm sorry.



**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, my question, what did we estimate as a recovery for last year, and are we going to be in line with that?

**Mr. Williams:** We estimated that we would recover approximately two hundred, or at least give an additional \$200,000.00 into the fund, but the amount of recovery shown in the Main Estimates is an amount which equals the expense, because we draw down from the fund the amount that we've spent.

The cash flow is a little bit confusing. The cash comes in and goes into a fund ...

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, that's not honest.

**Mr. Williams:** It's honest, but we try to match our costs and revenues, rather than showing an erratic picture of it.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. McKinnon?

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** Mr. Chairman, I think regardless of the way that the fund is operated, as I get it from Treasury, that it's costing us up to \$800,000.00 perhaps in the next year. We're receiving about \$200,000.00 from the income tax rebate, we are going broke in one tremendous hurry, as far as the fund established remaining, that by the end of next year, we will be completely and absolutely belly up as far as the electrical rate equalization fund goes.

We have received no promises from any government sources, N.C.P.C., the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, any place, anywhere, any time, that there is going to be money available to continue this fund.

I think that all Members realize that there is no way that we can discontinue the fund. Depending on the way that the rates are increased in the schedule, we will probably be looking — not next fiscal year, but the fiscal year after, if we keep the same benefits — to a million dollars of funding to keep the rate equalization program going, and where are we going to find it, it's probably going to be from Yukon Territorial Government sources, because when all is said and done, and all the screaming and all the yelling, it always comes home to rest upon the elected Members of the Yukon Legislative Assembly to keep these programs in operation and find the funding for them. Somehow we are going to have to do it, and I don't know how, at this moment.

I might state in addition, Mr. Chairman, that we have contracted with Mr. Kidd who did the original electrical rate equalization study for the government, which was an extremely good one and has withstood the test of time, and is going to work at all the options available to the YTG at the present time with the depletion of the fund fast approaching.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, I wonder if I could ask the Treasurer for when we go into this in the Main Estimates, whether he could break down — or whether it

would be easy to get how much refund we've had into the fund, over say the last three years, whether it's decreasing, how much rebate we've been getting. Not out of the fund, but what we've been getting. For say, even the last three or four years.

So there must be a relationship to the rulings by the Public Utility Board, and it would be interesting to see what the trend is.

**Mr. Williams:** We've got all those figures.

One problem we're faced with though is that they pay us — for instance yesterday, we received a cheque for 1975, and it's based on income tax from 1973, so we encountered three years, or two and a half years, where they are actually paying us more than what we were entitled to, so they eventually recovered it, but we can give you the payments made over the last three years.

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman?

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** If they could tell for what tax year also that the rebate is for?

**Mr. Sherlock:** Yes, Mr. Chairman, we'll make that available.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Lang?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Chairman, there are a few comments I'd like to make in relation to this particular item.

I heard a statement being made that it was 90 per cent, 90 per cent of income tax paid by the private utility company, and if my memory serves me correct, I believe it's 95 per cent, and I would also like to point out that this is not a special program for the Yukon, this is one that has been — all provinces utilize it, and the federal government, through their legislation made it available to the Yukon.

So it's not a special program for the Yukon, it's one that's available to all the provinces that have private utility companies.

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman ...

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** ... it's not the program isn't for the provinces, it's the sum of money goes back to the provinces. How they use it is different.

**Mr. Chairman:** Establishment 202, are we agreed?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Chairman:** The Committee will recess until 1:30.

(Recess)

**Mr. Chairman:** I now call this Committee to order. We will proceed with debate on Vote No. 2, Estab-



ishment 203, Central Purchasing and Stores, \$49,800.00  
Mr. Sherlock?

**Mr. Sherlock:** Could we go back to 202 and we now have the figures for the rebates, and we could probably read them into the record, if that would be satisfactory.

**Mr. Chairman:** Good, go ahead, Mr. Sherlock.

**Mr. Sherlock:** These are the payments made to us from the federal government.

In 1973, our net payment was \$328,353.00. For 1974, our net receipt was \$190,968.00, and for 1975, they've advanced us \$348,000.00. We don't know what the final payment is, because they won't adjust that until February, 1978.

For 1976, they've advanced us \$203,000.00 and once again, we don't know what the final figure is, and we won't know that until 1979. But we're speculating that the advances with respect to 1975 and 1976 are probably too high by 150,000 to 200,000.00.

I've got copies of this, if people would like to see it.

**Mr. Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Williams.  
Establishment 203. Mr. Lengerke?

**Mr. Lengerke:** Mr. Chairman, a question of curiosity. "To provide funds for consolidating government shipments to Old Crow". Is that, say the use of a Hercules or something like that?

**Mr. Sherlock:** That's right, Mr. Chairman. It's the barge and the freight charges for a flight, and I might add that those costs are totally recoverable from departments and any other firms that we consolidate shipments for, so that they will be recovered.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Lengerke?

**Mr. Lengerke:** Do you know what portion of that is recoverable?

**Mr. Sherlock:** We assume that these are fully recoverable.

**Mr. Lengerke:** Fully recoverable.

**Mr. Sherlock:** Right.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, from whom would it be recoverable? I didn't catch that.

**Mr. Sherlock:** I'm sorry.

**Mrs. Watson:** From whom would it be recoverable?

**Mr. Sherlock:** From the Department that we make the shipment for, and I believe we also consolidate shipments for Yukon Electric, so there would be recoveries from them as well.

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, Treasury will recover, but the government still is going to have to pay.

Every department like the Department of Education, Health and so, is that correct?

**Mr. Sherlock:** That's correct, Mr. Chairman, except for the ones coming from, say, civilian firms.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Williams?

**Mr. Williams:** the vast majority of that expenditure is related to non-YTG departments, so it was chiefly Yukon Electric and various federal departments. Only a small portion was actually incurred on behalf of YTG shipments.

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, are we showing a recovery for this?

**Mr. Sherlock:** Yes, we are, Mr. Chairman.

**Mr. Chairman:** 204. Heating Fuel Equalization, \$3,000.

Mr. Fleming.

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Fleming.

**Mrs. Watson:** I hate to be on my feet all the time, but we've always voted too much money the last time around there was a great deal left in that Vote and now have we got more people applying for it or is there, are they getting more money back?

**Mr. Williams:** Yes, in previous years we were lapsing monies therefore we reduced the Vote down to \$10,000, as opposed I think to an actual expense of about \$9,000 for 1975, but the actual applications came in at around \$12,500, \$13,000, so the applications are off slightly.

**Mr. Chairman:** Now, Mr. Fleming.

**Mr. Fleming:** My question is already answered, however, I'm wondering if this isn't more or less a fictitious figure anyhow, in view of the fact that the utilization program somehow is equalized in the middle of the year and I have in my files here, a lot of applications for fuel rebates that weren't given out, because the fuel was bought at the first part of the year. And when you equalize it in the middle of the year, those people actually don't get a fuel equalization at all.

The program is more or less based on if you buy your fuel late in the fall, for the whole year, you get equalization. If you buy it early in the year and the fuel goes up during the year, you will not get equalization for it. I'm wondering, maybe it isn't going to be a lot more than this.

**Mr. Williams:** Those payments represent equalization payments made in respect to purchases between July 1, 1975 and June 30, 1976. So any fuel purchased after June 30, 1976 will come out of next year's equalization payment. Why they chose that cut off date I'm not certain. That is the cut off date that's always been used though.



**Mr. Chairman:** 205. Homeowner Grant. \$210,000.00.  
**Mr. McKinnon.**

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** The thing that I've been wondering about, it's just that we made Treasury the payee function instead of the Department of Local Government, rather than having to make forms to the Department of Local Government and then go to Treasury for it. We thought that we'd eliminate that middle man so the monies were in our budget and we transferred it to Treasury so that they could pay directly.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, I have a slight misunderstanding on some of this. We voted \$400,000.00 under Local Government for the homeowner grant. It's obvious, I guess, that the only amount of money that was applied for was \$210,000.00 under the homeowner grant. Am I correct?

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Williams?

**Mr. Williams:** Yes.

**Mr. Sherlock:** That's correct.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, maybe I'm stupid, but I can't understand why we have to vote money twice, when we voted \$400,000.00, now we're voting another \$210,000.00, and when you look over into Local Government, they've pretty well absorbed that \$400,000.00 because Local Government is — are they going for a supplementary also?

**Mr. Williams:** The amount does get lapsed into the Local Government department, although the lapsing is somewhat offset by other expenditures which will be mentioned when we get to Local Government.

Basically, it was voted in Vote 6, and because the funds were paid out of Vote 2 we're asking you to vote it again, and then when we get to Local Government you'll see where the \$400,000.00 has lapsed.

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, I understand that, but you know Local Government is also going for a supplementary.

**Mr. Williams:** Well, they've got a net reduction, I believe, in Local Government. It's not \$400,000.00, but there is a net reduction.

**Mrs. Watson:** 170,000. We voted them 400,000 and they have a net reduction of 35,000.

**Mr. Williams:** Right.

**Mrs. Watson:** They didn't use 170,000 under the homeowner grant, so they have used some of that. I mean, these things are a little misleading, aren't they? Yes, because you say here you didn't use \$35,000.00 in your vote in Local Government, and yet you were voted \$400,000.00 for homeowner grant, 210 of which was

transferred to Treasury.

There's \$170,000.00 that was voted that was used for something else, correct?

**Mr. Williams:** There is a detailed accounting for that if you want to go into that now or, if you wish, we can wait until we get to the Department of Local Government.

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, I'll wait until we get to the Department of Local Government, but it is confusing.

You know, I have a sneaking suspicion we are being took a little bit.

**Mr. Chairman:** That's a healthy attitude, Mrs. Watson.

**Mrs. Watson:**

**Mrs. Watson:** But, going into the homeowner grant, you paid out approximately \$210,000.00 for homeowner grants. This was quite a bit off the \$400,000.00. I know it was the first year, but is there anything that you would see where there was an error in the calculations where they arrived at the 400,000? Were there not as many applications, or was the amount of money that was not paid out — and I'll address it to the Minister of Local Government, or whoever has the answer.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. McKinnon?

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** One most obvious fact, Mr. Chairman, is that we understood that everybody in Whitehorse would be obeying the law. All of downtown Whitehorse and all of Riverdale are single family residential dwellings. However, a very great majority of those residences which are zoned single family residences have basement suites in them. People who had basement suites were not eligible for homeowner grants, and there's many more of these type of accommodations who are not obeying the City of Whitehorse Zoning Regulations than we originally thought, so there weren't applications from those people because they knew that they would be breaking the law if they applied for Homeowner Grants and they weren't single family residences in a single family residential zone.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, another question. I don't know who wants to answer it. On this homeowner grant, if there hadn't been a requirement that you had to pay in the legislation that you have to pay your taxes first, then you get your homeowner grant — if people would have been able to deduct it off their taxes and then pay what was left, would there have been a difference to the amount of money that was paid out in the homeowner grant?

**Mr. Williams:** Theoretically, I would say that there probably wouldn't be a difference, but there may be. To do it that way might have encouraged some people to apply who didn't pay their taxes and therefore maybe they didn't have the money to pay all their taxes, therefore they didn't get their grant. Maybe if they only had



to pay the net amount there might have been some more people apply, but not very likely.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Whyard?

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Mr. Chairman, because this is the first year of this new program, I am sure that there will be some changes in the coming year, that there will be more applications from home owners. And there are a number of classifications that need ironing out regarding, for example, owners of a duplex who live in one and rent the other. This kind of thing has to be looked at very carefully. But it seems to me, Mr. Chairman, from my travelling around the Yukon, that one of the factors in the smaller number of applications for this grant was definitely the misunderstanding of the public who were misled by debates in this House which gave them the distinct impression that this grant was being put through for the benefit of the people in Whitehorse only. And I am telling you, Mr. Chairman, there are still people living in the Yukon Territory who believe that, that do not know that they are eligible to apply because they do not live here.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Berger?

**Mr. Berger:** Yes, Mr. Chairman, I was wondering if there were figures available on how many homeowners are eligible in the Territory for this particular grant and how many have really applied for this?

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** Mr. Chairman, the only thing we could do was estimate them. Our estimate outside of Whitehorse was very accurate, but our estimate of the number of people who, if they had been obeying the law in Whitehorse, would have been eligible to apply, was also accurate. We just didn't know that there was that many people who weren't living up to the zoning regulations of the City of Whitehorse, but the number of homes is accurate and those figures, which were available in last year's budget, are still available and are accurate.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, I really think that we should be looking to the fact that you have to pay your full amount of taxes before you can deduct your homeowner grant. I think it would make quite a difference, because a lot of people, and particularly older people, who are not making mortgage payments, who own the property and own their home, have to make a payment of \$500.00 first of all and then wait until they get \$250 back.

Now, why pay that 250? Would it make that much of a difference to the amount of money that we would be spending on homeowner grants?

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. McKinnon?

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** It wouldn't make that much difference, Mr. Chairman, if we were one taxing authority, the Y.T.G., but because there's three separate municipalities who are the taxing authorities then we have all kinds of problems in the books, one set being kept by the City and one set being kept by the Territorial

Government, and whether or not it's possible for Treasury and the municipalities to work out some type of a system whereby they could deduct a territorial grant from a municipal tax notice is something that I think two different taxing authorities would find difficult to work out together.

I'm not certain of that, but it's something that probably Treasury could look into and answer.

**Mr. Williams:** It could be looked into. The municipalities might not like it because then they might have to wait some time to get their money, but I suppose if everybody was co-operative and willing it could happen that way.

But one of the advantages of the present system is that it does encourage people to pay their taxes a little bit quicker.

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, this is how they do it in the provinces. It's taken off the top, whether you live in a municipality, and there are more than two taxing authorities in provinces, that's for sure, each municipality. So there must be some method whereby it can be done.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Sherlock?

**Mr. Sherlock:** I think, Mr. Chairman, in the provinces it's done through the tax, the income tax, the municipal, and in Alberta they do it through the income tax calculation. So there are variations, certainly we are prepared to look at it.

As a matter of interest, Mr. Chairman, we have the latest figures and also a handout on this item, if you're interested. That is the exact amounts paid to date by location.

**Mr. Chairman:** Did you say you had ...

**Mr. Sherlock:** We have a handout if Members are interested.

**Mr. Chairman:** Good.  
Mr. Lengerke?

**Mr. Lengerke:** Just a question of clarification. The Honourable Minister of Health and Welfare mentioned something about a problem with duplexes, and I would like, maybe the Minister of Local Government could help me here:

Are you having a problem defining if somebody should get a homeowner grant that is living in a duplex where, in fact, they have bought one half or the other, because we do have quite a few situations like that. Is that causing some concern?

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** I thought I was, Mr. Chairman, but we're not. Many of the A.H.O.P. buildings, as you know, are the single detached and they are individual homeowners and they are eligible for the full extent of the grant.

I don't think — I have some further concepts maybe, but I think they should probably be saved for the Main Estimates on expanding the program in areas concerned.



**Mr. Chairman:** Clear?  
Two ten, Prior Years' Adjustments, \$150,000.00.  
**Mrs. Watson?**

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, may I ask for clarification on this, and whether this is in line with the new Financial Administration Ordinance?

**Mr. Sherlock:** To answer the first question, it's an estimate of what could be adjustments on claims in Canada, primarily.

**Mrs. Watson:** Pardon?

**Mr. Sherlock:** It's an estimate on what could be an adjustment on claims of Canada primarily. We make recoveries on claims of Canada and very often we may include items that are not eligible after audit. The auditors have gone through and audited the thing, the claim has to be adjusted and that is what this is all about.

Up to the present time, we've spent about, or made adjustments of about, \$80,000.00. We've quite a few claims of Canada outstanding at the moment, and we have to throw in a figure that would perhaps cover the estimate of what the adjustments might be. Last year they were 168,000, I'm sorry, 159,49,000. We threw in 150 for this year.

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, I didn't understand. Do you say claims adjustment with Canada?

**Mr. Sherlock:** Recovery claims on Canada, right, under the CAP program, or other agreements we have, cost-sharing agreements we have with Canada. We make claims on Canada as a result of unacceptable items that are included in the claims, we have to make adjustments for prior years, and that's what this is all about. This is to allow for us to make the adjustments.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Lengerke.

**Mr. Lengerke:** Mr. Chairman, I'm wondering if we could have a copy of the breakdown of those adjustments. It would be rather interesting to see where we are having to make some of these adjustments.

**Mr. Williams:** I've got a Schedule, we could have it copied and distributed.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Whyard.

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Mr. Chairman, on the other side of the picture, I think it would be very interesting to all Members of this House if the witnesses could advise us regarding what amount of money Canada owes us, which we do not recover and what steps we might take to recover under the Financial Administration Ordinance or what ever other act could be applicable.

It concerns me Mr. Chairman, that from time to time I come across a figure in the books, which we have not been paid, which I am told the federal government agreed would be paid, and we sit and wait. If we were in business, Mr. Chairman, we would simply deduct what they owe us from what we send them. I would like to see

if we can't try that one on and perhaps the Treasurer or Mr. Williams would like to make some comment on that.

**Mr. Sherlock:** Mr. Chairman, I'll start out. Mrs. Whyard is quite right, there are occasions when Canada owes us a lot of money. Unfortunately, the cards are on their side. They have enough, a tremendous amount of auditors auditing every step which we do, and, as a result, they're able to pick up our errors. We only have one auditor. The position was vacant for many months, as most of you may know, so consequently we're not, perhaps, as quick and able to pick up errors the other way around. However, when they are located ...

**Mrs. Watson:** Is that auditor to the planning group?

**Mr. Sherlock:** No, however, when we do find this, we do make claims on Canada and we've got several outstanding right now, particularly in the Yukon Housing, going back to two years and we anticipate that they will be paid.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson.

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, the French program for the Secretary of State used to be very, very difficult to collect from and in the years past we had agreements with the Secretary of State before the last one that we never collected on. I'm sure that they must owe the Yukon a quarter of a million dollars. Are you encountering any problems with the new agreement with the Secretary of State for the French Program?

**Mr. Sherlock:** Mr. Chairman, not that I'm aware of, but just to go further on that, on the general concept of the thing, I review outstanding accounts receivable monthly, a list that I get from the person who looks after Accounts Receivable, and, in there are included various claims against Canada outstanding. Some of them go back quite some months, whether we can get to charging interest in accordance with this new CFFA. As you suggested, we have not yet dealt with that problem, but I presume that the Executive Committee will give us direction in that in due course.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Whyard.

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** If I may refer back again to Item 202, there for example we were just told a few moments ago that we have a figure here, but it's only an estimate advance and we will not know of the exact amount we're going to get until 1979 for something which applies to '75. I'm wondering if Ottawa has this large army of auditors, why it takes so long to process that particular account?

**Mr. Williams:** That particular payment relates to income tax and it takes them two to three years before corporate and personal income taxes for that matter, are finalized. That's their standard time period.

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Mr. Chairman:** Clear?



**Some Members:** Clear.

**Mr. Chairman:** 211. Write-off of Bad Debts. \$50,000.00.

Mr. Fleming.

**Mr. Fleming:** Yes, Mr. Chairman, I'd like to have some explanation as to the deletion of accounts receivable, just what accounts receivable?

**Mr. Sherlock:** Mr. Chairman, I can't say precisely what accounts, but we could certainly bring some to the floor if you wish. This is a figure that was placed in the appropriations here for, based on previous record. Last year we wrote off about \$63,000.00 worth of bad debts. This year we're anticipating there will be about \$50,000.

It's very hard to guess, they relate primarily to accounts that people have either disappeared, we're just not able to contact them. Well, that's primarily it, there is no contact, after a certain number of years we've got to declare the accounts dead, and we do this. If they ever appear on the scene again, the file is and we're able to identify them, the file is reactivated. I understand, I've only been here a short while, I understand that we can go back as far as ten years to reactivate an account. But this is simply to be able to clear accounts that are uncollectable and if you wish some examples, we can certainly bring some to you.

**Mr. Chairman:** Vote No. 2, \$584,212.00.  
Department of Education, \$162,939.00. Page 12.  
Establishment 300, Administration - Education,  
\$11,080.00.

Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** What staff are we looking at under 300? I believe we allowed the man years last year was 240. Are you at that staff at the present time?

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Lang?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Chairman, we're on administration, if my memory serves me correct, I think that we had a number of 18, was it not, on administration?

**Mr. Sherlock:** Eighteen point five.

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** This is the same number of staff as there was last year, Mr. Chairman.

**Mr. Chairman:** The question is, what are long distance costs?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Chairman, this has to do with the recruiting of teachers, the cost for long distance calls has gone up, and also in our recruiting, we had to make that many more calls — it went up considerably compared to the year — to our estimate the year before.

**Mr. Chairman:** It wasn't negotiations with the teachers in Faro, Mr. Lang?

Clear?

302, Schools - Curriculum Supplies and Salaries,  
\$912,182.00.

Mr. Lang?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Chairman, in dealing with 302,

you're dealing with the increase in teacher salaries, and in view of the new agreement with the Yukon Teachers' Association, and it's very difficult to deal with 302 in isolation from the other two establishments, which is 313, which is Special Education which includes teachers' salaries, and also in 316 which is Kindergartens, which also includes teachers' salaries.

At the present time, if you recall last year, we voted for monies for 283 teachers to be on staff for the Yukon Territory. At the present time, due to the teacher/pupil ratio formula, a decline in some areas in teacher populations were in the area of 281.5 teachers actually utilizing.

So, in essence, between the three establishments in looking at 313 where we have lapsed as well as 316, in relation to the teachers' agreement, you're looking at an area of approximately \$700,000.00 in total, \$720,000.00 in total that the collective agreement cost us.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Lengerke?

**Mr. Lengerke:** Back to the 300, the Minister mentioned that long distance costs were in connection with recruitment costs, and I was wondering why those weren't picked up in 160, in Establishment 160. Here we are, and I think we were told in 160 that the recruitment costs had a lot to do with teachers, and here you are picking up some additional money in 300.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Lang?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Chairman, it's inter-related. Sometimes the Public Service Commission gets a hold of a teacher, sometimes maybe one of our Regional Superintendents, and it will be charged against our department, that's the way I understand it.

**Mr. Chairman:** Is that how you run a business?

**Mrs. Watson:** Oh no, Mr. Chairman, that is not right, not for recruiting.

**Mr. Williams:** There's a lot of elements involved, for instance, sometimes a teacher might be hired and have a question of the Department and they'll call collect and this sort of thing, so when you are talking recruitment, there's more than just phoning a teacher and saying "Will you take a job". There's a lot of other conversations that sometimes happen and if a person phones the Department of Education instead of the Public Service Commission, then the Department of Education might, in fact, end up getting stuck with the tab.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Lengerke?

**Mr. Lengerke:** Fine then, you know, I think we have just been led down the garden path a little bit by what long distance costs are. If it's long distance phone calls pertaining to problems that way, well that's fine, but certainly they aren't all recruitment costs. This is the point I was trying to make.

Your well defined recruitment costs are in 160 then, is that correct?

**Mr. Williams:** Those made by the Public Service Commission?



**Mr. Lengerke:** Yes, okay.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, how much were the long distance calls then if it was even worthwhile to mention. What are we looking at, \$500.00 or a thousand, a couple of thousand?

**Mr. Williams:** The long distance calls in Establishment 300 are projected to be about \$13,000.00.

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, you voted 2,000.

We voted 2,000. What are we saying for higher salaries then, why don't we just settle more money for long distance calls?

**Mr. Williams:** Well, of that — involved in that — you're looking at the total supplemental of \$11,000.00. That \$11,000.00 is comprised of a number of items. Some of them a bit over, some of them a bit under.

If you want a rough breakdown, \$22,000.00 relates to slightly higher salary costs, and the other costs were underspent by about \$11,000.00 but long distance itself was overspent by \$11,000.00 so that was partially offset by a number of other things, various underexpenditures in them. The total figure of \$11,080.00 is made up of a number of things, we just tried to highlight two of the major components.

**Mr. Chairman:** We will proceed with Establishment 302. Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, when we prepared the estimates last year, you built in an increase of 6 per cent in salaries and wages, that's all you're allowed to built in, is that correct?

**Mr. Williams:** With respect to teachers, we didn't build in anything, and I believe that fact is mentioned to the Assembly when we reviewed the education estimates last year.

At that time, the Anti-Inflation Program had just started and we were at a loss, really, as to what the final settlement would be, so we didn't build in any allowance, and the fact was mentioned to the Assembly.

**Mrs. Watson:** That's fine, Mr. Chairman, and they received a 12 per cent increase, is that correct, so that 912 reflects the 12 per cent increase?

**Mr. Chairman:** Right.

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Chairman, they got an increase of 10 per cent. They were rolled back by the Anti-Inflation Board from 12 to 10.

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, or Mr. Treasurer, is that what that amount of money then pretty well reflects the 10 per cent increase?

**Mr. Williams:** Basically yes.

**Mrs. Watson:** For 241 teachers?

**Mr. Williams:** Yes.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Lang?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Yes, that's correct, Mr. Chairman.

**Mr. Chairman:** Clear?  
303. Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, if you look at 302 and you know, we're — schools, curriculum supplies and salaries, if we took the total amount even 5 million, 5 hundred, and take 10 per cent of that, you come to about \$500,000.00 and we are voting about 912. Am I wrong?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Chairman, and I don't blame the Member for being confused, because as I said earlier, you have to relate back to 313 and 316, which is also teachers' salaries, which there's lapses, and I think that you have to take into consideration the teachers' qualifications and increments, in relation to the collective agreement, which adds more charges onto the government as they become more experienced as well as more qualifications, and this is very difficult to estimate in relation to an oncoming year, because you don't know what types of teachers are going to apply for a job in relation to their qualifications.

So it fluctuates. For an example, if you look at kindergartens in 316, in some areas we've had a lapsing there in the area of \$92,000.00 and I think for kindergarten teachers' salaries, you are looking in the area of \$70,000.00. That was because this year, in comparison to last year, there was a lot of the kindergarten teachers did not have the qualifications of the teachers the year before.

So it's a very difficult area to estimate.

**Mr. Williams:** I think it's fair to say that some of the salaries that were budgeted under Establishment 313 have been charged to 302. That accounts for the lapsing of 313.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Lang?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Chairman, I think I should correct a statement made here a little earlier in relation to 241 teachers. I think you are looking at the salary of 244 teachers, because it's been very difficult to designate special education teachers as compared to regular teachers.

In some cases, they're working half time as special ed teachers and then half time as regular teachers. So it makes it very difficult in relation to various establishments trying to designate one particular teacher in an establishment, when they are dividing their time up in definite areas.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** Okay, I'll concede that, that's fine, I can understand that, I can understand it's very difficult to project. So you would take your \$500,000.00 and that's not just the salaries for the special ed, that's other things. I'll take the whole 500,000 and add it onto your 5 million and 500 thousand, you will only get 6 million, and 10 per cent of that is \$600,000.00 and we're still looking at 912,182.

No, we're looking at an extra \$300,000.00 in there. Was



it increase in costs of textbooks and this type of thing?

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Lang?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Chairman, I don't know if the Treasurer has a breakdown of that. I don't have the complete breakdown here.

**Mr. Williams:** Yes, there are other things in that \$912,000.00 although basically it does refer to salaries. But as Mr. Lang explained, that when you're looking at the increase in teachers' salaries, there's a percentage increase, the 10 per cent, then there's the fact that some of the teachers were budgeted to be paid under 313, and they have instead been paid out of 302, and then there's this other factor which shouldn't be underemphasized, the fact that there's been something like 85 new teachers, and that's created quite a shift in the overall qualification of the teaching staff.

So as it turns out, on a general across-the-board average, the teachers that have come in to replace those teachers that have left, on an average have had more academic training and/or more experience. They are being paid at a higher stage on the wage scale, and it's those three things combined that have led to the total increase in teachers' salaries.

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, I think that's very interesting and I'll be pursuing this further when we get into the mains.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. McCall?

**Mr. McCall:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I think before my colleague on my left here has brought up a good point. I think before going to the mains, I am just wondering if the Minister would provide us with a breakdown schedule of the salaries, as to the wage scale, before going to the mains.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Lang?

**Mr. McCall:** As to the teacher ratio, that is.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Lang?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Are you saying by school, Mr. Chairman, or do you want a copy of the collective agreement?

**Mr. McCall:** No, I'm not asking for a copy of the collective agreement, the number of teachers we have in the different pay schedule.

**Mr. Chairman:** I think he wants the schedule as to how you pay your teachers as far as qualifications and years of experience is concerned. Is that not right, Mr. McCall?

**Mr. McCall:** How you arrived at this particular figure in question here.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Lang?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Yes, Mr. Chairman, the way I have interpreted the question is you want the schedule out of

the collective agreement?

**Mr. McCall:** First of all, Mr. Chairman, how many teachers we have in kindergarten, how many teachers we have in the senior secondary and that sort of thing, regarding the salary that they are getting now.

**Mr. Chairman:** You will undertake that, Mr. Lang?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Yes.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Berger?

**Mr. Berger:** Yes, Mr. Chairman, I would like to get away from the salaries. On the 302, there is an increase in costs for repair of classroom equipment. Is it just an increase because of inflation or is it an increase in vandalism in schools or something like this?

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Lang?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Chairman, all that statement reflects is the increased costs in the age of some of our classroom equipment that has to be replaced. The increased cost is in the area of \$11,000.00.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Berger, were you inquiring as to whether there actually was more vandalism than anticipated?

**Mr. Berger:** Yes, Mr. Chairman, I was just trying to think what the Honourable Minister has answered here. I definitely didn't get the answer that I really asked for.

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Chairman, in this particular vote, that's all that the, there's about \$11,000.00 needed over and above last year to replace old classroom equipment and to repair all the equipment, for example, audio visual and this kind of thing.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Berger.

**Mr. Berger:** Mr. Chairman, I hate to labour on this because the amount is really not that much. My question was, was the cost increase because of inflation or was the cost increase because there was an increase in vandalism in the schools?

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Lang?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Chairman, it is my understanding that it's the cost of inflation, in this particular establishment.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson.

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, I wonder if I could ask a question regarding curriculum supplies. I'm curious. We know that money, that paper supplies and books have really increased, and we voted 255,000 or we estimated 255,000. Were we pretty well able to keep within that or did we have to go beyond it?

**Mr. Williams:** No, that point, in fact I think it's going to be underspent by \$1,600.00, so they held to their budget very well on it.



**Mr. Chairman:** Three-o-three, School Support, Custodial Supplies and Salaries, Leases and Rentals. Decrease \$148,114.00.

**Mr. Berger?**

**Mr. Berger:** Mr. Chairman, I wonder if we could have a breakdown on the figures and why the decrease?

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Lang.

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Chairman, there has been a noticeable decrease in relation to transportation in the area of \$93,000.00 because of, number one, because of re-routing of the buses within the municipality and this kind of thing, and also at the same time in relation to the expenditure for subsidizing vehicles to drive into school with their students. So this is roughly where the main saving was.

Also, at the same time it has been, if you recall last year, we came in with a supplementary to attempt to pick up, I believe it was three years of over-runs in relation to utility costs. And we've estimated in our Main Estimate last year in relation to Utilities, and we were underspent in that area as well because it was very difficult at that time to come up with a good clear figure in relation to what our utilities costs were. Also, at the same time our utility costs are down due to a mild winter.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** It would be very interesting to see Utilities, Supplies and Services. I think that's your lights and fuel. We estimated, voted, 694,000; how much actually was spent?

**Mr. Williams:** We're now estimating expenditures of \$560,000.00 so it's going to be underspent by about \$135,000.00 and that's a combination of the mild winter we've had and over-estimating.

**Mr. Chairman:** Clear?

Three-o-four, French Language Program, \$10,587.00.  
**Mr. McIntyre?**

**Mr. McIntyre:** Yes, Mr. Chairman, it's my understanding that 53,500 is totally recoverable. Is the \$10,587 recoverable too?

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Lang?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Chairman, yes, this is correct. That the, in this particular program, as you will recall, when it was brought into effect, it was due to go until March of 1979 and at that time we are under no obligation to carry on this particular program.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, now maybe I should address my remarks when we go into the Mains, but we are a bilingual country and I wonder whether you've tried to re-negotiate the agreement to get more monies so that we can truly become a bilingual country and so that we can provide more funding for a realistic French program in our Yukon schools. When you look at

\$60,000.00, it doesn't provide a great deal.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Lang?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Chairman, this does not take into account the French teachers' salaries and this kind of thing that we have within the school system. It is my understanding that the French program that we're putting on in the school system is comparable anywhere across the nation. At the same time, it is my understanding in relation to the Federal Government that they are changing their philosophy in relation to making monies available to people outside the school system and they're going to be trying to put more money within the school systems in relation to teaching French. But that's a decision that they'll have to make and I would imagine that we'll be discussing this matter with them later on this year or early in the following year.

**Mr. Chairman:** Ms. Millard?

**Ms. Millard:** Mr. Chairman, did I understand the Minister to say that it did not reflect salary of the French teacher? It says under this estimate that it's for increased salary requirements.

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Chairman, this reflects a salary increase cost in relation to the co-ordinator for this particular program. But I'm talking about the French teachers within the school system itself who actually teach a program within the school.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** My biggest concern is the fact that we do have a co-ordinator and there is some provision for grants and for travel, for students to travel, but — and I know it's very difficult, but I don't think that some of the outlying areas that the French program is getting out there to the lower grades that we would like it to. This is where it can take foot, you know, can take hold, and this is why I bring up the question.

It's a bilingual country, and the Federal Government has expressed — in fact, Keith Spicer recommended that they stop training civil servants and put some of the money into providing French in our schools. Have they made any overtures to you to renegotiate the agreement, or should we be taking on the initiative?

You know, they are pretty sensitive to this at this time. Maybe you would do pretty well.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Lang.

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Chairman, at the present time, there is going to be an individual coming up to evaluate the whole program throughout the Yukon and will be looking particularly in the outlying areas at how it's working. I would like to say that the co-ordinator we do have on staff, who has been a long-time resident of the Yukon, is doing a very good job and is spoken of very well in the circles outside in relation to various French programs, and I know she's trying the best she can in order to try to accommodate the needs in the outlying areas in relation to getting tape recorders and all these kind of things available to make use of in the outlying areas.



But it's very difficult in relation to some of the smaller areas because, sometimes, there's nobody there that speaks French and is not able to teach it and they're trying to implement a program where a non-speaking — a non-French-speaking person could put on the program.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** I'll withhold any further remarks until we get into the Mains.

**Mr. Chairman:** You're beginning to sound very threatening, Mrs. Watson.

**Mrs. Watson:** French?

**Mr. Chairman:** Clear?  
Three-o-five, Language Development, \$30,000.00.  
Ms. Millard?

**Ms. Millard:** Mr. Chairman, I just wonder if we could have a breakdown on this. If my memory serves me correctly, there was nothing for Language Development in the Mains last year, so this must be a new thing. I would like to know more about it.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Lang?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Chairman, this is correct. The individual that's doing the linguistics study in the Yukon got monies through the French, or through the Federal, Government and subsequently asked us if we would administer it and we said that we would, and it's a hundred per cent recoverable.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** This is up-to-date — \$30,000.00, that's what you've spent already, that we are voting until the end of March, what's being spent was never, you know, it's sort of a new type of program, it was never brought in to the Legislature, and however it appears in our budget.

I must say that I take exception to it, and I have some very good reasons for it. One, the Department of Indian Affairs has money for education, Indian education, within their budget and the C.Y.I. have money over there for education, considerable sums of money. They have an education consultant.

Now, we're talking about language development. Why are we not letting them use the funding to do their language development? They have funding for culture, for education, and these are certainly part of it. Here we are doing it for them again, language development.

Now, does this include the salaries of people who are providing Indian language courses in schools?

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Lang?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Chairman, no, it is not the salaries for people teaching native language in the schools. This was a request on behalf of the linguist who got the monies through the Yukon Native Brotherhood, who asked if we would administer it. We said yes, we would.

I would like to point out that the monies for this particular program were in the budget two years ago, so it is not exactly a new program to us, and the Federal Government has agreed to carry on funding it. We agreed with the individual involved that we would be prepared to administer the funds for this particular program.

**Mr. Chairman:** All in the name of one school system, Mrs. Watson.

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, it's a linguist program. Why isn't it under the education consultant that the C.Y.I. have? I think we are sort-of being sucked in again.

It's being done for them. Should they not have control of it? Why should we administer the program?

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Lang?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Chairman, they had control of it and we were asked whether or not we would be prepared to administer it. The particular individual wanted to work through the Department of Education, and we agreed that we would.

Now it's a language study; in other words, the way I understand it, he is going to the various tribes and doing a comprehensive dictionary, if you like, in relation to their various languages.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, is it more available to the Indian people than it is to the Department of Education; that's the point I'm trying to make. We're always sort-of getting a third party into it.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Whyard?

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Mr. Chairman, I believe we're discussing the work being done by a person named Mr. John Ritter, is that correct, Mr. Chairman? And to my knowledge, Mr. Ritter has done a tremendous job in the Northwest Territories in this similar field and he's been acknowledged across Canada for the work he has done in making native dialects available to people who are not natives. This is fine by me.

If I may strike a personal note, it took me years in Whitehorse to find a place where I could go and learn any kind of Indian dialect, and I finally discovered a course at the Skookum Jim Hall where I could go and take a few lessons and took it, which I found a most enjoyable experience.

I simply regret that it's not more easily available to anyone who is interested. I think that if you are living in a country where there is a native dialect, or 7 or 8 or 10 native dialects, if you have any interest or imagination at all, you would want to master a few words in that dialect.

Now, Mr. Ritter has now come across the mountains, as I understand it, from a brief conversation with him recently, and is doing a similar survey endeavouring to put on paper some of the dialects in the Yukon and I hope that they will be used in our educational system in some form or another.

I don't care who pays him or under what administrat



tion he's doing it. I know that he has my respect for the stature he has achieved in this field and I know personally of the work that he did in Fort McPherson with a very good old friend of mine in putting down the dictionary of the Tlingit dialect with Mrs. Simon, and these are vanishing portions of the culture of this country.

So, if he is doing anything to preserve the dialects in the Yukon, I consider this worth supporting. I don't know why this has to be handled through the bookkeeping on our side, but I see that the costs are totally recoverable, and if any way — the fact that he was associated with the administration of the Department of Education means that we are going to be able to use some of his work, fine with me.

**Mr. Chairman:** Ms. Millard?

**Ms. Millard:** Mr. Chairman, I certainly don't want to put words into the Minister's mouth or anything, but I know the person in question quite well, and I know the reasons why he wanted to come under the Department of Education, partly administrative, because it's much easier for him to use that kind of office, to have the facilities. He's been working through the Department very well. That was part of it.

But I'm sure that part of his reason as well is a comment that you let pass, Mr. Chairman, was that just because it is native languages doesn't mean it has to be associated with the Yukon Native Brotherhood. We don't associate the French language program with only the French people in the Yukon, which are far fewer than the native people, so there's no reason why it can't come through our system.

We have 30 per cent native people in the Territory, and I'm proud that we have a language development program within this Department. I think it's a great step ahead. I would like to commend the Minister for allowing it to be there, and I know that the Federal Government, in paying for this, is making one of its criterion that we work through — not we, but that the people that are doing it — work through the local Territorial Government Department of Education, which I commend them for.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, that's true, there aren't that many French here, but we are a bilingual country and we shouldn't forget that, and I think it's most important.

We are always being told that we are being paternalistic to the Indian people in doing things for them. They want the opportunity to do things for themselves, and this is specifically one of the things that I think they could be involved in and could be justifiably proud of, and here we go, we're under another government umbrella again, and this is the point I'm trying to make.

They have a staff over there, they have an administrative staff, they have funding. Indian Affairs has education, has administrative staff, has funding. At least, it could be a matter of pride for them if they could be able to say yes, we did develop the language for the various tribes in the Yukon Territory.

Again, it's under our government auspices. It would be rather nice if we could see or they could say we have done something and we have something.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Berger?

**Mr. Berger:** Mr. Chairman, I think we are wasting our time here, because I can't see any reason for this particular argument, for one simple reason is we were told, and we were told by the people here in this House, we want one education system, we want one of this and not a split education system.

Here we have an opportunity to keep it together and people object to it. I find that quite curious. Just because maybe they are natives, I think there's some racism in the whole thing.

Like I say, I think we are wasting our time here. Let's keep this and let's hope it expands a little further, without getting criticized in this House.

**Mr. Chairman:** Clear?

Three-o-nine, Student Accommodation, \$717.00. Clear?

**Some Members:** Clear.

**Mr. Chairman:** Three thirteen, Special Education Programs for Exceptional Children, decrease, \$91,477.00.

**Mr. McIntyre?**

**Mr. McIntyre:** Yes, Mr. Chairman. It seems to me that the amount that this council voted for special education is being used to finance positions in 302, which doesn't deal with these exceptional children, and in addition to which this will tend to give a false pupil/teacher ratio, because the man years for 313 are in addition to, or should be in addition to, the normal teacher who is hired under 302.

So, if you take three or four teachers from 313, you're reducing that particular — those particular man years by at least 25 per cent, and I think that if anything this particular item should have been overspent.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Lang?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Chairman, as I explained earlier, in relation to 313, it's very difficult in areas to define where a particular teacher at times is teaching special ed. They've been teaching special education for maybe half a day, maybe a quarter of a day, or whatever, depending on the needs within that particular school.

So it's very difficult to designate exactly on an hourly basis, in relation to where the special education teachers are working, if they are working on a part-time basis and working as special ed teachers and as regular teachers.

I should note that at the present time on staff, we have 17 special education teachers throughout the Territory. We were voted in the area of 18, if I recall correctly — 22, but at that time I notified the House that it was going to be in the area of 18 special education teachers.

I think also, at the same time you have to remember that it's very difficult to get these people with these qualifications in the area of special education teaching, because throughout Canada there's a demand for these particular individuals and it's very difficult to recruit them.

**Mr. Chairman:** I wonder, Mr. Lang, that if you —



nine months ago you defined these teachers under a certain frame of reference, and why would it be changed now?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Chairman, at that time, as we discussed, the concept of special education was changing to the concept of integration within the school system itself, rather than isolating these particular students off to the side, and that is the change that is coming about, and this is going across Canada, for that matter across North America, in relation to trying to integrate these particular students with problems into the mainstream of the school system.

**Mr. Chairman:** I suggest then, Mr. Lang, that there should be more money in this appropriation, rather than less, because if they are being integrated into the same system, they still require a much higher student/teacher ratio.

This might be one of the defects of integrating them back into the system, where they are not getting the personalized attention that they were when they were segregated.

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Chairman, I'm not an expert in this area, but the way I understand it is that the kids, if they're having problems say in mathematics, they may be taken aside with their special education teacher for two or three hours or an hour and subsequently put into a social studies course, and a math - or an English course in the regular classroom, and this is the concept, and this is the concept that's going across Canada and the United States of America as well.

Because they have found that the isolating of these children off by themselves has not been working in relation to their social adjustment to everyday working of society.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Lang, may point is that if you integrate them back into the system, into the mainstream, as you call it, it requires still a considerable amount of attention in terms of a high student/teacher ratio.

In other words, these exceptional children, even though they are back in the mainstream, still require a lot of assistance, and I think that the danger that you might run into is in bringing them back into the mainstream, you lose significance of the fact that they do need special education, and they do need considerably more attention.

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Chairman, I --

**Mr. Chairman:** So it's not a question of reducing the budget --

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** I'm not going to disagree with you, but at the same time, I think that you have to look at our number of students within the school system. We've declined in the area in this past year of approximately 150 students throughout the Territory, so I mean in relation to increasing the complement of staff, whether it be in special ed, or in relation to the whole teacher complement, I think you have to look at your teacher/pupil ratio throughout the territory.

At the present time, we have one of the lowest

teacher/pupil ratios in Canada.

**Mr. Chairman:** Well, I think as Mrs. Watson said, we'll get into this when the mains come up.  
Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** Yes, Mr. Chairman, I think we will, but how many teachers, your 91,000, how many did you transfer over to the other establishment?

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Lang?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Chairman, we transferred a total of 3.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. McIntyre?

**Mr. McIntyre:** Mr. Chairman, the previous figures he gave us was that we had authorized 22, and there were now 17. Seventeen from 22 leaves 5.

**Mr. Chairman:** Special education is required on the floor of the House.  
Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, the reference to the Association for Mentally Retarded, has the expenditure on that gone up?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Yes, Mr. Chairman, I believe it's gone up in the area of \$19,000.00 has it not, in relation to an agreement that was signed here apparently three or four years ago.

**Mr. Chairman:** Is that correct, Mr. Williams?

**Mr. Williams:** Yes.

**Mr. Chairman:** We can't record the nodding of your head.  
Mr. Berger?

**Mr. Berger:** Yes, Mr. Chairman, I just would like to make one point here.

The Honourable Minister was telling us we have a real good student/teacher ratio, and in this particular instance, I hate to see statistics used, because in some classes maybe you only have 12 students to one teacher, and you have no retarded child in that class.

In another class, you may have 20 or over 20 students in it, and you do have a retarded child in the class, and I think that teacher needs help real badly in there.

**Mr. Chairman:** I think that's the same point that I was alluding to, Mr. Berger.

Clear? Three one four, Special Services and Grants for Post-Secondary Training, decrease \$27,404.00.

Mr. Lang?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Chairman, in the financial year of '75-76, we had a total of 220 applicants, and in '76-77, we had a decline down to 198 applicants for grants and bursaries, and that's the reason for the amount left.

**Mr. Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Lang.  
Clear? Three one six, Kindergarten, Decrease,



\$92,230.00.

Mr. McIntyre?

**Mr. McIntyre:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I wonder if the Minister could tell us if this reflects a decrease in the pre-school population that would be eligible for kindergarten? Are we losing population that fast?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Well, Mr. Chairman, at the present time we have 16 kindergarten teachers on staff, and in relation to his particular establishment, it fluctuates a great deal in relation to qualifications that we can find, especially in the smaller communities, to teach kindergarten, and sometimes you may have a kindergarten aide, as opposed to the next year, you may have a teacher with a 5 year degree, depending on who is available. So it fluctuates very considerably, and so this is the reason for the decrease here.

Also, at the same time, I think it should be pointed out that there was a decrease in the area of \$16,000.00 in relation to transportation, and this was in the re-routing of buses in the various areas where the kindergarten kids are picked up.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, wouldn't the Minister agree that it is quite significant, Mr. McIntyre's question, because we did estimate 20 kindergarten instructors, and you say that you have 16 on staff now, so you must have been estimating for 20 kindergarten classes. So you must have four less than what you thought you would have, were projecting.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Lang?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Chairman, in last year, we had 18 kindergarten teachers and this year we have in the area of 16, and I'll have to get the calculation, the figures, the student figures in relation to the various schools for you and I'll bring them in.

**Mr. Chairman:** Clear?

319. Recreation and Amateur Sports. \$21,515.  
Mr. Fleming.

**Mr. Fleming:** Yes, Mr. Chairman, could I have some explanation as to the travel cost, the extra travel cost?

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Lang.

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Chairman, I don't have those with me. Maybe the Treasurer does.

**Mr. Williams:** Approximately \$3,400.00, I believe.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Fleming.

**Mr. Fleming:** What for? Travel where?

**Mr. Williams:** Oh, I see, it was for, I'm not completely positive, part of it was for the Summer Games Co-ordinator and, I think, part of it, in relation to the people running the pools program, but I'm not absolutely certain of that latter point.

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, could I have some more specific information whether it is the pool program that you're talking about the \$21,000.00?

**Mr. Chairman:** That's what we're told here....

**Mr. Williams:** No, I'm sorry. The total overexpenditure is \$21,000.00. Of the \$21,000.00, \$18,000.00 relates to salaries, higher than budgeted salaries and \$3,400.00 relates to all the other expenses besides salaries, of which travel is a component. Now of the salaries, a good portion of that is related to the salary of the Co-ordinator for the Canada Summer Games and for additional pool attendants that were needed during the summer. So, \$18,000.00, that accounts for the \$18,000.00 salary component. Of the \$3,400.00 non-salary component, it was related to those other items as well.

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, that's the contract that the Department entered into for the Summer Games Co-ordinator, and what was the amount of that contract?

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Lang.

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Chairman, I can't recall the exact amount. I do know that the monies accrued, that the monies that we got from the Lotteries over and above what we had to pay out in relation to administration was in the area of \$11,000.00 and the Fitness and Amateur Sports Advisory Board agreed to put this monies towards this individual's salary while he was on contract. So it's monies that we got from the profits of selling lottery tickets. I don't have the exact figure in relation to the contract. But I'll bring it in.

**Mr. Chairman:** Clear?

**Some members:** Clear.

**Mr. Chairman:** 320. Administration - Vocational and Apprenticeship Training. Decrease \$927.  
Mr. Berger.

**Mr. Berger:** Yes, Mr. Chairman. I would like to remark on this. They must be paying awful poor salaries if there's two positions vacant.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Lang.

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Chairman, the reason for the decrease is the vacancies incurred due to clerical changeovers. That's why we show a decrease in that particular area.

**Mr. Chairman:** Clear?

Three twenty one. Yukon Vocational and Technical Training School. Decrease \$241,003.00.  
Mr. Berger.

**Mr. Berger:** I would like to know how many positions are vacant there?

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Lang.

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Chairman, at the present time



the position that I can think of that is vacant right now is the vice-principal's position, which, at the present time, we're considering reclassifying in relation to getting somebody that will have the time to look at the various changes contemplated by the Federal Government. And once that decision has been made, I'll report back to this House.

At the same time, various courses were late in starting and, also, the costs are lower in relation to utility courses and also at the same time, we transferred the Home Management Course over to the Yukon Housing Corporation, which was four and a half casual man years and one man year, which is a large part of this particular decrease in this Establishment.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Lengerke.

**Mr. Lengerke:** Just supplementary to that, I wonder if the Treasurer could give us the actual dollar amounts for those three particular areas, vacant positions, home management program and the cancelled courses.

**Mr. Williams:** In very round numbers. With respect to the Home Management Program, I believe there was a total of \$70,000.00 taken out of the Vocational School Budget because of that. And the vice-principal's position was vacant all year so that would probably result in another \$25,000.00 to \$30,000.00. The difference would be delayed courses and that sort of thing. Delayed courses or cancelled courses.

**Mr. Chairman:** Supplementary, Mr. Lengerke?

**Mr. Lengerke:** Just maybe a question for Mr. Minister of Education, that appears to be \$141,000.00 in cancelled or delayed courses and what would the reason be there? Are we putting on courses, or at least anticipating certain courses that are not acceptable to the community? What's the situation? Why not, why aren't people taking advantage of it?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Chairman, I don't think that the Honourable Member heard me a little earlier, I said that due to lower utility costs, as well. I don't have that breakdown, but that's fairly substantial as well. But some programs were late in starting and this kind of thing, yes, in relation to the Vocational School itself. I don't have the breakdown. Does the Treasurer have the breakdown?

**Mr. Williams:** I'm sorry, are you thinking utility courses or the costs. The utility costs were actually up a little bit. We're talking salaries. Once again, that total supplemental is comprised of salary components and non-salary components. Now the salary components are underspent by approximately \$240,000.00, and the non-salary components are underspent by about \$1,000.00. If you're talking about the non-salary components, there's all sorts of offsetting items there. There were higher utility costs that put an upward pressure on costs. They had to pay more rent for some of the facilities they rent in the outlying communities and that was partly offset by lower training allowances and that sort of thing.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Lengerke.

**Mr. Lengerke:** Mr. Chairman, I'm rather confused now, I just asked the question of the \$221,000.00, you gave me. You said vacant positions \$30,000.00, you said Home Management Programs \$70,000.00, and the cancelled courses \$141,000.00. Now is that not correct?

**Mr. Williams:** Yes, I was accounting for -- I was accounting for the salaries there, the salary portion of the supplement.

**Mr. Lengerke:** Instructor salaries.

**Mr. Williams:** For the total salaries. It includes instructors, staff at the school, dormitory staff and everything else.

Perhaps we could obtain a schedule of some of the vacancies and delayed courses.

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Chairman, I'll bring a breakdown in relation to this particular Establishment.

**Mr. Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Lang. I think it would be of considerable assistance.  
Mr. Lengerke.

**Mr. Lengerke:** That's fine. I'll wait until I see it.

**Mr. Chairman:** Ms. Millard.

**Ms. Millard:** That's fine.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson.

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, Subsistence and Maintenance, was that down at all or were you pretty well on your estimates, plus your general and dietary supplies, materials and supplies? Now they're very susceptible to inflation and I just wondered whether there's been a change made in the Subsistence and Maintenance payments to keep in line with Manpower?

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Lang.

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Chairman, the Member has raised a very good question in relation to our Territorial Training Allowances. The Federal, or Canada Manpower Training Allowances have gone ahead of us by, I think, 5% or whatever, and we're going to have to seriously consider for the forthcoming year to raise that particular allowance in view of what the Canada Manpower has done.

**Mr. Williams:** With respect to the absolute level of expenditure, we have underspent in that area though. The budget was for \$215,000.00, and the projected expenditure is \$176,000.00. And that's related to the fact that some courses were delayed and also though, I think that Manpower is picking up more students than they have in the past. So that that's caused a reduction in our Subsistence payment.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Berger.



**Mr. Berger:** Yes, Mr. Chairman, I just was wondering if we would have the breakdown of those figures before we get to Vote 18, because in Vote 18, the Home Management Program, what they were asking for was \$37,000.00, not \$70,000.00.

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Chairman, that's because of vacancies.

**Mr. Chairman:** 322. Adult Education - Night school and Continuing Education. \$4,690.

**Mr. Lang?**

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** It may be noted that these funds here are almost completely recoverable in relation to, for charging the people to take courses at night and this kind of thing, the courses pay for themselves.

**Mr. Chairman:** Clear?

323. Apprenticeship Training. Decrease \$11,421.00.

**Mr. Berger:**

**Mr. Berger:** Would it be possible to have an explanation why this person resigned from this position?

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Lang?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Chairman, I guess I'd have to bring that in. I really don't know why that person resigned, but that's the reason for the decrease there, it's because of the time it takes to fill the position.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Berger.

**Mr. Berger:** I would appreciate it, Mr. Chairman, because it's my understanding that this person only had the job for a very short time and then he resigned and I would like to know the reason for it.

**Mr. Chairman:** Clear?

324.

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, do we have an Industrial Training Coordinator at the present time?

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Lang?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Yes, we do, Mr. Chairman.

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, when was he hired, or she?

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Chairman, I'll bring the date, I don't have it off the top of my head, I'm sorry. It's my understanding, Mr. Chairman, it was late last year, in the area of December.

**Mr. Chairman:** 324. Rehabilitation Services. Decrease \$215,256.00.

**Hon. Mr. Lang:** Mr. Chairman, the House was informed last Budget Session that we were seriously considering transferring this particular Establishment to the Department of Health, Welfare and Rehabilitation, which we did in September.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson.

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, Vote 3 shows you transferring \$215,256 and Vote 5 shows Rehabilitation Services under Welfare receiving \$126,000.

**Mr. Sherlock:** Mr. Chairman, did you wish an answer for that now or do you want to wait.

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, I'll wait until we go through it.

**Mr. Chairman:** I'll stand Vote Number 3 until more information is forthcoming and I will declare a brief recess.

(Recess)

**Mr. Chairman:** I now call this Committee to order.

We will proceed with Vote Number 4, Department of Territorial Secretary and Registrar General. Decrease, \$67,278.00. Page 17.

Establishment number 400, Territorial Secretary and Registrar General, decrease \$85,389.00.

**Mr. Lengerke?**

**Mr. Lengerke:** Mr. Chairman, I just wanted to comment that somebody should really be pleasantly happy that they lost some weight on the scales. I see the preamble here is rather interesting.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Berger?

**Mr. Berger:** I am not too pleasantly commenting about the loss on the scales, because I think it's erroneous, the whole thing, because I think the trucks are running above weight.

I was told by some people that some of those trucks, they are unable to weigh them, because of the new way they have of hooking them up. I was wondering if the federal government is going to correct this matter, because if we don't correct the weight scales on the trucks before spring time, we won't have any roads left.

**Mr. Chairman:** Clear?

**Mrs. Watson?**

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, I would like to go back to the Main Estimates and I probably have forgotten when we did our Main Estimates in '76-77. We have 983,000 and then we took off "less transfer of loss on weigh scales to Highways and Public Works, \$80,000.00." The loss in the operation of the weigh scales, 80,000 so you know, what is the \$80,000.00, because we've already voted salaries in that establishment for the weigh scale operator.

**Mr. Williams:** I can appreciate the confusion. It's a hard one to sort your way through. The reason why we have to do it this way is that under our cost sharing arrangements with D.P.W. and Indian Affairs on the highways, they will cost share in the actual loss in the weigh scales, and in the past, we had always voted the expense of running the weigh scales under Establishment 400, yet the budget in Highways and Public Works



in Establishments for the Alaska Highway and the 8515 roads, was also to contain an element for the loss, so the result was we were double budgeting. We were showing, in effect, the loss in both places.

So what we do now, the expenses are incurred under Establishment 400 then we transfer from Establishment 400 to Highways and Public Works, the actual loss so that we don't, in fact, end up double budgeting. In the past, we were always double budgeting.

The reason why there's a supplemental this year is that the costs, which are largely fixed, have stayed the same, but the amount of revenue has decreased quite sharply, partly because of strikes, but probably more likely because of the decrease in the flow-through of traffic into Alaska.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, just what was the loss under the weigh scale operation so far this year?

**Mr. Williams:** The current forecast is \$204,000.00 but shall I qualify that? That loss was calculated on the basis of the allowable loss under these cost sharing arrangements.

When Indian Affairs lets us share in a loss, they talk about the gross expense of operating the weigh scale, and from that expense they subtract — basically all they subtract are overweight permits and that sort of thing, and then that's what they consider the loss for cost sharing purposes. But of course, the weigh scales earn a lot more revenue than just strictly overweight permits. They sell licences and freighting through permits and that sort of thing.

So, there's a difference between how a business would calculate the loss on that weigh scale and how Indian Affairs calculates it for cost sharing.

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, have you calculated it with a business-like approach, what is the actual loss ...

**Mr. Williams:** I don't have it but I could bring it back.

**Mrs. Watson:** For the mains, that would be very interesting.

**Mr. Williams:** Yes.

**Mrs. Watson:** But Mr. Chairman, you're looking at 204,000 under the formula that you have to use for the loss on the weigh scales.

**Mr. Williams:** That's right. Now, that represents the cost of running the weigh scales, minus the revenues, the allowance revenues, and basically the allowable revenues are the overweight permits, and there might be a couple of other items in there, but I think ...

**Mrs. Watson:** Well, Mr. Chairman, what was the last, compared to the last fiscal year then? If you're estimating it at 204,000 under that formula, it must be quite a great deal greater this year?

**Mr. Williams:** Yes, I can bring back an exact figure,

but as I recall, the previous year was in the neighbourhood of 120,000, but I'm not absolutely positive. I can try and dig that up.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, have you — and maybe I should wait for the mains — have you pretty well identified the weigh scales where there's the greatest loss?

**Mr. Williams:** We segregate our costs by weigh scale. As far as the revenues go, I'm not absolutely positive that the revenues are segregated by weigh scale formerly in our accounting system, but we have done some internal reviews of the revenues that are being generated by the various weigh scales.

**Mrs. Watson:** It would be very interesting to have that material for the mains, if it isn't too much trouble to draw it out.

**Mr. Williams:** No, we will try and draw it out.

**Mr. Chairman:** Clear?

**Some Members:** Clear.

**Mrs. Watson:** No, just a minute, Mr. Chairman.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** So how are we arriving — Mr. Chairman, how are we arriving at the 85,000, the surplus of the 85,000? You've taken off 204,000 rather than 80,000 off the transfer to the Department of Highways.

**Mr. Williams:** The supplemental of 85,000 is comprised of a \$15,000.00 overspending of salaries and wages, and then on the other side of the ledger, it increased in the weigh scale loss of \$124,000.00 and then the costs of producing the Debates and Proceedings has gone up approximately 20 or \$25,000.00.

**Mrs. Watson:** Increased?

**Mr. Williams:** I'm sorry, I'm getting my numbers all backwards here. The Debates and Proceedings have gone up about 25,000; travel is down \$10,000; the loss on the weigh scales is \$124,000.00. The salaries are overspent by \$15,000.00. That's largely because it's severance pay and that sort of thing, and professional and special services are anticipated to be overspent by about \$5,000.00.

Then in addition to that, there are numerous adjustments and various other primaries.

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman?

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** From the way the supplementary is constructed, then we really don't know how much money was spent, whether it was more or less than \$983,000.00 to operate the Territorial Secretary and Re-



gistrar General under Establishment 400.  
Let's forget about that weigh scale.

**Mr. Williams:** You want to compare the gross expenditure, okay. The entire Department — I'm sorry, did you want it for the entire Department?

**Mrs. Watson:** Establishment 400.

**Mr. Williams:** Just Establishment 400? All right then, the revised vote is \$818,000.00 and that's net, so if we add back the anticipated loss from the weigh scales of \$204,000.00, that means that the gross expenditure is slightly over a million dollars, a million and twenty thousand dollars.

The gross expenditure for the mains was \$983,000.00 so there's a difference of approximately \$40,000.00. Okay.

Now of that \$40,000.00, \$15,000.00 is because of higher salary payments, approximately \$5,000.00 is because of anticipated overruns for contracts, and those are related to the hearings for the Public Utilities Board, and printing of the Debates and Proceedings are over by \$25,000.00. So in rough terms, that adds up to about \$45,000.00 and there were several minor underexpenditures, which reconciled back to the original.

**Mrs. Watson:** So actually Territorial Secretary is overspent by approximately \$60,000.00? No, more than that.

**Mr. Williams:** No, by about \$40,000.00.

**Mrs. Watson:** \$40,000.00?

**Mr. Williams:** Yes, ignoring the little accounting we have to do for the weigh scale, right.

**Mrs. Watson:** Okay.

**Mr. Chairman:** Ms. Millard?

**Ms. Millard:** Yes, Mr. Chairman, I'm interested in the printing of the Debates and Proceedings. It's just come to my attention that each package of Debates and Proceedings that comes from our sessions is worth \$15.00 to an individual person, and I think that's exorbitant, compared to all these thousands of dollars that we're talking about.

I would like to know if the printing of the Debates and Proceedings is up by \$25,000.00, how much is it to print them anyway, and does \$15.00 reflect the per package, does that reflect anything towards the cost? In other words, could we reduce the cost without really going belly up?

**Mr. Williams:** As to what the absolute cost is for printing the Debates and Proceedings, I don't know, I'll have to get that for you, because the total cost in Establishment 400 is almost a hundred thousand dollars, but that includes all the Queen's Printer printing, not just Debates and Proceedings, so I can get the cost of printing the Debates and Proceedings for you and bring it back to you.

**Ms. Millard:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Could you also look into the possibility of reducing the \$15.00 charge to something more reasonable?

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Whyard?

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Mr. Chairman, with respect, if the Honourable Member is alluding to the subscription costs for receiving mailed copies of the Votes and Proceedings, she would then have to include the cost of recording and transcribing, as well as printing.

**Mr. Chairman:** Ms. Millard?

**Ms. Millard:** Mr. Chairman, aren't those included under another establishment somewhere else? Aren't they included under the Assembly's establishment?

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Williams?

**Mr. Williams:** The total cost does include transcribing which is in Establishment 120.

So the total cost isn't all reflected in Establishment 400. The transcribing portion of the cost is included in Establishment 120, in Vote 1.

**Ms. Millard:** And Mr. Chairman, that cost is also reflected in the \$15.00? How does one get \$15.00 is really what I would like to know, is just how that was arrived at?

**Mr. Williams:** We'll find out for you.

**Ms. Millard:** Thank you.

**Mr. Chairman:** Clear?  
403. Records Office, \$19,173.00.  
Mr. Berger?

**Mr. Berger:** Can we have an explanation of what this expenditure is all about?

**Mr. Williams:** Yes, that's comprised once again of a slight underexpenditure of salaries of about \$8,000.00 and an overexpenditure in other areas of \$27,000.00.

Now most of that overexpenditure is tied into our own internal rental charges. The Department of Highways and Public Works charges all users of this building so much per square foot, and when everybody finally did move into this building, a number of the internal rental charges had to be adjusted. So that's what the greatest component of that is.

It's an item that we pay to ourselves.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** Is this adjustment because of the space that's required or of the rate that's being charged?

**Mr. Williams:** A combination of the two. Most of it is because of the space. I believe the original budget was based on \$6.75 a square foot, if I'm not mistaken. And I believe the actual charge is \$7.00. Those figures might



not be — there was a change of about 25 cents a square foot during the year.

**Mrs. Watson:** I see. And some departments haven't shown it because they were able to absorb it, others it's been ...

**Mr. Williams:** That's right. In some of the departments the adjustment was very minor and in two or three cases the adjustment was quite large.

**Mr. Chairman:** Clear?

**Mrs. Watson:** Just one more question. Does the Records Office, have they taken on more space then? I notice that, no, Records are going to — aren't the Records going to go with Archives? Am I correct?

**Mr. Williams:** In the following fiscal year, right. The Records section is being transferred to the Library Services.

**Mrs. Watson:** Not physically?

**Mr. Williams:** No. Physically they're scattered throughout the building. They've got one major section here, but they've got a number of Records substations scattered throughout the building.

And I think that's where the original estimate was in error. They really didn't take into account the fact that they are scattered all over.

**Mr. Chairman:** Clear?

**Some Members:** Clear.

**Mr. Chairman:** Four-o-four, Land Titles, decrease \$1,062.00. Clear?

**Some Members:** Clear.

**Mr. Chairman:** Vote Number 4, decrease \$67,278.00. Clear?

Department of Health, Welfare and Rehabilitation, \$797,551.00. Page 20. Establishment 500. Disease Control, \$10,793.00.

Explanation for this?

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Mr. Chairman, we have no control over airlines who continually increase their fares and that is part of it. The other part is that we share costs of the Federal Public Health Program in this area and over that we have very little control.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** May I ask the Minister if there has been an increase in the number of cases than what you budgeted for?

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Mr. Chairman, I don't think we budget for the number of cases. We budget for overall costs, of course, but I don't think that we can predict how many people are going to have cancer or T.B. or venereal disease. I can give you the figures for the

number of cases which we have treated and recorded and a breakdown by the geographical centres. That again would have to be translated into how many were treated in each nursing station and what our share of the costs there was and what the travel was from there to somewhere else. I'm sorry, I don't think I can break it down to that level.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson, would you please wait until you're acknowledged from the Chair, for the sake of the recording, please.

**Mrs. Watson:** I'm sorry.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, it appears that there is an increase in the travel cost for people who are sent outside for treatment and for the subsistence. This is the area. Are we sending more out? I'd be happy to wait until we get into the Mains if you have any information on that.

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Mr. Chairman, I don't have it today.

**Mr. Chairman:** Clear?

Five-o-one. Mental Health, \$26,686.00.

Mrs. Whyard?

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** I think we're all very well aware of the fact that we again have no control for the rates charged in institutions to which we send people from the Yukon for treatment. As an example, I would like to bring to the Honourable Members' attention a notification we received this week from a centre that we do have a patient in, in Quebec. They are billing us for an additional \$15,997.18 because they have increased their rates over the last three years without notifying us. They are still charging considerably lower per day than similar institutions in Alberta or B.C. That's for one patient.

**Mr. Chairman:** Does this figure represent the per diem hospital charges increased or does it reflect an increase in the number of patients?

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** No, Mr. Chairman, that's exactly of the hospital rate. We send very few out. These have mainly been patients for some time.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Whyard?

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Mr. Chairman, mental health care — I can't be definite about it, but I would say in the neighbourhood of 40 to 50 dollars a day.

Of course, in an acute care hospital, you're up to 140 or 150.

**Mr. Chairman:** Under the Ordinance, aren't the majority of these patients sent to Alberta, to Oliver?

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Mr. Chairman, I don't know, because I don't see the figures on who was sent out to where.

My information is that most of the charges under this



501 are for people who have been out for some time, not committed in recent years. We do try to use Alberta, and have in the last two or three years, because of the co-operation we are receiving there in a number of ways, and the very close connection between their officials and our Department.

They've been most co-operative, for example, in notifying us prior to sending a patient back, so that we can receive them and so forth, and this kind of thing is appreciated, and we do try to use Alberta in nearly every case.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Lengerke?

**Mr. Lengerke:** Mr. Chairman, just clarification there. Did you say Oliver, and if you did, Oliver is not in Alberta, it's in B.C. and you'd be sending them to Ponoka if you were using Alberta. Or another one in Alberta. But it's not Oliver; Oliver is in British Columbia.

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Yes, it is.

**Mr. Lengerke:** So where are we sending them?

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, there's a mental institution at Oliver; it's almost a suburb of Edmonton.

**Mr. Chairman:** Yes, that's what it is.

**Mr. Lengerke:** Okay.

**Mrs. Watson:** Yes, it's Alberta.

**Mr. Lengerke:** There is an Oliver, B.C., too.

**Mr. Chairman:** It's the hospital.

**Mr. Lengerke:** Just for clarification.

**Mr. Chairman:** Clear?

Five-o-two, General Health Services, \$29,568.00.  
Clear?

Five-o-four, Subsidized Travel, Medical Necessity,  
\$162,167.00.

Ms. Millard?

**Ms. Millard:** Mr. Chairman, this brings up my age old question of ten cents a mile for mileage within the Territory. Is this included under here? And, some time ago, there was a promise by our Honourable Minister that this would be reviewed and I would have some promise of anticipation of some kind of positive response.

Maybe I could have some comments by the Minister on that.

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Mr. Chairman, it's my pleasure.

I did attempt to get an increase in the mileage charge at the request of the Honourable Members. This became part of an overall policy for standardizing mileage rates for various government departments; no, not for this

year's estimates, Mr. Chairman, I'm answering a question from the Honourable Member about whether or not the increase in mileage rates is being activated.

It is, but it is not reflected in this supplementary for this past current year. It will not begin until the coming year.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, I just have to question this. We're looking at an increase, '75-76, we have \$90,000.00 voted, and then '76-77 we voted 130, and yet we need another \$162,000.00.

How much of that is for in-territory travel, and then there's out-of-territory travel, and is it all at the increased cost of transportation? Are we having that many more people, sick people, who are travelling?

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Whyard?

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Mr. Chairman, I would ask Mr. Williams to assist on this one.

I know that part of this additional amount is a book-keeping carry-over which was required by our Treasury Department for government bookkeeping purposes, not necessarily that much of an increase in travel, and I would appreciate some assistance in explaining why we had to carry that over at the end of the year.

**Mr. Williams:** Approximately \$90,000.00 of the increase is a carry forward from previous years; therefore, it is for the current year, we are talking an actual expenditure of about \$200,000.00 plus the carry-over of about \$92,000.00 and that's what the \$292,000.00 is comprised of.

Now, did you want a breakdown of the \$200,000.00 between the in-territory and the out-of-territory?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman?

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** First of all, we are looking at a total, approximately, of subsidized travel medical necessity of \$200,000.00 for this current year.

**Mr. Williams:** Right.

**Mrs. Watson:** We voted 130,000, so we're looking at an additional 70,000, am I correct?

**Mr. Williams:** For the current year, correct.

**Mrs. Watson:** For the current year. Okay, have you it broken down for in-territory and out-of-territory?

**Mr. Williams:** I don't have it handy, but I believe the Department does, and that's been influenced by a number of factors. The price increase in air fares is one of them, and I believe there was a higher than anticipated number of evacuations, if I am not mistaken.

But I believe the Department's got the figure, and I'll try and get it from them.



**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, am I to understand then that there were more evacuations than you had budgeted for, whoever can answer?

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Whyard?

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Mr. Chairman, I can't answer that question in specific figures.

It's difficult to budget for people who require emergency evacuation when there's an airplane sitting at the airport. It is difficult to determine in advance what type of aircraft you're going to have to charter.

I can't tell you whether it means an actual increase in number of people who were evacuated, or whether the cost was primarily a matter of chartering aircraft. I would have to bring that information in.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Williams.

**Mr. Williams:** If I could just add something to that. As Mrs. Whyard was saying, it's very difficult to budget for that Establishment period. I think if we look at the details as to how the budget is comprised, it's just basically based on averages of recent years' cost. It's not so refined as to say that the budget is for twelve evacuations and so many dollars for in-territory and so many dollars for out-of-territory, because it is difficult to estimate who is going to be sick and where they're going to be sick and that sort of thing. The budgeting process there is just not that refined.

Basically, it's a statutory program and the estimates try and reflect a figure that we hope will be realistic but, as you can see, we sometimes fall short of being realistic.

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** But, Mr. Chairman, if I may ...

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Whyard.

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** We do have the figures that the Honourable Member wants and we will bring them. Comparison of the number of people who were evacuated this year as per last year.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, it does concern me. It concerns me a great deal because we're looking at an extreme jump and it appears that the \$90,000 probably in '75-76 was not realistic enough, because we're picking up some of it in this year. Right? So, again, and yet we're looking at another 70,000 over last year's and our population hasn't increased that much. Are we, are there enough checks and balances to make sure that there aren't the abuses that could so easily flow into this type of a program? This is my concern. I think it's an excellent program. It helps a very many people within the Territory, but it is a beautiful program to take advantage of. And are we sure that we've got the reins on it?

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Mr. Chairman, it might be of interest to all Members if I brought in a resume of the

procedure through which a physician or a nurse has to operate in order to authorize such a medivac.

From the complaints I've got from practitioners who would like to use more airplanes than we allow them to use, from time to time, I can assure this House that there are very careful checks operating on the system.

We have some doctors, for example, who feel that if they have to fly into Whitehorse with a patient, they should also fly back for the benefit of possible patients in their home practice area and we don't allow them to do so and they get annoyed about this at times. There are restrictions definitely being imposed upon the taxpayers' pockets in this program area, but I will bring in the procedures through which you have to operate.

**Mr. Chairman:** I think there was, there were problems arising from air evacuations and during the year there were more stringent regulations put on as far as use. I think it was being over-used.

**Mr. Williams?**

**Mr. Williams:** To answer a question that Mrs. Watson is getting at, the cost for 1975-76, if you take into account the carry-over, we're about \$162,000 vs. this year's \$200,000. So it is a 25% increase. A portion of which, undoubtedly, is because of the higher air fares. And the rest would be either — well, I wouldn't be surprised that it's that much.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Lengerke.

**Mr. Lengerke:** Yes, Mr. Chairman, Mr. Williams, I wonder if you could clarify the \$90,000.00 carry-over. You mentioned, when you were talking about it, that it was for a number of years, for previous years.

**Mr. Williams:** No, from the previous year.

**Mr. Lengerke:** Okay. I wanted clarification on that.

**Mr. Williams:** On our old system of accounting, prior to the new Financial Administration Ordinance, it was of course illegal to spend a vote. What sometimes happened would be that expenditures would be incurred but because there weren't sufficient vote authorities the actual, the cheque would get charged against the subsequent year. And so the result has been this kind of distortion. It makes this year look terrible in relation to last year and it makes the increase look much, much higher than it is.

With our new Financial Administration Ordinance, where we provide for the use of accrual accounting, this sort of distortion shouldn't happen any more. And if the bill, the expense, is incurred, it will get charged against the year in which it is incurred as opposed to being carried forward into the next year.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Lengerke.

**Mr. Lengerke:** So in effect then, we are budgeting this year, it's \$195,000.00 for just about what actually we spent last year in total?

**Mr. Williams:** Correct.



**Mr. Chairman:** Clear?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson.

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, I would hope that we would have the opportunity, when we go into the Mains, to discuss the Regulations that you have.

**Mr. Chairman:** Five-o-five, Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, decrease, \$22,919.00.

**Mr. Chairman:** Ms. Millard?

**Ms. Millard:** Mr. Chairman, I wonder if the Minister could just comment on -- are these positions still vacant, and what are they, and how many are there?

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Whyard?

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Mr. Chairman, we've been able to fill these positions. They had to do with counsellors who are expanding our community programs, and the Honourable Member will be hearing more acceptable news about her own area when we get into the mains.

**Mr. Chairman:** Clear?

**Some Members:** Clear.

**Mr. Chairman:** Five oh six, Detoxication Centre, \$9,306.00.

Ms. Millard?

**Ms. Millard:** Mr. Chairman, are these higher costs due to more use of the facility than we expected?

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Whyard?

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Basically, yes, because of the numbers using the Detox Centre being higher than anticipated, it was necessary to provide some casual and additional staffing, particularly at night, which we had not anticipated.

I believe that's correct, Mr. Williams?

**Mr. Williams:** Yes.

**Mr. Chairman:** Clear?

Five oh seven, Rehabilitation Services, \$126,325.00.

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Mr. Chairman, I have asked Mr. Williams to explain why this has to be a supplementary.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Williams?

**Mr. Williams:** Yes, as you probably recall, the budget for rehabilitation services was originally under Vote 3. During the year, the function was transferred from the Department of Education to the Department of Health, Welfare and Rehabilitation, therefore it's necessary to revote the funds.

You'll probably notice that the expenditure is less

than what the original estimate was, and there's a number of reasons for that. I think one of the reasons was that the Rehab Centre opened later than scheduled. Another factor was that some of the people to whom we would normally be paying training allowances, were in fact, sponsored by Canada Manpower, so the net result was an underexpenditure in relation to the original budget.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** One question, I don't know who to address it to. We allowed a grant of \$65,000.00 and that was pretty well for the Rehab Centre. Did they need all of that funding for the centre this year?

Did they need the entire \$65,000.00 this year?

**Mr. Williams:** What they are, in effect doing, I think it was originally budgeted as a grant, you're correct. I think the arrangement they have now, that rather than making an absolute grant, they buy training spaces at the Rehabilitation Centre, and because the Rehabilitation Centre was opened late, they did, in fact, spend \$90,000.00. I'll have to find out exactly how much they did spend at the Rehab Centre for you, if you wish.

I don't have that figure.

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, I'll leave that until we get into the Mains. There's some things I would like to ask further on it, but this is 50 per cent cost shared, isn't it?

**Mr. Williams:** That's correct.

**Mr. Chairman:** All of it is 50 per cent cost shared. Mrs. Whyard?

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Yes, Mr. Chairman. Our Rehabilitation Centre costs, through BDRP.

**Mr. Chairman:** We'll wait for the Mains.

Five oh five, Yukon Hospital Insurance Services, \$291,978.00. Does this refer to costs in the Territory, Mrs. Whyard?

Mr. Williams?

**Mr. Williams:** Yes, they do. You will recall that in '75-76, the budget for hospitals was transferred to Y.T.G., and virtually all of this supplemental reflects the fact that the costs of running the hospitals in the Territory increased drastically throughout the year, for normal inflationary reasons, and for salary negotiation reasons, and that sort of thing.

So, yes, these costs are related to higher costs than we are paying the hospitals in the Territory.

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Mr. Chairman, could I ask --

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Whyard.

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** -- the Chairman to explain the increased hospital costs?

**Mr. Chairman:** No.  
Mrs. Watson.



**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, what are the per diem costs now in the Whitehorse General Hospital? I believe when we went into the budget last year, it was \$130.00 a day, but I believe there's been a regulation since changing it, am I correct?

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Whyard?

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** What is it, A1? 145?

**Mr. Williams:** Are you asking what their actual cost per day is or what they charge Hospitalization?

**Mrs. Watson:** What they charge.

**Mr. Williams:** I believe it's 130., but I'll have to confirm that figure, I'm not 100 per cent certain. We end up paying the whole cost anyway. They charge us so much per day per patient and at the end of the year if they've got a deficit, we pay them the difference. So, we'll end up paying the total cost of the hospital. But for billing purposes they use a per diem charge which is less than their actual charge.

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** The Honourable Member is quite right. We used to show it as 65. It is now being charged at 130. The actual cost per day is what you're asking for? I would have to get that from another source. The chargeable cost is 130.

**Mr. Chairman:** I thought I had noticed the regulations where they had increased the per diem cost again just fairly recently, up from \$130. Now I could be wrong, but I had thought that it was up into 140-some, for the Whitehorse General.

Now, there were increases for the Dawson Hospital and the Nursing Station at Faro and at Watson Lake, and I thought the Whitehorse General was included.

I have one more question. If we have someone from an out-of-Territory using the hospital here, would they be charged the per diem charge, like the \$130.00, or would they be charged the actual costs?

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs Whyard?

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** They would receive the same reciprocal treatment that anyone in the Yukon would receive outside. They would get the cost agreed upon under their Medicare plan. Our plan would pay in a Vancouver hospital, the equivalent of what you would be paying here. I think I should bring in, for the benefit of all Member, the actual charges per day in each hospital here in the Yukon, and perhaps you would like those we deal with outside as well.

Mr. Chairman, to answer the Honourable Member further, you are not going to be charged the actual cost of being in hospital anywhere. You're going to be charged the daily rateset by the hospital.

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, in cash, right?

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Yes, Mr. Chairman.

**Mr. Chairman:** Unfortunately, without co-insurance.

Clear?

Five twenty-five. Yukon Health Care Insurance Plan, \$212,931.00.

Mr. Fleming.

**Mr. Fleming:** Yes, Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the Minister if the Health Care Insurance Plan is actually paying its own way at the present time?

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Whyard?

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Mr. Chairman, you will be \$200,000.00 in the red by the end of this current year.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Fleming.

**Mr. Fleming:** Mr. Chairman, would it be right if I understand the Health Care Insurance Plan as being operated on the monies that are collected for the Plan. That money doesn't go to the General Revenue Fund,, or does it?

**Mr. Williams:** Well, the premiums do go into the regular Consolidated Revenue Fund, but we're now at the point where the premiums that we get, plus the recoveries we get from the Federal Government do not equal our expenses, so that the Plan is being subsidized out of General Revenue.

**Mr. Fleming:** Mr. Chairman, subsidized to the tune of \$212,000.00, or more than that?

**Mr. Williams:** It doesn't necessarily relate to that figure, but I think the figure is around \$200,000.00.

**Mr. Fleming:** How much more?

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Mr. Chairman.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Whyard.

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** I may have misread the Honourable Member. The figure I used is that the \$200,000.00 will be the deficit between what people are paying in Medicare premiums and what their health costs under the Plan are by the end of this coming year. If we had increased the Medicare premium. I can bring figures on which, over which we studied the situation.

We could have adjusted the premiums upward to meet the actual cost. We could have adjusted a little higher to show a slight surplus, but because of the current climate and the increases which the taxpayer had faced last year, it was a decision of this government that the Medicare premium would stay where it is for this coming year and we know that we will be \$200,000.00 down because of leaving the premiums at that level. Is that the question the Honourable Member has?

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Whyard, is this the first year that the premiums have involved deficit financing?

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** I believe so, Mr. Chairman.

**Mr. Williams:** I think there was a large surplus to begin with and it's been gradually coming down. I'm not



sure what the exact figure is for '75-'76, but for '76-'77, the loss is projected to be in the neighbourhood of about \$200,000.00. The loss wouldn't be that high in '75-'76.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Lengerke?

**Mr. Lengerke:** I wonder if the Honourable Minister could tell me how many people we have registered under the plan, to date?

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Mr. Chairman, I don't have that figure before me. I know that we usually have more than the national census shows.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Lengerke?

**Mr. Lengerke:** But as compared to last year. The two figures would be interesting.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, we had to negotiate an agreement with the doctors on the increase for the cost of medical services. What was that percentage? And the CU&C contract, to provide the computer statement, I believe, an increase. What was that percentage or what was the amount of that increase?

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Williams?

**Mr. Williams:** In both cases, the percentage increase was approximately 10 per cent, so that C.U. & C. now costs us approximately \$10,000.00 a month.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, that 10 per cent with C.U. & C., is that a one year contract? Will we have to re-negotiate again at this time next year?

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Whyard?

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Mr. Chairman, that's one of the factors in the government's decision to bring this program home to the Yukon, to use our own computer system, so that we will have control of the operation costs. You will see more of that later in the Mains.

**Mr. Chairman:** When is this transfer to take place?

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Mr. Chairman, it's in process now. It's a matter of some eight to ten months' transition, training, and transcribing of records and moving of documents, and it's quite an involved business.

**Mr. Sherlock:** If I may, Mr. Chairman, we're in the process now of converting the pro bands, there's a conversion involved, and it's a language conversion, computer conversion program. We're about two months down the road, as Mrs. Whyard said, another 7 or 8 months to go.

**Mr. Chairman:** Clear?

Five twenty-six, Medical Professional Ordinance, \$29,999.00.

**Some Members:** Clear.

**Mr. Chairman:** Ms. Millard?

**Ms. Millard:** Mr. Chairman, I would like the breakdown on that.

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

**Ms. Millard:** Do you think you could arrange that?

**Mr. Williams:** Yes we can, this is just a ball park figure. At the time we prepared this, we didn't have a breakdown either. I presume you want it broken down by what, witness costs or do you want just an exact figure, or do you want it broken down by the type of costs that went into that?

**Ms. Millard:** Would the exact figures be available now?

**Mr. Williams:** I can check with the Department, but what I'm asking is do you want it category by category, in other words, how much for travel, how much for consultants, or et cetera, is that what you mean by --

**Ms. Millard:** Yes, yes.

**Mr. Williams:** Yes.

**Mr. Chairman:** Clear?

**Some Members:** Clear.

**Mr. Chairman:** Five thirty, Administration, Welfare, decrease, \$54,600.00.  
Ms. Millard?

**Ms. Millard:** Mr. Chairman, how many vacant positions are there, and are they still vacant, and which ones are they?

**Mr. Williams:** Well, throughout the year, the Assistant Director position was vacant, and then in the months of September through December, they were operating with an average of five vacancies.

In addition to that, I believe the Department actually eliminated some clerical help. They found they could get by with fewer man years.

**Mr. Chairman:** Ms. Millard?

**Ms. Millard:** Were some of those five vacancies social workers?

**Mr. Williams:** I believe so, I could get a breakdown for you, I don't have it.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Whyard?

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Mr. Chairman, the re-organization which resulted in fewer positions in the administration side were not social welfare workers, they were administrative positions, such as clerks and secretarial, bookkeeping, et cetera.



**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Fleming?

**Mr. Fleming:** My question was answered.

**Mr. Chairman:** Clear?

**Some Members:** Clear.

**Mr. Chairman:** Five thirty-one, Child Welfare Services, decreased, \$21,000.00.  
Ms. Millard?

**Ms. Millard:** Well, Mr. Chairman, I just find this rather surprising, and I wonder if there's some explanation.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Whyard?

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Mr. Chairman, I would hope the explanation was that conditions in the homes are improving.

**Mr. Chairman:** Ms. Millard?

**Ms. Millard:** Then it's doubly surprising if there aren't the number of social workers that we had before, that the improvement has been made despite the social workers being there.

It's just confusing to me because it doesn't seem to reflect actual social work to reduce it. I would fully expect an increase rather than a decrease.

Our increasing social problems are obvious, and it is just surprising to me. I wonder if there is some kind of what I really would like to see is something that may not be done, is an overall look at what social welfare is doing, and I know that can't be related too much to costs, but this somehow can be done through here perhaps in this area, where there is a definite reduction in costs --

**Mr. Chairman:** Ms. Millard, I don't really think this represents a reduction in costs, but rather it's the anticipated budget.

**Ms. Millard:** Yes, well it's less than anticipated --

**Mr. Chairman:** Right.

**Ms. Millard:** -- which is a surprise.

**Mr. Chairman:** That's not the same as a decrease.

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** I think that's good.

**Ms. Millard:** Yes, it's good, certainly I'm not criticizing. I simply would like to know if there is some reason, if any reason can be given.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. McIntyre?

**Mr. McIntyre:** Yes, Mr. Chairman, the obvious reason, if there are fewer social workers, there's going to be fewer cases, nobody to fine them.

You know, it's self-preservation for them to find more cases.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Berger?

**Mr. Berger:** Well, Mr. Chairman, this is exactly what I wanted to state also.

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** I would have to remind the Honourable Member from Mayo of these remarks when he's looking for additional staff in his area.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Lengerke.

**Mr. Lengerke:** I wonder if the Honourable Minister could tell me if the case load has dropped in the Group Homes or if it's under the direct care caseload has dropped from the anticipated figures last year, or the figures you gave last year. They were, what, 66 in group homes? Is that what it was last year? Something like that, as I recall? Has that caseload dropped? Or did it? What was the caseload last year in group homes?

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Mr. Chairman, I don't have the figures for the number of people in group homes last year and this year on the top of my head. There has been a change in emphasis in some group homes. One is being used for a different purpose, for example, and the costs are higher for that particular type of care. But I don't think that's a factor in this particular decrease in cost. I just think that we budgeted for a certain amount required by what we envisioned our child welfare needs would be and they didn't materialize to that extent. It's a pretty general question.

**Mr. Lengerke:** I'm as pleased as you are about it, there's no problem with it. Thank you.

**Mr. Chairman:** Clear?

Five thirty-two. Social Assistance, decrease of \$47,600.

Clear?

Five thirty-three. Day Care, decrease \$20,000.00.

Mrs. Whyard.

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** I think the Honourable Members will recall that, with additional amount was voted because we were very hopeful that the Yukon Child Care Association was going to take advantage of the subsidized plan which Members approved. However, as you know, they did not and their surplus was there.

**Mr. Chairman:** Clear?

Five thirty-four. Social Service Agencies. \$12,000.00.  
Mrs. Watson.

**Mrs. Watson:** What was that list for, Mr. Chairman? Higher than anticipated?

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Whyard.

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Mr. Chairman, this was an additional amount approved to the Yukon Family Services Association to a tripartite transfer approved in Executive Committee. And this covered a particular assignment which was carried out by the Yukon Family Services Association for the Department of Health and Welfare. I didn't get involved. Family life programs



which was carried into schools and Yukon Hall and various other areas for the education of children in what we used to call Sex education, but is now, I believe called Family Life?

**Mr. Williams:** Planning.

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Planning? No, that's another one. And, this resulted from requests directed to this department by the Association of Yukon Native Women, who asked for this part of my department in making this type of information available to their children. And I inquired and found that it was not being provided in all schools and on further consultation with my colleague, the Minister for the Department of Education, I decided that this was an area in which Health and Welfare had the prior responsibility. I'm very happy with the project as it was carried through by the people.

I have a complete report on it if any Members are interested in seeing how many classrooms, how many children, how many visits and how many lectures and what material was used. I am happy to say that this program has been picked up now by a National Grant to the Yukon Family Services Association, who now have a specialist in that area doing a three year project for them in this same type of education and I can't think of a better investment to make for that particular age group in our schools.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Whyard, did the Family Services Association reach much resistance ingrained in the schools with this kind of a program?

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Mr. Chairman, they had no resistance. They worked through the School Advisory Committees first, then they worked with the parents of the children in each classroom involved. They showed them the material and the films. The parents saw it first. They gave everyone an opportunity to register an objection and they had really no opposition at all. The reaction was most favourable and I am really delighted at the progress that they've made in this program and I can tell you it's a complete reversal of the attitude 15 or 20 years ago. But I think that we are going to reap great rewards for even this one year's investment when I look at the bills that we receive in our department.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. McIntyre.

**Mr. McIntyre:** I understand that this program was not given in F. H. Collins High School and I'm wondering why it wasn't.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Whyard.

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Mr. Chairman, I wasn't aware of that. I would have to look at the report and I will bring it for the Honourable Members.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson.

**Mrs. Watson:** Was this just a temporary course, just a short course that was given to certain classrooms and certain schools.

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Could I ask permission of the Members to bring the report so that I can have these facts before me. I have it in my office but I do not have it here.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson.

**Mrs. Watson:** One more point on it, Mr. Chairman. I was a little disturbed when the Honourable Minister said that they worked through the School Advisory Committees. They're not advisory committees, they're school committees who have the authority to approve these types of programs by the School Ordinance. And I know of instances where the school committees were not aware that this program was being presented in the schools. The school committees were absolutely bypassed and I don't think the school committees would have offered any type of resistance, but I think that this is a distinct failing of the approach that was taken and I know this happened.

**Mr. Chairman:** Ms. Millard?

**Ms. Millard:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I'm just wondering whether this was presented in the outlying areas. That just crossed my mind, because I don't remember it being presented there.

As well, I would just like to comment that for two years now, I have been complaining about the reduction in social services section, the amount, every budget, so I'm very pleased to see that it can be extended and for such a good program. I certainly want to commend the Department for looking at this in such a progressive light.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Whyard?

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Mr. Chairman, regarding the outlying areas, no, this program did not extend out of Whitehorse, but with this new three year project, demonstration project, which the Yukon Family Service Association has been funded federally, they do plan to get out to the outlying communities, now that they have a full time worker who is available to do it.

**Mr. Chairman:** Clear?

535. Children's Group Homes, \$4,700.00. Clear?  
536. Lodges and Senior Citizens' Homes, decrease, \$46,400.00. Mr. Berger?

**Mr. Berger:** Yes, Mr. Chairman, I was wondering, all the unhappiness and the uproar, of the relocation of some senior citizens in Dawson, if that was worth \$46,400.00?

**Mr. Chairman:** Is that a comment or a question, Mr. Berger?

**Mr. Berger:** You can take it either way, Mr. Chairman.

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Mr. Chairman, I won't dignify it as a question.

**Mr. Chairman:** Ms. Millard?



**Ms. Millard:** Well perhaps I can dignify it with a question, and ask how much of the 46,000 was due to the lay-offs in Dawson?

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Williams?

**Mr. Williams:** \$33,000.00 is because of underexpenditures on salaries.

**Ms. Millard:** Mr. Chairman, is that all from the Dawson lay-offs?

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Williams?

**Mr. Williams:** I'm not absolutely certain. Some of that would undoubtedly be related to MacAuley Lodge in Whitehorse, but the actual spread, I'm sorry, I'm not certain.

**Ms. Millard:** Mr. Chairman, I would certainly like those figures broken down between — I certainly would like to know how much we have saved by laying off several employees in the MacDonald Lodge in Dawson.

**Mr. Williams:** That also includes the transfer, I believe, of the Alexander Street Housing to the Housing Corporation. I believe the Alexander Street Housing was originally budgeted under Establishment 536, and the expenses are now being charged to Vote 18, so that would account for approximately 15 of that \$33,000.00 leaving \$18,000.00 which would be split between the MacDonald Lodge and the McAuley Lodge.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Whyard?

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Yes, Mr. Chairman, if I may add to that, there are more lodges than are in Dawson and one in Whitehorse was turned over to the Yukon Housing Corporation last year, in order to bring down the rentals to the people who live in it, which it did. Because it was transferred to the Yukon Housing Corporation, there are staff costs which are no longer attributable to this Department, as Mr. Williams explained.

**Mr. Chairman:** Clear?  
560, Corrections Brnach, \$93,617.00.  
Ms. Millard?

**Ms. Millard:** Could we have a breakdown on just how much is involved in each section then?

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Williams?

**Mr. Williams:** Of that \$93,000.00, \$36,000.00 is for higher than budgeted payroll costs, and that \$36,000.00 relates basically to two things, the use of casual matrons at W.C.I., and overtime costs, and additional casual costs, when the prisoner count was exceptionally high or when they had a prisoner in who required 24 hours a day supervision, so \$36,000.00 relates to salary costs, and \$57,000.00 relates to non-salary costs.

Of that \$57,000.00, approximately \$40,000.00 is for utilities, and \$14,000.00 for equipment maintenance and

the remainder of the \$57,000.00 is comprised of a number of smaller amounts.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, did you say \$14,000.00 for equipment maintenance?

**Mr. Chairman:** Would you repeat that, I'm sorry I didn't hear, Mrs. Watson.

**Mrs. Watson:** Did I understand correctly, did he say \$14,000.00 for equipment maintenance?

**Mr. Williams:** That is correct. Almost half of that related to the repair of one particular piece of equipment. I'm not sure if it was a back hoe or a bulldozer, or some such thing that one of the facilities had. It was quite old and required a major overhaul, and then the other expenditures related to some of the vehicles, which the institutions have.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Whyard?

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Mr. Chairman, at some future time, I would pray the indulgence of the House to tell the story of that piece of equipment out at the Juvenile Home. I think it's a saga which should be preserved for posterity.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. McCall?

**Mr. McCall:** Does the Minister mean the story or the piece of equipment?

**Hon. Mrs. Whyard:** Mr. Chairman, we can't get the money for a new one. That tells the story briefly. If you want the long answer ...

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, if you're spending \$14,000 to preserve a back hoe ...

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Williams?

**Mr. Williams:** That \$14,000 relates to all the equipment within the Corrections Department, and includes vehicles used by probation staff, the one at Wolfe Creek and vehicles at the institution.

Of the \$14,000 overrun, I believe \$5,000.00 related to repair or a major overhaul on the back hoe.

**Mr. Chairman:** Clear?  
Vote No. 5, \$797,551.00. Clear?

Vote No. 6, Department of Local Government, decrease, \$35,736.00. Page 25.

Mrs. Watson.

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, before we get into this, actually how much was the Department overspent, when you take out the \$400,000.00 that was voted in the — you know, the difference between the \$190,000.00 there?

**Mr. Williams:** Well, there would be increased costs



of \$365,000.00 offset by the \$400,000.00 which was transferred to Treasury, and offset by — that's about \$365,000.00.

**Mr. Chairman:** Establishment Number 600, Administration, \$4,971.00.

**Mr. Berger?**

**Mr. Berger:** Which electrical franchise, Mr. Chairman?

**Mr. Chairman:** Pardon?

**Mr. Berger:** Which electrical franchise, Mr. Chairman?

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. McKinnon?

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** Mr. Chairman, there's a number of electrical franchises that are due for renewal in various Yukon communities this year. There's two methods of going about renewing them, and one is to just accept the franchise agreement that is given to Local Government, or to hire some expertise to look into those franchise agreements, and make sure that the Government of the Yukon is getting a good deal.

We haven't got the expertise on staff to do that type of a study, and we felt that it was the responsibility of this government to make sure that in the franchise renewal, that the people of the Yukon were getting the best deal they possibly could get from the company who was distributing the electricity, and we made the decision to engage a professional person to examine franchises on behalf of the YTG.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Lengerke?

**Mr. Lengerke:** I wonder, Mr. Chairman, if the Minister of Local Government could tell me how many communities we've been operating, have been operating without a franchise agreement and for how many years this has been going on?

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. McKinnon?

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** Mr. Chairman, all that information is available. I don't have it on the top of my head. I would be happy to bring it in.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, that's along the same lines of the question I had. I have already written to the Commissioner asking him for every community and when they franchise, who they have a franchise with, and when it expires.

I think they have, and I believe they have temporary franchises at the present time for all communities under the Electrical Public Utilities Ordinance, they have to, but if that information is available, I'd like it in the House here too.

And another question, who is doing the study?

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** I don't want to be committed if I do make a mistake, but as far as I know, it's Mr. Kidd,

who has worked so well with the government — for the government of the Yukon Territory on all electrical and equalization problems dealing with electricity.

From my meetings with him, and from his reputation, Mr. Chairman, we're lucky to have this calibre of person involved with the YTG, and I think it's the same for equalization as this study, but I'll double check it, just to make positive.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, when are you expecting this study to be completed, and will it be made available to the Members of the Legislature?

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. McKinnon?

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** There won't be a study done by the Department of Local Government, if it's not going to be made available to Members of the Legislature, and I can find the question of when for Honourable Members.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Berger?

**Mr. Berger:** Yes, one additional question, Mr. Chairman. How much will this study cost?

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** We have estimated 10 grand.

**Mr. Chairman:** 601. Community Planning and Land Disposal, decrease, \$51,104.00.

**Mr. Lengerke?**

**Mr. Lengerke:** Again, I see vacant positions. Are some of these positions being taken up by the socio-economic planning unit?

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** No, Mr. Chairman, I don't let people go from my Department that easily, if I've got good people. The delay in hiring the Lands Inspector, we've advertised on I think four different occasions for him. We finally ended up hiring one towards the fall of this year.

A delay in hiring draughtsmen, who are also hard people to get hold of at the present time, and a planner has not been hired at the present time, so by far the largest part, \$35,000.00 of this is taken up with salaries and wages of people that weren't hired, or were advertised, but couldn't be hired because they just weren't available.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, we're speaking more specifically though about a community planner, this is what I would gather. Where the position was vacant for most of the year, community planner, but you've now been able to engage someone.

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** No, the position is still vacant, Mr. Chairman. We've been successful in hiring a Lands Inspector which we were absent with for several years and we were successful in hiring a draftsman, but we have been unsuccessful in hiring a community planner to this point in time.



**Mr. Chairman:** Clear?  
Six-o-two, Protective Services Branch, \$2,657.00.  
Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, in that Establishment, 602, your E.M.O. approximately \$15,000.00 has been transferred to the Treasury, right?

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Williams.

**Mr. Williams:** Yes, approximately \$15,000.00 was transferred to the Public Service Commission.

**Mrs. Watson:** So, actually, it's been overspent by approximately \$10,000 — \$11,000.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. McKinnon?

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** By far the majority of the overspending is in the increased travel of building inspectors, electrical protection people, in the territory only. The building inspections, for example, in twelve months in 1975 there were 768 of them, in 1976 for just eleven months of the fiscal year that we know of, there's already over 100% increase, 1,529 inspections to this time. So the increase of, it's an increase in just the travel and relocation of people fulfilling statutory obligations under the various ordinances, an increase of some \$12,000.00 in travel expenses throughout the Yukon Territory.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** We were without the services of the Fire Marshall for quite some time and that was under the Protective Services Branch, right?

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** We had an acting Fire Inspector who continued the program that the Fire Marshall had begun and is a continuing program.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson.

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, the point I'm making, you had additional funds there that were not utilized for that position because it was vacant for quite some time.

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** Yes.

**Mr. Chairman:** Clear?  
Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, the point I'm trying to make is, about how much extra money was required for that establishment, as you say for higher travel costs? How much more are we going to have to vote in the Mains in order to take care of that extra cost of travel? In the neighbourhood of \$25,000.00, \$30,000.00?

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** They are expensive, but they're in the Mains as they are right now. This is just for the extra travel that went on in the previous year. The increased travel which will reflect in our Main Estimates will bring into rationale what we know from last year's increase in plumbing inspections, electrical in-

spectations and building inspections. We do not have any choice in the matter, that we're required to do them under statutory requirements.

**Mr. Chairman:** Clear?  
Six-o-three, Assessment Services, \$22,799.00.  
Mr. Fleming?

**Mr. Fleming:** Yes, Mr. Chairman, say, carry out assessments for the City of Whitehorse, I'm just wondering what the, or why, when the taxes are collected by the municipalities, wholly actually collected by them, as to why they don't have their own assessments done by their own people.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. McKinnon.

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** That's an extremely interesting question, Mr. Chairman, and I've just been looking at some of the difficulties in assessment over the past few years and up until 1972, the municipalities did have their own assessors. One of the problems is that assessors, like most of the expertise that is needed in local government, are going to be some of the hardest people to find anywhere on the face of Canada. And the City had very great difficulties in obtaining the services of assessors and their assessment had gone well over the five-year period up to a seven-year period at that time because of the difficulty of finding assessors and with the amendments to the Municipal Ordinance and the Taxation Ordinance in 1972 the City agreed that it would be probably easier for Territorial Government to hire and keep a pool of assessors at the Territorial Government level rather than at the Municipal level.

The other argument is, and this is an argument which all provinces have pretty well accepted, that it is much better to have a provincial assessing team so that everybody knows that the assessment is equal throughout the province or throughout the Territory. That if they're all within one territorial office that everybody is going to have the manual interpreted the same way and the assessment will be fair and it will be the same throughout the length and breadth of the province or the Territory.

So those are the arguments that were made at the time that the City requested and it became a fact that the assessors covered the whole of the Territory rather than the municipalities attempting to hire individual assessors.

**Mr. Chairman:** Are we to infer from this, Mr. McKinnon, that the difficulties that the City of Whitehorse is now encountering because they haven't been assessed for five years is attributable to the Territorial Government?

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** There's really no difficulties, Mr. Chairman. There's a lot of people who think there's an awful lot of difficulties, but there aren't.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. Fleming?

**Mr. Fleming:** Yes, Mr. Chairman, I appreciate the answers from the Honourable Minister. I think he's absolutely right.



However, I do feel that probably it is a big job to assess the whole Territory, and as the assessors are hard to find, that it does go sometimes too long, and in the Yukon Territory especially I think this is happening, that we are not being assessed as often as we should and when we do become assessed we get whacked right between the eyes, because it's been such a long time, and everything just doubles or triples, including our taxes.

So this is one of the reasons I was asking the question.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. McKinnon?

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** Mr. Chairman, I might say, you know, we really pulled out all the efforts. We finally ended up in conjunction with the — and we went to Alberta and we asked them whether there was any assessors available. There weren't.

We went to — we had, for a period of time, some seven assessors made available from the Government of Alberta. We had assessors from the Northwest Territories also who follow the Alberta Assessment Manual, so this is the lengths we had to go to to try and get these people who followed the same manual into the Yukon, to get as far along in the assessment as we presently are, and we're still behind, and you'll see one of the only few positions in Local Government for next year, is to see whether we can get another assessor on staff. We need one desperately, and even if we have the position vacant we're not sure whether we can hire one, but we'll sure try.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, one point — the Minister said that if we have territorial assessors doing all of the Territory then we will be sure that the assessment will always be fair and always will be the same.

Well, I will agree with the uniformity of it, but I would disagree with the assumption that it's always fair.

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** We strive for perfection, Mr. Chairman.

**Mr. Chairman:** Clear?

**Some Members:** Clear.

**Mr. Chairman:** Six-o-five, Municipal Services Branch, decrease, \$55,912.00. Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** Tell us.

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** Mr. Chairman, there is quite a bit of juggling of money goes around in 605, and I think I have it relatively straight, but anyway we decreased the Establishment by \$400,000.00 due to the homeowner grant administration transfer to the Department of Treasury.

We had to pick up an amount of \$121,300.00 to pay to separate municipalities for O & M frontage taxes, because of new sewer and water systems and the like, going past our property for which we are assessed, and we pay it in a one-lump sum rather than amortizing it over a thirty-year period.

We also, out of that Municipal Services Branch vote, got dinged an additional \$81,000.00 for the increased costs of the Dawson City sewer and water system, making the deficit in that area in Dawson City for the fiscal year up in the area of some \$100,000.00, due almost entirely to costs charged by that favourite of all of us, the Crown corporation, N.C.P.C., which provides the utilities to the Government and other residents in Dawson.

We then had to, out of that vote, pay the sum of \$50,800.00 to Telesat Canada for tariff fees, Teslin for 10 months, and a partial month May; Haines Junction for five months, and Carmacks for five months; Pelly Crossing for four months, and Beaver Creek for three months. The total cost in that area came to, in professional and special services, under that vote, came to \$50,800.00. The vast majority of it being the payment to Telesat Canada for the ground to receiving station and the repeater stations to provide television to the smaller communities.

There's some other smaller costs in travel and relocation costs, communications, exchange communications and long distance and cartage that I won't bore you with, Mr. Chairman.

The next big item in 605 is the putting into the budget the supplementaries. The former Commissioner's assurance to the Assembly that every attempt would be made to provide for a one time only per capita windfall grant to municipalities, based on the existing — or based on the adjusted preliminary population statistics obtained in 1976.

Applying the existing per capita rate of \$46.00 and \$40.00 to the announced census preliminary figures, would provide Whitehorse with an additional \$74,080.00 for their increase in population of 1,852, while Dawson would receive \$2,760.00 for their added 60 people and Faro \$27,108.00 for a 657 increase for a total windfall grant of \$103,948.00.

These figures, Mr. Chairman, clearly reveal that little assistance would be provided to those municipalities with a low growth and assessment base, particularly in the case of Dawson City.

The current problem together with the support shown by the Association of Yukon Municipalities to the City of Dawson attempting to obtain additional municipal financial aid, was the basis for determining a more appropriate scheme to distribute a rough figure of \$104,000.00 in a windfall grant. While several alternatives were considered the most suitable seemed to be a flat grant of \$25,000.00 to each municipality plus a \$2.00 per capita grant, all of which would be unconditional. It would mean that Whitehorse would receive a one-time unconditional grant of \$51,138.00; Faro, \$28,038.00 and Dawson, \$26,644.0.

This proposal is reflected in the supplementary estimates, Mr. Chairman, before you. So after all this juggling went on in Establishment 605, the Municipal Services Branch, Mr. Chairman, we come to the saving in that vote by \$55,912.00. See how easy it is?

**Mr. Chairman:** Would you like to repeat that, Mr. McKinnon?

**Mrs. Watson:**

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, I wonder if we could



have copies of what he just said, so that we can go over them this evening, because I think there are quite a few questions that we would like to — or I would like to certainly raise on, you know, \$81,000.00 for the water system and you know the windfall grant type of thing.

I wonder if we could have — you were reading, you must have a copy of it.

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** I would be quite happy, Mr. Chairman, to put the total breakout of 605, because I'm telling you, when I first looked at it, I was as confused as anyone else was, as how after all the wheeling and dealing with the figures in Establishment No. 605, we finally came out to a decrease of \$55,912.00 but the figures are all available, and I would be happy to provide them to the Members.

**Mr. Chairman:** Thank you.  
606, Ambulance Service, \$40,853.00. Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, may I ask a question? Is this the ambulance service that's being provided throughout the Territory, or is there some of the ambulance service still being voted into the engineering, into the Highways and Engineering?

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** It possibly could have in this fiscal year, but it will be the last time it ever will be, and it's so miniscule, it really bears no relationship to this \$40,853.00 because it's totally in the ambulance service within the boundaries of the City of Whitehorse and I hope that all Members will have something to contribute to the dilemma I have in the Whitehorse area, where the costs of each call of the ambulance, I believe, are now in the area of \$325.00 every time it moves, and you are going to see a budget figure of some close to \$300,000.00 in next year's budget.

So it's just too much, and every attempt I've made so far has been met with failure and something has just got to be done, because it's just too much money.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** Am I to understand then that that amount of money, the \$248,000.00 is just for the Whitehorse ambulance?

**Mr. Chairman:** Mr. McKinnon?

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** The majority of it, the vast majority of it is for the Whitehorse ambulance service. And Mr. Williams can break it down, I'm sure, of just what it costs.

Outside of Whitehorse, it's run on a very efficient call basis, as all Members who are from outside of the Whitehorse area know, and Whitehorse has three men on, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and it's expensive.

**Mr. Chairman:** Is there any allowance in this budgetary item for an ongoing education program for the ambulance drivers?

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** I brought the ongoing education paper to the Table last year, that my ambulance supervisor had given to me, and it showed an ongoing

program, and I would be happy to make sure that that is still on a continuing basis.

**Mr. Chairman:** Mrs. Watson?

**Mrs. Watson:** Mr. Chairman, is any of this cost shared in any way with the Federal government or under their hospital insurance, or under Canada Assistance, or you name it? Manpower?

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** No.

**Mr. Chairman:** I must say that in attending medical conferences in British Columbia, one of the dilemmas that the vast majority of the northern B.C. communities is their ambulance services they consider quite inadequate, and I have a very comfortable feeling that we are well ahead of them.

**Hon. Mr. McKinnon:** And also at double the cost per trip of B.C., which is the next highest cost carrier in Canada, Mr. Chairman, so having that satisfaction comes dearly.

**Mr. Chairman:** Clear?  
Mr. McCall?

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

**Mr. Chairman:** Seconder?

**Mr. Berger:** I second that.

**Mr. Chairman:** It's 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. Chairman:** The witnesses are excused.

*(Mr. Speaker resumes the Chair)*

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

**Mr. Hibberd:** Yes, Mr. Speaker. The Committee of the Whole has considered Bill No. 1, Second Appropriation Ordinance 1976-77 and directed me to report progress on same, and ask leave to sit again.

**Mr. Speaker:** Are you agreed with the report of the Chairman of Committees?



**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Speaker:** When shall the Committee have leave to sit again? Next sitting day?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Speaker:** Agreed.

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

The Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale?

**Mr. Lengerke:** Mr. Speaker, I move that we do now call it 5:00 o'clock.

**Ms. Millard:** I second that motion.

**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 5:00 o'clock.

Are you prepared for the question?

**Some Members:** Question.

**Mr. Speaker:** Are you agreed?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Speaker:** I shall declare the motion as carried.

*(Motion carried)*

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

*(Adjourned)*