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Mr. Speaker: I will now call the House to order.
We will proceed at this time with Morning Prayers.

(Morning Prayers)

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

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Mr. Speaker: Are there any documents for tabling?

TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Minister of Education.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, I have for tabling the Yukon Government's Playgrounds and Planning Report, 1976, and also a Green Paper on the Appointment to the Yukon Territorial Water Board.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Hootalinqua.

Mr. Fleming: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I have a paper for tabling this morning, a brief pertaining to Highway Signing.

Mr. Speaker: Any Reports of Committees?
Petitions?
Introduction of Bills?
Any Notices of Motion for the Production of Papers?
Notices of Motion or Resolution?
Statements by Ministers?
This then brings us to the Question Period.

QUESTION PERIOD

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Hootalinqua.

Question re: Motion regarding Cost of Indian Education

Mr. Fleming: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I have a written question for the Minister of Education. It is possibly the same question I've asked many times, almost, not quite, re Motion Cost of Policies Effecting Indian Education. What did the Minister -- what date did the Minister of Indian Affairs receive the motion? What, to date, has been implemented concerning the motion? And what, if ever, will be implemented due to the motion passing this House?

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Whitehorse West.

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to table the answer to written question Number 13, concerning the Water Supply for the MacPherson Subdivision and the answer to written question Number 14, concerning Building Permit Number 256.

I also have for tabling the answer to a question from Mr. Fleming concerning Street Lighting in Carcross.

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

Question re: Exploration in Beaufort Sea

Mr. Hibberd: Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Commissioner this morning. Are there any inspections carried out by or on behalf of this government regarding oil exploration in the Beaufort Sea and the use of Herschel Island and, if so, what are the findings of that inspection?

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Administrator?

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Speaker, Mr. Trevor, of Indian Affairs and Northern Development was recently at Herschel Island and we have just received a report from him on the activities that are going on there. They are very substantial in relation to the ships that are docked there, they're doing some renovations, some changes and some repairs preparing for the summer.

Mr. Trevor ascertained that there has been no encroachment on the land and no danger to land. He's quite satisfied with the way that the operations are going on, and a spokesman to the only residents that are on Herschel Island had this confirmed by them, so we are receiving ongoing reports, Mr. Speaker, and at this point in time we are quite satisfied that what is happening there is not in any way endangering Herschel Island itself.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Hootalinqua?

Question re: Sport fishing on Teslin Lake

Mr. Fleming: I have a question for, I think the Assistant Commissioner this morning, or whoever could answer it really, it's a federal government Fisheries question again. There have been some rumours going around that has changed -- the quota on Teslin Lake for sport fishing has changed and I have merely heard it as a rumour. I was wondering if the Commissioner, or whoever is responsible in this case, could get me an answer as to whether it has changed or not.

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Administrator?

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Speaker, I will take notice of that question.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Klondike?

Question re: Repairs to John Korbo Apartments

Mr. Berger: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister responsible for the Yukon Housing Corporation. I'm just going through the supplementary budget and I can't find anything in the John Korbo apartment and the repairs being done here. I was wondering if the Minister could bring us information on

what repairs have taken place there and how much the costs are.

Mr. Speaker: I'm sorry, I couldn't hear who that question was addressed to.

Mr. Berger: I was wondering, Mr. Speaker, if the Minister responsible for the Yukon Housing Corporation could bring us the information and what repairs have taken place on the John Korbo apartment and how much the costs are.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Minister of Education?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, I will attempt to get that information and bring it in.

Question re: Liquor Inspectors

Mrs. Watson: Yes, Mr. Speaker, a question for the Assistant Commissioner, my question is, are the liquor inspectors presently under the direction of the Liquor Commission or are they under the direction of the branch of the Liquor Control of YTG?

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Administrator?

Mr. Gillespie: At this point in time, Mr. Speaker, the liquor inspectors are under the direction of the Territorial Secretary. After April 1st, they will come under the direction of the Liquor Corporation and we are at this point in time advertising to fill those positions.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Kluane?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question to the Assistant Commissioner. Why would you be advertising for additional people to fulfill this function?

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Administrator?

Mr. Gillespie: There are new positions in the liquor control area. We have had a liquor inspector position on a part time basis under the Territorial Secretary. Now that position was fulfilling that function only on a part time basis, as I say, and is now assuming broader duties in his other areas of inspection responsibility. But, within liquor control, the two inspector positions are new, although some duties that are already being carried out by liquor control, will be transferred to one of those persons for those periods of time when that individual is not actually out doing inspections, but they are new positions.

Mr. Speaker: Are there further questions?

We will then proceed to Orders of the Day under Motions for the Production of Papers.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF PAPERS

Item Number 1

Madam Clerk: Item Number 1, standing in the name of the Honourable Member Ms. Millard.

Mr. Speaker: Is the Honourable Member prepared to discuss this motion?

Ms. Millard: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Ogilvie, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse South Centre, that the administration table, this Session, the progress report of the Northern Yukon Research Project for the year 1976. 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: We shall now proceed to Motions.

MOTIONS

Item Number 1

Madam Clerk: Item 1, standing in the name of the Honourable Member Mrs. Watson.

Mr. Speaker: Is the Honourable Member prepared to discuss Item 1?

Mrs. Watson: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Kluane, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale, that the White Paper on Standard Mileage Rate and Territorial Lands Policy and the Green Papers on Land Rental Rates and Highway Information Signs be referred to Committee of the Whole.

Are you prepared for the question?

Some Members: Question.

Mr. Speaker: Are you agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: I shall declare that the Motion is carried.

(Motion carried)

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Pelly River.

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

Mr. Fleming: I second that.

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

Are you prepared for the question?

Some Members: Question.

Mr. Speaker: Are you agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: I shall declare that the Motion is carried.

(Motion carried)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

(Recess)

Mr. Chairman: I will now call the Committee to order.

We will continue with the reconsideration of Vote 3. Establishment 313, page 55, let's have this information now, regarding special education. Mr. Lang?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, 306 has been cleared then, I take it?

Mr. Chairman: No, I don't think it has. We'll come back to that -- 313 for the moment. Ms. Millard?

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman, on 313, I understood that we were going to get some more information on the concept of an integrated classroom and I don't think it's contained in this literature.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, in relation to the integration policy that is coming into effect in relation to special education, we're starting very slowly and the individual in charge of that particular department has been here approximately a year and he's just presently getting a paper together -- policy paper together in relation to how it would work and once it's done, I will be presenting it to this House.

Mr. Chairman: When would that be, Mr. Lang, have you any idea?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, it depends on how long this session goes. If it's done by the end of this session, I'll bring it in, if not I'll bring it in the fall session and what I would like to think was once it has been completed, if it is completed after the session, I'll send it out to all Members.

Mr. Chairman: Any further consideration to special education? Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: 306, Teacher Training Program. We have already considered this information paper, is there any further consideration of 306? Mr. Lang?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, as outlined in the paper, this particular program is tentative. A lot depends on whether or not the Senate of U.B.C. is prepared to go along with this concept for a Yukon Teacher Training program and, as I get information in relation to the Teacher Training Program, I will be sending out the information to all Members to keep everybody informed to just what is happening in relation to the program. At the same time, I would suggest that if it is to go ahead, we will be having to do a thorough program in relation to going to all the communities and letting them know what is available and how it is going to be processed if the program goes ahead.

Mr. Chairman: Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Three nineteen, page 59, Recreation Ordinance. It does not have to be considered during consideration of the budget and I think it probably would be better if we could leave it until we have finished with the budget.

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: The money has not been voted for it yet and it would have to come down as a supplement. So we have not debated 319 at all, as yet.

Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if the Committee would concur going back in Vote 3. I would like to discuss the White Paper on Standard Mileage Rate, especially recommendation 4, which pertains to assistance for transportation for students and it might be well if we could discuss that paper at this time, because it certainly involves the amount of money that's being voted in the Education budget.

Mr. Chairman: Does Committee concur? Mr. Lang?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, possibly we could go ahead with Vote 319 and then discuss that Paper after? Would that be all right with Committee?

Mr. Chairman: Let's proceed with 319 and then go back to that. All right, Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: Okay, it was 319, Recreation. Mr. Lang?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, you will notice in the Establishment 319 that there is an increase in man years from 2.8 to 5.08 and what this encompasses is, for the pool programs they've been casual, we've put them in, will be casual employees, but we put it in to show it in

the budget and that involves 3.08 man years. At the same time, the Administration comprises the Recreation Director and at the same time, you notice we have a particular activity, Outlying Community Programs for one man year. This is in relation to an individual to go out to the communities and attempt to start new programs in the outlying communities, to give them the expertise to get started in relation to various recreation activities.

At the present time, we have an individual on contract organizing the Canada Summer Games and at the same time, he is very much involved with Project Coach and various other activities in relation to the rural communities and is doing a very, very good job.

It's my opinion that we should be going with another man year in order so that we can get recreation to the rural communities and try to tie these rural communities together with other areas in the Yukon so that we get the, especially the children of the Yukon together, participating in sports and cultural activities and exchanging views between the communities and get them fully involved throughout the Territory.

At the same time, you see that we have a section outlining the pool program, which is fairly basic. It outlines the cost to us in relation to the Pool Programs that we run in the outlying communities. At the same time, there's an area for standing grants, which is involved with grants that this government has been assisting various organizations in relation to their activities during the year. We have provisions for Polar Games which amounts to 3.2 thousand. The T.E.S.T. Program is \$15,000.00, the Friendship Centre is \$39,000.00. This is on a cost-shared basis with the federal government, we put up \$15,000.00, the federal government puts up \$24,000.00 and this is in relation to the Skookum Jim Friendship Centre. We've made provisions for the Arctic Winter Games Corporation for \$10,500.00 as we did last year. Whether or not that will be expended remains to be seen in relation to our negotiations with the federal government.

You will recall last session, I said that I would be bringing information on the Arctic Winter Games and the future of the Games, and unfortunately, I don't have that information with me. At the present time, the Arctic Winter Games Corporation has compiled a history of the Arctic Winter Games and what they foresee for the future which has been tabled in this House and hopefully, they are going to see whether or not they can discuss this with the Minister in the very near future so we can see whether or not we will get some cost-sharing for transportation costs. It's going to be two or three months off in relation to the Arctic Winter Games and what is going to happen to this particular activity and I will be keeping all Members informed in relation to the future of the Games.

As you can see, the Advisory committee is outlined, as was last year, for a total of \$126,000.00. This roughly equates to grants being allocated by the Fitness and Amateur Sports Advisory Board for Yukon amateur sports organizations, budgeted in here as \$89,000.00 for cultural organizations, \$5,000.00. This is roughly what we spent last year in relation to cultural activities and then there are standing grants also in this particular activity, Boy Scouts is \$1,000.00, Girl Guides is \$5,000.00 and then at the same time, community grants to assist in operating costs of facilities. This is a standing grant

that we have been giving to various community clubs throughout the Territory which is figured on a square footage basis which is roughly estimated in the area of \$23,000.00 for a total of \$124,000.00.

Under community programs, you will note that there is \$23,000.00 allocated in this particular activity. This money is provided for this particular activity. This money is provided for this particular program for leadership development to get expertise out to the outlying areas so that they can become involved in recreation just like the major centres.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Whyard?

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, just in this context, I would like to congratulate all the people who have been involved in the administration of the T.E.S.T. Program under these grants and other sources of support, particularly in the context of this week's Canadian Cross-Country Championships which have been held here in Whitehorse. I think it is an outstanding event that every northerner should be proud to assist in hosting and I congratulate all of the people on the Committee who did so much work in maintaining the trail, which I understand from our European friends, compares with the best they've ever seen in Switzerland or any other part of Europe.

This is really something for Yukoners to achieve on their own. I know that the blood, sweat and tears that went into the creation of that course is worth over a hundred thousand dollars in cold, hard cash.

I would like to comment at this time that it is to be hoped that that area, which includes T.E.S.T. trails, will always be set aside and reserved for recreation purposes within the metropolitan boundaries and that summer trails and hiking will be possible in that area for the young people of this community as well as the winter skiing. This government should support any effort in that direction.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I am not just singling out this one specific extra man year, I wasn't just singling out the man years that were requested by the Welfare Branch and the Corrections Branch, but I do note that we do have a request for 17.88 more man years this year.

Now, there is a claim that it is being set off by 29 less with the Department of Highways and Public Works which, to me, is just playing around with figures. We are looking at another 17.88 man years, which figures out pretty closely to \$300,000.00.

Looking at the whole thing, our population hasn't increased that much. Our student population is down in our school system by over a hundred students. We are really not going into any new program, per se, introducing anything new, and yet we are coming up with another 18 man years.

I wonder, within this vote, and I think that we have to recognize that there is a requirement for additional services in the recreation vote to work on programs, specific things such as the Arctic Winter Games, when they happen, the Summer Games when they happen, and I am very, very reluctant to tie the amount of money

required to one man year. I would sooner leave the money flexible in the budget so that if you have to contract for a specific purpose, you have funding there.

If you want to contract with various communities, you have money there, but once you are tied to a man year, you have got a position and in order to give yourself any other flexibility, you are going to have to come for more funding.

But it worked fairly well in the past, so that you've had this extra funding to provide this extra assistance at the departmental level and it may be that you may want to contract with an organization.

I look at these estimates of Recreation and actually I'm quite pleased with it because a lot of the money in that Vote directly goes to various organizations and people. Very little of it is spent in Administration and that is exactly how I would like to keep it. So that, if your community programs, and I'd be quite willing to leave the funding in there but not put a man year in, to leave yourself the discretion of not specifically having to hire a person, then if you have other things that you want done, you're going to have to come to us for additional money. And this, you know, this is the type of thing that happens, constantly. You get a position and you still need more.

So I think, before we pass the whole estimates, we have to consider 17 or 18 more man years, \$300,000.00, and where your priorities are is one thing. I know we go through the estimates, we go through the details and we get a little icky-picky but when you look at the whole thing, is there a justification for that increase in staffing? There are no new programs, and I repeat myself, the population hasn't increased that much and our student population certainly has decreased. How are we going to justify it?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lang.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, the Honourable Member has raised a good point, but in relation to this particular Establishment, I think that, you know, we've been kidding ourselves in relation to man years in the Recreation Department in the last almost two years that I've had this position. We have to go on contract two individuals in relation to specific events, one was the Arctic Winter Games a year and a half ago and now it's the Canada Summer Games. And subsequently, to this time, there wasn't monies in the budget; it had to be a decision that was made by government whether or not we were going to go ahead with these programs.

As I pointed out earlier, the individual presently working with the Recreation Department is on contract and we will be assessing and evaluating the consequences of taking that particular individual on as a permanent man year, and that decision will be probably made in mid-summer, in relation to whether or not we are going to carry on with a permanent man year within the Recreation Department. A lot of the decision is going to equate to what's going to happen with the Arctic Winter Games, because the Sports Federation has made it very clear that they do not want to be the organizing body for those particular events. That's why we have taken on the job of organizing the Canada Summer Games, which, incidentally, is working very well.

We seem to have a fair number of students involved in

the program, well over a hundred, the way I understand it, and approximately in a ratio of two to three within Whitehorse and one to three outside of Whitehorse, which I think speaks very well for the Canada Summer Games Committee, the way it's structured, in trying to get the outlying communities involved in summer athletics.

So, I would suggest, Mr. Chairman, I'm putting the man year in to show it because it's monies that would be expended if we take the permanent man year on. That decision will be made a little later on, but I think we're fooling ourselves if we try to throw it into a contingency fund. I think the area of recreation is very important for the Yukon because I think it's one area that we can try to tie all the communities together and all the various segments of the population and try to get them to work together. I think it's a very important area in relation to this Government and I think it's essential that we make a commitment to the area of Recreation because, just like any other jurisdiction in Canada, I think that we have a responsibility in this area.

Also, at this time, I'd like to add in relation to the Capital Assistance Program, the way it's set up, we are getting recreation facilities in most of the outlying communities which is, I think, enhancing the enrichment of those particular communities for people who live in them and to raise their families. I think we have a responsibility to be making these small communities aware of what's available, how to go about it and give them the necessary expertise so they can follow the area of recreation that they are interested in.

What we're trying to do is to pool the local resources that we have within the Yukon and make it available to go out to the outlying communities and teach them the fundamentals, for example, cross-country skiing and this kind of thing, so that people can get involved in recreation and have the fundamentals to carry on and possibly teach other people within the community.

I think a prime example is Project Coach, and the individual that we have on staff presently in relation to the Canada Summer Games has been going around the Territory, along with organizing Canada Summer Games at the same time, has been giving workshops on Project Coach to the various communities. I see that there's a fair number of people in the outlying communities participating in that particular program.

I'd just like to add one more word, Mr. Chairman, in relation to what the Minister of Health, Welfare and Rehabilitation said in relation to the T.E.S.T. Program — the T.E.S.T. Program is working out very, very well in relation to the Yukon. I think a special recognition should go to Mr. Don Sumanik who has done an admirable job for that particular program and has been behind the whole program in relation to constructing the course up at the T.E.S.T. area and the way I understand it it is one of the best courses in North America, and hopefully some day we'll be able to host the North American Championships.

The other point that I would like to add in relation to that particular program is that we are looking at possibly putting a course in behind Riverdale there for the kids down in Riverdale, a small course, but I think it would be advantageous for the residents of Riverdale.

At the same time, I had the opportunity of meeting with the Minister of Fitness and Amateur Sports, Iona Campagnola, and we discussed the possibility of maybe

incorporating the T.E.S.T. Program once again in Old Crow, which I am sure the Honourable Member from Ogilvie would be interested in. She seemed to be favourably disposed towards that and I will be following that up to see whether or not we can get something moving once again in Old Crow in relation to the cross-country skiing which originated in Old Crow, the T.E.S.T. Program.

Mr. Chairman: Ms. Millard?

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman, that is certainly good news that the T.E.S.T. Program may come back to Old Crow. It would be a great benefit to the community and a great benefit to the people on the Program. A longer season does help sometimes, too.

My interest right now is cultural. I feel that the \$5,000.00 cultural organization grant is extremely low, particularly in response to the communities and the organizations in Whitehorse that had their conference not so long ago, and a great big, thick report coming back to us.

I am wondering what is the justification for such a low grant under Establishment 319, Advisory Committee?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, the breakdown that I gave the Members is -- we are basing our estimate on what we spent last year and it was in the area of \$5,000.00. At the same time, under Community Programs, you will see that there is \$23,000.00 in that particular activity which is used for leadership development and includes both cultural and sports events, so subsequently some monies can be used out of that particular activity in relation to promoting various cultural events in the outlying communities. There is a possibility of monies being available there as well.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Whyard?

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, I was present at a recent conference of the founding meeting for the Museum and Historical Society Association of the Yukon, and this question was asked of representatives of the Territorial Government who attended the afternoon session to tell them how to go about applying for funds and how to finance and so forth and what was available, and the question, Mr. Chairman, was 'how come only 5,000 bucks for culture?'

The answer was very clear as the discussion proceeded. The answer to all the organizations who feel that they are serving a community in one particular field is that they should go to the people on the committee who were appointed to serve that purpose. They are the people who allocate the funds and we handed out the names of the committees on the Recreation Advisory, on the Historical Advisory and all the other Advisory Committees involved who have access to Territorial Government dollars. It is through them that they make enough pressure felt for these other purposes that the funding becomes available to them. The assurance that was given to the people that day, in my hearing, was that there is no written law cast in stone which says all the money goes to sport and none goes to culture.

The money goes where people ask for it the first and the hardest and the loudest, and the longest, and definitely people in any community groups should be work-

ing through their members on those committees to make the pressure felt.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I was just curious on the Pool Programs and I think I've probably missed it somewhere else where there is some work to be done on the pools, some major renovations here and there due to the fact that the inspectors inspected last year and said that some of them had to be updated. I'm wondering possibly if the Minister could tell me if there is a Pool Program going ahead to try and renovate these places and also, there's one figure here on the Pool Program, is that 60, under Rental and Land, \$5,600.00. I'm wondering just where do we rent land and buildings?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lang.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, to the first question, at the present time we have the various inspectors in the government going and having a look at all the pools in the outlying communities and we realize that some of them are below standard and we're just getting an estimate of what it would cost to get these buildings up to standard. So I don't have that information with me at the present time.

In Primary 60, the \$5,600.00 is allocated in that particular area for the cost of providing housing for the pool attendants in each of the Yukon Communities.

Mr. Chairman: Ms. Millard.

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman, I'm wondering if we could have some explanation why there is a \$23,000.00 grant in Community Programs, why it isn't included under some other section?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, this, the particular program I referred to earlier and we have put it specifically under Community Programs in relation to trying to get with this individual involved in the Department, to allow him to have some monies available to get expertise into the outlying areas in relation to leadership development.

At the same time, I should point out that they'll be working very closely with the Recreation Advisory Board at the same time in order to maintain the territorial scope at the same time in relation to territorial interest. It's to give the individual some flexibility in relation to getting out to the outlying communities and providing the necessary expertise and advice and this kind of thing that comes along with introducing various programs.

For an example, if you have an individual from Whitehorse to travel up to, say, Beaver Creek, to give a workshop on cross-country skiing and this kind of thing, we'd have to pay the cost of that particular individual's travel. The community, I would suggest, would put him up for the two or three days that that individual was going to spend in that particular community.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, my question -- further to what the Member from Hootalinqua asked regarding the pools that required some upgrading, physical features of the actual building and the pool, is there money in these estimates, in this Vote, to provide that work that's required? And if not, why not?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lang.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, there's been no money allocated in this particular Vote in relation to capital renovations of the particular facilities that the Honourable Member is referring to. We realize that some of the particular facilities need upgrading, where, as I said earlier, we're assessing the situation to see what the costs are going to be, and I would suggest that we, as a government, have the responsibility of upgrading those particular facilities, once we find out what a cost estimate is in relation to those particular pools.

The only thing that I can say is that it only came to our attention in January, in the various communities, going throughout the Territory, in two or three of the communities this particular issue was raised and, subsequently, it's not in the budget. Also, at the same time, I don't have any estimate of costs. Some could be very minor, some could be very major renovations that have to be done.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, you know, I'm not satisfied with that. I think we should have had an estimate made of that before this and an amount of money within the estimates so that we can see that this work is carried out. We know there has to be renovations to some of these pools, to the buildings and the pools themselves. If we don't do them, the communities are going to be very, very frustrated. They won't be able to embark upon their Pool Program because the inspectors won't let them open.

The first thing we do, before we put money in to hire staff, we make sure we've got a pool that we can open. I would certainly like to see some funding in here so that we can do the work that's required. The communities took on the pools, which were designed by the Territorial Government. They don't belong to the communities, I think they still belong to the Territorial Government. The design, the blue-print and everything was prepared by the Territorial Government, apparently cleared with the Inspections Branch. Now, I don't know how many years later, the Inspections Branch says no, they're not properly built and the communities say, look, you know, we haven't got three or four or five thousand dollars to renovate them. We should be making a decision, there should be something here.

I'm quite prepared to look at the funding so that the pool program can go on. Let's get it clarified so that it's not up in the air, so that people are not constantly going to be wondering, are they going to be able to open up? Who's going to fund it? The necessary renovations, are they going to be done?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lang?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, all I can say in relation to the capital renovations for these pools, I'll be

working in concert with Local Government in relation to their inspector staff and this kind of thing, and what renovations have to be done will be done. We're going to find the money, it's just that simple, and I am sorry that the money has not been allocated in this particular Establishment, because I have no idea what it's going to cost. I haven't got a report in relation to what has to be done in each particular pool, but I can assure all Members that there's not going to be any more pools built until we get the present ones up to standard. It will be done this spring so that they can go into their pool programs for the forthcoming season.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Yes, Mr. Chairman, this is a rather interesting conversation and I'd like to get a few more details from the Member from Kluane when she does say that there are pools in need of repair and that cannot be opened. I wonder if the Member could enlighten us a little further, if in fact is it a pool in her constituency that she's talking about and is it one that she knows, in fact, that will not open up this year because of problems with respect to inspections.

If this is the case, then I have to agree with her that, certainly, the people that are responsible for recreation and the programs should certainly be aware of this. They should have been aware of this a long time ago, and we should have something in the budget for it.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lang?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, all I can say is that I went to the various communities in January and February and, as I said to the people in the particular communities, that we were going to get the various inspection staff out there to have a look at what has to be done, then we will get a cost estimate and then we're going to have to go ahead and get them up to standard. I don't have it in the budget, but we're going to have to -- maybe we can find some money within Local Government in relation to their capital costs. This has to be worked out with Local Government because they have the inspection staff and, in a large part, do most of the capital renovations or capital expenditures in relation to recreation facilities.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Can we have it determined if in fact we have a pool that will not be opened because it will not meet inspection criteria? Have we got that? Maybe the Member from Kluane could certainly answer me.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, this is very true, --

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: -- the communities had an inspection report from the inspections arm of the territorial government saying certain things have to be done. Renovations have to be done. The community is saying, "we don't have the money to do them." Now, are they going to let them open, they don't know. I would like it resolved and I think the Member from Hootalinqua -- I know I have one pool in my area and I'm sure the Member from

Hootalinqua has too.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lang?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, as I said earlier, I have to wait for the report, the assessment on what has to be done in each particular pool and all I can say is that we'll be doing everything possible to make sure that these pools are opened when the program begins.

Well, you make it sound so easy. I didn't know -- this didn't come to my attention until late January and February.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Well, this is what bothers me, Mr. Chairman, is that, you know, here we have probably a Member that I'm sure has to attend to a lot of matters and it's brought to her attention that there are some problems but you know, we have people in the recreation business. I'm just wondering if maybe the Member from Kluane again can tell me, do not the people in the community that are involved with the pool, have they not submitted a report or something to the Branch saying that their pool was not satisfactory? This information should have been brought forward a long time before now.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I may clarify some of them. We have a pool in Teslin that had a problem last year when we opened it, because of some of the deficiencies such as some of the wiring, the way the platform was put and there are other -- a whole schmozzle of things.

However, I sympathize with the Minister due to the fact that he probably didn't get the exact information until January or sometime early this year. However, I think that somewhere, knowing that there should be some work done and definitely knowing there was areas that there should have been some money here, I don't disagree with the Member from Kluane at all, in that respect.

However as long as I really know the Minister is going to do something with these establishments, because otherwise the Teslin one possibly will not open because inspection Services are very determined that these things shall be done. I don't know if the people are going to be able to do it or not so as long as I have that assurance. Although the budget, I don't think is quite right, I guess I'll have to go along with it at this time and get it over with.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Well, Mr. Chairman, we don't have any right to ask for certain expenditures to be made unless we know out of what Establishment they're going to be made or unless we provide the funding. I know the Honourable Member, the Minister, this didn't come to his attention until January, but we now are almost at the end of March. I'm very much worried that when June arrives, when the instructors come out, that by the time the report gets back to the government, that the renovations aren't going to be made, aren't going to be com-

pleted.

He knows, and we all know, that there's a great deal of volunteer effort made by the members of the community, a great deal. We don't have any idea how much time some of these men spend, and women. Night after night they're almost jockeying the whole equipment along. They're constantly there working on it so that they can have a pool program. They're going to be very, very discouraged if we have been dragging and haven't got the renovations and the changes done when they're ready to open the pool. This is what I'm concerned about.

If the Minister is prepared to make a commitment, yes, the renovations and the maintenance, alterations that are required in the inspectors' reports will be done by the time they have their people out there, the instructors for the swimming pool program, I'm quite prepared to accept it but not until I've got a commitment like that here because I have to be able to tell these people something.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lang?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, I'm prepared to make that commitment because I realize how important this program is, especially in some of the smaller communities. For an example, Beaver Creek, the people that work in that particular program, as the Honourable Member has said, spent night after night in there with their kids and it's a very successful program.

All I can say is that I will assure -- make -- do everything I possibly can to ensure that these particular facilities are renovated, are renovated to the point that they can be opened, at any rate, and possibly finished the fall.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, one other thing that the costs of the renovations and the corrections will be by YTG not the community. Paid by YTG not by the community I hope.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lang?

Hon. Mr. Lang: This is correct, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I think perhaps most of my points have now been covered but I wasn't aware until this debate that there was a problem with those pools. I haven't heard any comment on the one in Watson Lake.

I do know that I was critical of their construction some time ago and I do also appreciate that the government of Yukon Territory have the responsibility for looking after them because they designed them to their standard and they constructed them as well over here in the vocational school. But they did some rather rough things like using mechanical nailing devices that drove heads of nails into plywood and virtually de-stressed the whole building and things like this so I think the government -- I would agree with those other Members who say that the government have the responsibility for doing this and I'm hopeful as well that, if for instance

swimming pool in Teslin or swimming pool in Haines Junction has been more or less condemned by an inspector, obviously all the rest of them must have been condemned because they were all built to the same standard as far as I know. So I'm just more than pleased that we have this commitment from the Minister and look forward to having this work done fairly early.

Mr. Chairman: 319, are we clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, 319, does that mean that everyone is agreeing to an extra man year, a permanent man year? Disagree, disagree.

Mr. Chairman: Clear. Mrs. Watson, you had some concern about the mileage rates?

Mrs. Watson: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I'd like to refer to the White Paper on "Standard Mileage/Kilometer Rate" and it involves the standard mileage that will be paid for all travel by vehicle that is charged to the government for Health Services, for Sports Advisory Boards, and then for Education busing and they were attempting to standardize these rates at 15 cents per mile. As the Honourable Member from Ogilvie said, she was very happy to see that they were increasing, prepared to increase the amount of mileage that's being paid where people have to be referred to Whitehorse or another centre for medical purposes.

However, I do have some questions on applying the standardized rate to the allowance in lieu of busing for parents of children who live more than two miles from the nearest school. Number 4, the recommendation on page 2 of the Paper that the regulation "Pursuant to the School Ordinance reflect a transportation allowance of 15 cents per travelled mile, per vehicle to a maximum of 9 per family per day." That's 15 cents per travelled mile, per vehicle - my question is, does that mean a travelled loaded mile?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, no it doesn't. This goes in relation to people that are specifically having to drive in, for an example, to Destruction Bay from a lodge and have to go back to work. But we've made it up to a maximum of \$9.00.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, then if you have to drive your child ten miles to school in the morning, and you have to go and pick them up at 3:30, so in the morning, you're going ten miles to school, ten miles home; you're going to be paid 30 -- 15 cents, that's 10 -- \$3.00 in the morning and another \$3.00 after school is finished to take them home, so that's \$6.00 per child, per vehicle.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Yes, did I understand the Minister, then, that the actual mileage that you may get paid for would be fifteen miles from the schools, would this be right? Fifteen in and fifteen back, sixty miles al-

together, to get nine dollars. If you go farther than that, of course and you made the trips you wouldn't be paid for it, but if you were, in effect, fifteen miles or up to fifteen miles, you would be paid for your mileage?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lang?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, this would go up to a maximum, going both ways up to approximately 74 miles in a day. So it's, you know -- 60 miles. We're going to a maximum of nine dollars per day because if you recall approximately one Session ago, the Session prior to that, there was a lot of consternation by the Members in the rural communities and we looked at it and we thought that this is -- thought that we should possibly be expanded a little bit. At the same time, I would like to point out that this is probably one of the most generous transportation allowances in Canada. But at the same time I realize that the price of fuel and this kind of thing has to be taken into account as well.

Mr. Chairman: I'm not quite clear on this, Mr. Lang. As I understand it, the mileage rate paid for travel, for instance for medical travel, would that be going both ways? Would the same principle apply to the school busing?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Would you repeat that question, Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Chairman: If someone comes in from Beaver Creek, if they paid their transportation costs both ways for medical care, and then in contrast to the situation with schooling, school busing, are they paid both ways?

Hon. Mr. Lang: They're paid both ways to a maximum, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: No, I mean both ways -- you mentioned the trip in the morning as both ways and in the afternoon it's both ways. Are they paid four times?

Hon. Mr. Lang: This is correct, Mr. Chairman, up to a maximum per day.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Chairman, I think that we're just a little bit mixed up. I don't think you'd be taking the patients back and forth four times a day. I mean that's for school busing, I would presume, not a patient to the hospital.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, we do need clarification. Let's get right now away from busing the students. What about the health, if you're referred into Whitehorse, do you get your 15 cents per mile into Whitehorse and 15 cents per mile back home from Whitehorse?

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Whyard?

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

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Will this policy be incorporated into regulations?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lang?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Yes, Mr. Chairman, this will go into the School Ordinance regulations.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, will this be explicitly defined in regulations that you get your mileage in and your mileage back home paid for so everyone doesn't have to have a hassle?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, all the people involved in this particular transportation subsidy will be notified of the change that would become effective April 1st.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, but we're very concerned that the regulations will be written as the recommendations are on page 2. So what will happen, somebody who's the administrative person taking care of the program will say, well, it doesn't say you get paid to go back home again. And what's going to happen, we're going to have a hassle and we want it to be very explicit so that they do get their mileage on the way back.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, I'll see what can be done to incorporate that line of thinking into the particular regulations.

Mr. Chairman: The inference is there, it says travelled miles, but it isn't that explicit, I agree.

Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Yes, also, I don't have the paper right here, I've read it two or three times and went through it very well, but there was a question of the mileage and the kilometers, which is it going to be? Is it going to be paid 15 cents by the mile, the actual mile, or is it going to be the kilometers?

Mr. Chairman: .09375 dollars per kilometer. It may be a little difficult.

Mr. Lang?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Well, Mr. Chairman, we'll be incorporating this in the regulations with kilometers and mileage so that when the highway -- on the particular smaller roads, when they start dealing in kilometers, it will be figured on that, rather than mileage, so it'll have both in the regulations.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to go back to the transportation allowance for the students, and I've been up here before on this. The regulations used to state twenty cents per loaded mile when you were

transporting, when you actually had the children in your car, to a maximum of six dollars per student day. That cost the Government quite a great deal of money at this \$6.00 per student, per day, but the idea behind it was to try to get an alternative method of transportation provided, so that the Government wouldn't have to embark upon a big busing program. I think actually it worked and I think that a lot of people thought that people made money on it, but when you consider the cost of insurance and gasoline and the depreciation of your vehicle, I'm sure they didn't make money.

Then, we have an amendment to the regulations and it was changed to twenty cents per loaded mile to a maximum of six dollars per family per day. And that was really, really cutting the people who were transporting their own children a tremendous -- if they had three or four children, they were getting a quarter or third of what they used to get.

I see now, we've gone to the 15 cents which I think is quite realistic. We've gone to \$9.00 per family per day. I would like to see some consideration given to making a difference of how many children you have in the vehicle, or if you're going by vehicles, then make it worthwhile. Nine dollars, whether you're going 25 miles, 30 miles, you're getting \$9.00 for 20 miles, and \$9.00 a day isn't very much to transport those children.

If it were an optional thing, it would be a different thing, but we are saying that a child must attend school. It's a mandatory thing, and I would like to see a little bit greater allowance for these people who are driving their own children. I don't know whether you can figure out a relationship of how much it cost you to transport children by bus, because I think it costs you a great deal more than that if you go into a busing system. But I know that \$9.00 per day to run up the road 35 miles, or 25 miles, back and forth is not very much.

Mr. Chairman: It would appear to me that somebody who had three different children from three different families could be doing pretty well. If, in one car, there were three children from three different families, there's no maximum imposed on it.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, the case that you have just outlined is, and we have reviewed all the various people that take part in this particular program, and there's only one particular case where an individual is transporting other people's children and that's why we have outlined it so per family, per day; so it's up to that particular -- to the family in question, if they don't have a vehicle or somebody else in that particular community is making -- is driving their children to school; they can go to that particular individual and say, 'would you please take my children to school and, in lieu of my driving, I will provide you with the monies that I get from the Government'.

The major reason is the insurance as it relates to the Government, if we deal directly with an individual in relation to transporting other children, then their insurance is going to go up considerably as we would -- well, the way I understand it, they would have to get some sort of commercial insurance for transporting other children to school. This way it's between families and it's between them rather than us having to force them to get more insurance. That's the way I understand it.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I, myself, don't consider that the amount of \$6.00, I didn't consider that was enough and I consider the figure of \$9.00 enough in certain mileages for a certain amount of children. However, I don't agree that \$9.00 is enough if you go over, say, three children.

I'll give you an example of how I would feel it should be worked out. Every child in the Yukon Territory costs us so much money to get him to school. And in the case of Johnson's Crossing and the children there, and Mayo, and Keno City, now there may be a little difference in the mileage; however, the bus does cost us \$2,400.00 at one place and \$2,000.00 or \$2,100.00, in the neighbourhood of \$100.00 per day if we go 24 days, say, to school. Those buses cost us that much. They are only hauling now, at this time, some of them, from fifty pupils, maybe, up, in the outlying districts. So they are costing us, in the case of the Teslin bus, I would say approximately \$6.00 per child per day to get him to school.

Now I think the people living in an outlying area where they must also go to school should be, in a sense, entitled to as much as that person to get his child to school, if he's willing to do it. Because it's just another child, it's not the difference in -- However, he would be living 35, 30 miles out and he brought the child to school, he could bring three children and he would be getting his equivalent to what he should get, but after that, say he was bringing four or five, he's actually hauling children for free to that school for the government. He is not getting the same amount of money as these other children are getting because if that bus was full, going to Teslin today, those children would be costing us around \$3.00 a child, so if he's got three children in that bus, \$9.00 a day if he was doing it himself and travelling that 30/35 miles. He certainly should get the \$9.00 because you're going to pay it and you're paying it everywhere else. Now, if he's got four or five children and is driving that far, he should be allowed a little more money, depending on how many children.

Mr. Chairman: I'm a little confused on what the Regulation now says -- it's a loaded mile, I understand, 20 cents a loaded mile and 15 cents per travelled mile would mean that ...

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, 15 cents per travelled mile is better than 20 cents per loaded mile. The cut-off is \$9.00 per family per day and there's not that great a relationship between the nine dollars and the distance travelled.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lang.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, I disagree. There is a substantial increase in this particular proposed regulation and I also think at the same time that the parent has a little bit of responsibility in relation to seeing that their child gets to school as well. The concept is to help them, help subsidize for transportation, but at the same time, if people are going to live that far away from a community, they have a certain responsibility as well. I think that, in relation to this particular regulation, it's going to cost us probably in the area of between \$8,000.00

and \$10,000.00 increase in relation to subsidies being available for parents that are transferring their children to school.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming.

Mr. Fleming: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I have to agree a certain amount with the Minister, but I still maintain that when you have so many people and you are busing them anywhere, and the gentleman alongside of you is driving a car with so many children in that bus, that he is entitled or she or whatever to the same amount of money from the Yukon Territorial Government, or wherever it's coming from, for that child as the one in the bus, and I'm saying that you are spending that much money busing children to school, now. Therefore, the ones that aren't bused should have, that's how you should base your amounts that you should pay for the child to get to school, I think, is on what it's costing for children now, so that everybody is equal. And I say the \$9.00 doesn't do that.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, not everybody is equal in this particular program. If you live within a two-mile radius of a school, you pay \$3.00 a month to utilize that bus. So it's not all equal. For example, if you have a child within Whitehorse here within a mile-and-a-half of the Jack Hulland School, for an example, you pay \$3.00 to utilize that bus to see that your child gets to school. So there is an inequity here and I think that we are trying to -- it's a very difficult area, this particular area of busing. We're trying to equalize as best we can.

At the same time, you'll have to understand the reason that that guideline has been put in is to encourage students to walk that are within a walking distance of a school. So, I mean, we're trying to do the best we can. I didn't realize that we were going to get so much criticism in relation to this. I was taking it on the direction of the Members from last Session that they would like to have us review the situation. It's a difficult situation in relation to where people are living and I think that you have to look at it in respect to what is the responsibility of the government, because when it comes right down to the basic facts, the government is providing money from the taxpayer. So we should ask the question, should the individual within a two-mile radius of a school have to pay this Program as well as buy the \$3.00 tickets in a month?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I can't agree more with the Honourable Minister. I am agreed. However, I don't agree on the mile-and-a-half that they are going to school on the bus because if they are within the mile-and-a-half they're not supposed to be on the bus apparently, from the regulations. What I'm saying is that if you're two miles from school, the mileage rate is fine and dandy, you're only two miles from school, you're only going to pay that much for the person on the bus and also that bus is loaded coming in here. The children are costing so much. Each child costs so much to get him to school, so if you've got four children, it just stands to reason that it should cost a little more to bring him to school than it would cost one.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, is the Honourable Member telling me that it costs more if I drive into work by myself or if I take four kids?

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, the comparison between the children buying tickets within the two-mile limit in Whitehorse and the children who live beyond the two-mile limit who do not have busing, is not a fair comparison because the Minister knows full well that if the Territorial Government did not charge some token fee for using the busing privileges within the two-mile limit, then they would be obligated to provide busing for every child in the Territory. So you have to -- it's \$3.00 per child and \$5.00 per family. In many instances, it's only used in the winter time and I think the Member from Hootalinqua and I don't quite feel that, and this is a very difficult thing to work on, that we're covering all of the basics in this. I wonder very much about the busing policy that we have and how far busing goes.

You see, what we have now is \$9.00 at 15 cents per mile, so once you get up to 15 miles you've got your \$9.00. You're getting paid 30 cents per mile, return mile, or 15 cents a return mile, then you're reaching your maximum of \$9.00. Before, there used to be a maximum of 20 miles that you got paid for before the other policy came in and it wasn't on a return mile, it was on a loaded mile, because if somebody -- It was on the children you're driving and I have always -- but there's no relationship about how far a bus goes from the school to where a parent gets paid the maximum.

For example, you've got buses going thirty miles from schools and people who live 30 miles from the school get their children transported and yet if you're driving the child yourself you're cut off at 15 miles. I'm not saying that you should leave it at 15 cents a travelled mile for all that distance, but maybe there should be some staggering so that the people who go such a tremendous distance get some compensation besides the \$9.00.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lang?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, I was down in Watson Lake earlier this year and I drove from Watson Lake to Whitehorse and it cost me, for gas, in the area of \$6.50 or something, and I feel that this is perfectly accurate. It's raised it by \$3.00, it's per travelled mile. You've got to remember though, a lot of people just drive in to work, they stay the day and drive back out. I mean, all these things have to be taken into account and I think that you have to ask yourself, how far is this government responsible for this particular area? I think that we're going quite well here.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, will you ask him if it was a motorcycle?

Mr. Chairman: Forty-four miles per gallon, Mr. Lang, that's pretty good.

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Chairman, I would maybe possibly like to get this so it's a little bit clarified a little more

and what I've been trying to say all morning, I would ask the Minister a question at this time. If we take the bus away, and I'll give you an area, from Teslin, which is costing us approximately \$100.00 a day and for about 14 or 15 children, that area is no longer in the busing area - it is mythical but it is no longer there - we're taking the bus away and somebody is going to bus 15 children to school for \$9.00 a day?

I'm not criticizing the Minister for what he is trying to do to get this thing in the proper perspective, but I am saying that he hasn't got it there yet. Due to that very fact that it is \$9.00 a day is all you would get to take those children to school and we're now paying \$100.00, so somewhere in there there should be a balance as to where you could figure out for each child what it's costing you to take him to school and more or less allow that much money to take other children to school, such as maybe Jake's Corner, or places like this.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Whyard.

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, I think there will always be inequities of some kind, depending on the individual circumstances of every family and where they live and where the school is and this is not the only area that concerns us. There are families that are also being penalized because their children have to come into high school and because they don't happen to be a particular culture, their parents have to pay for their room and board, and there are all kinds of inequities throughout the system and we do try our best to cover them. This is an improvement over the former amount. I'm sure it's been examined exhaustively at every level and I really think that we've had a pretty fair debate on this morning.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Berger.

Mr. Berger: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I'm kind of curious how much money was paid out for transportation fees under this program in the last year? And the other question I had, I'm not clear on it and am concerned about it and wish the Honourable Member responsible for Local Government would be here, where are those people located? Is this -- could we get this information? Especially in the Whitehorse area, I would like to know.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, it's roughly, approximately, if my memory serves me correctly, in the area of \$20,000.00 to \$25,000.00 spent on this particular subsidy program. With the incorporation of this new regulation, you're looking in the area of probably \$35,000.00.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Berger.

Mr. Berger: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I was wondering if the Minister could bring us information of how many people there were involved and where are the people located, because I think this would be quite enlightening.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lang.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, it's my understanding this involves approximately 35 to 40 families, in relation to this particular program throughout the

Yukon. So, as you can see, I think it's more than adequate in relation to helping these particular individuals or families in relation to getting their children to school.

At the same time, I think the Honourable Member from Kluane raised a very good point. It's mandatory for your children to go through school. So, subsequently, we do have a responsibility -- I don't think it's necessary to bring people's names or locations in here. Most of the areas outside of Whitehorse are accommodated with a bus, so subsequently, you know, they're more or less taken care of in busing. This is throughout the Territory in totality that I'm speaking of.

And also, at the same time, in relation to a little earlier with what was said in relation to payment for people to get their children to school, this would be either to the nearest school or the nearest school bus stop, as it is incorporated in the present regulation. So, for an example, if an individual may be 40 miles out of town but the school bus may come 20 miles outside of town, so subsequently that individual would be paid to the bus stop. And as a -- I think it's more than adequate, and I think we are flogging a dead horse here, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Whyard.

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, I think it should be shown for the record that the Honourable Member Whitehorse North is absent today because he is in attendance at the Indian Land Claims Planning Council meetings.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I'm quite prepared to leave this and have a try with it. It's very true, I realize it, that it's very, very difficult with this type of assignment to make sure that there isn't somebody going to benefit more than the other person. But I thought that the \$6.00 per family per day was really quite inadequate and I'm happy they changed it.

And for the Member from Dawson, I believe there are very few people in the areas around Whitehorse who collect on this transportation allowance. In fact, I must admit, an awful lot of them are in my constituency because there is only one school bus that operates in my constituency on the North Alaska Highway.

I do have a lot of people who live in highway lodges and a lot of these people are not people, as the Honourable Member from Klondike implied, who wanted to live away and do their thing. These people have businesses and have been there for quite some time. And they have had to drive their children to school for years and years and years. They are the ones that I'm very concerned about because their livelihood depends on them living there, by bringing in such a policy, in some instances, and maybe it's too generous, the Honourable Member from Klondike is implying, and I agree with him. It could easily lead to abuse but why should we have some of these people who've lived in this Territory for years so that we don't want someone else to abuse it. I'm prepared to go along with it and see what happens and see if there is some very glaring inadequacies and inequalities and then I'll certainly bring it to your attention if there are.

Mr. Chairman: Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 322, Adult Education.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I just wanted to say that I had asked for some information, and I received it and I'm quite happy with it with respect to the courses offered, the University courses and I'm satisfied with it and I thank the Minister for it.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I made some recommendations when we went through this vote before. My recommendations were more specifically on the amount of money we were spending for commercial courses, the amount we were spending for the trades, the hard trades and the soft trades, and the community courses. I thought at that time, and I still feel the same way, very strongly, that we're spending almost an unjustifiable amount on community courses compared to what we are spending on the trades.

Something brought this to my attention the other day when I was going through the Electrical Protections Ordinance and under our Electrical Protections Ordinance and the regulations, we have one electrical course which is being offered for training in that trade, in the Yukon Territory.

I looked at Manitoba's legislation and I think they had eight, or nine, or ten different classes of electrical licences, and people could get licences, they didn't have to be a journeyman, they could get the various different kinds of licences for the different kinds of electrical work. I think that we have to, in the Yukon, start really putting some money and upgrade our trades training, and also upgrade our legislation to accompany it.

When you think that we have one electrical course and it's a journeyman, it's more or less a mining electrical course, when there are so many other aspects of electricity where we could be training our people and we're not. We're going, year after year, down the same path. We have children dropping out of school because they can't make it on the academic program and we are just not giving them too many alternatives.

One of the biggest deficiencies of our society today is that we are training, or educating, so many of our young people, or almost -- it's a status symbol in our society to get an academic education and university education, and yet, businesses are crying for trades people, or people who are knowledgeable in management of business and so on and yet we are not meeting the need, doing nothing. We are going into community courses and I would really like to see us take some of that money out of the community courses and start some proper training in the different trades.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lang?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, in relation to the various programs offered over at the Vocational School, we have a Qualifications Trade Advisory Board in relation to the particular trades offered at the school and they make recommendations in relation to what should

be done to upgrade qualifications in this kind of thing. I think the Honourable Member has raised a very valid point and I'll bring it to the attention of the people within the Vocational School in relation to the electrical qualifications.

At the same time, in relation to the community programs, we have had a request from the Native Brotherhood inquiring whether or not we were prepared for them to take over the administration of that particular program and we're just investigating the possibility at the present time to see whether or not it's viable. So whether or not the Blade, Linc and Life Skills will stay as a program and administered within this government or with the native organization, remains to be seen because this is a program that has primarily been created to help the native population of Yukon to upgrade their education in relation to the fundamentals of reading and writing and doing arithmetic. So whether or not that will be transferred over to the native organization remains to be seen, there'll have to be a negotiation with the Department of Indian Affairs to see whether or not they are prepared to put monies up in relation to the administration of that program.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I have to agree with the Member from Kluane. I feel that our school system is part of the reason that we have to have all these short courses in the vocational schools and everything. I don't think near as much time would be spent there, if the schooling to begin with was taught properly. In other words, where I might put it properly, they now must go to school and come out of there and they've got to be smart and that's the only actual thing that they want them to be is smart. They don't come out of there with any type of trade, they are taking a little bit of shoemaking and they're taking a little bit of cooking and they're taking a little bit of some other in the school, but very little that is definitely a trade, just a little practice, and in actuality, they are coming out of there as a jack of all trades.

I think twenty years ago and thirty years ago this was a very good thing, because the country was full of people who were this type and they could earn a living at that time, but they can't anymore. Today you must have a journeyman's ticket for almost any job. You must be qualified for a job before you can get it. Therefore, we bring the children from school into the - what we have here, our courses and so forth and so on, and we have to teach them the whole thing right from the bottom. I think that in the school itself, we should be teaching more hours on one subject, whatever that person is intending to be when he comes out of that school after he's through primary school and starts in the higher grades. He should be more or less deciding what he's going to do with himself at that time and if he's going to be an electrician, he should be taught in the school so many hours of that work and possibly even getting out and seeing what's happening outside of the schools too. Then we wouldn't have to have near as much here in the Vocational School area.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, we were just roughly

doing some calculations with the answers that we got to my questions, that we had the estimated enrollment for the community programs will be approximately 130 and we're looking at \$459,000.00 and that works out to \$3,500.00 per pupil -- \$35,000.00.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lang?

Hon. Mr. Lang: In relation to this particular program, as I said earlier when we were discussing this particular establishment, we are going to be doing an evaluation assessment of the particular program we were -- at one time we thought we were going to get expertise from Saskatchewan, but it looks like possibly we'll be getting it from Alberta now. But I think it's essential that we get somebody from -- that is not involved in the program, somebody that has a knowledge of how these programs work, come up and have a look at it and just see what has to be modified, or whether it should be discontinued, or whatever. So, we'll wait for these recommendations in relation to that particular program.

All I can say, Mr. Chairman, is that the particular program started last year with, I believe, 196, and I think we're down to roughly 130 now, so obviously the program is going through the people that need this particular kind of upgrading and subsequently, I would imagine a year or two years down the program that it would be discontinued.

Mrs. Watson: No, Mr. Chairman, I'll bet not. I'll bet not. They'll have another twist to it. Mr. Chairman, these are just self-perpetuating things and until the politicians have the fortitude to stand up and say enough is enough, then we're going to keep paying for it.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lang?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, all I can say is that I was not involved in the start-up of this particular program. We are monitoring it very closely, I think that the Director of the Vocational School and various other people involved in this particular Vocational program that we administer at the school are still trying to streamline the Vocational School and are trying to get the most value for the dollars allocated in that particular area. All I can say is that is that we are doing the best we can at the present time.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I would like to thank the Honourable Member very much for drawing this to my attention. I would also like to draw to your attention, when this was embarked upon it was a short term type of program, four to five years and we're well beyond that now. This is why I'm asking the questions. As I said, these things are self-perpetuating and unless we're prepared to put our feet down, they're going to go on and on and go like Topsy. I was quite aware of who started them, I was quite aware of the cost-sharing on the programs. I think I was maybe even a little better aware of it than the Honourable Minister but this is the type of thing you have to watch.

Mr. Chairman: Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I want to ask that my disagreement be recorded on this and I'm looking at the amount of money. The amount of money that we have for actual trades training for people in the Territory and particularly some of our younger people, I think it's a little shocking. If we had the amount of money for the community programs in two or three times as much for the others, fine, but we don't and it's such an imbalance.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lang?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, about the only thing I can say in relation to the Vocational School is if we're going to increase the number of programs being offered by the Vocational School, before you're going to be able to incorporate them into the Vocational School, you're going to have to meet a major capital investment of another building in relation to being able to provide additional courses which will probably amount in the area of a \$2,000,000.00 capital investment and subsequently after that, it would spiral, Operation and Maintenance.

Mr. Chairman: 323. Apprenticeship Training. Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: 202, Project Capital. 2303, Selkirk Street School Gymnasium. Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Lengerke: 2303?

Mr. Chairman: Yes. 2305, School Ground Improvements. Mr. Lang?

Hon. Mr. Lang: I'm just presently getting a paper prepared on the school ground improvements. I'll be bringing it forth to the House here in the next couple of days in relation to what we're planning for the various -- what the program would consist of in relation to upgrading our school grounds. I don't have it available today, one of my officers was sick and another one is out -- and the rest are out recruiting and whatever, so subsequently, that's why the material in this particular area is late.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Whyard?

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Could I just ask the Minister if it's possible for students in those local areas who are interested in jobs, are they being considered for this kind of contract or does it have to be done through DPW? I would like very much to see some opportunity for the kids who are going to use those grounds who actually put their sweat into the work and get paid to do so, because it's absolutely the best insurance against vandalism I've ever known, Mr. Chairman. If you are part of improving the appearance of a piece of property or building, you're not going to stand there and let somebody smash it up.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lang?

Hon. Mr. Lang: The school ground improvements, in most cases, are going to entail a fair amount of probably construction work in relation to upgrading the grounds and this kind of thing, so I would suggest it would go to private contractor if possible, depending on the costs and depending on the location in relation to where work has to be done. So I would suggest that, you know, it would be up to the individual company involved whether or not they were going to hire local students to help do some of the work at the same time.

Mr. Chairman: Is it the Committee's wish that we stand 2305 over?

The information you requested is not yet available.

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Clear? Okay. 2306. Watson Lake School Extension.

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: 2316. Vocational School Equipment. Clear?

Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: What was that one again. 2341?

Mr. Chairman: 2316.

Mr. Fleming: Oh, pardon me.

Mr. Chairman: Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: 2341. Vocational School House Construction.

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: It's quite, Mr. Chairman, it's quite clear to me, however, I did have the figures all here and I don't agree with the figures we've got in the answers to some of the questions in relation to the building of the home and the amounts of money that is to be spent to build the homes. Because, when they use up \$49,000.00 and I didn't see anywhere where there was any labour included in there, so, I believe that the figures -- I don't know where they come from, I have no idea where each figure would come from. To start with, is \$18,000.00 for just, it looks like the lumber that they're going to build the house with, because down below they have all the sub-trades and this and that and I just can't agree with those figures at all.

Because it doesn't cost 18,000 just to buy the lumber alone. However, as I say, I wouldn't hold up anything on account of this, I just don't agree with it, that's all.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: That was just -- the question was in

what areas is the labour included here. Maybe the Minister could answer that. I realize this is student labour, but is there not a figure, when you're figuring out the total cost of your house, do you not include this, so you can get a realistic estimate?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, I don't know where the Honourable Member from Hootalinqua buys his materials, but I'm in the process of purchasing some, and I'll tell you, that's a pile of money when you start buying the lumber, the doors, the windows, siding and all the other particular materials necessary to build a house.

In relation to the labour, all I can see here is that it really isn't taken into account in relation to building the home itself.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Berger?

Mr. Berger: Yes, Mr. Chairman, this has nothing to do with the house and the capital expenditure right now. I just thought about Establishment 322, we received an answer on the air brake course in Dawson City, and on the recoveries it says 32 people at 45 dollars and I would like to go on record to say it was 46 dollars we paid in Dawson City. It was in actual fact, the deficit was only 55 dollars, instead of 87 dollars.

Mr. Chairman: Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Chairman, it's not quite clear. I'd like to know if there is labour actually in these figures somewhere that is not here. I can read down them all and I see no labour whatsoever, except possibly in the sub-trades because they would be possibly contracted and there would be labour. Otherwise, I see no labour in this price at all. The labour I'm presuming is supplied by the school of course, it is not charged to this job. Is that right?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, I'm sorry, I don't have that information. I don't think it is, though. All I can say is in relation to labour, your concrete would probably involve some labour, your sub-trades are going to involve labour, and the rest are just strictly the property tax, insurance and everything else that comes with it.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Chairman, I would ask what size of home this is, how many square feet?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, I thought that information was provided. I think you're looking in the area of twelve hundred square feet. It's a normal three bedroom home, the way I understand it. I think that -- it's in the area of twelve hundred square feet, it's a normal three bedroom home. Up to this time, we've always managed to recover costs in relation to this particular program. It's sold on the open market, and we managed to recover the costs.

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

(Adjourned)

Mr. Chairman: I now call this Committee to order. Establishment 400. Before we consider that, we've completed Vote 3, is Vote 3 carried?

Some Members: Carried.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson.

Mrs. Watson: On Vote 3, I'd like to briefly make a comment. We're looking at 302, Establishment 302, we were looking at staff of 268 and a half man years and that's an increase of 7 over last year. And in Special Ed we were looking at 18, a decrease of 4 from last year. So we're looking at another 5 man years in the staffing for our school system. Our enrollment is down and I would certainly recommend that the government not embark upon hiring more teachers than we need under the staff pupil-teacher ratio policy of the government.

And I think it was also suggested in the House that there be some consideration to revising that pupil-teacher ratio policy in order to give more consideration to the larger enrollments in some of the intermediate and elementary and primary grades. That's my recommendation, Mr. Chairman.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, the only comment I can make in relation to the staff complement is that we'll be following the teacher-pupil ratio as laid out in the information paper that was presented to all Members. If there's any major changes I would suggest that they would have to be made here during the Budget Session and a policy paper and a Sessional Paper would be presented. So we will be following the teacher-pupil ratio.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson.

Mrs. Watson: Then with the decline of pupils, in enrollments in our schools we could well see three or four man years not being required then this year.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, as the Honourable Member well knows, it's very hard to estimate just exactly what the complement is going to be, but it will be based on the teacher-pupil ratio as outlined in the information paper to all Members. If there's a major development in August, which I strongly suspect there will not be, I would suggest that possibly there would probably be two or three man years, or maybe four man years that won't be utilized.

Mr. Chairman: Clear.

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Vote 4, Establishment 400. Are we clear?

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman, the note I have is that we are waiting for Workmen's Compensation.

Mr. Chairman: That comes under Revenues and Recoveries. We haven't got there.

Ms. Millard: Oh, I see.

Mr. Chairman: 400 - Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, on the, we have some information on the air equipped motor vehicles, and I have had a great deal of misinformation, rejections, criticisms, of this requirement under the Motor Vehicles Ordinance and I would like to, if it's possible, I would clear this section, but if it's possible if we could get some witness who is very familiar with the requirements of the course to give us some information because apparently there is some ramifications of this particular requirement that we haven't even taken into consideration. With your concurrence, I would let Vote 4 go through, but I would still reserve the right to have more information on the air brakes requirement.

Mr. Chairman: Does the committee concur? I'll transfer the message to Mr. Gillespie, if that is the wish of Committee.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lang?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, it's my understanding that there's supposed to be some information forthcoming to Members. I don't think it's dependant on Vote 4. I think Vote 4 can go through and subsequently that can be dealt with as a separate item altogether.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, that's precisely what I just said and Mr. Chairman, I don't think we necessarily want our witnesses from the Registrar's office. We may want someone else as a witness.

Mr. Chairman: Well, we've cleared 400 then. Page 75, Expenditure Recoveries. Ms. Millard?

Ms. Millard: Oh, Mr. Chairman, I was just going to remind you that, I think it was you who were wanting to make some questions about Workmen's Compensation.

Mr. Chairman: In regard to that information, I have acquired it. Vote 4 clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Page 80, Establishment 500. Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: 501, sorry--506--Page 90 Mrs. Whyard.

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, there is one question outstanding on 506 and that was regarding how many clients in the Detox Centre are there because of drug abuse and the answer to that question, Mr. Chairman, is that the major drug problem that the staff have

encountered comes from alcohol but most people with drug problems who are referred, come for help with that alcohol problem. There are exceptions. We receive approximately one referral per month for direct drug related problems.

These problems are crisis intervention referrals in relation to psychedelic drugs such as LSD, problems related to abuse of soft drugs to the extent that the drug use interferes with employment of school work.

These drugs include marijuana, hashish, LSD, or three, people who become dependant upon barbiturates and tranquilizers which are acquired legally or illegally. These drugs include a variety of barbiturates and tranquilizers. The Detox Centre is operated on a non-medical model and therefore is not equipped to detoxify drug users.

The centre has accepted one person to date whose only problem was drug use and that client was accepted after an admission to hospital for treatment.

Among the chronic alcohol abusing population, particularly in the Whitehorse area, abuse of prescription drugs is common. The drugs of choice are marijuana, pain killers such as 262's and 292's tranquilizers such as valium and librium. Some of these drugs are procured illegally but the majority are received through a legal prescription. I think that is the only outstanding question, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: 506, are we clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Page 100--Establishment 526. Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Page 100--Establishment 526. Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Page 102--530.

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: 530?

Mr. Chairman: Five thirty, yes.

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, I have distributed the paper requested on policy answering the questions regarding housing for senior citizens and all members have had that since last Thursday.

Also thought, Mr. Chairman, it would be interesting to point out that of the approximately 640 residents who are over 65 in the Yukon, less than 50 are at any time on our social Welfare caseloads. There can be between 40 and 50 in our lodges at any one time and a total of 68 in public housing and apartments. And, Mr. Chairman, that shows us that only about one-sixth of our population of citizens over 65 have asked, at this point, for any assistance in housing.

In Canada, approximately two million people are over 65. Ninety per cent of them are in their own homes or rent their own apartments and the great majority of them are not dependent in any way on Social Welfare. They retain their self-esteem and accept their age and I hope that this situation can be applicable to the Yukon very shortly.

Mr. Chairman: Ms. Millard.

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman, I thought we were on 530. Are we?

Mr. Chairman: Yes.

Ms. Millard: We are on 530, not 536. I have Establishment 530 as being Administration.

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, those are programs for Public Welfare, Geriatric and Child Care.

Ms. Millard: We'll be discussing senior citizens again, I hope, on 536.

Mr. Chairman: We haven't cleared 536.

Ms. Millard: Right.

Mr. Chairman: Five thirty, are we clear?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: Five thirty-six. Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, just briefly before we leave 530 I would again like to register my complete disagreement with the increase in man years in the administration of the Welfare Branch. We have had no great increase in people who require this service. We're expanding the service, but I question whether we should be doing that at this time. And I would like to refer to a paper that I had back from the Minister regarding Health Care, where we are looking at a deficit of our YHCIP of \$37,000.00, and over the last four years our expenditure, our costs for the program, have increased by approximately \$200,000.00 every year. So it looks like next year we'll look at an additional deficit and we'll be into about \$237,000.00 and increasing man years in an area where we're not really needing it. So next year, we can probably have to look for extra funding to pay for our deficit in the Health Care scheme and I would sooner be a little light on some of the other parts of the expansion of our expenditures so that we have something to fall back on next year with our YHCIP.

Mr. Chairman: Five three six? Ms. Millard?

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman, I'd just like to say a few words on the response to the Motion which was passed in the House concerning senior citizens. I would like to commend the Department on that response, I think that it certainly covers the areas that I wanted the motion to cover. It comes out with a positive result, particularly in that, by the end of the summer, a report is promised.

I would like to state that I feel that it's excellent that they feel that this report should reflect the needs of all old people as perceived by the senior citizens themselves. I think that's a terrific philosophy and I'm really hoping that this is carried through to the end.

I still feel that, in the long debates and discussions I've had on the problems of senior citizens in Dawson and in Whitehorse, that the problem seems to be a need for co-operation between government departments. I think

that came out very clearly with the Housing Corporation yesterday, I believe it was, where there were other solutions to housing of senior citizens that haven't been explored because there seems to be a total lack of talking between departments about the concerns of various citizens. It seems to me a terrible shame that people such as senior citizens are left out of the shuffle that goes on in government service and that they are the ones who are left to foot the bill and to face all the problems that are created because of government inadequacies. Hopefully in the future, this won't be the case. Hopefully there will be enough people who will stand up and be counted on things like senior citizens and there are several citizens in Whitehorse I'd certainly like to commend on that score.

Hopefully now, the government will respond in a more positive way and co-operate together for the good of all senior citizens.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Whyard?

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, I certainly hope so, and another extension in that same field of concern would be of course with the transfer of control of our own Health facilities to be able to do what we wanted to do with the hospital in Dawson City, for example, to provide chronic care for the elderly, and at the moment our hands are tied.

I certainly hope they won't be for much longer and, Mr. Chairman, at this point I must ask to be excused because in five minutes I must be speaking on the transfer of health at the Native Land Claims meetings.

Could I ask the indulgence of the House to return at three, to this vote.

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: Very well, Mrs. Whyard. We will continue with consideration of Vote 7.

Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: I was wondering, could the Minister answer a very quick question for me? It has to do with senior citizens.

Mr. Chairman: She is coming back, and we have other things to consider.

Mr. Lengerke: Okay.

Mr. Chairman: We have not cleared that yet. Mr. McKinnon?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I know that there wasn't anything that needs clearing on Vote 6, but there are several questions that were asked by Members and perhaps before we get into Vote 7 I could just reply to questions that had been asked. They weren't requiring immediate responses but I have the answers here and they do involve Vote 6.

Mr. Fleming asked that one of the requirements for business in the outlying areas for obtaining fire insurance is that fire prevention equipment be inspected every six months. Could this function be carried out by the Territorial Fire Inspectors or is this usually done by a private firm?

A program has been instituted that will provide a thorough fire inspection throughout the Territory, encompassing all business premises, excluding Whitehorse and Watson Lake, due to the responsibility resting on the full-time fire chiefs there. Where time permits, a volunteer fire brigade will make these inspections under department supervision. This inspection will include a visual inspection of fire extinguishers, automatic fire extinguishing systems over commercial cooking ranges and sprinkler systems. Any fire alarms and the smoke and heat detectors will also be tested.

We will perform no re-charging or repairing of equipment as we are not equipped or qualified to do this service.

The program could be extended to possibly provide a six-month inspection period between inspections. There are no private firms at present providing the service on a continuing basis. Private industry inspectors will answer requests by an owner or occupant of a specific premise.

On March 22, the following question was asked: Are land and improvement assessments done at the same time or are they done separately? Please prepare an outline comparing a B.C. assessment manual that is now in effect, due to the new B.C. Assessment Act, and the Alberta manual that is now used in the Yukon.

During preparation of the new assessment roles, land and improvements are assessed at the same time. During revision of tax roles, improvement assessments are assessed separately from land since basic land values are usually left unchanged to the next new assessment.

B.C. is currently utilizing a number of manuals due to their decision to move to market value base for assessment and property tax purposes. B.C. assessment today is in a chaotic situation, similar to the transitional nine-year period that Ontario has now attempted to complete. Manuals in use in B.C. are largely Canadian and American produced texts. They also are locally developed cost estimating schedules and all texts used have local modifiers applied.

Alberta has only one manual for property tax purposes, developed and designed to provide an equitable distribution of tax dollars. This manual has been judged in all levels of courts and is still in use without any major criticism or change. This manual has been chosen and adopted for use in Yukon as the most suited to Yukon conditions.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Mr. McKinnon. Vote 7. There has been several documents tabled regarding this vote. There is only one copy of them and they are here on the table. Perhaps it would be wise to have a brief recess, if Members wish to look at the documents. So I will declare a brief recess.

(Recess)

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 700 on page 140.

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Chairman, I just want to say thank you to the people who supplied the information on Vote 07 and Establishments 700, 701 and 702.

We just received the information today so I really haven't had a chance to really go through it at all, but I will do my best to try to make use of this while we are debating this, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: 700, are we clear? 701, Parks and Historic Sites.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: There is just a question here, I see reference made to a Camp Ground Planning Report which has been tabled. I understand it has been tabled with the Executive Committee. Will that be made available to us?

Mr. Gillespie: I am sorry, we didn't have sufficient copies, but a copy has been tabled here although-- it was intended to be tabled or maybe somebody has it; if not, I will produce it at the next break. We don't have sufficient copies to distribute among all the Members.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lang?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, I tabled that particular document this morning.

Mr. Gillespie: I just don't see it on the table, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: It is probably on the other table outside in the Clerk's office.

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Chairman, it is awful unfair to bring in the Vote and start doing it when you just hand us the information.

Mr. Chairman: It was in this morning, Mr. Lengerke. I agree, it is difficult.

Mr. Lengerke: I really haven't even had time to even -- if you want, I can start. We can really go at it in nit-picky detail, but that is not going to accomplish anything. Like, I can ask you, all right, for the sake of questioning, but I don't particularly want to do that. I really don't want to hold up progress of the House either. I asked for some information and I received it and I thank the Department very kindly for it because it is very useful information, but I would also like to do it justice and read it.

Mr. Chairman: Well unfortunately we don't have anywhere else to go in the Budget. We have completed all but 5 and 7.

Mr. Lengerke: Well then, you can clear 701 as far as I'm concerned.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McKinnon?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I'm in total agreement with the Honourable Member from Riverdale -- it wasn't too long ago where I was making the same representations as he was and I think it's unfortunate, with the amount of information that's required, that it can't be collected just at the snap of a finger. It takes a considerable amount of work, as all Honourable Members know, to collect it.

Just a suggestion, Mr. Chairman, because there is only Vote five and seven left to be cleared, we have all kinds of budget-related bills and loan agreements which are standard agreement bills from year to year and I

have no objection whatsoever to acceding to Honourable Members' requests, if the committee so desires, on Vote 7 and to leave it until they have a chance to digest the amount of material that has been given to them. I just find it unfair to ask them to make -- ask sensible questions and make wise decisions, just having received the information this morning, and I don't think that they should be forced into making those decisions.

Mr. Chairman: That sounds very reasonable to me. If we're going on to something else in the meantime, what is committee's wish? Shall we carry on with ...

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Chairman, have we cleared 703, because I ...

Mr. Chairman: I think we'd just better leave Vote 7, there's no sense clearing one or two and not clearing the rest. In view of the fact that we have Mr. Gillespie with us, perhaps we could consider the Real Estate Agents Ordinance.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, we have Bill 3 which is the Financial Agreement Ordinance, Bill 4 which is the Loan Agreement Ordinance, Bill 5 which is An Ordinance to Amend the Community Assistance Ordinance, and Bill 6 which is the Municipal General Purposes Loan Ordinance, which are all budget-related material. We don't have to pass them out of committee or do anything with them except read them and ask questions on them and have the point where, once we get Vote 5 cleared, we can -- or Vote 7 cleared, we can process these out of committee and not have to go back to them. That's the kind of work I was thinking of getting on with.

Mr. Chairman: We'll have to get that organized then. I'll have to recess until I can bring that material forward.

Mr. Chairman: Is the Committee agreed then?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: We had agreed that we were going to leave Vote 7 anyway, so I'll have to bring up the format to Committee and see if they approve it.

(Recess)

Mr. Chairman: I call the committee to Order.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, this is not an unusual problem. When we come to the end of the budget, the material starts flowing in and people have trouble getting through it all and getting their questions in order. I was wondering if it might not be more expeditious for the entire progress of the House if we broke for coffee from 2:30 to 3:00 o'clock to give the Honourable Member from Riverdale the opportunity of going through the material that has been presented, the Honourable Member from Health and Welfare will be back at that time and I think that we could probably finish the debate on the Mains and get into the budget-related Bills. It would seem to me that that would probably be the most expeditious way to handle the time of the

House at the present time, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Lengerke: I am quite agreeable to that. I will make every effort, and read it. Mr. Chairman, as I said earlier, I had asked for some information and I would just like to give the people who supplied that information at least the benefit that I have read it. I might not ask one question, for all I know, but I would certainly like to review it.

Mr. Chairman: Is the Committee in agreement?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: The Committee will recess until 3:00 o'clock.

(Recess)

Mr. Chairman: I now call Committee to Order.

This afternoon we will be proceeding with the remainder of the budget items in Votes 7, 5, and 1. I would remind Committee Members that tomorrow morning the Chairman of NCPC is scheduled to appear. We will then be considering the budget related Bills and we will try to keep them in numerical order. I do hope you're prepared to proceed with Vote 7, Establishment 700.

Mr. Lengerke:

Mr. Lengerke: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, I just want to again thank the Committee for the recess and having allowed me to at least read the material that the people delivered. I find the information rather interesting, it makes very good reading. In fact, it reminds me of the story that was told to us last budget session. In fact, it's almost, to me, it's almost another re-run of the same movie. My comments are this, that I realize that tourism is Yukon's fastest growing industry and I would certainly like to say, Mr. Chairman, that I promote that theme and I would hope that this Government dedicates itself to that industry in every shape and form and do support it, or does support it, I should say.

I find it very interesting to see a statement like this, however, after having gone through a year of planning, and you will recall, and I don't want to repeat myself, but when we spoke initially of these estimates, that was my point. I said, well we have gone through one year of planning and I think I was probably one of the only Members that sort of agreed with the planning stage, and I supported that position last budget time.

But it says here, "to date, the Yukon Government has no direct resources to tourism planning." So, Mr. Chairman, I ask you, what did we do this last year if we didn't direct our resources to tourism planning. And then it says, "to date, there has been no planning for long range program of identifying, evaluating and restoration or interpretation of Yukon's historic resources." Well, I really wonder about that, but possibly that could be correct, maybe we haven't done anything about that.

But then I go to the second page, Mr. Chairman, and I find, "the following are planning research projects undertaken by the branch in 1976-77 and are planned for 1977-78." We have a Campground Planning Report and this was a contract let for \$1,000.00 and it was done, and I must commend that person. It was done by a seasonal

campground employee. Okay, so I guess we've got that one done at a cost of \$1,000.00, if I'm correct there. Then I see that we've gone to field inventory, recreation potential type of survey and it says here that only three field trips of limited duration were possible. Okay, now my question at this point is, is the rest of this survey going to be done, the inventory? Who's going to do it? Involving what people and at what cost? Because it appears to me, Mr. Chairman, that at this point, we've spent \$666.00 per trip and I don't know what information we have got.

Then the user demands survey, and I understand this has been done at a cost less than the \$1,500.00 and that's fine, so we put that down. And then the Yukon Resident Outdoor Recreation Survey, this is going to be done. We've had notification of this and this is why the \$10,500.00 expenditure. Then the Yukon Exit Survey, Number 3, and on reading this, it's been done and we received \$2,500.00 back from the Canadian government so I guess the cost of that was \$2,500.00. And then the Dawson Exit Survey, this was carried out by the B.C. Research, in contract with Parks Canada. And I don't know if the final report--It says, "The final report was presented December, '76." Okay. How much of this--how much was budgeted initially, is my question here, and the funds expended to date, what are they there to that?

Then the Yukon Highway Signs study, it's done. And of course that cost us \$11,000.00. Now, Mr. Chairman, why I brought those figures out is that I think that represents something like a total of \$17,000.00 or \$18,000.00. And last year, we budgeted \$49,498.00 for professional and special services. I'd like to know, not only what happened to that money and what was going on with respect to those activities, but what were we doing in the meantime with the rest of our employees? Who, in fact, and I think my question was earlier, before getting this information, who were the people involved in these particular studies that we're now looking at? And I've answered some of these questions because one was a seasonal campground employee. The other one was let to Parks Canada. So I'm really wondering what our employees did, Mr. Chairman, what their activity was pertaining to these particular surveys?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Gillespie?

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Chairman, there are quite a number of questions. Included in the Member's statement, starting at the end, what employees are involved? Mr. Chairman, I would like to draw to all Members' attention, the staff complement that is available within the Tourism and Parks side of this particular Vote.

Under Tourism, we have three officers, a supervisor, a person whose primary function relates to marketing, and a third is development. This is the one who travels to the establishments throughout the Yukon and deals with the issues that are involved there, together with things in the past like Yukon Host and various items of that sort. So, within the Tourism side of the operation, there are a total of three officers.

On the parkside, there is one, who is also the chief. These people are involved in the ongoing programs of looking after and maintaining camp grounds on the

park side doing whatever work they can in planning for future camp grounds, reststops and indeed to the extent to which time is available for parks themselves. This one individual has obtained some assistance from other sources, but essentially it is one individual that is masterminding all of this, supervising all these various projects, some of which are identified here, the campground planning project, the field inventory and user demand surveys relating to the Parks systems and so on.

That one individual is very, very fully occupied in relation to the Parks system in totality.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke.

Mr. Lengerke: I'm sorry to interrupt, Mr. Chairman, I would just like to say that I certainly compliment that one individual and I meant that--that is what I was trying to bring out is that with the one individual, we seem to have a lot of good work done on the campgrounds and on the reststops and this kind of facility and the information pertaining to it, but that is only one person that has been involved and also one seasonal campground employee.

What concerns me is the fact that we were going to embark on a planning year and use our people within the Tourism Branch and I am going to let Mr. Gillespie finish, but I want to know what those people were doing specifically with respect to the planning process.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Gillespie.

Mr. Gillespie: At the beginning of the year Mr. Chairman, well first of all, I would like to go back to the manpower available in that area.

There is one person whose primary function is to work on promotions, marketing and advertising. That is his area of responsibility. The other person is in development. This is on-site work relating to lodges, tourism facilities and so on.

In regard to planning, the major effort intended to be carried out this year, is item 6, the Tourism and Development Plan. Initially the intention was to hire an individual early in the fiscal year to do this work. We ran into considerable difficulty obtaining the services of a person and by the end of the summer we still had not succeeded in doing so.

At that time, a decision was made to transfer that planning position to the offices of Economic Research and Planning. So the planning capacity was taken out of the Tourism office and transferred to the office of Economic Research and Planning.

where that particular position has been used to work on broader aspects of Economic Planning for the Yukon than just Tourism.

Therefore, we also decided at that time, having moved that planning position, to obtain the services of B.C. Research, which is acknowledged as one of the expert groups in Western Canada in developing just this kind of plan. They have done this kind of plan for British Columbia, they have a good deal of background and so having lost our manpower source here to do it, we turned to them and undertook a contract which was aimed at fulfilling over a two year period, a full Tourism Development Plan. That was to start off with an iden-

tification, as indicated here, of data gaps and research strategies for ongoing data collection, being the foundation for any good plan.

It was also intended that it go far beyond that, but at the end of this fiscal year when we examined our priorities, together with the events that occurred during the year with the decrease in tourism levels in the Yukon and with the growth of the Yukon Visitor's Association as a viable representative of the industry as a body, we decided that rather than devote the resources that originally had been earmarked for the tourism development plan, that we would be better to allocate those scarce resources in the area of more marketing and support for the industry.

As a result, we reduced the money that had been set aside for the tourism development plan from \$45,000.00 down to \$23,000.00. Instead of doing the whole thing which would have culminated in a plan giving us a direction and guidance for tourism development in the Yukon, we decided to stop it at the level--at the data level whereby we can identify what is wrong with our data collection system, whereby we can identify a process which will be more efficient in terms of data gathering procedures and more pertinent with regard to the types of information that it produces. That's the reason--that's where the reallocation of the resources has in fact gone and the reason that our expenditures in the tourism planning area have diminished quite considerably over the last year.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Chairman, I would ask Mr. Gillespie if he would tell me then, I'll refer to the Tourism Plan, Tourism Development Plan, Item 6, because that's the one--he's hitting on it. Okay, you say a planner went to the Socio-Economic Planning Unit. When was that position transferred over, and when was the actual body taken away from the tourism branch.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Gillespie?

Mr. Gillespie: I can't be absolutely precise but it was early fall that the position was transferred from Tourism to this newly established office. The position was filled, I believe, in December.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, one of the most obvious questions is that, if you transferred, or if the Government transferred the Tourism Planning Officer to the Economic Research and Planning Unit, why did they not undertake to do the tourism development plan for the Yukon Territorial Government.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Gillespie?

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Chairman, the reason is that it is the Government's view of rather than devote that person's attention strictly to tourism planning, that he should work in the area of general economic planning and tourism is only an aspect of that, so this is the reason that this was not done.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke.

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if Mr. Gillespie could tell me what the tourism people have found out is wrong with their data-gathering system? Have we got the conclusion to that this year?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Gillespie.

Mr. Gillespie: We won't have that until we receive this report. We are, I can't be precise in just what we do know at this point in time. I am told though that we have been using the, basically the same data-collecting techniques and gathering the same sort of data for the last few years. And there are a lot of inadequacies in that and this is what we're seeking to correct for the future, but we won't know that until we've received the report.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, is that all our report, the \$23,000.00 is going to tell?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Gillespie.

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Chairman, that is all that it is going to--it's going to tell us where the gaps are and it's going to tell us how to go about collecting data for the future and how to use it to better serve our purposes.

This figure of \$23,000.00 is indeed high for that purpose. What we have, really, is a situation where some of the expenditures are not going to result in any conclusions. This is because, in the middle of the project, we decided that we wouldn't do the whole thing so there was a good deal of money spent on a project design which would have resulted in a complete tourism development plan. Then we made the decision to not do that complete plan. In effect what we had is some of those costs were sunk costs. And so \$23,000.00 is partly accounted for by this data work, but it's also accounted for by the preparatory work for a total tourism development plan.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke.

Mr. Lengerke: I don't know what to say. I really don't know what to say, Mr. Chairman, because, you know, and I don't want to, this is no offence to Mr. Gillespie whatsoever, it just isn't. But you know, we can't really get the answers, they tell us. We're not going to form any conclusion. You know, this is--where are we going?

The other thing I might ask then is, how many times, and I hate like heck to ask this question, but I'm going to say it this way, I'm going to say it anyway. How many times were the key people of this department away from the department this year?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Gillespie.

Mr. Gillespie: I don't know the answer precisely, but I would say it's a good deal less than 50 per cent of what they--of the time that they were away two years ago. Probably a third of the time they were away two years ago.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I don't really have too many questions, however, I'm going through the paper. I sometimes wonder the same as I have many times that we aren't being over-governed and over-planned and over-surveyed some how or other and not getting much out of it. I look through here and I find \$1,000.00, \$2,000.00, 10,500, 1,500, 2,500, 23,000, \$11,000.00, and we're still more or less in the planning stages, as the Member from Riverdale has said.

I find under 2, Yukon Resident Outdoor Recreation Survey again, which I have had a problem with ever since I heard about it. It says, "that in where-what outdoor recreation activities residents participate in, where and how often will be used to establish priorities for the future, location and construction of facilities. It is proposed to follow-up on this survey in one year with an attitude survey, whereby residents may indicate their preference, assuming that facilities could be made available."

We seem to make a study this year, and that study and the amount of money, \$10,500.00 is our cost, the whole contract was \$21,000.00 and we're spending money to find out such a little thing as what the people in the Yukon Territory are doing. I find this very, very strange because I can go to any one town in the Yukon overnight and ask them and I'm sure you'd find out what they are doing as far as recreation is concerned. I think with one meeting, you could find out what they wish to have. Now, it's going to take a year to do that and all this money and then we're going to go back to them and ask them which one of those things they're doing they want. That's going to take another year.

I can see another year going on where we are going to start making plans for how we're going to do it so this could carry on for a long time. All of the money that is spent, approximately now \$50,000.00, I think I'd bring it to \$51,000.00, somewhere around there, it is, if you want to look at it anyway you like, a couple dollars for every man, woman and child in the Yukon Territory, that's \$2.00 out of the pocket and of course it don't come from the children, I would say maybe half the residents put that up—\$4.00 per person. I think I said this morning here that we were—and yesterday, when we were speaking on another matter that, we are just being more or less swamped to death with expenses to live and we don't make that much money. This is just part of the reason, there's \$4.00 here and there's thousands of surveys like this going on and every one is costing us money out of our pocket.

The Highway Sign Study, I think, is a good example now, we have started it, however, we have already gone to the expense of spending \$11,000.00. Possibly some of that had to be spent, I'll agree, but from now on, I see no reason really to go spending a lot of money getting a contractor from somewhere else to tell us how to sign the Yukon.

I think that an example is what I brought in here this morning, a small brief from only one operator, but I think if all of us get together and get some briefs from our communities and from the people that are involved and I will say this, that you'll have problems getting them involved, because they just don't seem to want to get into things like this, but, I think it's up to us to just keep working at them until we do get that advice from them and bring it here. Then the Government could have something to work on that is actually free, other

than paying our wages, which is probably costing them quite a bit.

I think that this is one of the answers to many of these problems here is doing it ourself at home rather than going out and getting big contractors and spewing them thousands of dollars. A study here by the University of Alberta is fine for the young people in the University of Alberta to make some money and this and that, but it is not fine, really, for the Yukon Territory and I think that we should be able to do it ourselves.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Hibberd.

Mr. Hibberd: Mr. Chairman, I am sure that what has been reflected here is that this is the feelings of many of the Members and their concern about various studies that have been aborted, studies that seem to be going nowhere, and a lot of money has been expended for planning to have plans. It is just like a dog chasing his tail and I would think the Committee should give serious consideration to reducing the amount of this Budget.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: I am sure, Mr. Chairman, that is a consideration that is going through a lot of Members' minds at this point.

I just want to refer to the terms of reference for Yukon Tourism Development Plan for a minute. I am rather interested in this and some statements that are made on this as well. It says here, "the consultant should therefore make appropriate provisions for such items as informational literature, presentations and public meetings. It is the Department's aim to keep the public and industry informed of the processes and the locations." They are saying that "the consultant should make appropriate." Then they have under the role of the consultant, "the role of the consultant in preparation of this plan should be one of providing technical support..." technical support..."and assistance to the Department rather than one of presenting a blueprint for the Department to follow. If the plan is to be accepted and implemented by industry and government, then industry and government decision makers should be actively engaged in its formulation.

"The Government of the Yukon Territory, through the Department of Tourism and Information has a responsibility and a mandate to plan for the development of Tourism in the Yukon. The Department does not intend to turn over that responsibility and mandate to the consulting firm, nor should it appear that such is the case.

"This point is particularly important when contact is made with the public. The Department will assume the leading role in matters as announcements, news releases, announcements, and to organize public meetings?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Gillespie.

Mr. Gillespie: Not very many, Mr. Chairman, as indicated there and of course this is a plan that has since been dropped in a large measure, the one the Member is referring to. It would be our Tourism staff, I mentioned that there are 3 there plus a director and an assistant director of the Branch as a whole, that would be availa-

ble to participate in this process. So a total of 5 people could, in some way, be involved.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I've been up on my feet several times since we've come into Session on the Economic Research and Planning Unit and I have thought, because we were taking the man years from the various departments who were supposed to do specific planning for the department, that the planning would then be done by the unit and the planning of the tourism, the tourism development planning, because it would be done by the Unit could also have embodied into it, other aspects of the economic direction that the Territory is going in. I don't think that any of us, even, would consider or certainly not condone the fact that we have a separate Economic Research Planning Unit sitting, isolated, doing their thing. And when a department wants some planning done, Economic Planning and Tourism is part of the economic package of the Yukon, that they go out and hire consultants.

I would like to get some clarification on this. What is the role of this Economic Research and Planning Unit and when does their role stop and when does the department's role step in and we hire more consultants to do planning for each department? I wonder if Mr. Gillespie could answer that?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Gillespie.

Mr. Gillespie: I doubt that I could give a comprehensive answer to that...

Mrs. Watson: Why not?

Mr. Gillespie: The office of Economic Research and Planning has broad responsibilities. I don't have the terms of reference here and I don't know whether those terms of reference have been distributed to Members. I don't have them so I can't expand on what is there, precisely, except to say that from my point of view, and I don't want to speak for the Commissioner who's responsible for that particular vote or to detail the responsibilities of that department, but, as I understand it, an economic planning unit of this nature should start, not with the specifics of what to do with a marketing plan or what to do with upgrading tourism facilities or that kind of thing, but should start with a more comprehensive plan and then work toward the more specific.

Precisely how they've been spending their time in this regard, I cannot detail other than to say that they have done some work, obviously, toward arriving at a general development agreement, identifying the areas of statistical information that is required. This is an ongoing thing that it has taken over from the office Statistical Planning Advisor that existed in the past, various other things of that sort. Those activities take precedence in time over the particular planning requirements of individual departments. We could so bulkanize their efforts as to render them absolutely useless if they were to fulfill all their planning requests of all the departments that required that assistance, all at the same time.

There's a logical way to proceed and that way is not for them to move in and develop a tourism plan at the outset.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: All right, I'll accept the reply of Mr. Gillespie. I understand very well that your Economic Research and Planning Unit will not start with a report that requires specific information on tourism and this I'll take for granted. But, we were looking, let's not forget, at a tourism development plan for the Yukon and that certainly isn't a specific plan. I agree, you don't want every department running into your Economic Research and Planning Unit saying we want you to do a plan for us on this and another person -- and they have to be correlated and coordinated, but this is the responsibility then, of the Economic Research and Planning Unit who will determine what areas they want to do more specific planning on. But then, why are we having individual departments come in here and want to do planning on their own? Why -- you know, we are building towards something, okay, and then you have all of these other shoots growing out the side. We should not be considering any other planning from individual departments, they should all be directed under the umbrella.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Gillespie?

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Chairman, that's not the way I would view it. While a comprehensive plan is going on which is going to provide guidance for all other departments and where they fit in, other work should proceed. Planning doesn't come to a standstill. We are still faced with the arrival of tourists, we are faced with problems in relation to tourism and goodness knows what other problems throughout the government.

All departments have a responsibility to do planning and policy making. They are not there to wait until there is a comprehensive plan that is going to tell them precisely what they should be doing. This we cannot afford to wait for. In the meantime, some departments do have to go ahead and it would be wrong for this government to look to the Economic Research and Planning Office to do all tourism planning, per se, and all social planning and various other types of planning. It shouldn't all be there. What they are providing is umbrella guidance by way of planning, not the specifics. So individual departments now, and I suggest forever more, are going to have to do their own planning in addition to that which goes on in the broader sense, economically or socio-economically in that office.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I realize the planning that -- we are talking of overall development plans and individual ones and the rest of it, it gets pretty complicated. I realize this, of course, and just back to the Secretariat for a minute or to the Economic Planning unit, just for Mr. Gillespie's information, it does say, "In addition to the above projects, the staff of the Economic Research and Planning Unit are also involved in the Yukon Outdoor Recreation survey of the Yukon Tourism Development Plan" and certainly the General Development Agreement and so on.

But what bothers me again, and I've said it before, and I guess I'll continue to say it, Mr. Chairman, we embarked last year to have a specific program put into place and to finalize it, and it appears to me today, that

we have initiated -- anything that has been concluded with respect to last year's program has been initiated in the last number of months. We are still embarking on quite a number of planning projects that were to have been done this past season or this past year.

I still, if I can come back -- you know where we are looking at -- I again commend the Department, to give \$45,000.00 to the Yukon Visitors' Association and if you recall, Mr. Gillespie told us that the Association would then embark on some tourism planning and some marketing and some cooperative marketing approaches, which to me is -- you know, we are going to have B.C. research people doing a Yukon Tourism Development Plan, we are going to have the Yukon Visitors' Association doing the same thing and it is getting just a little bit bound up to where I really wonder where the priorities lie and what is going to be accomplished? What is going to be the end result?

As I said, I recognize the tourist industry as being one of the essential industries. It's the growth industry for the Yukon. We should be putting our efforts earnestly forward at all times with respect to this industry. It is a number one industry but I really, really question the amount of money that we seem to be voting and not getting too many results for. It is a very sad day when somebody has to get up and start asking these kind of questions, it really is.

We voted tremendous budgets year after year for this. I haven't been in this Yukon too long and that has been one of my concerns since being here, I have seen this budget -- before I ever sat in this House. Mr. Chairman, it is a very sincere concern of mine that we are not just getting where we are supposed to. I would suggest, Mr. Chairman, that it is time that the House make a recommendation that this particular branch be put under, I would hope for improvement and it might not be, but I would think so, be put under the responsibility of an elected person so that people out in our streets of the Yukon could certainly ask, and be answered, to what is going on with respect to this Department.

I would make that motion, Mr. Chairman. Again, I would make that motion that before this budget be passed that I would want concurrence that this Department is put under the person, the responsibility of an elected person.

Mr. Chairman: Would you write that motion out Mr. Lengerke, so I can see what you are referring to. Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, again I would not want to belabour it. I would like to express my concerns about the comprehensive planning that is being done by the Research and Economic Unit, the umbrella guidance that is supposed to be provided for the planning and my greatest fear is that there is going to be a lack of coordination. As Mr. Gillespie said, other departments have to do more specific planning, but they also sort of having to be going in one direction. Two years from now, I know we are going to find that this is the result. I am very, very concerned that we may have a planning unit that is isolated and independent and separate from the rest of the government and if it is, it can't provide a comprehensive plan for Economic Development.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Gillespie?

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Chairman, I can only agree that if that happens, what the Member suggests will happen in a couple of years time, then that unit will have failed.

Mr. Chairman: While the Member is writing up the motion, I will declare a very quick recess.

(Recess)

Mr. Chairman: I call this Committee to order.

A motion has been presented to me by Mr. Lengerke. Is it Committee's wish that I read the Motion?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: It is moved by Mr. Lengerke, seconded by Mr. Hibberd, that the Department of Tourism, Conservation and Information Services be put under the authority or jurisdiction of an elected member of the Executive Committee and the funding of the Establishment 700 be reduced to one sixth the submitted estimate until this has been implemented.

Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Yes, Mr. Chairman, in putting that Motion forward, as I said earlier, I recognize and I continue to recognize the fact that the tourism industry, the conservation field are very, very important to Yukon. They are probably the prime areas that we should be paying a lot of attention to in setting some new found priorities and making sure that those priorities are implemented. By this motion, I just want to make it perfectly clear that I'm not just trying to zero in on the fact that you know, we're looking for problems and troubles but I think it's time that this department was put under an elected Member.

We have a number of motions on the books with respect to that very subject and, Mr. Chairman, they have not been acted upon and I would hope that the time has come when they, in fact, will be acted upon.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Whyard?

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, I require some clarification on what effect this would have on the operations of that department and I'm wondering if Treasury could assist us?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Williams, would you care to comment?

Mr. Williams: Mr. Chairman, there's not much I can say. I'm sorry I don't -- if you're talking about reducing Establishment 700 to one sixth, it would allow the department to continue as is for two months.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Whyard?

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: My next question then would have to be, Mr. Chairman, is it considered by the mover of the motion that within that time period, there would be an additional elected Member on this side to carry that additional responsibility?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Yes, Mr. Chairman, that is exactly what I'm suggesting by it. I realize of course the workload that would be imposed on the elected Members. I have no elected Member in mind, but I think that this step has to be taken, Mr. Chairman, and I would hope that the elected Members -- as I say, I would hope that they would agree with the motion. It has to be done. I feel it has to be done.

I certainly have had many representations made to me by the general public that this particular portfolio should be answerable to an elected person and I think in the democratic process that we have in this country that that is in fact what should happen. It's a very, very, important portfolio.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lang?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, as you know, the Minister of Local Government has taken on more responsibilities as well as myself with the departure of our colleague, Mr. Miller. And at that time we thought that the transfer of the portfolios was temporary and it looks at this time, at any rate, that it's fairly permanent. I personally, am not prepared to take on any more responsibility. I think that the federal government, in their actions, in my view, have not been completely responsible because what they're asking for is three elected Members to answer for a 70 million dollar budget. I don't care, as far as I'm concerned, it's a lot of hay in anybody's bailiwick.

I have a question for the Member from Riverdale, in relation to Establishment 700, I was getting the impression from various Members that they weren't too happy with the budgeting as it relates to the area of Tourism, Parks and Information and in the motion, what you were doing, is curtailing the running of the Game Branch as well as the Library Services Branch. I'm not too sure of the intent of the Motion, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: I thought Establishment 700 was to provide funds for the administration of the Tourism and Information branch but I guess I realize that the tourism is all encompassing with the Game Branch, is that correct?

Mrs. Watson: Establishment 700 is quite different from Vote 7.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson, you were not recognized by the Chair, do you mind please?

Mrs. Watson: I'm sorry, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lang?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, does the motion read Establishment 700, or Vote 7?

Mr. Chairman: It's Establishment 700. Isn't that correct, Mr. Lengerke?

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

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Chairman, I was very interested in finding out first what the motion would do to the budget; however, now I've made up my mind quickly and it will stay that way. I will be voting against that motion, because any time that we are going to put another Executive Member across the table in this House, I'm going to be voting against it.

Now, I've stood here long enough trying to work for the people, and I will see the day when we have all elected Members out here and the majority of those elected Members are running the government in this country. And when that day happens, political, or otherwise, I will be quite happy, but I am not prepared to back any motion of any kind that is going to put another Executive Member on the other side of the table and leave this House with twelve Members, as it is today, so I won't have to say anything any further, I won't have to ask any questions.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Berger?

Mr. Berger: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I can't vote for the motion either. I think it is an irresponsible motion. First of all, we all know that the elected Members on ExCom are overworked as it is right now. The other thing is, we all should realize that tourism is one of the most important industries in this territory besides mining. If we curtail part of the budget, we are actually killing the goose that lays the golden egg, as far as I'm concerned.

We all realize what the problem is in the Department of Tourism. We've all been frustrated with the same problems ever since we were elected to this position. I think we took a step in the right direction by forming a committee on constitutional development and it is that committee's responsibility to come up with suggestions and recommendations to this House. And at that time, we should be concerned with the different departments in this government, not now. Right now, I call it an irresponsible measure.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I will also be voting contrary to this motion. I think that it has come just a little too quickly. I think it is premature and it has great ramifications in respect of the operation of Tourism and Information. It is my contention that Information Services are not involved in this to the same degree that Tourism is where our problem is. Perhaps it is the director, perhaps it is the leaders of the Tourism section, but I certainly find no fault with Information Services or the Game Branch or the other sections at this point, at least not to the extent of curtailing the Budget at this time and I will also be voting against this.

I think that this was poorly thought out and wasn't thought out and it is far premature. It is not an action, by voting for this motion that I think would be in the best interest of the people of the Yukon Territory and the Management of this Government.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Hibberd.

Mr. Hibberd: Mr. Chairman, I am rather surprised at Members of Committee. This motion is not in anyway designed to curtail the budget of tourism. What it is designed to is get the Department of Tourism under an

elected Member. That is precisely what it is designed to do. We consider this area very politically sensitive. It has to be responsive to what people are saying. It is the best way to go about it.

There were representations made to this Committee during our last session from YVA, regarding this very issue amongst others that they brought forward. That was their request, that this be placed under the jurisdiction of an elected Member.

I would also like to point out to Members that this is not curtailing the activities of the other areas in vote 700, it is merely dealing with Establishment 700, not the Vote. It is aimed at the Administration of the Department of Tourism.

But I would point out to Members that the-- that this is an issue that has been with us for some time. We realize that this is a politically sensitive area. We should be making some assertion along this line, we shouldn't be merely making the passive objections to these things and doing nothing about it.

Here is the one way where we can go about doing something about it, we are all concerned about this area. Let's see if we can do something about it now.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I am as concerned as other Members but I am also concerned about the manner in which we are dealing with this question. I am deeply concerned about the whole operation of the Tourism department but not to the extent of supporting the motion as proposed by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale.

What will happen, we reduce this Budget or this-- I should say, this Department, Vote 700 to one sixth. Now, say the Department of Tourism is, in fact, turned over, or that authority is delegated to an elected Member, and what do we do, get the House back together and bring in a supplementary estimate so they can operate for the rest of the year. There are a lot of considerations to be given here.

When you pass this Budget, you can't place a rider on supply and I think if you check the rules of parliament, that you cannot attach a rider on supply which would almost, in effect, make the motion out of order in any event. But one would have to study that.

I just say to you, I can't support it and I don't think anyone who has the interest of the people of the Yukon at heart should support it in this method.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Hibberd?

Mr. Hibberd: Mr. Chairman, I would like to point out that during our last session, we did exactly that. We did place a rider on supply of which the Minister of Health is fully aware.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I find the comments around the Chambers rather interesting, not that I feel that the motion is going to accomplish that much, but I think that if at least it is a concrete assertion of some action that this House wants taken. And if we are not prepared, once in a while, to put a motion before the House, on the estimates, then why in heavens name

have we spent three weeks going through them in detail?

Is it a learning process? Do we enjoy sitting here? Do these people love bringing in sheaths of paper? Do we enjoy reading them? At least someone has taken some, has had some convictions and it isn't--I don't think it's being irresponsible at all. He's put a motion forward, the motion is just on Establishment 700, on the administration and what it does.

It is saying we feel that the tourism should be under an elected person and we will give you two months supply in administration until this is accomplished. It's not suggesting any constitutional reform, it's not putting any rider on it at all. It's just a strong recommendation and I say, Mr. Chairman, if we're not prepared once in a while to stand up and do something like this, why waste everyone's time by reading, and I mean reading, all that paper and reading the estimates in detail?

Mr. Chairman, I'm not specifically in favour of the motion, but you're forcing me to vote for it.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Chairman, although I don't have a copy of the resolution in front of me, I believe you said that this money would be taken away, or you inferred in the motion that the money would be withdrawn, until such a time as this portfolio has been put in the hands--and I refer you to 242.(3), of Beaufort. "It is not allowable to attach a condition or an expression of opinion to a vote or to change the destination of a grant.

This is in Supply. There's your answer. It's out of order.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Speaker knows perfectly well, or the Member from Watson Lake knows that you can put an amendment to a Supply.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Berger.

Mr. Berger: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I would like to point out to the Honourable Member from Klunene when I said, I called it irresponsible, I meant directly irresponsible in loading up another person to the present Ex-Compeople, the elected Ex-Com people. And this is what I call irresponsible, because at the time, it was made clear to us that we cannot expect a fourth elected member on Ex-Com.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke.

Mr. Lengerke: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I'm interested in the Members' comments. I appreciate them, but I stand ready to defend the motion, I stand ready to certainly vote on it. I'm in favour of it. I'm in total favour of it. I feel, Mr. Chairman, that we've passed too many motions in this House that have never been acted upon or I've never seen the results of them. I always hear so many Members saying it's time we were responsible for some of our own affairs. It's time we looked after some of the wants of the people. It's time we did this and I say okay, let's get at it. Because, Mr. Chairman, if we keep turning it down and saying, no, well, I'm sure as one Honourable Member said, we might as well turn around

and go home.

I would suggest, Mr. Chairman, that in answer to the Member from Watson Lake, and I know he read a section out of Beauchesne, and I know that also, Mr. Chairman, that we can provide the funding back to this Establishment through an amendment, for Supply. And I would hope that maybe if there's a question to that that I could ask Mr. Chairman, for an interpretation of that from Mr. Williams, the Treasurer, if he might and he can tell me if I'm wrong, right or indifferent, but I'd like to hear it.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Williams?

Mr. Williams: Mr. Chairman, I wish I was a lawyer, I wish the Legal Advisor was here, but this is my interpretation. If this goes forward as a Motion, it then becomes advice to the government. Now, if the Assembly passes the Appropriation Ordinance, as presented, and passed the Motion, as presented, it means that the government has the authority to spend the full amount of the funds which appears in the estimates and it's left to their discretion whether or not they will heed the advice of the Motion.

If however, you are talking about, not a Motion, but an amendment to the Appropriation Ordinance, it would mean then that to restore the budget, you would have to come back with a supplemental appropriation to restore the budget, so if you're talking about a Motion that's advice to the Government, it's not an amendment to the Ordinance, to the Appropriation Ordinance.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: I would hope that that was the interpretation and as I say, I realize Mr. Williams is not the Legal Advisor and I feel that this is the action that we have in mind, it is a Motion, we're not doing anything to the Appropriation Ordinance at this time.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke, I may have to rule this Motion out of order, because there is a significant factor involved here which Mr. Taylor has brought up and drawn the attention to the Committee and which I am just now cross-referencing in Beauchesne and I may have to rule the Motion out of order as it sits at presently.

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Chairman, if that is the ruling then there is--I would consider withdrawing the Motion and amending it to do exactly then what we want it to do. Or I would leave the Motion and let it be voted on and with the knowledge--the Members have the knowledge that it is not correct then they can defeat it if they want. But, I would certainly withdraw it if that's the case and if we have consent of the seconder, we will do that. But here we go again, Mr. Chairman, we're copping out.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke, I would have to rule it out of order and you would have to present some other form of Motion.

Mrs. Watson: On a point of order, on what point of order would you be ruling it out? Is it the opinion of this House if required?

Mr. Chairman: If I decide to rule it out of order, Mrs. Watson, it will be because there is a stipulation in the Motion, not because of the opinion of this House.

This particular Motion does affect the appropriation of monies.

Mr. Hibberd: On a point of order, Mr. Chairman, this is the one ability that this House does have and that's to reduce an estimate, and that's precisely what we are doing.

I would suggest, Mr. Chairman, that if there is some confusion on it, that we defer for further consideration, until tomorrow and we can review it in the meantime and we can go on with the other items.

Mr. Chairman: Is that the wishes of Committee?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: Very well, we will then proceed to 701. Mr. Hibberd?

Mr. Hibberd: Mr. Chairman, the Member from Pelly River asked the question on March 22nd, regarding, I'll read the question if I may, "Are the campground fixtures being forwarded to the municipal council of Faro being loaned or will the government allow the council to keep these items?"

The reply, Mr. Chairman, states the Tourism Parks, and Information Branch is agreed to provide campground fixtures to the municipal council of Faro. The fixtures are being provided on a permanent loan basis with the following conditions...that's enough, Mr. Chairman, I do require clarification of what "permanent loan basis" really means.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Gillespie.

Mr. Gillespie: It means they can keep them for as long as they last, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Hibberd: What would be a gift, Mr. Gillespie?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Gillespie?

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Chairman, what it means is that they may keep them for so long as they fulfill the conditions that are set out here. If, for some reason, let's say for example, and I can't see this happening, that the Municipality were to change the colour back to those employed by the Territorial Government for its campground facilities, then we could withdraw the loan, I suppose. But they do belong to us, they're on loan, we have no intention of taking them back, but if the conditions are not fulfilled, of the loan, then they could be withdrawn.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Berger?

Mr. Berger: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I'm rising on my pet project on Historic Sites. And I wish some of the Members who were quite outspoken on some of the other administration side of it would also rise, because without Historic Sites and the preservation of historic sites in this Territory we could lose a great part of tourism and I'm quite disturbed, actually. There's

another resolution being forthcoming from the Historic Sites Monument Board requesting exactly the same thing as was requested in 1970. And the answer is, apparently, about exactly the same thing which was forthcoming when the Committee was first formed.

I was wondering when the Administration are going to see fit to put in more than \$30,000.00 in the budget that is so important to this Territory? There are so many things that need to be preserved for future generations and this Territorial Government does absolutely nothing about it. All that they're doing is putting in a token figure of \$30,000.00 in here for a number of years.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Gillespie.

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Chairman, it is true that the figure of \$30,000.00 has remained constant for several years in the capital area, but I would draw the Member's attention to the fact that, in the past, we have never had a cent identified specifically for Historic Sites in the O and M side and that we are attempting to do something very concrete in this year in relation to Historic Sites by establishing a half man year and allied expenses to provide us with the capability to do something which we've never been able to do in the past.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Berger.

Mr. Berger: I would like to draw the attention of Mr. Gillespie to a fellow in the Territory, 1962, running around with little wooden boards and putting up signs all around the Territory on different buildings and historic monuments and structures, saying, "under the protection of the Territorial Government". What did the Territorial Government protect there? Some of the buildings are gone.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Gillespie.

Mr. Gillespie: Those signs really didn't mean very much, Mr. Chairman. We hadn't in actual fact -- I didn't mean "very much" -- we hadn't the ability to spend money, we hadn't the resources over these last several years to restore or preserve those particular buildings. They were an identification of those we would like to restore where the money is available. They were an identification of those that -- they were a notice effectively to the public that these were of historic significance and that the public treat them accordingly. But beyond that, Mr. Chairman, those signs really had little effect in law or otherwise.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Berger?

Mr. Berger: Mr. Chairman, it is not only to the public. Those signs, I think, were supposed to protect the buildings and the other structures from the weather also, because I think that is what those structures need protection from. Our extreme weather conditions -- under those conditions, buildings don't last very long. I think, like I said before, it is high time that this government recognize that we need some sufficient funds to go ahead with some of the work. It could be quite easily utilized against the high unemployment figure in this Territory but we are not using anything. We are declaring all sorts of things as possible Historic Sites for years

and years but we are doing absolutely nothing about it.

I do agree with Mr. Administrator saying we have half a man year here or one and a half man years here recording some of the things but there has been lots of recording going on. I can take him over to the Archives and there's lots of pictures. Lots of items in this Territory that disappeared over the years. This is what my complaint is about.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming.

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Chairman, there was a question asked on campground expenditures on March 21st, 1977 by the Member from Kluane. She requested a breakdown of dollars spent under contract versus dollars spent on casual man years under campground maintenance.

It is quite a long answer; however, it says that \$124,000.00 -- no, 127, is going on salaries and wages for casual employees in the campground maintenance program. That, I understand, is wages and salaries and it goes on to say that there has been service contracts entered into with private enterprise in the Yukon under Campground Maintenance Program for a total of \$36,716.00.

These contracts cover such things as cutting and hauling of firewood and then they have garbage pickup, pumping out dump stations and rental of equipment. Now I think that the garbage pickup was done by casual employees, I thought, with their own pickups and so forth and so on, so does this garbage pickup include any wages at all there?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Gillespie.

Mr. Gillespie: This garbage pickup referred to here is garbage picked up by contract. We have, to a certain extent, used the services of our highways personnel when they are available to us, particularly during the winter months, to pick up this garbage but there is no additional amount paid to these people for that service.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Then, Mr. Chairman, I take it that the \$124,000.00 to \$127,000.00 does include, in actuality, the rental of a pick-up and casual employees. Am I right?

Mr. Gillespie: I can't say with any certainty whether it does or whether it does not, Mr. Chairman. My impression is that it does not, but I can't say with certainty what the answer is to that.

Mr. Chairman: Seven oh one, are we clear?

Mr. Fleming: No it is not, Mr. Chairman, I can't quite understand why I can't have an answer to that because, after all, there must be somewhere, the rental or whatever of the pick-ups that the maintenance men use and they are casual employees, I think I am right there. And their pick-ups are hired by the mile or by something, I am sure, too. In fact, I worked on that job at one time years ago; I know it was that way then, I don't know what it is now; however, I was just wondering how we can sort it out and find out what \$124,000.00 is actually used for if we don't know whether -- probably

half of it was not really wages and salaries, it was pick-up rental or something to this effect.

Mr. Gillespie: Well, I can't fabricate an answer when I don't have it in my head, Mr. Chairman, I simply won't do it. I can try to get that information and bring it back to the Member as early as possible. I can certainly do that.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Chairman, yes, that will be fine. I don't want to hold up anything for it, I'd just like to have the answer, that's all. Thank you.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I just want to comment with respect to the very good observations made and the comments made by Mr. Berger because, when he's talking of Historic Sites, he's saying that more dollars should be spent there and I can wholeheartedly agree. Here we are, embarking on a program of marketing this time, and what are we going to market? We've got a very nice Territory, certainly Mother Nature put it there and we'll be able to market that. We have some very unique historic sites. The trouble is, as Mr. Berger has pointed out, there's too many that are disappearing. If we're going to have something to market, then we should really start looking after the ones that we've got left.

I would say, Mr. Chairman, that under, you know, we're going to spend x number of dollars under a Tourism Development Plan that's going to compile, organize and analyse tourism data. It's going to identify those data gaps that I don't know what those gaps are, and Mr. Gillespie has not been able to tell me that either - that's not a criticism.

We're going to develop research strategies for ongoing data collection and we're going to describe economic and social impacts of tourism in the Territory, and as so many Honourable Members have got up and stated, that the Socio-Economic Planning Unit is probably going to do that in the overall plan. Again I suggest, Mr. Chairman, that we're going to spend \$23,000.00 for this and I'd like to give the \$23,000.00 to the Historic Sites. I think that would be great. I think they could use it and probably show us a lot better results. That's just an observation, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Whyard?

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, I think that all Honourable Members agree with the principle involved here, and we have seen a small addition of manpower in this area as a direct result of pressure brought to bear upon that department by a committee of citizens who were appointed from every area of the Yukon to advise this government on historical sites and their preservation and the history of the Yukon in general. They had reached the point, Mr. Chairman, where they were completely frustrated by the lack of funds to carry out the recommendations they made so faithfully, year after year, to the Member responsible, who in turn went to bat to try to get them the money.

This year there is a little bit of money there. It is a

beginning, and I would expect, Mr. Chairman, that the pressure of those committee members would be reflected through their elected members in this House to support additional amounts in coming years so that the program can get off the ground.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Chairman, I just want to further add to the comments I made about the planning.

I asked about the General Development Agreement the other day, and I know that the terms of reference in that also apply to the tourism industry. That is why I suggested that the planning in these kind of statistical gathering data projects, any of the kinds of economic and social impact projects, could be certainly funded through that General Development Agreement. I think those kinds of projects could certainly be provided there.

I just suggest that we do the kinds of things out of our budget, the Territorial Government budget, that means something to people, that they can see is happening. You know, I can recall, -- you know, I'm always the guy that gets up here and tells you all kinds of little stories, but I can recall the day that I was the City Manager for Whitehorse and we went through a great budget with things to do, and after the whole entire program was done, the Works Program, a few individuals came up to me and said, you know, the best thing you did was pave the little part of the boulevard next to the Bank of Commerce. We'd spent quite a few dollars, Mr. Chairman, in a Works Program and a lot of this stuff you couldn't see, and I realize a lot of it had to be done. But that just indicates the kind of impact that some of these small things that somehow don't seem to mean anything to people do, in fact, mean. I think it's time that we listened to the man on the street, the people that are involved in the industry, and did some of the things that they are asking.

Mr. Chairman: Is 701 clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mrs. Watson: No, Mr. Chairman, I'm not going to speak to it but I would hate to have anyone think that I was completely happy with 701, if I said clear.

Mr. Chairman: 702. Tourism.
Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I can't help but stand up and reiterate what the Member from Riverdale has been saying this afternoon and the Member from Klondike. I brought it up the other day, our contributions to Yukon Society is \$20,000.00. I'm sure that Yukon Societies that are involved in Tourism, and these are the museum societies, feel inflation just as well as everybody else. But that \$20,000.00 has been the same as long as I've been looking at this budget.

I think that we should be making some effort to see whether we can cajole or steal or pry a little bit of money from someplace else so that these people at least can even relate to \$20,000.00 to relate an amount of money that relates to \$20,000.00 in 1971 and '72.

I do recall that when we were going through the En-

gineering budget, there was \$50,000.00 that was not required for some report that was being prepared, so I think we should bear that in mind and before we completely pass the budget through, I think we should make a few recommendations based on that amount of money that isn't required at the present time.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Gillespie?

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Chairman, just one observation. The figure \$20,000.00 has remained constant, although the effect this year is greater than in the past, or in the past year anyway. Because last year, out of the \$20,000.00 allotted, I believe \$6,000.00 of it went to the Yukon Visitors' Association. So I would expect, although I don't know this for sure, that the Tourism Advisory Board will not recommend that any of this \$20,000.00 be allocated to the Yukon Visitors' Association so that will leave \$6,000.00 for distribution for other purposes. That's just a comment, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: 702, clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: 703, Information Services. Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, did I hear correctly or was I wrong, that we are embarking upon a film again, the YTG, through this Branch? Or is it through the Alcoholism Program?

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Chairman, I don't know, there is no intention to embark on another film this year.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Whyard?

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: We are not doing a new film on alcoholism. There is a possibility that there might be a few feet of footage shot for television commercials but there certainly is not going to be any films made in our department.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Is there a film being made under Tourism then? I thought there was funding.

Mr. Gillespie: I am sorry, Mr. Chairman, I was doing something else, I didn't hear the question.

Mr. Chairman: Is there a film being made under Tourism?

Mr. Gillespie: No, there is not.

Mr. Chairman: 703, clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: 720, Game Branch. Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: 730, Library Service Branch. Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Expenditure Recoveries, Page 152. Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Page 208, Project Capital. 2701, Ground and Reststop Development. Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Chairman, I may have missed it but did we get some specific costs on the time table or if that work was going to get done. I think we probably did, did we not? Okay. Yes, that is right. I have that marked here.

Mr. Chairman: Is it Committee's wish that we consider Highway Information Signs Green Paper at this time. Have Members had a chance to peruse it? Mrs. Whyard?

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Before we all fall down into the drain pipe or something, it seems to me that the Honourable Member from Hootalinqua had brought in some additional information on that subject today, from a constituent, with comments on the program so I don't know whether you wish to consider that in relation to the report. If so, could we hear from the Honourable Members?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: I was busily looking through this scrap pile here trying to find things, it looks as though it is all gathered up now.

The brief was from a tourist establishment, not in a small centre, it was from an establishment outside of an L.I.D. or unorganized district or municipality, actually on the highway. It has been distributed and I think all Members have a copy of it and it is all pertaining to the blue book on the table there and I think, myself, it's a very good brief. He's gone right through the book right from one end to the other and explained almost every paragraph in there the way he feels about it.

I would say that, you know, I wouldn't try to go through all this at this time without the book and the Members would have to have the book too, or they wouldn't know what the brief was about if they didn't have the book in front of them.

I will say this, that I think the government should take a good look at this brief and consider all the points in it and this is the idea. Possibly they will come up with it. They're asking for information always and hopefully, they'll get some here and there's some good ideas in here, some maybe not, but it's well worth reading.

As I said here an hour or so ago, hopefully, I will try to get more briefs from more establishments or more people that are gathered together, before there are any definite changes in the Highway Ordinance or anything, and bring them to this House.

Other than that, I can't say much about it. As I say, you would have to have the book and the paper in front of

you to study it all and it would take some little time to go through it all.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Whyard?

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, could I ask whether the department has been provided with a copy of the brief?

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: The department is going to get a copy of the brief for themselves. They haven't been provided with one today, right now. However, Mr. Chairman, I'd send one over to --

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I've gone over the brief rather quickly and I think that it's rather refreshing to have someone take the time to go through the whole report and to analyze it and make recommendations. While the brief actually is supporting the concept of individual signs and not so much going with the uniform highway system, signing system, there certainly are some very good suggestions in the brief. I think it would be advantageous for us all to read it, for the branch to read it, and then we might be able to come up with some fairly good recommendations that could be used as a form of direction to when they put up the signs.

I would certainly commend the gentleman who prepared it, he's done a very commendable job.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Gillespie?

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Chairman, I haven't had an opportunity to read this presentation, but I have spoken to the gentleman involved and from what he told me, I can appreciate the fact that he has some very valid and very real concerns. I would appreciate the opportunity to study his presentation and to consider it before it is dealt with in finality, the issue is dealt with in finality by this Assembly.

Mr. Chairman: Is there any further consideration of the Green Paper on Highway Information Signs?
Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I believe you indicated that we would be having the Chairman of the NCPC as a witness here tomorrow, also that we would be dealing with the money Bills

I wonder if the Chairman would like to indicate to us any other business that he might want to deal with if we finish the money Bills in time, Mr. Chairman, so that we can have the materials here and be prepared.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson, after we meet with the Chairman of NCPC, there will be consideration of the Bills and as I suggested, we will proceed in numerical order. It's up to Committee if they want to proceed to Bills that are beyond those that are budget related, but it will be in numerical order as much as possible. Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, would there be a possibility that we would be going into the Recreation Ordinance tomorrow?

Mr. Chairman: That's Bill number 12 - that's not very likely. Mr. McCall?

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

Mr. Fleming: I second that.

Mr. Chairman: It has been moved by Mr. McCall, seconded by Mr. Fleming that Mr. Speaker do now resume the Chair.

Are you ready for the question?

Some Members: Question.

Mr. Chairman: Are you agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: The motion is carried.

(Motion carried)

(Mr. Speaker resumes the Chair)

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

May we have a report from the Chairman of Committees?

Mr. Hibberd: Mr. Speaker, the Committee of the Whole has considered Bill Number 2, First Appropriation Ordinance, 1977 - '78, and directed me to report progress on same.

The Committee has also considered the White Paper on Standard Mileage Rates and directed me to report the same.

Committee has also considered the Green Paper on Highway Information Signs and directed me to report progress.

The Committee has also directed me to ask leave to sit again.

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

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: Leave is so granted.

May I have your further pleasure?

The Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale?

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

Ms. Millard: I second that.

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

Some Members: Question.

Mr. Speaker: Are you agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

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

(Motion carried)

Mr. Speaker: This House now stands adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

(Adjourned)

LEGISLATIVE RETURN # 17
1977 First Session

Mr. Speaker,
Members of the Assembly

On March 28th 1977, Mr. Lengerke asked the following question:

What is the additional amount required in total and per lot to investigate for and develop additional water-wells in the proposed McPherson subdivision? What are the latest plans in connection with developing a water supply for the area?

The answer to the above question is as follows:

The McPherson subdivision will not be serviced with a piped water system and individual lot water supply is not being developed for the subdivision. A number of test wells have been drilled on the subdivision to provide information on the availability of water to the prospective purchasers of the lots. The wells used in the testing process will be sold with the lots on which they are located for the development cost of a standard well.

A total of 5 wells are drilled or being completed on the subdivided lands with the results as follows:

Well	Lot #	Drilling Depth/Testing	Well Depth
1	17	261 feet	158 feet
2	40	181 feet	177 feet
3	07	Drilling in progress	
4	25	198 feet	180 feet
5	55	346 feet	254 feet

The wells were drilled deeper than required to locate water in order to obtain information on the geology of aquifers in the area. On the basis of these tests it is estimated that the cost to the purchaser for installing his own well will be approximately \$5,000. This is based on an averaged well depth of 180 feet at \$25./foot; \$650. for a well screen and \$250. for development.

The hydrological reports have shown that the pump testing rates are ample to service any single family dwelling and in some cases the wells tested could supply several residential users quite adequately.

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LEGISLATIVE RETURN # 15

1977 First Session

Mr. Speaker,
Members of the Assembly

On March 21st 1977, Mrs. Watson asked the following question.

Building Permit #256, Lot 535, Block 804, was suspended and revoked by the Chief Building Inspector in accordance with Section 9(1) of the Building Standards Regulations.

Section 9(1) of the Building Standards Regulations states that "when the Building Inspector is satisfied of a breach of these regulations and any other regulations, he shall suspend the permit or revoke the permit when he deems the circumstances necessary".

What specific regulations or Ordinance were being breached in order to justify the suspension and revocation of Building Permit #256?

The answer to the question above is as follows:

Building Permit Number 256 was issued to Mr. Paul Labrash of Whitehorse on October 18th, 1976. The applicant stated on the permit that no other principal use buildings were existing on this site. Subsequently Mr. Labrash reported on the same day that there were already two other residential uses on this same lot.

Mr. Labrash had been refused a subdivision request on this property on several occasions in accordance with Territorial Government Policy on lands peripheral to the City of Whitehorse boundaries. This was an attempt to circumvent the requirement of obtaining subdivision approval for a Planned Development. In view of this illegally attempted subdivision and the breach of condition of the permit, the building permit was suspended and a stop order issued on the same day. The applicant, notwithstanding the suspension of the permit, moved the third residence on to the lot and there are now three dwellings on this one lot with an application pending for a fourth residence to be built on this property.

We are aware that the withholding of building permits is not the best method of attempting control of development.

That is why in prior correspondence to Mr. Labrash the former Commissioner suggested that a Land Use Plan for the area be considered and such a plan will be undertaken this year.

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LEGISLATIVE RETURN # 17

(1977 First Session)

Mr. Speaker,
Members of the Assembly

On March 17th 191977, Mr. Fleming asked the following question:

Are there any plans to extend street lighting from the downtown area of Carcross to the Tagish cutoff?

The answer to the above question is as follows:

The matter of street lighting from the downtown area of Carcross to the Tagish cutoff has been investigated by both the Department of Local Government and the Department of Highways & Public Works. The major portion of lighting is along the highway and therefore the major responsibility lies with the latter Department.

The budget has no provision for extensive lighting in this area. Highways and Public Works have assessed the extent of vehicle and particularly pedestrian traffic, as well as the adequacy of traffic control signs. As a result it has been determined that such factors do not justify installation of additional street lighting at this time.

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J. M. McKinnon
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