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

Prayers

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

Mr. Philipson: On behalf of myself and the hon. Mrs. Firth, Minister of Education, it gives me great pleasure to introduce to this House, the class of 6C from Jack Hulland school, together with their teacher, Miss Keyser.

Applause

Mr. Penikett: There is also another distinguished visitor in our gallery, the Republican member of the Alaska State Legislature, Mr. Randy Phillips, who was principally responsible for the arrangements and the excellent visit that a number of members made there last year and, in continuation of the informal good relations between our two jurisdictions, is again here in town today.

Applause

TABLING OF REPORTS AND DOCUMENTS

Mr. Speaker: Before proceeding to daily routine, I would like to draw to the attention of all members of the House, a communication which I have just received, addressed to myself, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, Government of Yukon Territory, Whitehorse.

I would appreciate an opportunity to make a major announcement on constitutional development in the Yukon at the current sitting of the Legislative Assembly. I expect to be in Whitehorse on Saturday, November 27 and would be grateful if I could address the assembly at 11:00 on that day. That is signed, the honourable John C. Munro, Minister of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

02 **Hon. Mr. Pearson:** I think we all realize that it would not be proper for the minister to address us with the mace in place, but I would suggest that it would be proper for us to make our facilities available to the minister to address us. Speaking for this side of the House, I would like to indicate to you that we would attend such a meeting.

Mr. Penikett: For our part, as many members of my side of the House as is possible will be in our places and in attendance at that time.

Mr. Speaker: I will so then inform the hon. minister.

DAILY ROUTINE

Mr. Speaker: Are there any documents or returns for tabling?
Are there any reports of committees?
Petitions?
Reading or receiving of petitions?
Are there any introduction of bills?

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Hon. Mr. Lang: I move, seconded by the member for Hootalinqua, that Bill No. 15, *Agricultural Development Act*, be now introduced and read a first time.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the hon. Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs, seconded by the hon. member for Hootalinqua, that Bill No. 15 be now introduced and read a first time.

Motion agreed to

03 **Mr. Speaker:** Are there further bills for introduction?
Are there any notices or motions for the production of papers?
Notices of motion?

NOTICES OF MOTION

Hon. Mr. Lang: I rise with some regret and some remorse to seek unanimous consent under the provisions of Standing Order 31 to discuss the following motion: Moved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs, seconded by the member for Kluane, that this House censure the member from Whitehorse West for the remarks he made which were broadcast on CBC radio at approximately 7:20 a.m. November 25, 1982, and were a gross libel of the office of Mr. Speaker, and is a gross breach of the privilege of this House.

Mr. Speaker: Such a motion would require the unanimous consent of the House. Does the hon. member have unanimous consent of the House?

Some Members: Agreed.

Some Members: Disagreed.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member has not received unanimous consent. Are there any statements by ministers?

MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS

Hon. Mr. Ashley: Following upon recently granted assent to the *Motor Vehicles Act* amendment, which reflected governments' commitment to much stricter penalties for impaired driving offences, and driving whilst suspended, I would like to advise the members of this House of the advertising campaign that we are undertaking because of this government's concern that Yukon residents become well acquainted with the changes in the act. We will be implementing a maximum saturation campaign at an estimated cost of \$4,000.

This campaign will include radio ads which will begin playing on CKRW and CBC radio within the next few days.

04 These ads are worded in such a way that following our initial intensive advertising campaign, they will be able to be continued as a reminder to motorists following the December 15 proclamation date of the amendments.

We are currently making arrangements for the production of a television ad, which will be used on CBC North and Whitehorse TV. Also, commencing tomorrow, we will be running newspaper ads in both the *Yukon News* and the *Whitehorse Star* every Wednesday and Friday until December 15, and approximately once per week for a period of time after that.

We also hope to be involved in a co-ordinated effort with the Yukon Liquor Corporation and Alcohol & Drug Services in the production of a hand-out, which will be placed in customers' shopping bags in all of the Yukon liquor stores.

In waging an advertising campaign of this magnitude we sincerely hope to convey the message to motorists that this government believes that if you are impaired, under no circumstances can you drive. We are willing to back up this belief with strict laws to discourage those who refuse to be responsible.

Mr. Kimmerly: I rise to say that we are in full agreement with this advertising campaign; indeed, it was first brought up by myself in the committee stage of the bill.

05 It is probably not well known, but it is a scientific fact that the change in a law, and advertising about the laws on these kinds of issues, do have a very great deterrent effect, although it is usually fairly short lived. Also, we recognize that the advertising campaign is just before the Christmas season and it is appropriately timed because of the normal increase in drinking of alcohol around that time.

Also, we would like to commend the government for recognizing the principle that the Liquor Corporation has indeed a responsibility in this area and the co-ordination of the liquor corporation is welcomed. I would urge the government to continue that policy. There is one thing which grieves me a little bit: the wording of the statement is that the advertising is to convey the message that "this government believes", and I would sincerely hope that the advertising is about the new penalties, about the issue and criminality of the impaired driving act, and does not mention the position of the government, as it is obviously a partisan political issue and was debated at great length in these chambers in the past three or four weeks.

66 The advertising is excellent. We support it.

Hon. Mr. Tracey: It has become apparent from the increase in wolf attacks and from our moose and caribou studies that wolf predation has become a significant problem in Yukon, a problem which must be addressed through the implementation of some control measures. Through much internal consultation and research, my department has developed a strategic approach to deal with the current crisis and is now in the process of preparing a long-range predator management policy.

In recent months short-term measures have been carried in the Takhini Hot Springs area while in the meantime a long-term strategy has been prepared. That strategy was presented earlier this week to the wildlife advisory committee for their approval. I am pleased to announce details of this program to the House today.

I wish to note that both components of this program are ones which have the support of both the enforcement and the technical and biological research staff of my department, and represent a consensus of views on how this problem should be addressed.

The program itself will be strictly administered by a special wolf management group that has been established within the department, representing both biological and enforcement staff. The program is aimed at reducing wolf densities in three well-defined areas, to eliminate deprivation of livestock and to allow for some recovery of our moose and caribou populations in harvested areas. The program will also allow for a study of predator prey relationships and how wolves and moose interact in their environment. The program will be carried out for a three-year period in conjunction with a monitoring program which will continue until 1989.

This program will allow the department to evaluate the effectiveness of strategies applied and provide baseline data, from which a long-term predator management program will be developed, such as determining appropriate moose-wolf ratios.

Two areas in which the study will take place are located in the southern Yukon while the third encompasses the home range of the Finlayson caribou herd in east central Yukon. The program will be conducted differently in each area, based on the objectives established for those areas.

Wolf control activity will begin immediately in the area west and north of Whitehorse to reduce the threat of wolf predation on agricultural stock. We will be licensing aircraft operations for aerial hunting and my department will also be conducting a controlled and monitored poisoning program. We will also be encouraging trappers to harvest wolves in targetted areas with the hope that we will be able to substantially reduce wolf populations in this area and keep it at this reduced level for the next three years.

Similar control measures will be carried out in one other wolf control area in southern Yukon. Here, however, our aim is to reduce wolf densities over the next three years until the moose-wolf ratio is about 60 to one.

67 At the same time, the department will be studying predator-prey relationships through collaring efforts and a review of other factors, such as snowfall in forage areas.

In addition to these studies, we will be carrying out a wolf reduction program in the Finlayson lake area through an area hunting program over the next three years. Here, our goal is to remove about 30 wolves per year in order to allow caribou populations to recover from recent declines in the Finlayson herd. As I mentioned earlier, the program will be co-ordinated by a three-member wolf management group, which will work closely with conservation officers and biologists. Consultations will also continue with experts from Alaska, British Columbia and Alberta who have conducted similar programs in their respective jurisdictions.

Isolated incidents of predation near communities will be continued to be dealt with on an individual basis by our conservation officers. I would like to encourage all Yukoners to report any wolf incidents, or sightings, to their local conservation officer. We need the co-operation of all Yukoners to address this problem.

In implementing these wolf control measures, the Yukon is beginning in an area of predator control which has been carried out successfully in other parts of Canada and the United States and, in

fact, has become an integral part of some wildlife management programs.

I feel that these measures will address a serious and complex problem and we will be better able to manage all of our wildlife population as a result of it. Thank you.

Mr. Kimmerly: This is, indeed, a serious and complex problem and there, indeed, is a situation which can realistically be called a crisis, especially in the outskirts of Whitehorse.

The population in some of the suburban areas is obviously frightened and there is cause for some concern. We recognize that something must be done; we fully recognize that. However, the problem is extremely complex and it is a combination of an immediate crisis situation and a point in a much more long-term situation.

68 This issue, in recent days, is widely discussed in the media and by individuals, generally.

Previously, the minister spoke about a one-time only poison program. This is our first indication that the poison program is to be for a three-year period. We oppose that. The poisoning programs, which, indeed, have been tried in other areas of the country and in other countries, are generally thought now to be inappropriate. It is my information that in Alaska it was abandoned in excess of 15 years ago.

I was provided with additional information from the government, approximately 15 minutes ago, and, in the additional information package, it claims that the effect of the poison on other species will be limited; that is the government's own information. That is not good enough. The effect on water supplies, on other species and possibly on people is to great a risk to run.

We are clearly in support of drastic measures to deal with the crisis. Aerial hunting has proven to be effective and humane in other areas. Also, the bounty system involves Yukoners to a greater extent than is contemplated in the minister's program.

We support the continued study. It is a very serious problem and the only real solutions are going to be long-term solutions; they are going to deal with a management of a complex ecological system.

The fact that the government is dealing politically with this biological issue is welcomed; however, we do not support the specific measures contemplated and, specifically, the long-term poisoning program. The three-year poisoning program is excessive.

69 **Hon. Mr. Tracey:** I would like to state at the outset that I am glad the opposition supports some type of program to control the Moose. As I have said in this House on more than one occasion, poison will be used as a last resort. I have not deviated from that. We have reached a situation here in the Yukon Territory right now where poison is really the only resort that we do have, especially in the short term.

Now he says that we are embarking on a three-year program. I would like to say to the member that, if we can reduce the wolf population to the level that we want to achieve before the end of the three-year program, or if we can do it this winter, poison will no longer be used. Poison is only going to be used as a means of absolute control that we need to start with. We do not have the money or the manpower to be able to do the job necessary in the time frame that we are working within. So, poison, especially around the communities, and around Whitehorse, is considered a necessity, and is considered so by my branch, and the recommendations have been made to me and that is why we are doing it. It is something that I do not want to do and it is not something that my department would like to do. It is something we consider necessary.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further statements by ministers? This then brings us into question period.

QUESTION PERIOD

Question re: Land: A Yukon Resource

Mr. Penikett: I have a question for the government leader. In the policy document, "Land: A Yukon Resource", released by the government in April of this year, there is a statement that the transfer of land from federal to territorial jurisdiction will occur as land use plans are adopted. My question to the government leader is: has an agricultural land use plan been adopted by this

government?

Hon. Mr. Pearson: No.

Mr. Penikett: The Minister of Agriculture has previously told us that individual farmers will select their own piece of land and the agricultural council will collect their applications and that the territory will request a block land transfer. I would like to ask the government leader how is a farmer expected to know where to look for unclaimed land in the absence of a land use plan and a land claim settlement?

Hon. Mr. Pearson: There have been two areas of the territory, specifically north and south of Whitehorse, that have, in fact, been planned.

Mr. Penikett: I wonder if the government leader in answering my next question elaborate a little on his answer, and I will ask the question very specifically. It is a chicken and egg question. In respect to agricultural land, which comes first, the land use plan or land selection?

Hon. Mr. Pearson: I would respectfully suggest that land selection will come first.

Question re: Yukon Hydro

Mr. Byblow: I have a question on the subject of Yukon Hydro and, as it relates to land use, I would like to direct it to the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs.

Plans by Yukon Hydro show that part of the construction of the McIntyre 3 project will be located on Yukon territorial government lands. I would like to ask the minister: has this government stated its support in principle of the land use proposal by Yukon Hydro?

Hon. Mr. Lang: I think it is fairly evident that we do support Yukon Hydro's application. If territorial land is going to have to be utilized, then we will make those necessary accommodations.

Mr. Byblow: Further to that, to the same minister: the plans of Yukon Hydro show that part of the construction and equipment that will be installed requires use of land owned by the City of Whitehorse. I would ask the minister if this government will be supporting Yukon Hydro in its negotiations with the City of Whitehorse for the purchase of that land?

Hon. Mr. Lang: If we are needed in those types of negotiations I am sure we would be prepared to come forward and help all parties to come to some agreement.

Mr. Byblow: Part of the projects of the McIntyre 3 require construction, as well, through Qwanlin Dun Indian Band land. Has this government received any indication from the band as to how they view the proposed land use scheme of the project?

Hon. Mr. Lang: It is my understanding that there was some discussion with the band at the outset, prior to the application going forward. I do not know what type of agreement was arrived at between the two parties, but my understanding is that all parties are looking positively towards getting this small project under way so that we can get off oil, as opposed to the present situation we are facing. I am sure the member opposite would more than agree with that position.

Question re: North coast board appointees

Mr. Kimmerly: Another question about land, that I would like to direct to the government leader, about the north coast and North Slope: the YTG's position paper advocates one member of the board from Old Crow; the CYI's position paper advocates equal number of government and Old Crow appointees. My question is, in preparing the government's position, what consultation occurred with the chief and band council in Old Crow?

Hon. Mr. Pearson: In putting our paper together, we had the advice of the elected MLA for Old Crow. We also were in Old Crow and spoke to the whole village about our proposal, in respect to land use planning and the model that we thought should be put in place for the north Yukon.

Mr. Kimmerly: A clarification question, please. Is the government leader stating that, at the public meeting in Old Crow, the Old Crow people were in favour of only one member on the board?

Hon. Mr. Pearson: I do not know that they were ever asked whether they were in favour or opposed to one, two or five members on the board.

Mr. Kimmerly: After reflecting on the difference, is the YTG's position changed in any way since the tabling of the paper?

Hon. Mr. Pearson: That is our position at the present time and we have tabled that. We are open to discussion with anybody on that issue.

Question re: Property rights

Mrs. Joe: I have a question for the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs and that is in the motion on property rights, passed by the government side: will this government now terminate all property expropriation actions which fall under YTG's control in Yukon?

Hon. Mr. Lang: To my knowledge there are no expropriation actions contemplated. Further, for the member's information, it should be pointed out that I do not believe that there has been any expropriation taking place since the late 60s or early 70s. It is our government's feeling that you can generally work out a negotiated agreement where two parties agree that certain actions should take place. I think the member should, perhaps, read the motion that she voted against yesterday because it referred to natural justice as well.

Mrs. Joe: A constituent is fighting the expropriation of an escarpment area home, as he does not believe that he will be adequately compensated. Will this government now end the move to expropriate this person's home so that he may continue to enjoy his property?

Hon. Mr. Lang: A negotiated offer was made between the municipality of Whitehorse and the Government of Yukon Territory, in concert with the Government of Canada, approximately nine years ago. If they wish to take up on that offer, that is fine. If they choose to continue to live there that is their prerogative as well.

Question re: Land use planning committees

Mr. McDonald: I have a question to the same minister or to the government leader. The government pamphlet *Land: A Yukon Resource* states that a land use planning board initially determines the size of planning districts and the terms of reference for both Yukon land use planning committees. Could the minister or government leader explain the relationship between these land use planning committees and the agricultural development council, and their corresponding responsibilities?

Hon. Mr. Tracey: The land use planning board will be set up to oversee land use planning in the Yukon Territory if legislation is introduced in that manner. A land use planning committee would be a committee that would do the investigation of the land and make known to the board what should happen with that land. The land use planning committee would deal with all aspects of the land under those type of circumstances and the agricultural development committee would, as its function regarding agricultural land, make known its views to the land use planning committee so that all aspects of land use would be taken into consideration.

Mr. McDonald: I guess then to the Minister of Renewable Resources: *Land: A Yukon Resource*, the same government pamphlet, states that the development of a land use plan involves "an inventory of the quantity and quality of the land and associated resources". Will this inventory be taken before or after individual land selection has been made for agricultural plots?

Hon. Mr. Tracey: The way that land is selected in the Yukon Territory right now for agricultural development is something that has been going on for years and years and I anticipate no change in the near future. Certainly, it would not be this government's position that if we did get into land use planning that we would automatically stop agricultural development from going ahead while the land use plan was being developed. I think that if that is where the member is leading, I can head him off right now because there would be no intent on our side to stop agricultural development.

Mr. McDonald: The same government pamphlet states that the land use planning board will make provision for public participation in the planning processes. When can we expect the government to initiate this public participation?

Hon. Mr. Tracey: The government leader announced in the Throne Speech that we would be introducing land planning

legislation. When that legislation is introduced in the House, I think the member will soon find out when we plan to introduce public participation.

Question re: Agricultural land

Mr. Penikett: I have a question for the government leader in his capacity as Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs. In respect to the territorial quest for a federal transfer of agricultural land in advance of a land claims settlement, the government leader has indicated he is not concerned what the federal reception to the territorial agricultural policy. Is that still his position?

Hon. Mr. Pearson: When I made that statement, I said that we did not seek the federal government's approbation to put into place our agricultural policy; we have advised the federal government of our agricultural policy. It was a requirement of theirs, before any land was transferred, that we have an agricultural policy. They did not tell us what it should be, they asked what it should be, we have told them what we think an agriculture policy should be for this territory.

Mr. Penikett: On November 15, the government leader said something similar. I think he said, exactly, "I do not know whether we are particularly interested in that aspect", in reference to the federal government's response.

I would like to ask him: since federal approval of our agricultural policy is a condition of the transfer, according to the government leader, can he explain his position on this issue, which seems to indicate he does not expect a transfer of agricultural land?

Hon. Mr. Pearson: No, I do not know where the leader of the opposition is getting the impression that the federal government is required to approve our agricultural policy; that is not what they said. They said that we had to have an agricultural policy in place before they would consider transferring land to us. We now have that agricultural policy in place; they know it, and we hope that they are very seriously considering transferring agricultural land to this territory.

Mr. Penikett: I apologize to the government leader, but I was attempting to quote him accurately on that subject.

I would like to ask the government leader: since it is public knowledge in some circles that the territory's agricultural policy is not satisfactory from a federal point of view, is it still the case that he has not heard from the federal government on this — as he said he had not, on November 15?

Hon. Mr. Pearson: I do not know that it is common knowledge. I have not been told that the federal government either approves or disapproves of our agricultural policy.

Question re: Squatter lands

Mr. Byblow: My question is, again, to the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs. In April of 1981, the previous Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs stated that negotiations were being conducted with the City of Whitehorse to rezone certain areas occupied now by squatters. Is the present minister continuing with these negotiations and, if so, can he report any progress?

Hon. Mr. Lang: It is an outstanding question. The Department of Municipal Affairs is putting together a paper on the subject and I intend to be discussing it with the City of Whitehorse in the very near future.

Mr. Byblow: According to previous statements, the rezoning was intended to result in offers of sale made to many who are presently squatting. Given this government's recently expressed concern for the right of people to enjoy property, can the squatters soon expect to have property to enjoy?

Hon. Mr. Lang: If we can work out a necessary arrangement with the City of Whitehorse, I would like to think so.

Mr. Byblow: In many jurisdictions, under British common law, property rights may be derived from occupancy over a certain period of time. Does this government plan to recognize property rights derived from occupancy?

Hon. Mr. Lang: I would not want to comment on the legal advice that the hon. member has been provided with because I am not too sure where he got it and, secondly, I am not too sure how much

it cost him.

Question re: North coast

Mr. Kimmerly: Again, to the government leader about the North Slope. The YTG resource management model contains basic assumptions or major elements. Two of them are to provide for access to the Beaufort Sea with a port and to provide public consultation with respect to development. Is the government leader prepared to follow the policy of public consultation with respect to Stokes Point?

Hon. Mr. Pearson: Surely, the hon. member is not suggesting that we would be advocating a policy that we are not prepared to follow?

Mr. Kimmerly: It is an apparent contradiction. Is the government following a policy of allowing public consultation on the proposal to develop a deep-water port at Stokes Point?

Hon. Mr. Pearson: There is no proposal to develop a deep-water port at Stokes Point yet. We have said, repeatedly, when that proposal is forthcoming — and we, as a government, hope that there will be one forthcoming — then that proposal will have to be subject to all of the hearings and all of the public participation that is required.

Mr. Kimmerly: The paper also talks about traditional land use. Is it the position of the government that the people of Old Crow have aboriginal rights on the North Slope?

Hon. Mr. Pearson: There has been one claim made, so far, in respect to aboriginal rights particularly on the North Slope of Yukon. That was made by COPE. The people of Old Crow have expressed the hope and the desire to consider their right to such a claim as well. We have expressed to the Government of Canada that we think the Old Crow people should be allowed to make their claim known prior to any kind of a decision being made with respect to COPE.

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Question re: Crow Flats

Mrs. Joe: I have a question for the government leader. The North Slope is recognized as a separate land use planning area. Will this government make a commitment to establish Crow Flats as an entirely separate land use planning area?

Hon. Mr. Pearson: As everyone is aware, the Crow Flats is an area of particular interest to the people of Old Crow. I anticipate that certainly if any land is going to be considered seriously for transfer to the Indian people, it will be in fact, Crow Flats.

Mrs. Joe: When considering only the Crow Flats area, is it the YTG's position that this government will demand representation as well as the people of Old Crow?

Hon. Mr. Pearson: I am sorry, I would like the opportunity to read that question in *Hansard*. I am not sure that I followed what the member was asking me.

Mrs. Joe: Presently, the YTG land use policy only guarantees two representatives from the Old Crow band on any land use committees in their area. Is it the policy of this government that any representatives of bodies, other than the Old Crow band, must be represented on land use committees on Crow Flats and if so, will the other representatives outnumber the Old Crow representatives?

Hon. Mr. Pearson: The questions are getting very technical and I will ask for notice in order to answer them.

Question re: Agricultural land

Mr. McDonald: This question is for whichever government spokesman wishes to answer. I believe there are two or three ministers and the government leader feeling these questions on government land. Recently, the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs stated that the individual farmer must identify land suitable for agriculture and present the land proposal to the Agricultural Development Council. Can the minister tell the House what, if any, development costs must be borne by the applicant before his application will be accepted?

Hon. Mr. Lang: I think the member has pretty well answered the question in his preamble. It is up to the member to be responsible to go and look at the area that he or she is interested in, bring it forward: the development council will either approve, reject

or modify the applications subsequent to that, depending on the number of people who are applying. If necessary, we may have to do a preliminary survey, which would be at cost to those people involved. And that is all the cost would be.

Mr. McDonald: I thank the minister for finally getting to his answer. Is it necessary for the individual applicant to provide a description of anticipated operations, land use intentions, and perhaps water use plans, prior to the acceptance of a specific land proposal?

Hon. Mr. Lang: I trust this answer is not too lengthy. Yes.

Mr. McDonald: Recently the minister, the same minister, stated that when a certain number of individuals in a certain area had made application for land, the Government of Yukon would apply for a block land transfer. How many identified acres in a specific area would be necessary for the government to request such a block transfer of land from the federal government?

Hon. Mr. Lang: We might start from an acre and we might even go outside of 1600 acres; it depends on the application.

Question re: Recreation land

Mr. Penikett: I have a question for my second favourite minister, the Minister of Municipal Affairs. The YTG received the block transfer of recreation land from the federal government, which they offered for sale to leaseholders at a reduced price, reportedly 29 percent of the assessed value for one year. Given the depressed state of the Yukon economy and this government's recently stated interest in people enjoying property, will the minister be extending the option to buy at the reduced price for a longer period than the original one-year announcement?

Hon. Mr. Lang: I have had no complaints to date, other than the observation by the member opposite, and I take that for what it is worth.

Mr. Penikett: I will send the minister a bill later. Since the assessed value of the recreation lots is much greater than the land development costs, could I ask the minister how he has reconciled selling these lots at assessed value with his government's stated policy of selling at development cost?

Hon. Mr. Lang: If the member opposite, or one of his researchers, could get the necessary information, he will find the assessed cost that we have put on the value of these lots is actually very close to the development costs, overall, in 1982 dollars and, in some cases, less.

Mr. Penikett: I would be interested in having the minister table his own research on that subject since, as I understand it, there was not much development cost involved by this government and, therefore, a calculation was difficult.

Mr. Speaker: Is that a question or is the hon. member now making a speech?

Mr. Penikett: I was asking if he was prepared to table that information.

Hon. Mr. Lang: The explanation was put forward when the initial policy was put in place. The outstanding bill to the Government of Canada was \$660,000, which, if the member opposite is prepared to pay personally, we could take that off the price. Along with that, there was approximately \$400,000 to \$500,000 worth of road-work and various surveys that had to be done, which were in the calculations, as well. So, I just say to the member opposite that perhaps he should do his research.

Question re: Yukon campgrounds

Mr. Byblow: I have a tourism-related question; however, by virtue of responsibility, I will direct it to the Minister of Renewable Resources. Who owns the land on which some 55 Yukon campgrounds are located?

Hon. Mr. Tracey: The territorial government owns the land that the campgrounds are situated on.

Mr. Byblow: I thank the minister for his answer. My first supplementary is to the minister responsible for Highways. Are the various day-use sites and rest stops on highway right-of-way property, or do they, in some cases, squat on federal Crown land?

Hon. Mr. Lang: If the member refers to the *Highway Act*, and once the highway has transferred to the Government of Canada, the

right-of-way is the responsibility of, and owned by, the Government of Yukon.

Mr. Byblow: The minister is quite correct. However, some of these areas extend beyond the highway right-of-way and that is the matter I was trying to procure. Could I then place my final supplementary to the government leader. In the matter of campgrounds and rest stops, is it the policy of government to clear the title of land before developing these areas?

Hon. Mr. Pearson: That is impossible to do. These campgrounds were all developed on federal land, and it may be that some of the rest stops were also developed on federal land. The campgrounds have just recently been transferred to this government, along with the recreational lots.

Question re: Squatters

Mr. Kimmerly: A question about squatters to the Minister of Highways. The Campbell highway, in part, is on Little Salmon Band land, land set aside for Indian use. Is the minister aware of the claim of the Indian band and what is he doing about it?

Hon. Mr. Lang: I understand that there was some discussion on this matter. It is my understanding that it is questionable whether it is Indian band land to start with.

Mr. Kimmerly: A question to the same minister about the process involved. Is it the policy of the minister, or the government, that the resolution of the problem ought to be through land claims negotiations or a separate negotiation?

Hon. Mr. Pearson: I know that the issue has been raised at land claims and it may well be resolved in that form. I cannot say that we have any policy as to where we think it should be resolved because, on that kind of an issue, we are odd man out. The road was built by the Government of Canada and then turned it over to this government, and the negotiations for compensation for that land, if that is what is going to happen, are a direct negotiation between the band and the Government of Canada.

Mr. Kimmerly: A supplementary to the Minister of Tourism. I am told by the Carmacks Indian Band that there are three burial sites in close proximity to the highway. Is the minister aware of this problem and what is he doing about it?

Hon. Mr. Tracey: I will file that question because I am knowledgeable on it; it is in my constituency. Approximately three years ago the Carmacks Indian Band made a presentation to us as a Cabinet that the Campbell highway intruded on some burial grounds in the Little Salmon area. At that time we made the offer that if they would show us where the burial grounds were we would move the graves, put them in a site alongside the highway, fence them and do whatever was necessary to protect those graves. To this day we have never received a reply from the Carmacks Indian Band in that regard.

Question re: Land purchase policy

Mr. McDonald: I have a question for the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs. In recent years, and especially in recent months, some persons have been interested in acquiring property in Keno. Will the minister tell the House what government policy and procedure exists to allow for the purchase of unowned lots in this community?

Mr. Speaker: I would ask the hon. minister to be brief as this is one of the types of questions that could require a lengthy reply.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Sometimes it is difficult not to give a lengthy reply, in view of the specific nature of the questions asked. I should point out that an offer was made to the residents of Keno that there were some requirements for further legal surveying to approximately the dollar value of \$45,000. If there were enough people who were prepared to bring forward that amount to do the necessary work we would seriously have a look at it.

Mr. McDonald: In the absence of a completed survey for the community, would the minister consider instituting a leasing procedure for some residents and prospective residents so that they may enjoy security of tenure?

Hon. Mr. Lang: I think I made it perfectly clear that if people are prepared to look at title for the purposes of private ownership we would be prepared to come forward. I do not think that the

suggestion of the member opposite goes toward that principle.

Question re: House business

Mr. Penikett: I wonder if I could ask the government House leader what his intentions are for next week in respect to House business?

Hon. Mr. Lang: The intention for House business for next week will be to deal with the bills that are in the Committee of the Whole. Further there are a number of bills now on the order paper for second reading, and in all likelihood they will be dealt with next week as well. The first priority will be to continue with the budget, and if the members opposite co-operate I am sure we can get into the other aspects of the business.

Mr. Penikett: I am sure that you will get the usual kind of co-operation from the members opposite. I wonder if the government House leader can indicate in what order the bills, other than the main estimates, may be dealt with in committee?

Hon. Mr. Lang: They will, in all likelihood, be dealt with as on the order paper.

Question re: Social assistance

Mr. Kimmerly: A question about land to the minister responsible for social assistance. Due to the depression, many Yukoners who own land are forced for the first time to apply for social assistance. Can the minister explain the government policy regarding social assistance for homeowners? Is it possible?

Hon. Mr. Tracey: I would have to take that question under advisement and bring the answer back; I would not want to mislead the member by speaking off the top of my head at this time.

Mr. Kimmerly: If the minister takes the following question under advisement, I would be very grateful: I am interested in people who own homes who, in order to save fuel costs, take advantage of the federal programs to reinsulate and get off oil...

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I believe the hon. member is now entering into a debate. Could he finally get to his question.

Mr. Kimmerly: Will the minister look into this situation, as well.

Mr. Speaker: There being no further questions, we will proceed to the order paper, under orders of the day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Mr. Speaker: May I have your further pleasure?

Hon. Mr. Lang: I would move, seconded by the Minister of Education, that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and that the House resolve into Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the hon. Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs, seconded by the hon. Minister of Education, that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and that the House resolve into Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Penikett: On a point of order, we had been given to understand that we were dealing with the second reading of the *Landlord and Tenants Act*. Is that no longer the case?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I am now putting the question on a motion and I am afraid that there is no opportunity at this time for any further debate on other issues.

Motion agreed to

Mr. Speaker leaves the Chair

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Mr. Chairman: I will now call Committee of the Whole to order. We will have a break now.

Recess

Mr. Chairman: I will call the Committee of the Whole to order. We will continue on page 206, Department of Tourism, Heritage and Cultural Resources. Is there any further general debate?

Department of Tourism, Heritage and Cultural Resources — continued

Mrs. Joe: I just have a comment on something that the minister had said last night. I was going to respond to it before recess and I had forgotten what it was until I read *Hansard*. It was in regards to conversations that the minister had had with Harry Allen regarding American and Canadian Indians getting involved with tourism. What I meant to say last night, and to make the minister aware of, is the fact that basically, Indian people do not consider those boundaries. In land claims, you might be able to pursue that kind of thing, but when it comes to Indian culture, there are a lot of family ties that go right across the border — for instance, Beaver Creek and Northway and Haines, and such — so I do not think that is something that the government should be discouraging as you mentioned last night, because it is a very important part of their culture — whether they are in the States or in Canada — but I would consider that when you talk about trying to discourage the uniqueness of the Yukon Indian, because I do not think that they are unique. There are these family ties that have to be considered.

Hon. Mrs. Firth: I was not aware that I had used the word "discourage", but I could have. And certainly when I spoke to Harry Allen about this he did indicate the points to me that the member is bringing up. However, he did seem particularly interested that we were interested in marketing the Yukon native, so to speak, and I had not indicated to Mr. Allen that we were going to make that big a differentiation between the American Indian and the Yukon Indian. However, he did not seem displeased with the suggestion, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Byblow: I think perhaps the minister is prepared to respond to my closing remarks last night on long-term planning and territory-wide development strategy, in relation to the initiatives she is advancing in the development of the tourism sub-agreement with the federal government now.

Hon. Mrs. Firth: Yes, I am prepared to respond to that. The member from Faro made various comments in the debate last evening on tourism, indicating a preference, if not a need, for a balance between planning and developing and marketing. That philosophy is supported by the administrative staff and my recommendation is for support at the political level.

However, the planning and development branch was not established until around 1980. It is only two years old and it recognizes this government's commitment to strengthen development in the territory. It was not until the Canada-Yukon Tourism Agreement, CYTA, with the infusion of meaningful funding, that development could take off at a much faster pace than in the past. Nonetheless, the planning approach and physical development has made some major achievements.

The department has undertaken and completed the following: the 1978 Tourism Strategy Report; the 1976-77 Highway Lodge Study; 1976 Highway Sign Study; 1975 and 1978 Visitor Exit Surveys, which were argued by a 1982 Visitor Exit Survey; and the Annual Industry Highlights Report, which has been done for the past 11 years.

The department further recognizes that planning and the development of strategies, et cetera, is an ever-increasing and ongoing role which will continue; nevertheless, we have managed to maintain a competitive edge with the provinces when it comes to developing data bases and planning. The component will be further emphasized in the proposed future tourism agreement, where planning exercises will be undertaken on a broad scale, with respect to Heritage, Culture and Wilderness, not to mention further destination studies.

The input by the industry representatives at the tourism conference in this regard will be included in the proposed new agreement. In fact, many of the elements resulting from that conference in both marketing and development are being included in the new agreement.

Planning and research elements within the current CYTA have resulted successfully on the following: the Dawson Tourism Plan, draft stage; Kluane Region Tourism Plan, draft stage; various data base projects, such as visitor reception centre statistics and the development of information for a joint tourism resource inventory

in co-operation with the Canada Government Office of Tourism; the 1982 Coupon Conversion Study; the 1982 Visitor Exit Survey; preparation of a Watson Lake and region tourism plan and a Carcross-Southern lakes region tourism plan, which we hope to be starting shortly; and an overseas marketing strategy, emphasizing Japan and the Pacific rim, and I just want to caution the member that this is far into the future, I believe.

The member also had some comments about a destination point concept and I just want to indicate to the member that I think it will be a very long time before Yukon is actually considered a destination point. The closest that we come to it, I believe, is in Dawson City, where the tourists come to the heart of the Klondike, to the city where the Klondike Gold Rush happened. However, when tourists do come to Yukon, it is usually because they are en route to Alaska or coming from Alaska — the big bus tours and the highway travel.

There are some people, however, who do come to Yukon specifically for Yukon and I suppose you could consider that as a destination point: people seeking wilderness adventure, for example, the mountain climbers who go into Kluane National Park or the big game hunters who come specifically to Yukon to hunt big game.

²² I think we have concentrated our efforts on that marketing aspect because it has been there longer and because we are concentrating on those large volumes of visitors coming to the territory and there are still the people coming on the bus tours and in the highway traffic.

Mr. Byblow: I think we quite thoroughly discussed the marketing end and I do not really want to pursue that at this point. I do want to pursue, a little further, this development aspect the minister is talking about. I can appreciate that the planning component has not really been structured within her department, until a couple of years ago, in any formal sense.

I introduced, last night, the suggestion of encompassing a planning structure similar to what has been done in the marketing end. That is, a very close co-operation between industry and government for maximum utilization of the dollars available. When I am talking development, I appreciate what the minister is telling me respecting regional planning and studies and surveys, but I want to talk about something a little more hard core — the upgrading and improving of our facilities. I am talking about campgrounds and policy advanced by other departments whose responsibilities overlap into tourism aspects of improved services.

I believe we mentioned, either at the conference or perhaps last night, the possibility of setting up a kind of fund that would be exclusively for revolving through the industry for this type of upgrading, whether it be loan or grant — that is a kind of refinement that I do not want to get into now. To boil down what I am saying to two things, I would like to hear further from the minister on:

1) is she going to consider a close co-operation with industry in the development initiatives of the tourism available dollars, as per the agreement that is being planned; and

2) what kind of card core planning and actual practical development is the department planning to undertake beyond the study, beyond the survey, beyond the regional look at things?

I guess, in that context, perhaps the minister could respond to a point I raised earlier with respect to a total territorial look at tourism. I say that, perhaps, with some personal empathy because, for years, I have raised with previous ministers and the department the historical value of other areas of Yukon that could be, and ought to be, developed. I am referring specifically to the Campbell corridor, which can be utilized and which, to some degree, has been built into some of the marketing and some of the work that has taken place in the last couple of years. I would remind the minister that the earliest white history of Yukon began in the Campbell region.

²³ Perhaps I would just leave it there on those two main aspects.

Hon. Mrs. Firth: I find it quite surprising that the member has developed such a big interest in tourism all of a sudden because he certainly has not displayed to me that he has had any suggestions and certainly has not asked me in question period any questions

about tourism, although the House has been sitting for some four weeks. However that is just a comment I wish to make.

I would like to reassure the member from Faro that this close relationship he is talking about with private industry in the development and planning portion of tourism exists. Private industry is being consulted all the time. We will not develop anything unless we have the input and the support of private industry because the government will not develop the attractions in the territory. It is the private sector that will develop them, perhaps with government funding and some financial assistance.

The Canada-Yukon tourism agreement is for that assistance. I do not know if the member knows how one applies to the government for a grant or for funding, but they can apply, as in the past, if they have some feasible tourism attraction.

We have done some exploration in the Campbell corridor and, as I mentioned to the member, also in Carcross, Kluane and Dawson. I think it is coming to the time that we will be exploring the whole of the Yukon Territory. We have a theme for the Yukon — the "heart of gold" theme. I want to say to the member that we are making advances and we are going at a good pace. I would like to caution him; I would hate to see us move a bit too quickly, perhaps without the knowledge and without the financial funding.

Mr. Byblow: I can appreciate what the minister is saying and I appreciate the assurances she gives that she will be working closely with industry. I was simply trying to pin down whether a development group may be an eventual commitment as in the marketing group.

In response to the minister's sudden revelation that I have an interest in tourism, I would only comment that interest has existed over the years as the former minister, much to his chagrin, would rather forget. And certainly, the minister did hear some of my thoughts at the recent conference. I think in matters of tourism which are largely conceptual it is far better to debate in a discussion method than specific questions. However, if the minister is really disappointed that she has not been having questions, I can assure her that Monday and Tuesday and Wednesday and Thursday of next week, we shall address the matter.

The minister indicated that assistance may be forthcoming to industry to develop, upgrade, renovate, improve facilities, develop new ones, and so on, in the new tourism agreement.

²⁴ I would like to point out that one of the, in some circles, discouraging features of the last agreement was that it was fairly restrictive to areas, to specific purposes. It was not available to all Yukoners, to all tourism operators, so that is what I was pursuing with the minister, in terms of what initiatives she is putting forth in the development of this new agreement.

She raised the matter of thematic development of the territory and I would like to hear, again, two answers:

1) a response on whether the tourism agreement is going to provide assistance to the entire territory; and

2) to what extent is the development strategy report of 1978 a policy of pursuit of this government?

Hon. Mrs. Firth: On the past CYTA agreement, I believe the member's comment was that it was too restrictive in funding? That may possibly be, however, we do have to negotiate with the federal government; they are the ones who are providing these funds to the Yukon.

I can only indicate that I have made requests for a little more flexibility and this is something we have to negotiate with the federal Minister of Tourism and his department officials, as to how much flexibility they are willing to give us in making the final decisions and assigning the funds and what projects will be funded and supported.

As far as the overall territory being eligible, I cannot make a comment on that, because I am not quite sure of the facts or of the negotiations in the new agreement regarding that matter.

On the Strategy Report of 1978, I am not exactly sure at what stage it is right now and, if the member wishes, I can come back to him with that.

Mr. Penikett: I have a couple of very quick and easy questions for the minister. I wonder if I could just ask the minister if she could comment on a couple of items which I noticed in the media.

By way of a comment, what I was hoping was that they might indicate something of her policy and plans for the coming year, in terms of the tourism business.

I note a story in the *Globe and Mail*, of August 28th of this year, the headline of which is "Alaska Runs Slack, Hurts Cruise Lines". The story just briefly says "Cruise ship lines are bolstering advertising outlays, offering end of season discounts and promising to battle harder for business in 1983 in an attempt to overcome market coolness to the Alaska run. For the first time in more than a decade, lines have had to struggle hard to fill their ships sailing out of Vancouver or San Francisco on seven to 12-day cruises to Alaska. The forecast is that customers will be even tougher to attract next year."

Then I jump ahead to this comment, "West Tours chairman, Jack Meusial, said that his company has been heavily discounting fares on selected sailings. Round trip prices are being lowered by as much as \$500. The market is soft and the people who do book wait until the last minute", he said. It then goes on to say, "West Tours is spending \$1,500,000 U.S. on advertising this year, up 50 percent from 1981..."

I just would ask the minister if she might have a comment on that situation and indicate how her department is responding to those projections?

Hon. Mrs. Firth: I do not have any comment on a report given in the *Globe and Mail*. I was not aware of that particular article. This may have been brought to the attention of the Yukon Visitors Association, or of my department, but I have heard no other negative comments other than that the tours were fully booked and they were not having any trouble booking their ship.

Mr. Penikett: I wish the minister would undertake to look at that letter a little more carefully, because there is not just one operator quoted but I also notice a story in which P & O Princess Cruises, which operates three registered British vessels offering a total of 1,312 berths, reports that the season, that is this year, has "been good but not great with up to ten percent of the berths going unfiled this year, and there are similar concerns about next year"

Rather than have the minister respond briefly to that, could I ask her another policy question. I notice that there were quite a few meetings in Faro this year and there was a community meeting back there, with the story reported in October 18 in the *Whitehorse Star*, and delegates of this meeting approved a resolution calling for a section to be written in the new *Municipal Act* which would allow communities to charge up to five percent on top of the hotel regular charge; in other words, a municipal room tax. I wonder if the minister's department, without regard to the fiscal question, has taken a clear policy position on this proposal.

Hon. Mrs. Firth: No, we have not.

Mr. Kimmerly: I am aware that the federal government employs a person, the job title being Yukon Archaeologist, a man who lives in Ottawa and spends his time there, although he indicated that he is about to spend a fair deal of time in the Yukon in the summer familiarizing himself with the area. Is the minister's department taking any initiatives to transfer the job to Yukon?

Hon. Mrs. Firth: I am not sure what the member is asking because we have our own territorial archivist. I am not aware of any Ottawa position.

Mr. Kimmerly: The question is about a Yukon archaeologist.

Hon. Mrs. Firth: No, I am not aware of this position. I may have been told and it is just escaping me at the moment. I will certainly look into it and come back with the information for the member.

Mr. Kimmerly: I thank the minister for that. I would like to ask a question or two about museum policy. I previously spoke about collecting artifacts. The museums in the territory are now private. Is it the policy of the government to support the private museum or to, at one stage, establish a territorial museum or, perhaps, even a federal museum in Yukon?

Hon. Mrs. Firth: We have not made a policy decision in that regard.

Mr. Kimmerly: Is the question of a Yukon museum going to be a question addressed in the green paper?

Hon. Mrs. Firth: We are looking at the concept of a Yukon

museum. However, I indicated to the members yesterday that I have not read the policy paper for heritage and I could not tell him if that is included in it or not.

Mr. Kimmerly: A question about the policy paper and about the process. I realize the policy paper is going to be made public very soon and I do not want to ask questions about the content of the paper. Simply, about the process to be followed after the tabling of the paper, is there a decision yet as to the process by which public input will be collected and assessed? Is there going to be a public participation forum, in a formal sense, and is the minister contemplating a select committee of the legislature to go through the policy paper and perhaps get public input in an organized way?

Hon. Mrs. Firth: I have not made any firm decisions as to how we will be dealing with the policy paper right at the present.

Mr. Kimmerly: I will comment that it is my preference that after the tabling of the paper, and the publicity that it will undoubtedly get, that a committee of the legislature be struck in order to report to the House on the policy paper with a deadline so that the resulting legislation will come forward within a reasonable time.

A simple question about the minister's statement of marketing the Yukon Indian. The Yukon Indian people are a group of several distinct racial groups and language groups. In what way is this fact being addressed in the initial planning about marketing, in a tourism sense, the Indian people of the Yukon?

Hon. Mrs. Firth: I want to mention that I appreciate the member's comments about how the policy papers should be handled and I will take those comments under advisement. In regard to his latter question about the marketing of the Yukon Indian people, we have not made any plans or drawn up any proposals yet. This was an initial meeting with the CYI and Mr. Harry Allen to see if there was an interest on their part, and there was. I really have nothing to say about that other than they seemed very pleased that we were interested in them. It seemed that they wanted to work in co-operation with us and certainly we would not do anything without their direction.

Mr. Byblow: I gave the minister notice of a couple of specific areas I wanted to touch on before we left general debate. I wonder if the minister could, on a specific matter, report to the House the current status respecting the conflict surrounding the intended closure of Diamond Tooth Gertie's and the problem surrounding the liquor licensing of another facility. I do not completely understand what is taking place that is forcing this requirement. Could the minister report on what is happening with the Diamond Tooth Gertie's facility?

Hon. Mrs. Firth: Diamond Tooth Gertie's in Dawson City applied to the CYTA program for a grant for renovations. They found that their facility was falling apart, so to speak. The washrooms needed extensive work done. They were given quite a large grant — \$300,000, to be exact — to renovate and modernize some of their facilities. However, keeping in tune with that Klondike theme it is an old building that we are renovating and preserving and it will be used. Because Diamond Tooth Gertie's is the only facility in Dawson City that serves as a community centre with adequate facilities to house a large function such as a Christmas dance that would probably be required to house 300 or more people, and as it was closed this winter, there was a request made for an alternative area for a liquor licence.

Mr. Byblow: I appreciate that information. It is closing for renovations for this winter and that poses a problem to the community? On the subject of gambling, in 1977 the Economic Research and Planning Unit (ERPU) commissioned a study and did a report on gambling in Yukon: an impact study. It came up with a number of conclusions or suggestions of various routes the territory could go in the area of gambling.

I would like to hear if the department has done any further work in exploring this aspect in the territory. The report cites the possibilities of several gambling halls throughout the Yukon. It suggests a year-round facility in Whitehorse. It suggests maintaining only the existing operation in Dawson. I am curious if the department has any intended initiative in this area?

Hon. Mrs. Firth: I am sure the department is familiar with the report, however, I am not. They are looking at this. The whole

aspect of gambling really does not come under the responsibility of the Minister of Tourism. It is the responsibility of the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. We have had discussions, the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs and I, regarding gambling, and we have not made any decisions regarding facilities in Whitehorse or that gambling facilities be set up in any other communities in the territory.

Mr. Byblow: Has industry made any specific approach or recommendation to government on this matter?

Hon. Mrs. Firth: Not right at the moment they have not; not to Tourism, but maybe to Consumer and Corporate Affairs.

Mr. Byblow: Would the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs care to respond to the matter of any approach to his branch in the area of gambling, as it relates to tourism.

Hon. Mrs. Firth: With all due respect, and I am just new, I believe that should have been discussed under Consumer and Corporate Affairs, as it is really not dealing with tourism. Maybe the Clerk could assist us.

Mr. Chairman: When we go through the supplementary information for the last time, I believe that the minister responsible could answer the question at that point.

Mr. Byblow: It will leave it to there or, perhaps, to Monday's question period. To move to another specific concern, I want to hear from the minister some response in the area of the developing sign policy. I want to tell the minister a little story about which I am not too happy regarding an involvement of this government. Perhaps she could respond on that subject as well.

Hon. Mrs. Firth: As long as it does not make me cry.

Mr. Byblow: For the past several years, the Department of Tourism has been telling us that it is developing a sign policy. Part of the sign policy entailed the construction of those infamous eruptions known as kiosks, which are a type of little sign display at the entrance to communities, or wherever. In fact, on a brochure printed by the government, there was an actual drawing of a kiosk and heading up the top of that kiosk was "Faro". Lord knows that we could not locate it anywhere in the vicinity of Faro, but that is getting away from my story. This last year the Chamber of Commerce in that community, in recognition of the economic situation facing the community, began an advance to develop tourism.

²⁹ It chose to proceed with the construction of a so-called kiosk that we had been waiting for four years for. Of course, they went through all the channels to procure all the designs and drawings from the appropriate department. They acquired the lumber and they purchased the materials, laid the concrete for the base and actually erected it. And it became the first kiosk in the territory, with a grand opening shortly after the election.

Now, the disappointing aspect about that is that the whole sign policy has been something that we have been waiting for, it has been something that is in some process of development for some years now. I know the YVA has a resolution on the books regarding it. The minister has indicated in the past two or three weeks that there was some policy coming forth. Perhaps I could hear some response on the problems associated with this that would perhaps explain why it has not come about and perhaps the minister might want to respond, as she talks about the sign policy, about the kiosks.

Hon. Mrs. Firth: On the kiosk in Faro, I will admit there may have been some difficulties with it. However, if the member opposite would bear with me, I have been Minister of Tourism for five months. I am not making an excuse, but the kiosk in Faro was before my time. I think I have been indicating to the member for Faro that I have been working extremely hard. I have indicated to this House that there will be a sign policy coming forward. That policy will be going to Cabinet this week and will be presented in the Legislative Assembly, maybe in the form of a ministerial statement. I have not yet decided.

The kiosk I am sure the member is aware of, is a small or a big sign, that is an information sign that can benefit the whole community. I think that they are a good idea. The private sector thinks that it is a good idea, and I am sure that Faro is very happy now that they have their kiosk.

Mr. Byblow: Can the minister at all enlighten us as to how soon and what we can expect in the sign policy? I realize she said she still has to have it cleared by Cabinet, but is the whole subject being addressed where communities will be entitled, without the bureaucratic red tape that exists under present regulations, to put up signs? Is there going to be a consistent sign policy? Could we have a little more information as to the commitments that her department is making?

³⁰ **Hon. Mrs. Firth:** We are looking at allowing private individuals to put signs up; I do not wish to say anymore than that. It would be foolhardy of me to think that all of my Cabinet colleagues would think this is a tremendous idea and I would, in fact, make some commitment in Committee of the Whole and have to go back to Cabinet after the fact and try to get a consensus for that commitment. So, what I am prepared to say right now is that we are looking at perhaps allowing private businesses and private individuals to put signs up to advertise their business.

Mr. Byblow: Just to put the matter to rest: can the minister give this side the assurance that the sign policy will be in place before the next May tourist season?

Hon. Mrs. Firth: We do have a sign policy in place and I think I have indicated to the member that, in this session of the Legislative Assembly, I will be coming forward with a policy; I do not know what more I can tell him.

Mr. Byblow: I am just attempting to procure commitments. To move to another question I believe I gave the minister some notice on, I had some concern raised to me surrounding funding for improvements to the Carcross Hotel. Was the minister able to research that and is she able to tell me that that problem is adequately addressed?

Hon. Mrs. Firth: The member opposite would like me to show my hand first. The funds are available for the Carcross Hotel for the painting. The member has not been specific as to what he wants to know. The funding is available.

Mr. Byblow: This goes back to some of the restrictive aspects of the former sub-agreement and, unfortunately, I did not bring my files with me, but, as I recollect, the available funding would only apply to the improvements of the exterior facade, to surface exterior improvements. The problem with the facility, as an historic site and as a practical, useful establishment, was with the foundation, and the operator could not afford to do one and would be foolish to go ahead with the other without doing the first one; that was a problem. I was wondering if the minister could advise me whether her department has resolved that matter, because I was involved in this a couple of months ago.

Hon. Mrs. Firth: This situation I am aware of. The Carcross Hotel does need some foundation work; however, under the grant that the Carcross Hotel received, foundation work was not covered. It was a facade program grant for a face-lift and the grant was, approximately, \$10,000.

The owner of the Carcross Hotel has decided to come back to us with his proposal and with his submission for the grant and, as yet, we have not heard from him.

³¹ However we do have a member for Hootalinqua who I am sure is aware of the situation and will come to the minister to get his constituents some assistance.

Mr. Byblow: I would like to think so, too. There was one other topic I again gave notice to the minister about. It emanates from some debate brought forth during the conference, and that was the use of wild game in restaurants. I am wondering if her branch has either developed a policy on this or is intending any initiative, or is just going to leave the matter under its present status?

Hon. Mrs. Firth: We have not developed a policy in Tourism because, if I am not mistaken, it is going to involve more than Tourism making a decision. I am sure it will involve some other government departments. We do not have a policy at present. We are certainly exploring the idea of wild game dinners. We are aware of the suggestion and the recommendation made at the tourism conference. It is one of the things we are certainly investigating.

Mr. Kimmerly: If I could enter the debate about wild game, I would like to put a comment or two on the record. I would like to state that I am not at this time advocating a position, but I do think

several factors ought to be looked at very seriously, which previously were not looked at. The present policy against allowing the sale of wild game, I believe, was developed in order to protect the wildlife, or to reduce the pressure on wildlife. However, we do allow foreign hunters to come in and take a trophy. Admittedly, they pay a substantial price for that. There is no logical difference between allowing that and allowing tourists to eat the meat. There is no logical inconsistency there. I think an argument ought to be made, or the factor ought to be looked at, that the economics of big game outfitting, which are extremely important in the territory, serve to put an economic value on wildlife. We all know that Dahl sheep, for example, are extremely valuable. They are valuable because of their scarcity in the world and their uniqueness. They are also, economically, extremely valuable to the tourist industry and the outfitting industry.

¹² If, for example, Indian people were allowed to develop an Indian restaurant serving, for example, caribou, it would create an additional economic argument to maintain the caribou. It would serve to put an economic value on meat and the preservation of the meat. Those factors, I believe, ought to be very carefully studied. There are obviously implications for Agriculture, Wildlife and Tourism. In my view the question ought to be seriously reconsidered in light of all of those factors.

Hon. Mrs. Firth: I appreciate the member opposite's comments.

Mr. Byblow: Just one last item, and then we will permit the votes to proceed. It is on the subject of campgrounds, and I do not want to talk about who owns the land; rather, I just want to ask the minister if the policy respecting the privatization of campgrounds has been refined to any extent and what we can anticipate for next spring? As the minister will recall, we had some discussion in question period on this, perhaps with another minister, as having fallen under Renewable Resources. Because it is a very relevant facility to Tourism, the issue of campgrounds, to a large extent, ought to be in the bailiwick of Tourism. Can the minister indicate whether the policy to privatize any of the campgrounds will be proceeded with before the next tourism year. At the same time, there is a second part to the issue and that is the whole business of collecting fees. It seems to me that one of the problems facing Renewable Resources is the collection of fees. I believe the YVA has suggested to government a method of collection whereby the persons who would be doing the collecting could receive, as part of the remuneration, some of the fee. Perhaps I could just have a little discussion on this.

Hon. Mrs. Firth: It would really be quite presumptuous of me to answer on behalf of another minister, since campgrounds is not the responsibility of the Minister of Tourism and, therefore, I would like to refrain from making any comments about them.

¹³ **Mr. Kimmerly:** If I may make a, perhaps inflammatory, comment, I look forward to the reorganization of the campground responsibility and the placing of campgrounds under Tourism.

Hon. Mrs. Firth: It is probably going to be very inflammatory and very invisible. I have no indication that such a reorganization is going to occur.

Mr. Byblow: This is a very serious question. Could I put it this way to the minister: why did not Tourism, in this last summer's reorganization of departments, accept a responsibility for campgrounds?

Hon. Mrs. Firth: As Minister of Tourism, I did not have a say in what I wanted to accept responsibility for. Really, this is a question that should be directed to the appropriate minister. If the members opposite are not happy with the designation of campgrounds within the present government, this is an open government. We are open to suggestions, they can come and visit us, knock on our doors, write us a letter and make those suggestions. They can make any suggestions regarding the reorganization of the government and the government leader will be very pleased to read them.

Mr. Byblow: I shall not pursue this much further, but I certainly will invite the government leader to respond to the question if he likes. And if, Mr. Chairman, it is out of order, then I will find some place in the vote to do so.

Hon. Mrs. Firth: I would really like to make a comment.

Really, this side of the House has had no indication that the opposition has this extreme interest about tourism. I was very happy to see that they are so interested in tourism, but I hope that we can soon proceed to the vote in order that they do not embarrass themselves anymore with their lack of knowledge about tourism in the territory.

Mr. Byblow: When the minister began speaking, I was going to give the minister a compliment and say to the minister that it is only because of her responsiveness that we have been able to discuss this topic at the length that we are able to, because we were unable to solicit information from previous ministers. However, because of the minister's lack of information on certain topics, we will not press for a general debate any further and we will get to the votes.

On Administration

Mr. Byblow: I had anticipated some introductory comments on administration from the minister. I guess what I would like to then ask is: what combination of administrative staff took place in the realignment from Economic Development and Tourism, when Tourism went off on its own? I recall, during debates on Economic Development, that five staff remained with Economic Development; we have five in administration here. Could I have an indication of what that consists of, as compared to the previous branch of the department?

Hon. Mrs. Firth: When Tourism left Economic Development, we gained one person-year in Tourism, Heritage and Cultural Resources and, if the member for Faro will bear with me as we go through the vote, I will indicate to him where there have been other person-year changes, if he wishes. This position was left vacant, but as we get further on in the votes, I can indicate to him where we have combined it with another position.

Mr. Byblow: Because we are talking about a branch that has pulled away and is now a department administering a new sector, could I have, for the first time, who those five people are — not by name but by title?

Hon. Mrs. Firth: I am not sure of the people the member is talking about.

Mr. Byblow: On page 208, where we are discussing the line-item, we are talking of five person-years in administration of this entire department. I want to know who they consist of as administrative people.

Hon. Mrs. Firth: I understand what the member is asking now. These are clerk typists, accountants and program managers, a departmental administrator, and a deputy minister.

Administration, in the amount of \$151,000, agreed to

On Library Services

Hon. Mrs. Firth: The Library Services Branch has 16.5 person-years; 2.5 of which are vacant, and will remain vacant until 1983-84 in order to balance the budget. The amount allocated for O&M, other estimates, is primarily for the procurement of library books and is \$251,000. The major portion of this is for library books, films, video and sound recording.

¹⁵ **Mr. Kimmerly:** I would like a word of explanation about the statistics on page 211. Under new acquisitions there is a figure of 22,000. Is that books, periodicals or dollars?

Hon. Mrs. Firth: I believe that is dollars.

Mr. Kimmerly: I thought so. It is confusing to me that the minister, I believe, stated just now the price of new books was \$251,000. Was that a misunderstanding, or is it, in fact, accurate?

Hon. Mrs. Firth: Actually, that \$251,000 was allocated for O&M other estimates. Primarily it was for the procurement of library books, films, video and sound recordings. That amount comes to \$208,000 for those things I mentioned.

Mr. Kimmerly: Is the amount for new books \$22,000, or some other figure?

Hon. Mrs. Firth: I am not completely sure if it is \$22,000 for new books. I can come back tomorrow with the answer.

Mr. Kimmerly: I would like to make a general comment about library services. Whether the figure is \$22,000, as indicated on

page 211, or indeed approximately ten times that, it is still less than one-third of the budget for library services. I noticed in previous years, the costs of shelving were greater than the costs for books. I was amazed at that. I am concerned, because of those kinds of figures, that there appears to be a priority here something other than the acquisition of books. The buildings and shelves and whatever appear to be far, far more expensive than the collections.

Hon. Mrs. Firth: I really cannot make a comment on library books versus library shelves and their costs. I would like to indicate to the member that part of these costs do include rental of photocopiers to the libraries and program supplies and advertising.

Mr. Kimmerly: The fact remains that if the figure on page 211 is accurate there is approximately three to four percent of the budget being spent on books. If it is another figure, it is only up to 30 percent, or 28, or so. It appears to me to be inconsistent and I would ask the minister to look at that. I will be following the same line of questions next year.

Hon. Mrs. Firth: I would like to indicate to the member also the explanation of changes. The new books for Porter Creek, Grey Mountain and Old Crow schools — particularly the books at Old Crow — were replacement books. That was a very expensive cost.

Mr. Byblow: We are still on general debate, Mr. Chairman, correct?

Mr. Chairman: Yes.

Mr. Byblow: I note that all line-items are down from 1981-82 actual except for school services and administration. Rather than pursue the administration, I want to pursue the school services. Is there a general explanation for the increased expenditure in that line-item compared to the others?

Hon. Mrs. Firth: The salary dollars identified are for one permanent person-year and one contract year. What is the question the member is asking? Why is there such a difference? The reductions in the nine-day fortnight and an increase in the acquisition budget of 40.4 percent was primarily for the new Porter Creek school library.

I would like to clarify something and I think I made an error when I indicated that the Old Crow school books were paid from here. They were in fact paid from the Department of Education replacement fund for the Old Crow school.

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On Technical Services

Technical Services in the amount of \$127,000 agreed to

On Community Services

Community Services in the amount of \$154,000 agreed to

On School Services

School Services in the amount of \$177,000 agreed to

On Audio Visual Services

Audio Visual Services in the amount of \$80,000 agreed to

On Whitehorse Public Library

Mr. Kimmerly: This is a 33 percent reduction from last year. I would ask the minister to explain the savings.

Hon. Mrs. Firth: I guess that saving was realized in the nine-day fortnight and the outside travel. Also, we have a person-year that we have left vacant; that person-year in the Whitehorse Public Library is, in fact, the Whitehorse public librarian. We left the position vacant until the new fiscal year. Also, the .5 casual person-year that was in the Art Gallery, under this Whitehorse Public Library, was transferred to the Heritage Branch.

Mr. Kimmerly: The next question is about space in the library. I enjoy going to the library, the shelves are full, but there is no room for any more shelves or any more books. Is the minister contemplating an expansion of the Whitehorse Public Library.

Hon. Mrs. Firth: No, I have not made any plans to expand the library. For clarification, on page 211, the number "22,000" does not indicate dollars; it includes books, subscriptions and periodicals.

Mr. Kimmerly: In view of the new supplementary information

on page 211, I would ask the minister at a later date to give us the actual figure in dollars for the acquisition of books, and, if it is broken down, I would ask for the Whitehorse Public Library figure for new books. I would make the comment that the Whitehorse Public Library is an extremely well-used library. In the evenings it is frequently full and it is an excellent service, and I say to the minister: if she plans to expand it, I will not object at all.

Hon. Mrs. Firth: I believe I can give the member the costs now: 1981-82 actuals for acquisition in the Whitehorse Public Library, \$45,000. If that figure is not correct, I am reading it incorrectly and I will clarify that tomorrow.

Whitehorse Public Library, in the amount of \$149,000, agreed to

On Administration

Administration, in the amount of \$45,000, agreed to

Library Services in the amount of \$732,000 agreed to

On Yukon Archives

Mr. Kimmerly: The sergeant-at-arms does not get a voice in the assembly, of course, but I would like to express appreciation in advance for the film night about to occur.

I would like to make a comment, as opposed to a series of questions about the archives. In my view, the archives have extremely valuable tourism potential and extremely cultural interest and importance and in years to come, I will look forward to an expansion of this program.

Hon. Mrs. Firth: I might just indicate to the members opposite, because we have received some criticism about Yukon Archives, particularly in the photography department because we do not have a photographic technician, the Yukon Historical Museum Association has applied under the Winter Works Program for four positions and have received approval for three. So, we hope that under the Winter Works Program we will be able to get the services of a photographic technician to look after our producing and copying that we are so far behind in.

Mr. Byblow: What happened to the record service that was part of this branch before?

Hon. Mrs. Firth: That has been transferred to Government Services, I believe.

On Yukon Archives

Yukon Archives, in the amount of \$192,000, agreed to

On Administration

Administration in the amount of \$44,000 agreed to

³⁸ *Yukon Archives in the amount of \$236,000 agreed to*

On Heritage Branch

Hon. Mrs. Firth: Some of the budget highlights: the \$30,000 for grants is for museums throughout the territory. They are distributed based upon an identified need by each museum, not to exceed \$5,000 for salaries. The Heritage Branch has 2.75 person-years with no vacancies. The .75 person-year is identified as the art curator in the art gallery.

On Historic Sites

Mr. Kimmerly: I raised all my concerns in the general debate, but specifically, is anything being planned for the preservation of Forty-mile?

Hon. Mrs. Firth: I cannot be specific about that right now because I do not have that information. The member had asked a question about priorities and I was unsure when I was answering that question; however, my notes indicate to me that the museum activity was introduced as a new element this year to clearly identify the role of the Heritage Branch towards museums. It is a new program that reflects an increase of 227 percent which, I believe, reflects the importance of this branch of the government.

The program was established during 1981-82 with historic sites and we had a person-year transferred from Renewable Resources. The art gallery, which was formerly in the Library Services Branch under the Whitehorse Public Library was also transferred to the Heritage Branch with that casual .75 position, the art curator. It indicates that we are getting them all under the umbrella, so to speak, and getting a more organized service.

Mr. Penikett: A question, which the minister will be bound to take as notice: I have been informed, but cannot confirm, that it is the law of the territory under some ancient ordinance that researchers of a certain type — scientists, archaeologists, et cetera — are required to file, or deposit, the results of their work here in our archival records, a practice which I think is commendable. Is it the case that that law is being enforced or, in fact, a more relevant point, are people doing such work aware of it?

Hon. Mrs. Firth: I am aware that it is the law, but I cannot answer as to whether it is being enforced or if the people are being made aware of that. However, I can find that information for the member.

Mrs. Joe: I have a question for the minister regarding the graveyard in Carcross. I understand it is a Yukon historical site and is protected as such. There has been a bit of controversy from some members of that band regarding that classification. The site should be a historic site because we have some people who are buried there who were responsible for the big gold rush that we had. I thought that I might make the minister aware that there is a bit of controversy there. I am not sure how much consultation there has been with the band. Possibly the minister could talk to some members of that band?

Hon. Mrs. Firth: I would like to thank the member for her comments. I was not aware that there was some controversy.

Mr. Byblow: I have a question that simply seeks information that I do not know. Would this heritage branch have jurisdiction over historical artifacts or sites strictly on federal Crown land? I raise that question because of a constituency matter. I have been advised that two people in my area have located a site of an ancient Hudson Bay post on Finlayson lake which hitherto has been unknown. That is strictly a federal Crown area. They have not told me where it is and they will not tell anyone where it is until they know it will be properly looked after. What advice can I pass on to them?

Hon. Mrs. Firth: I am not quite sure whether we do or do not have control over heritage or archaeological sites or artifacts found on federal land. I believe that is one of the reasons we need the heritage legislation. At present, the legislation is inadequate to meet our needs and to give us that authority to say what we do have control over.

Mr. Penikett: If the Chair will bear with us for a second, we are going to do some legal research here.

Mr. Chairman: We will stand over historic sites for a moment and go on to Art Gallery.

Historic Sites stood over

On Art Gallery

Art Gallery in the amount of \$22,000 agreed to

On Administration

Administration in the amount of \$46,000 agreed to

⁴¹ *On Museums*

Mr. Kimmerly: I raise a comment because our Alaskan friends are in the gallery. The museums in Alaska are excellent and it strikes me that the information about Alaskan museums — and brochures — ought to be in our museums and information about our museums possibly in the Alaskan museums.

On another topic, a number of Yukon artifacts are, I believe, in the Juneau museum, and I would ask if an investigation into a loan or a co-operative effort could be made there.

Hon. Mrs. Firth: It is a possibility. I have not researched this.

Mr. Byblow: I was curious how the \$34,000 is being spent for museums under this line-item.

Hon. Mrs. Firth: The majority of that allotment of money, the

\$34,000, is spent in grants. The grants are for the museums to assist in salaries in the peak period of the season. All the museums in the territory are eligible for this grant.

Museums in the amount of \$34,000 agreed to

On Historic Sites

Mr. Chairman: We will return to historic sites.

Mr. Kimmerly: Just as a point of interest, there are several laws in the area, and one of them is in the *Indian Act*, and if Indian artifacts are found, the minister of Indian Affairs has power over them. It is my belief that the Yukon law covers activity on Crown land.

Hon. Mr. Pearson: There is an act called the *Archaeological Sites Act*, which is a federal act that is administered by this government. We control the activities in respect to digs, and those types of things. One must get a permit from this government, and it applies to Crown land. The artifacts are also controlled jointly by this government and by the federal government.

⁴² *Historic Sites in the amount of \$55,000 agreed to*

Heritage Branch in the amount of \$157,000 agreed to

Mr. Chairman: We will now take a short break.

Recess

Mr. Chairman: I will call Committee of the Whole to order.

On Tourism Planning and Development

Hon. Mrs. Firth: The total of 68 percent of the O&M other allotments is identified for the Yukon Visitors Association contracts for administrative support. This is done by way of a service contract for \$50,000. There are two person-years that are contract positions and secondments and we recover 85 percent of the funding back through the CYTA agreement. These are federal positions to assist in the department. I think the majority of the savings in the this area were in the nine-day fortnight and education leave savings, outside travel and the pool cars.

Mr. Byblow: Due to my absence of any knowledge on this subject I will not have much to say. The minister made reference to contract positions. Could I have an elaboration on that. We are talking about a person-year component of three and we are talking about contract positions. I want the interrelationship of those positions.

Hon. Mrs. Firth: The Tourism Planning and Development Branch has three person-years, as identified in the main estimates on page 216. There is currently one employee on educational leave until the summer of 1983. Further, under the terms of the Canada-Yukon Tourism Agreement, there are two employees on secondment from the federal government, Parks Canada and DREE, plus two contract positions: a tourism development officer and a clerk typist.

The three positions that are ours are: the program manager, the tourism development planner and a tourism development officer, which is presently seconded to the Yukon Visitors Association.

Mr. Byblow: In effect, we are talking about the planning component of tourism being a total of two people. One position is being seconded to YVA. Earlier, we went around the mulberry bush in long-term planning and the minister recited the numerous activities that had taken place in planning surveys for the long term.

I probably quite bluntly would say: how can the minister be assured that, with a component of two, she can develop long-term tourism strategy? It seems woefully inadequate for what we are talking about in terms of putting together a long-term picture for the upgrading, development and procurement of the type of services and facilities that we are committed to.

⁴³ **Hon. Mrs. Firth:** Certainly I would be pleased to explain that. The one person who is seconded to YVA, of course, is in constant association with YVA. The deputy minister is also on the board of directors of the Yukon Visitors Association. The restoration technician, who is in Dawson City, is in constant consultation with

the Klondike Visitors Association representative, so I think that although there are only two people that the member opposite is indicating, we do have seven people actually working, and that we have the benefit of the association with the Klondike Visitors Association and the Yukon Visitors Association. This is a continuous relationship.

Mr. Byblow: The relationship is there, and the minister feels confident that the bodies are there. I wonder if some of the bodies she is referring to are in fact the bodies that we will be talking about in terms of marketing. Aside from that, I want to pin the minister down and ask very bluntly: does she intend to set up any formal planning structure emanating from her department for long-term tourism development strategy?

Hon. Mrs. Firth: If the member is asking if I am setting up a specific committee to do this, I have not decided to do that yet, but I appreciate the member's comments. In regards to tourism marketing, that is a different group of people, and I can indicate it to the member for Faro when we get to it who they are.

Mr. Byblow: Is this branch involved in the present negotiations and discussions surrounding the new sub-agreement?

Hon. Mrs. Firth: Yes, they would be.

Tourism, Planning and Development in the amount of \$226,000 agreed to

On Tourism Marketing

Hon. Mrs. Firth: The Tourism Marketing Branch, in regards to personnel, has 14.75 person-years, with one vacant position for which no funding has been identified in the spring main estimates. I had indicated to the member opposite that a position had been left vacant coming from Economic Development. This position that I am now discussing that has been left vacant is combined with another vacant position to create a data entry operator.

It was at a higher salary, so we had to combine the two vacant positions. I am very pleased that we do have the data entry operator because it gives us the ability, then, to use the computer; we have the person come and feed in information and we do receive some information from the computer. I think it indicates that we are getting a little more sophisticated in our Tourism department and that will help to give us some more specific information.

As I mentioned earlier, we could not tell from the visitor exit surveys whether there were a lot of Yukoners travelling and I think, with some extra work, we will be able to make an assessment as to how much that traffic is, in fact, Yukon people travelling back and forth to the visitor reception centres.

Mr. Byblow: I guess on this subject, too, we have been around the mulberry bush in general debate, and I fairly well understand what is happening.

I want to talk about the person-years that the minister just listed. When I look at the budget statistics here, I note that in 1980-81, we were looking at a component of nine person-years and we are now looking at eight. The minister is talking about a vacancy in this branch and a vacancy in the Economic Development Branch. I deduce from that that we are in marketing reduced by one person-year. Is that correct?

Hon. Mrs. Firth: The travel counsellor was the position that was not filled; the one that I combined with the other position to create the data entry operator. That would be right.

Mr. Byblow: I understand the combination of vacancies now. Can the minister clearly tell me that the 1980-81 nine person-years, now reduced to eight person-years, is or is not a reduction of the branch?

Hon. Mrs. Firth: It would appear that way, but I am not sure where we are putting the data entry operator; whether that person-year is going into marketing or whether it is going into tourism planning and development. I can find that out for the member and bring it back.

Mr. Byblow: I guess I just want to be assured that the branch is not losing man-years to maintain the marketing level that has been established, and will have to be maintained, in order to continue the goals and objectives that have been established.

Again, I want for the record some itemization of the co-operative planning group. Who sits on that committee? Could the minister,

for the record, list the persons and their representations, not by name but by position?

Hon. Mrs. Firth: The Yukon Co-operative Tourism Marketing Committee is a committee of the Yukon Visitors Association, appointed by their board; the director and chief marketing officer of Tourism Marketing Branch, as *ex-officio* members.

Mr. Byblow: What is the total number for the composition of that group?

Hon. Mrs. Firth: Ten.

Mr. Byblow: Could the minister, again for the record, indicate to me the co-operative exercise that does take place? How often does the group meet, what are the general long-term planning objectives of the group? For example, at this time, could I ask the minister if there is a marketing strategy in place for four years from now? Is there that kind of planning in general terms in place now between her department and the industry?

Hon. Mrs. Firth: The committee does meet four or five or six times a year; whatever is necessary. It is charged with producing a long-range tourism marketing strategy for Yukon and an annual marketing plan. It has responsibility for allocating all funds to the various programs within the marketing plan, using the government's marketing funds as well as those raised through the private sector.

Mr. Byblow: I would like to hear from the minister the extent the marketing group participates with the Alaska tourism marketing scheme. I understand that there are some very progressive developments in that aspect. Could the minister, for the record, clarify that status now?

Hon. Mrs. Firth: They are in constant consultation with the Alaska marketing group.

Mr. Byblow: I shall not pursue the matter much further. I will give the minister a little more time to procure adequate information on the subject. I will just leave the tourism marketing aspect to go into specific vote then.

On Marketing

Mr. Byblow: I want to know where the \$990,000 is spent.

Hon. Mrs. Firth: By far the largest portion of the department's marketing budget, 41 percent, is related to the promotion of tourism in Yukon. The O&M and other estimates, which total \$785,000, is allocated for such major allotments as travel, postage, freight, tourism literature, advertising, familiarization tours, promotional items, the design and processing cost of tourism literature. Funds totalling \$13,000 is for the operation of Yukon's information centres. Those are the centres in the five communities — that excludes salaries. The other costs are travel, communication, freight, advertising. Would you like breakdowns?

Mr. Byblow: Yes, I particularly want the breakdowns of the advertising portion.

Hon. Mrs. Firth: The advertising portion is \$155,000, and that is for Yukon tourist information in Worlds of Alaska, and costs shared in its distribution. The other relevant allotment — there is a large amount, \$359,000 — is for Yukon tourism literature, brochures, posters, et cetera. Part of this allotment is for a service contract with an advertising agency; \$120,000 for freight and postage is allotted in the distribution of tourist literature.

Mr. Byblow: Does the minister have figures at her disposal of what amount is put together with the government funding for the promotional end from industry?

Hon. Mrs. Firth: I believe it is \$125,000 from industry, the Yukon Visitors Association, the Klondike Visitors Association, et cetera.

Mr. Byblow: Can the minister say, at this point, whether or not her branch exercises any decision-making over the type of advertising and the type of marketing that is done? Is that decision-making that is given to the marketing group or has it got to be approved by the branch? I solicit this only for information, not for any ulterior motive.

As I understand what is happening, we have a marketing strategy that has been developed between this government and industry, towards which government contributes a substantial amount,

industry kicks in its portion, and a marketing strategy is developed. Do they choose where they are going to do their advertising; what magazines, what brochures, what literature, in what areas of the world this is going to be pursued? Does the branch or department reserve the right to the ultimate decision for expenditure? I guess that is my question.

Hon. Mrs. Firth: We do have that right since we award the contracts, but we have never had to exercise that because of the excellent relationship we have with private industry.

Marketing, in the amount of \$990,000, agreed to

On Information Centres

Mr. Byblow: I just have a question or two on information centres: how many information centres do we have, what is the government's contribution towards their operation and what general value do they provide to the branch for the collection of data and statistics?

Hon. Mrs. Firth: I believe we have five information centres in the territory. The activity information centres have 6.75 person years; that is comprised of five supervisors and 11 receptionists, which are hired on a part-time basis during the tourist season. Like I said, they contribute the information that will go towards the visitor exit surveys and the industry report that we will be compiling in March.

Mr. Byblow: Does the department of tourism pay for the entire costs of staffing, rental and facilitating those five information centres?

Hon. Mrs. Firth: Yes, we do.

Information Centres in the amount of \$96,000 agreed to

Tourism Marketing in the amount of \$1,086,000 agreed to

On Revenues and Recoveries

Mr. Byblow: I do not want to argue, and I will not ask too many questions, but one of the most common complaints that I got around community circles was the absence of available and free maps. Now, I think the government has made a decision regarding that; that they shall be printed and sold through private enterprises. I have to say to the government that one of the most frequent complaints I got from people on the road in that they had to buy their maps for the Yukon. It seems, in many jurisdictions, they are provided in kits and in information packages, and so on. I am wondering if there is a route that this government will consider to improve that service.

Hon. Mrs. Firth: I understand that having free maps available is a very costly procedure and the decision was made, I believe, in co-operation with YVA that the maps would be charged for.

Mr. Byblow: I am sorry, the minister made reference to the decision being made by YVA to sell them? Is that what she said?

Hon. Mrs. Firth: In conjunction with YVA and the YTG Tourism department.

Hon. Mr. Lang: I think we are going back a couple of years, and I think if the member looks back in *Hansard*, this debate took place approximately a year ago, and the decision was made between the YVA and YTG that maps should no longer be given away free; that we should contract with private companies and various organizations or companies could purchase them wholesale and sell them as part of a service.

The other point that should be made is that this is not unlike many other provinces, or states in the United States, because the cost of printing has gone up so high and so dramatically that companies or governments are finding it very expensive to give these away now, as opposed to five or ten years ago.

Mr. Byblow: I appreciate that most informative response from the former minister. Probably the most informative in the last couple of years. In the case of maps, if I could inquire one step further, who prepares the map? Who looks after the printing? Who looks after the distribution, presently? What is the policy?

Hon. Mrs. Firth: Rand McNally.

Mr. Byblow: I gather that that is the company who is contracted to prepare, print and distribute the maps. Is that correct?

Hon. Mrs. Firth: Yes.

Recoveries in the amount of a recovery of \$21,000 agreed to

Department of Tourism, Heritage and Cultural Resources in the amount of \$2,588,000 agreed to

Mr. Chairman: We will now skip over Renewable Resources, at the wish of the opposition, and we will continue with Government Services.

On Government Services

Hon. Mr. Tracey: I would just like to draw to the members' attention how free and willing I was to bypass Renewable Resources, regardless of the problems we have had in this House.

The main estimates for the Department of Government Services, which we will be discussing here today, have changed vastly from those tabled in the House last spring. The main reason for this has been the restructuring of the department, which recently occurred within this government.

In July 1981, property management was transferred from Highways and Transportation to Government Services. At the same time, the Safety, Security and Emergency Measures Organization was transferred over from the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission. The estimates tabled last spring indicated those changes.

Since then other significant changes have taken place. In July of this year the Public Works section and contract administration were transferred over from Highways and Transportation and Record Services came over from Tourism, Heritage and Cultural Resources. The Public Affairs Bureau, which was under the jurisdiction of Government Services, was transferred to the Executive Council Office.

These changes have been beneficial and have allowed a more realistic structuring of programs within this department.

The property management section; Safety, Security and Emergency Measures Organization; building maintenance and projects section; have been centralized under Public Works. These sections all interrelate and will function more efficiently as a result of the change.

Contract Administration and Record Services have been incorporated under Supply Services. Contract Administration is now a further function of the tendering and purchasing area, while Record Services is an extension of the communications system.

The department has put together a comprehensive budget indicating their internal structural changes. They have made every effort to reduce administrative costs, while striving to maintain service levels to all other departments and, ultimately, the public.

That is pretty well what has happened within the Department of Government Services and I will welcome any questions.

Mr. Kimmerly: I have three areas of questions and the first one is about taxis. The minister and I exchanged questions in the last session about the taxi contract and I would ask, under the appropriate line, the real expense of last year and the projected expense for this year for taxis.

Also, I would like to ask about the policy of putting civil servants in privately rented office accommodation. I have put a written question on the order paper about this and I will be pursuing it here. I am also interested in the policies around the use of the cabins, previously under the jurisdiction of Renewable Resources, and any guidelines for their future use, and the cost of the maintenance of those cabins.

I will raise those three areas, perhaps as notice, and I will pursue the matters in specifics under the appropriate lines.

The budget is made up in general categories. I am unable to absolutely identify where the taxi contract is and I would appreciate guidance on that.

Hon. Mr. Tracey: The taxi contract is in Supply Services. It is in Transportation. Regarding the civil service and private office space, I hardly know why I am being asked this question, as everyone knows we do not have enough space in this building, or any government building. We are in the process of spending

approximately \$350,000 to try to convert what was the record centre space, plus make all the other changes, including the MLA offices, in order to utilize the space in this building more efficiently. But it still does not give us the capability of putting all of our public service staff in government buildings. We are forced to rent outside of the government, in the private sector. It is a case of numbers, and it is done by tender process, or a process where an offer is made to us and we take the best available price that we can from the private sector.

As for the cabins at the lakes, they are now under Government Services. They are padlocked; they will only be used by government personnel when it is necessary. They will not be used as hotel suites, or whatever, for the general public, as has happened at times in the past. The ones at Granite and Claire lakes are padlocked and they are reserved for Renewable Resources staff, or any other government staff who go into that area. The ones at Rose lake are also padlocked. We do have a watchman in that area. One of the local trappers in that area has a contract with us. We give him one building for a fixed rent and for an equal amount he looks after our buildings. That is the way we are handling these cabins as of this date. If there were private sector people who would like to purchase these cabins from us at a reasonable price, I would be prepared to look at selling them. That is as far as I can go on that.

The reason we went into the taxi contract was because it was cheaper to operate a taxi-chauffeur service than it was to have cars available, or have to have people to run the cars back and forth, or have them sitting in the yard. It was much cheaper to run a chauffeur service. So if some government employee needs a ride to anywhere in town, he can call a cab.

⁵² There was a contract with Courtesy Cabs. Now that Courtesy Cabs has gone bankrupt, we have made arrangements with the other taxi companies to handle that taxi business. I can assure members that it saves this government a lot of money, having this taxi contract.

Mr. Kimmerly: The minister stated about office space that the leasing of the space was made by a tender process, or offers made to the government. Is all of the space rented through a tender process?

Hon. Mr. Tracey: No, most of the space is rented by a process where some company, or some individual, comes to us and says that we have this office space available and this is what it will rent for per square foot. My department will take all of those and, when office space is desired, they will try to get the best price possible for office space.

Mr. Kimmerly: That is exactly the subject of the written questions previously filed, and I will be asking questions about the policy to not tender the contracts. On the question about taxis, or about the real costs, I will be asking for a cost breakdown. I will ask questions about the policies of social workers and judges driving the marked black and orange cars as opposed to other cars. I will ask questions about the cabins, and about the minister's phrase, "any other government staff", and ask for the meaning of that. Those are notice of questions.

Hon. Mr. Tracey: I will be glad to bring the member the cost breakdown of the taxis. I am sure that there is absolutely nothing to hide; in fact, it is very beneficial to us. As far as the policy of black and orange cars for judges and social workers: up until this time the policy has been that all government employees, which included the judges, were to take cars out of the car pool. My colleague, the Minister of Justice, and the government as a whole, has done some reconsidering. As far as the judge goes, we do not have any problem at this time with the judge having an unmarked car. As for the social workers, the social workers are government employees and they will take cars out of the car pool, the same as everybody else.

⁵³ **Mr. Byblow:** I have a general question seeking information respecting the space being used by government around the city. Can the minister indicate at this time what departments use facilities outside this building? I suppose, to put it better, what other areas are being used by government in the City of Whitehorse?

Hon. Mr. Tracey: I do not know really what he means. Does he mean what buildings do we rent? Are you asking me what

departments; what buildings?

Mr. Byblow: Yes.

Hon. Mr. Tracey: Outside of the government, we have the Medical Arts building, Mainsteele building, Pulse North building, Keith Plumbing & Heating building, the federal building, Teslin Human Resources — Teslin Human Resources is a lease. There used to be a government building in Faro; we do not have that anymore. There is also Yukon Center, intergovernmental affairs office in Ottawa, and I guess that is about it.

Mr. Byblow: Is there just one area in the Marwell Area that is used by government; that is, the liquor corporation site?

Hon. Mr. Tracey: That is owned by the liquor corporation.

Hon. Mr. Lang: I move that you report progress on Bill No. 3.

Mr. Chairman: You have heard the question. Are you agreed?

Motion agreed to

Hon. Mr. Lang: I move that Mr. Speaker do now resume the Chair.

Motion agreed to

Mr. Speaker resumes the Chair

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

Mr. Philipson: The Committee of the Whole has considered Bill Number 3, *Second Appropriation Act, 1982/83*, and directed me to report progress on same.

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

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: May I have your further pleasure?

Hon. Mrs. Firth: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Faro, that the House do now adjourn.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Hon. Minister of Education, seconded by the hon. member for Faro, that the House do now adjourn. Are you prepared for the question? Are you agreed?

Motion agreed to

Mr. Speaker: This House now stands adjourned until 1:30 p.m. Monday next.

The House adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

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