

PART II

THE QUESTION PAPER

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Palmerston Contracts

Mr ISAACS to MINISTER for LANDS and HOUSING

Have the firms of Kern Development Pty Ltd and Henry and Walker Pty Ltd been given the option to take on the first 2 subdivision contracts for Palmerston? If so, what has been the response of the companies and when does the government intend to officially announce the awarding of the contracts?

ANSWER

The honourable member's information is precisely correct. I would anticipate that the offers of lease will be signed today by a person holding my delegation as Secretary of the Department of Lands. The 2 offers put forward by those companies are brilliant in concept and in value for this region of the Northern Territory. I would be more than happy to make the details of the proposals available on a confidential basis to the Leader of the Opposition.

Allegation in Darwin Star

Mr B. COLLINS to CHIEF MINISTER

Has he seen a report in the Darwin Star of 12 August 1981 which said: 'Surely that wasn't a Cabinet Minister's wife telling all interested at a cocktail function about who will get the nod to develop Palmerston's first 2 subdivisions. Surely not'. If the Chief Minister has seen that report, has he sought from each of his ministers a denial of that allegation made in that press report and, if so, can he inform the Assembly of the outcome of those inquiries?

ANSWER

I have not seen the report. If I were to believe all the scurrilous things that are said about honourable members on both sides of the Assembly in the pages of our esteemed press, I would be conducting non-stop investigations into their background. I believe that ministers in this Assembly are responsible people who are undertaking their duties in accordance with the highest traditions of the Westminster system. I do not see any need to carry out investigations simply because of anonymous reports in the gossip columns of second-class rags in the Darwin area.

Health Insurance for Aboriginal Communities

Mr VALE to MINISTER for HEALTH

Has he taken any action to ensure that Aboriginal communities are aware of the need to take out health insurance to cover patients who are not classified as disadvantaged because charges will be raised for the provision of hospital and health services as from 1 September?

ANSWER

The answer to the honourable member's question is yes. Late in June, I wrote to 46 of the Aboriginal councils throughout the Northern Territory explaining to them the Commonwealth policy of 'user pays' and what impact it will have for people in the Northern Territory. I also asked the councils to address themselves to the matter of the people within their communities and to find out whether, as councillors, they would like to wash their hands of any responsibility in the matter of health payment for their members or whether they would like to use royalties, local government funds or perhaps consult with medical benefits funds to enable the communities concerned to take out a bulk policy with a fund that would cover the whole community. Strangely enough, I did not get much response but from those people who did respond, I found the results very encouraging. In fact, some councils wrote back and said they were about to receive their first royalty payment for one thing or another and were interested in taking out bulk cover for the community. They requested advice in this matter.

We have also started a program where regional medical officers visit all Aboriginal communities to explain the impact of the new policy on the communities and what they can do to help themselves. I believe that members have been offered a seat on the plane when medical officers are travelling to their electorate to meet with the councils to explain the ramifications of the new policy.

Mr Speaker, I have also sent a follow-up letter in the last week advising the communities that there is a great need to follow this matter up and do something positive. I have not had a response to that. I do see a need in the future for some councils, particularly those that are pretty flush with funds, to make a generous offer to Aboriginals in less fortunate circumstances throughout the Northern Territory. They could perhaps use royalty funds that are available from some projects to help offset medical costs for Aboriginals who have no source of income at all from that area. That is something for another day. I think that it is a suggestion that is well worth following up in the months to come.

Darwin-Ambon Yacht Race

Mrs LAWRIE to CHIEF MINISTER

Has he authorised any person to attend in Ambon to represent the Northern Territory government at the completion of the Darwin-Ambon Yacht Race in an official capacity? If the answer is yes, does he still intend that that person should go having regard to recent events in which a news team has been prevented from entering Indonesia because of its alleged bias against that country?

ANSWER

For the last 2 years and certainly again this year, I have requested the honourable member for Port Darwin to represent me in Ambon at the finish of the Darwin-Ambon Yacht Race. To the best of my knowledge, the member for Port Darwin is representing me again this year.

Mr Speaker, the honourable member tells me that he is not. I cannot therefore advise the Assembly at this stage whether anyone will be representing me on this occasion. I will make inquiries and advise the Assembly if anyone is representing me.

I would say in response to the balance of the honourable member's question that I believe that it would be shortsighted of the Northern Territory, and indeed shortsighted of Australia, if we were to adopt the attitude that, because of the viewpoint of a particular Indonesian government, the people of Australia and the people of the Northern Territory should cut off ties, contacts, cultural visits, exchange schemes, not necessarily with the government of Indonesia although certainly we work through the representatives of the government of Indonesia, but with the Indonesian people. It is the people of Australia and in particular the people of the Northern Territory who must strive to build up our contacts with the people of Indonesia so that there can be better understanding in Indonesia of Australia's point of view and in Australia perhaps of the Indonesian point of view or the point of view of the Indonesian people. I certainly would not propose to snub Indonesian invitations because of practices of a government of Indonesia that is transitory. I believe it is important that the Northern Territory continue to build up and maintain the good relations that have existed up to date with Australia's nearest neighbour, a country of over 100 million people. We cannot ignore them. If their methods of government are different from ours, we must put our point of view forward and I would certainly always put my point of view forward about things that I do not like the Indonesian government doing. However, I do not believe we should cut off all contact with them because that is simply throwing them in the way of people by whom we would not want them to become unduly influenced. I would certainly propose that we continue to maintain all reasonable contacts with Indonesia. Quite frankly, I had understood that someone was representing me at the conclusion of this race in Ambon this year but I will check that.

Ownership of Mudginberri and Munmarlary Stations

Mrs PADGHAM-PURICH to CHIEF MINISTER

What is the current position of the ownership of Mudginberri abattoir and station and Munmarlary station?

ANSWER

The question is rather like one that was put to Lord Palmerston last century when he was asked to explain to the House of Lords the Schleswig-Holstein question, and just as difficult. He said: 'I understand it but I have forgotten it and there is some European prince who did understand it and he is in a lunatic asylum now and there is someone else who understands it and he is in Berlin and he is not going to tell you'. Getting back to Mudginberri, I am not sure that I fully understand the position of ownership. We have sought advice in various quarters as to the correct position in relation to land tenure in that area of the Northern Territory. Although our advice some 12 months ago was that the land had not been acquired validly by the Commonwealth, it would appear now that the land has been validly acquired by the Commonwealth and therefore Mudginberri station is owned by the Commonwealth of Australia and all responsibilities in relation to the operation of any abattoirs on that land, unless there is some subsidiary agreement between the Commonwealth and another party, would rest with the Commonwealth of Australia. I have made approaches to the Northern Land Council and am continuing to do so. I had informal discussions with the land council on this subject last week. I understand that the Northern Land Council will be attempting to operate, either directly or through contractors, Mudginberri abattoir for the next season.

Henry and Walker Shares

Mr BELL to ATTORNEY-GENERAL

I preface my question by drawing his attention to previous questions in relation to land development at Palmerston. Did he see a report in southern and Territory papers of the questioning of Henry and Walker shares by the stock exchange and did he cause an inquiry to be made of the company's share listing and has he satisfied himself that the run on the shares of Henry and Walker was not caused by inside information?

ANSWER

I should first of all draw the honourable member's attention to the fact that the company to which he refers is in fact a public company listed on the stock exchange in South Australia and perhaps in other Australian states. It was certainly floated in South Australia and therefore it is beyond my jurisdiction to take any steps to investigate activities that may occur on the stock exchange in Adelaide. It is the prerogative of the Commissioner for Corporate Affairs and the Attorney-General of South Australia. I understand that the number of shares involved in any run was very small and I am certainly not aware of any insider trading in relation to the shares.

Car Parking Strategy for Darwin

Mr HARRIS to MINISTER for COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Will he be introducing a bill during these sittings to enable the city council to carry out its parking strategy?

ANSWER

I believe not. I have been negotiating with the city council as to the policies to be incorporated in any amendment to the Local Government Act to enable it to charge some form of levy to recoup the costs of operating a multi-storey car park in Darwin and its entire car parking strategy in the city of Darwin. Unfortunately, the problem is somewhat complicated and I think the city

council has had a little difficulty in reaching a resolution on all the matters involved in establishing a formula for the contribution of business premises towards the car park. Since I have not received information back from the council, I have not been able to submit a final proposal to Cabinet to have legislation prepared. Unfortunately, this means that the introduction of any amendments has to wait until the next sittings. This places the corporation in a difficult position inasmuch as the car park is due for completion probably before Christmas. However I will be having talks with the corporation at the earliest possible date to see if we can resolve the problem.

Air Fares Increase

Mr ISAACS to MINISTER for TRANSPORT and WORKS

Given that in June of last year the government made the then Northern Airlines withdraw a 5% fare increase because it had failed to seek approval under regulations of the Northern Territory Aviation Act, why did he allow an 'automatic flow-on' - they were his words - of the 8% increase in domestic air fares announced on 12 August? How can he justify such an increase on economic grounds, given that he described the increased costs facing the domestic airlines as resulting from the airlines poor industrial relations record, simply being passed onto the travelling public?

ANSWER

The agreement signed with Ansett Transport Industries on behalf of Airlines of Northern Australia in part relates to there being an automatic flow-on of national fare increases. At the same time, we signed another document which set up the Northern Territory Review Board so that, in future, any applications made by Airlines of Northern Australia would be investigated by the Northern Territory government. In view of the fact that the Commonwealth had processed the applications by both TAA and Ansett and Northern Territory government officials had satisfied themselves that the flow-on was in order, I made a statement that the fares would increase on 12 August. It was more or less a catch-22 situation in that I still thought that, after the industrial disputes caused in the airline industry, the Australian travelling public was still forced to try and pick up some of that loss by an increased rate. Nevertheless, there was a catch-22 situation in that the federal government had already authorised the increase of the 8%. It naturally flowed on to the Northern Territory.

There was one particular point that I made that the Leader of the Opposition neglected to point out: the air fares between Alice Springs and Ayers Rock will remain as they were prior to 12 August.

Air Fares from Alice Springs to Ayers Rock

Mr ISAACS to MINISTER for TRANSPORT and WORKS

Is that an admission by him that the air fares from Alice Springs to Ayers Rock were artificially high?

ANSWER

It is common knowledge that the air fare from Alice Springs to Ayers Rock was higher than the national formula. This was because Northern Airlines were trying to subsidise some of their routes to try and get themselves out of trouble. It was inflated. At a meeting between tourist operators in Alice Springs on 17 July, it was decided to request the government that any future increases should not flow on to the Alice Springs-Ayers Rock run. I put that case to the ATI people at the time and said that under no circumstances would the government accede to an 8% flow-on on that route. There was an understanding that they would not submit an application for a fare increase for 6 months on that route.

Strike by NTEC Employees in Katherine

Mr VALE to MINISTER for MINES and ENERGY

Can he advise the reason for the current strike by NTEC employees in Katherine? This question is asked on behalf of the member for Elsey.

ANSWER

I have some information relating to the strike. The strike is related to the recent agreement between NTEC and the unions for a 9-day working fortnight. To a great degree, this has been a very successful arrangement that has been arrived at by the management and the employees. Ostensibly, the problem arose from the fact that what are now 3-day weekends are being converted into 4-day weekends by some employees who are taking the spirit of the new agreement a little too generously. The facts of the matter, as I understand it, are that 2 employees were absent from work without approval from 23 July to 4 August, which did extend the 4-day weekend a little. The employees were ultimately terminated on 30 July for unsatisfactory service with 1 week's pay in lieu of notice. The FMWU advised on 10 August that it had medical certificates for the gentlemen concerned although NTEC had never sighted these medical certificates. The FMWU produced the medical certificates for NTEC and, although these were produced on 10 August, they were backdated to 2 August. NTEC employees in the FMWU, the AMW and SU, and the ETU, are currently on strike and have been on strike since 12 August. NTEC has stated that it is happy to discuss the matter before the Arbitration Commission as soon as the employees go back to work because it thinks that the spirit of the previous agreement has been breached and it would not like to see that continue. Essentially those are the facts of the matter and I understand that the dispute has spread a little into the Darwin region in the last 24 hours. I do not have any more up-to-date information on that, Mr Speaker, but I do think that it is something that both unions and management have good reason to sort out because the concept of the 3-day weekend every second weekend is something that is very popular and is working well to a degree. If abuse of the system can be curtailed in the early stages, it will augur well for good relations in the future.

Price of Land in Douglas-Daly Area

Mrs O'NEIL to MINISTER for PRIMARY PRODUCTION and TOURISM

What is the final agreed purchase price for land in the Douglas-Daly area for the ADMA farming scheme?

ANSWER

Mr Speaker, I do not have the information the honourable member requires. It has been dragging on a little and we are seeking that information as quickly as we can.

Industrial Safety Staff in Department of Mines and Energy

Ms D'ROZARIO to MINISTER for MINES and ENERGY

Is it the intention to reduce the number of staff who work in the area of industrial safety in the Department of Mines and Energy?

ANSWER

Mr Speaker, the short answer is no. My colleagues say that that area is expanding.

Fees and Allowances for Aldermen

Mr HARRIS to MINISTER for COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Is the government reviewing fees and allowances payable to aldermen of the city council and, if so, is he able to give any indication when it is likely

that an increase in the fees and allowances to aldermen is expected?

ANSWER

Mr Speaker, some time back the government received a request from the Darwin city council to have the fees and allowances payable to aldermen upgraded because they were set a considerable time ago. Much has changed with the evolution of the Darwin city council. It has grown to be quite a large business with a number of committees and subcommittees and so on. In considering the question of regional allowances for aldermen, the government decided it should look fairly closely at the relationship between the various municipal authorities throughout the Territory. Action has been taken recently to refer the matter to the Northern Territory Remuneration Tribunal. Following the receipt of the tribunal's report or even before, there may need to be some amendments to the Local Government Act which I will be proposing at a later sittings to alter the method of setting fees and allowances for aldermen in the city council because at present some of those figures are established in the act itself. It would probably be administratively more convenient to have the regulations deal with this matter.

Acquisitions in Stott Terrace Alice Springs

Mr D.W. COLLINS to MINISTER for LANDS and HOUSING

Will the minister undertake to write to the landowners on the north side of Stott Terrace Alice Springs stating the government's position on the proposed acquisition of those properties?

ANSWER

I can inform the honourable member that I have already done so and the contents of that letter indicates that the government does not intend acquiring any land on Stott Terrace other than the possible truncation of 2 properties. There is just no way the government can justify the expenditure of \$1.5m for the acquisition of private business when, in its judgment, that is not necessary.

Northern Territory Air Charter

Mr B. COLLINS to MINISTER for TRANSPORT and WORKS

Is he aware that Northern Territory Air Charter has recently retrenched staff? Is he also aware that allegations have been made relating to indiscriminate poaching of passengers within the charter industry in contravention of licences? I am told about it constantly and each charter company blames the other. What action does the minister intend to take to prevent such poaching through the powers vested in him by the Aviation Act?

ANSWER

Mr Speaker, I am aware of the problems described by the member for Arnhem. At the moment, I have referred to the Law Department alleged infringements of the Aviation Act by a couple of the operators in the aviation industry. I am seeking legal advice on whether I have a prima facie case against them. I have also advised the operators who have continually infringed that 203 regulation route that I intend to prosecute if a case does exist and have instructed them to have discussions with me regarding their poaching of other routes some time next week.

Port Authority Tug

Mrs LAWRIE to MINISTER for TRANSPORT and WORKS

The Northern Territory Port Authority's new tug was brought up overland from Western Australia. Could he advise why the tug did not come up under its own steam at considerable savings and why no quote was sought from State Ships to bring the tug up?

ANSWER

I am aware that the tug has arrived but I am unaware of the circumstances of its transport. I will provide the honourable member with that information during these sittings.

Housing Needs in Nhulunbuy

Mr LEO to MINISTER for LANDS and HOUSING

Will the minister commission a report on Nhulunbuy's housing needs which he is prepared to make public?

ANSWER

I am amazed that the honourable gentleman who purports to represent that area requires a report from my department on the housing needs of his area. One would have thought that, if he made a casual observation of his own electorate, he could find out for himself.

Industrial Safety

Ms D'ROZARIO to MINISTER for MINES and ENERGY

Apart from the Safety Sam campaign and the activities of safety inspectors, what other involvement does the Department of Mines and Energy have in the area of industrial safety and accident prevention?

ANSWER

I think the most appropriate way to answer the member's question would be to have a paper prepared providing the information we have on the program.

Large-Animal Pound in Rural Area

Mrs PADGHAM-PURICH to MINISTER for COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

What is the current thinking regarding the establishment and running of a large-animal pound in the rural area?

ANSWER

Pounds have been giving me some difficulty lately. The department has conducted a review of the legislation for animal pounds. It seems to me that the legislation is outdated by 50 years and requires reviewing. To this end, I am having a submission prepared to seek approval for legislation changes which will in essence prevent the requirement of having a pound reserved as a specific area. The reservation procedures are tedious and do not provide much flexibility. I think that, in this day and age, we should be looking at declaring an area to be a pound without having many limitations. There would have to be approval for an area to be made a pound. The procedure should be simple and able to be changed from time to time. It is a matter that does concern the government because of the continuing complaints about stray animals which can cause danger to persons and property. I can only assure the member for Tiwi that I am aware of the problems in her electorate and I will attempt to deal with them as best as bureaucracy will allow.

Henbury Avenue Special School

Mrs O'NEIL to MINISTER for TRANSPORT and WORKS

What is the latest estimated opening date for the Henbury Avenue Special School?

ANSWER

The Henbury School has been the subject of debate in this Assembly. It is under the auspices of the Department of Transport and Works that the construction is being carried out. A contractor almost went into liquidation but, to avoid

calling for other tenders, the department took the view that it would be easier to leave the contractor there to continue the work providing that he maintained a work rate that would enable the school to open for the next school year. My understanding is that the department is satisfied with the work rate of the present contractor. There is reasonable progress and all indications are that it will be completed this year.

Housing Needs for Nhulunbuy

Mr BELL to MINISTER for LANDS and HOUSING

Apart from pouring my contempt on ...

Mr SPEAKER: Order! The honourable member will ask his question.

Mr BELL: Will the minister answer my colleague's question in relation to ...

Mr SPEAKER: The honourable member will ask the question. The minister may reply or he may not reply. That is his privilege.

Mr BELL: Is there a report on housing in Nhulunbuy and, if so, will the honourable minister make it public?

ANSWER

Dear me, Mr Speaker, the new boy comes down from the back bench and takes over the responsibilities of another member.

Mr SPEAKER: Will the honourable member answer the question or decline to answer it.

Mr ROBERTSON: I have already answered the question.

Shop Trading Hours

Mr HARRIS to MINISTER for COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

This question is asked as a result of the comments that have been made recently by the small traders about shop trading hours. Is the government inquiring into the issue of restricted trading hours and, if so, is he able to indicate what form the inquiries are taking?

ANSWER

The government is not specifically inquiring into the question of trading hours. Its policy has been expressed from time to time recently: it does not favour the regulation of shop trading hours in the Northern Territory. We do not believe that governments should be involved in telling people where and when they should be able to shop. There has been an organisation formed to press for legislative controls specifically aimed at preventing large retail operators in the Northern Territory from opening on Sundays. The organisation is called the Independent Small Business and Traders Association. It has had talks with the government and we continue to correspond on the matter without reaching a great deal of agreement. The government has also contacted the major retailers to ascertain their intentions about Sunday trading in Darwin. From the information we have, it appears that there are no plans in the immediate future for any of the major national retail chains to open on Sundays in Darwin. I think that the Independent Small Business and Traders Association is a little bit premature in some of its allegation about what would occur in Darwin if other businesses which currently do not trade on Sundays do trade in future.

Special Purposes Leases for Aboriginal Communities

Mr DOOLAN to MINISTER for LANDS and HOUSING

Has the Department of Lands or its officers advised pastoralists not to agree to special purposes leases for Aboriginal communities as I alleged in this Assembly on 2 June 1981?

ANSWER

No. It would certainly be contrary to the policy of this government if it were to do so.

Specialist Teachers in Primary Schools

Mr B. COLLINS to MINISTER for EDUCATION

What is the government's position on the provision of specialist teachers in primary schools?

ANSWER

The Northern Territory Teachers Federation has indeed got its act together to launch a campaign for specialist teachers in primary schools. It is generating through school councils an interest among parent bodies for just that. I have an advantage over those parents in that I have seen the Northern Territory Teachers Federation's justification for specialist teachers in primary schools as a result of the core curriculum. The entire submission moves me not one iota. It is not an argument for the benefit of schoolchildren and their better education but a very thinly disguised submission for more time off for teachers. It is nothing more than that. The core curriculum was brought in partly as a result of overtures by primary school teachers to this government for guidance in their work and to help with consistency in their work. Not one primary school teacher I spoke to implied that it would involve them in more work. Indeed, quite the contrary is the case. It is a simple step by step guide on how to go about teaching the very subjects that those teachers are trained to teach. I find it remarkable that the Northern Territory Teachers Federation can insult its own membership by saying that they are not capable of doing the very work they claim they are professionally trained to do. The whole thing smacks of inconsistency. When one thoroughly examines the document, one must come to the conclusion that it is solely another vehicle to obtain more time off.

Mr Speaker, our system of education cannot afford constant applications and demands, however disguised, for less work for the same pay. When the Teachers Federation and educationalists can convince me and my colleagues that there is a sound educational reason why primary school teachers cannot teach what they are trained to teach, then we will review the situation. We are told that we require additional specialists for musical and physical education. I am the first to support the provision of specialist advice to teachers in very special areas, particularly physical education where a false approach can have catastrophic effects for life. I would see specialists in feeder high schools being made available to primary school teachers if and when those professional people want that help. If we say that primary school teachers are not capable of teaching physical education and music for which they were trained in part of their course, it would equally follow that science and mathematics are specialist fields in education. They are in secondary schools so what are we really arguing for: the abolition of primary school teachers and the creation of a system of specialisation from infancy up? If we were to do this, the cost of education would treble without any advantage whatsoever to the students because there are far more primary school students in a place like the Northern Territory than high school students.

Mr Speaker, this is an attempt by the Teachers Federation to abrogate the very type of responsibility it claims as its own. The role of primary school teachers is to have a direct association with a child in a class so that child identifies with the teacher and works through the various years of primary school education to equip himself for secondary education. This government will have no part of this surreptitious backdoor method of less work for the same pay.

Katherine Meatworks

Mr LEO to MINISTER for PRIMARY PRODUCTION and TOURISM

Did the minister have any foreknowledge of the change in employment policy of the Katherine Meatworks?

ANSWER

Mr Speaker, over the years I have found when dealing with business people that they are fairly reluctant to offer much of the fine detail of their operation and management policies. I understand that the Katherine abattoir management has been concerned for some time about the cost of processing animals. The present position is a stalemate between the employees and the employers. What the final resolution of this particular problem will be, we have yet to find out but, the way prices are going in 1981, it would not surprise me if the abattoir remains closed until such a resolution is reached.

Department of Treasury Alice Springs

Mr D.W. COLLINS to TREASURER

When will the Department of Treasury accounting office in Alice Springs become operational?

ANSWER

Mr Speaker, the Treasury accounting office in Alice Springs is in fact manned in a small way at present although it will not be fully operational until 1 January 1982. From that time, accounts will be paid directly from the Alice Springs office as well as salaries for government employees in that region. Government departments with offices in Alice Springs will receive separate ledger reports and be in a position to manage their own finances virtually wholly within Alice Springs within overall Treasury regulations. We hope that this move by the government to establish a Treasury accounting centre in Alice Springs - which was made purely in the interest of decentralisation and to provide additional local services - will help the local people to feel that they are getting service that is closer to home. There will be no further need to send accounts to Darwin and for cheques to be processed here and sent down to Alice Springs. That system really runs fairly smoothly and quite quickly under normal circumstances but in the event of disruption of postal or transport services - which seems to be a bit of a thing these days - accounts and cheques can be delayed substantially. The advent of an accounting office in Alice Springs will largely overcome those problems. We are pleased that the government has been able to see its way clear to establish this small centre in Alice Springs to provide that additional element of service to the people there.

Chicken Feeding Trials

Mr DOOLAN to MINISTER for PRIMARY PRODUCTION and TOURISM

What has been the outcome of the recommendations of the chicken feeding trials conducted by the Department of Primary Production and what will be its implications for local suppliers considering local feeds were compared to feeds mixed interstate?

ANSWER

Mr Speaker, I do not have the information at my fingertips. I will seek it and provide it for the honourable member at a later time.

Rehabilitation of Rum Jungle

Mr B. COLLINS to MINISTER for MINES and ENERGY

Could the minister advise the Assembly what progress has been made with the program to carry out further rehabilitation of the Rum Jungle mine?

ANSWER

Mr Speaker, I would ask the honourable member to put that question on notice.

Sales Tax Rebate Scheme

Mr ISAACS to TREASURER and MINISTER for INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

Given last night's budget which will increase the rate of sales tax levied and expand the commodities that attract sales tax, is it the intention of the Northern Territory government to retain its sales tax rebate scheme and, if so, how does it expect to cope with the additional outlets which will now attract the rebate?

ANSWER

The news of the federal government's moves in relation to sales tax has only been learned in the last 24 hours by the Northern Territory government. I am seeking a report on the implications of the budget upon the Northern Territory sales tax on freight scheme. I will be studying the report and, in the light of that, consider whether or not I should submit changes to the scheme to the Northern Territory Cabinet. At this stage, it is too early to accurately assess the effect because the federal government's budgetary moves in this area were fairly widespread. Until such time as we can collate all the figures, we will not really know how the Territory scheme will be affected. Therefore, it is premature to give any predictions on the scheme now.

Community Health Centre Charges

Mrs PADGHAM-PURICH to MINISTER for HEALTH

Can he advise if charges will be made for consultations at Community Health Centres after 1 September 1981?

ANSWER

It was mentioned in the debate and also in the statement yesterday that consultations with medical practitioners at Community Health Centres will be paid for at a rate of \$15 per consultation. There is some classification that needs to be enlarged upon so far as the health centres are concerned. I am happy to advise the Assembly that the health centres where these charges could be made will be Alyangula, Berrimah, Connellan, Darwin Central, Howard Springs, Jabiru, Katherine, Parap, Sanderson, Tennant Creek, Nhulunbuy and Nightcliff. Obviously, most of those health centres are in suburbia rather than in remote areas. That is the criterion on which the health centre classification has been determined. If the honourable member or other members of the Assembly need further information, I would be happy to provide it.

Aboriginal Community Health Centres

Mr B. COLLINS to MINISTER for HEALTH

In view of the fact that the minister has already stated that Aboriginal communities will be invited to take out blanket health care, is it intended that Community Health Centres in Aboriginal communities will make the same charges or not?

ANSWER

Where a medical practitioner visits the Community Health Centre in a remote area and a person receives a GP-type consultation, there will be a fee of \$15. In most of these centres that I have just mentioned, the presence of a GP is very regular and even full time in most cases. In remote areas, there is the occasional visit of a medical practitioner from one of the larger centres. Any service provided by nursing staff will not be charged for.

Donkey Camp Project in Katherine

Mrs LAWRIE to MINISTER for TRANSPORT and WORKS

My question concerns the proposed Donkey Camp project in Katherine to pump

water from the Katherine River. Will he explain why no environmental impact study has been carried out on this project?

ANSWER

I ask the honourable member to place the question on notice.

Lottery and Gaming Legislation

Mr HARRIS to TREASURER and MINISTER for INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

Has any progress been made on the review of the Lottery and Gaming legislation?

ANSWER

A couple of months ago, it was announced that there would be a complete review by the Lottery and Gaming Commission of the Lottery and Gaming Act. At that time, it was announced that it was proposed to split the act - one piece of legislation for lottery and gaming and the other for racing and betting. The Racing and Gaming Commission sent out questionnaires to some 850 clubs and organisations throughout the Northern Territory seeking their views on the various forms of lotteries and raffles and limitations currently placed on them. Unfortunately, there have only been 169 replies to date. One would expect that all who intended to reply have replied. However, the time for replies has been extended in the attempt to obtain some more information from clubs and organisations on lotteries and gaming. The decision as to when to cut off the receipt of submissions is important in determining when legislation will be able to be introduced into the Assembly. We are hoping to have the matter considered and ready for introduction in the November sittings but there is a possibility that it may not be until the sittings after that.

Racing and betting is not in the same situation. We have now sent out 850 questionnaires to persons on that subject. We do in fact have a great deal of information. I do not see that there should be any delay in drafting legislation on that subject. Hopefully, complete reviews of the legislation on both lottery and gaming, and racing and betting will be introduced into the Assembly in November. However, there is a possibility that at least one bill will not be introduced until the following sittings.

Kakadu National Park

Mr ISAACS to CHIEF MINISTER

Is he yet in a position to explain to the Assembly the changed arrangements, if any, which will apply to the management of Kakadu National Park?

ANSWER

Mr Speaker, no.

Report on Mental Health Act

Mrs O'NEIL to MINISTER for HEALTH

Is it intended to table in the Assembly a separate annual report on the operations of the Mental Health Act in accordance with the requirements of section 41 of that act or is the inclusion of a short section in the NT Department of Health annual report considered to be sufficient?

ANSWER

I ask the member to place that question on notice.

Health Department Staff

Mr BELL to MINISTER for HEALTH

I preface my question by drawing the attention of the Assembly to the

minister's statement yesterday in which he referred to new procedures to be adopted as a consequence of the new health funding arrangements. Which categories of department's staff will receive training in these procedures and in which such procedures will the department's staff receive training?

ANSWER

I can only assume that the member is referring to the procedures that will be involved in processing patients admitted to hospital. There will need to be a fair amount of paperwork processed before they are admitted. If that is not what the member is referring to, perhaps he could let me know. In this particular instance, the staff of all the hospitals will need to go through a training period on the requirements of the government, the federal government and the Department of Social Security and, in fact, on what has to be done to enable payment to be made for services rendered. This concerns nursing and medical staff. That training period started some 6 to 8 weeks ago. It has been going on for some time and will probably continue through into the new year. We anticipate that the first 6 to 9 weeks after introduction of the new scheme could contain a few hiccups and a complete review of our operating procedures is planned to take place at the end of the ninth or tenth weeks of the new charge system so that any difficulties can be ironed out and staff can be advised how these difficulties can be overcome. If I have not answered the honourable member's question adequately, I would be happy to give him further information.

Repair Work on Arnhem Highway

Mrs PADGHAM-PURICH to MINISTER for TRANSPORT and WORKS

What is the program for repair work on the Arnhem Highway?

ANSWER

Mr Speaker, in answer to the honourable member's question, approximately 12,000 metres of pavement on the Arnhem Highway require repair. The department intends to surface as much as it can before the wet. As we have been unable to attract a contractor to do the job, there will be about \$250,000 worth of work done by direct management. We will be inviting tenders shortly for repairs valued at \$1.2m for the Arnhem Highway pavement.

Medical Fees in Aboriginal Communities

Mr LEO to MINISTER for HEALTH

When there is a charge for services by a visiting medical practitioner to Aboriginal community, who will be expected to collect these fees?

ANSWER

Mr Speaker, it will be a circumstance by circumstance arrangement. In some cases, there will be clerical staff available to collect the fees and in other cases the department will be seeking the cooperation of nursing and medical staff to arrange for the collection of the fees.

Donkey Camp Project in Katherine

Mrs LAWRIE to MINISTER for PRIMARY PRODUCTION and TOURISM

My question refers to the projected pumping of 30 million gallons of water per month from the Donkey Camp area of the Katherine River. What steps have been taken to protect farmers who need that water to continue the farming projects they have started along the banks of the Katherine River?

ANSWER

Mr Speaker, when the decision was taken to exploit Donkey Camp to supplement the water supply to the township of Katherine, a committee was set up comprising farmers on the river and members of the department. It was hoped that this com-

mittee would establish the basis for pumping out of the river. I have not been associated with it since that time. I have been advised that people with new agricultural techniques in the region have elected to put bores alongside the river rather than pump out of the river. I understand there is a limit of what can be taken out of the river. I think that is an established fact.

Health Department Staff

Mr BELL to MINISTER for HEALTH

In view of the answer to my previous question, does he believe that it is an efficient use of resources to use highly-trained medical staff to do the work of clerical staff in health institutions in the Northern Territory?

Mr SPEAKER: The honourable member is asking for an opinion.

Marina Proposals

Mr HARRIS to MINISTER for TRANSPORT and WORKS

Is he able to inform me what stage the marina proposals have reached?

ANSWER

At the moment, a submission is being prepared by the Departments of Transport and Works and Lands to go forward to the Town Planning Authority for approval.

ADMA Scheme

Mr B. COLLINS to MINISTER for PRIMARY PRODUCTION and TOURISM

Given the recent difficulties of ADMA in obtaining land for its agricultural scheme, could he now advise the Assembly of the short-term future position of land that will be utilised under the scheme?

ANSWER

The member asks a question which would really necessitate a statement in reply. However, I did outline in an earlier sittings what the program was for 1981. We are not prepared to say any more at this stage. We are certainly hoping that we can get more land for more farms at a later time.

Dollar-for-Dollar Subsidy Scheme

Ms D'ROZARIO to MINISTER for EDUCATION

Is it the government's intention to continue the dollar-for-dollar subsidy scheme for schools during this financial year?

ANSWER

It is the government's intention to continue with this most successful program.

Donkey Camp Project in Katherine

Mrs LAWRIE to MINISTER for TRANSPORT and WORKS

As farmers along the Katherine River bank have been advised that, if they want to sink a bore, it is their prerogative and they have to pay for it, could he advise at what level will pumping cease from the Katherine River to protect their water supply?

ANSWER

I ask the member to place the question on notice.

Palm Leaf Beetle

Mr HARRIS to MINISTER for PRIMARY PRODUCTION and TOURISM

Have any further reports been received by him as to whether or not the pro-

posal to introduce a parasite to control the palm leaf beetle in the Darwin area is able to be proceeded with?

ANSWER

The member for Port Darwin certainly exhibits a lot of interest in this particular problem. It is a very serious one in the urban area. He asked me 2 questions in the last Assembly about the palm leaf beetle. There has been very little improvement in the position. We are in a control phase. The eradication phase cost some \$53,700. There are discussions about to take place with Queensland officers in respect of beetles that have been introduced to Samoa. We are awaiting with interest the result of these discussions and it may be that we can come to some arrangement with Queensland about the introduction of some predators. As I indicated in June, very strict controls would have to be mounted in respect of this particular aspect.

Casuarina Hospital Staffing

Mrs O'NEIL to MINISTER for HEALTH

Yesterday, in his statement on health charges and other health matters, he announced a planned reduction of 70 in the staffing of Casuarina Hospital. Can he advise which categories of staff will be included in this number?

ANSWER

I would need to seek information from the hospital administration. If the honourable members wishes me to do that, I would ask her to place the question on notice.

ADAMA Scheme

Mr B. COLLINS to MINISTER for PRIMARY PRODUCTION and TOURISM

Can he advise the Assembly if there has been any progress at all in the development of a third farm in the ADMA scheme?

ANSWER

The development of the third farm in the current scheme depends on acquiring some further land from a pastoral leaseholder.

Warrego Mine Redundancies

Mr LEO to MINISTER for MINES and ENERGY

Did he have any prior knowledge of the redundancies at Warrego Mine?

ANSWER

I received advice on the day that the public statement was made by the company. I received that advice from the chairman of Peko Wallsend on that day. I had been aware for some 4 to 6 weeks, as I think the whole community had been aware, that the company was certainly in a very difficult position so far as the Warrego smelter operation was concerned. They were looking very closely at what remedial action they would have to take to save their operation from going down the drain entirely.

Retailing at Jabiru

Mrs PADGHAM-PURICH to CHIEF MINISTER

What procedures will be adopted in the establishment of shops at Jabiru to ensure that an undesirable monopoly situation does not arise with the prime consideration always being not only the shopkeeper's profit but the consumer's pocket?

ANSWER

I am not quite sure what procedures will be taken to ensure that a reasonable trading situation is arrived at in Jabiru. To some extent, it will be dependent on the actual size of the town and what sort of retailing operation it can support. I know that provision has been made in the construction phase to have a supermarket and 6 speciality shops and a bank. If the town becomes any larger than at present proposed as a result of other mines in the area gaining approval, I would imagine that an enlargement of the shopping facilities would be considered.

Horticultural Project for Alice Springs

Mr D.W. COLLINS to MINISTER for PRIMARY PRODUCTION and TOURISM

Is it intended that the Agricultural Development and Marketing Authority will eventually move to the Alice Springs area to help set up a horticultural project?

ANSWER

Mr Speaker, stage 1 of the program does not provide that the Agricultural Development and Marketing Authority will set up schemes anywhere else in the Territory. It is obvious that Alice Springs and Central Australia would be desirable places to further exploit horticultural development. To this end, we have strengthened our horticultural section in the Department of Primary Production and that department will be responsible for any further developments in those areas.

Silting of Donkey Camp Area

Mrs LAWRIE to MINISTER for TRANSPORT and WORKS

As he will be aware, in the dry season, the Katherine River below the Donkey Camp area is quite shallow. What investigations have been undertaken by his department to mitigate the effects of the probable silting of that area which will result from the extraction of 30 million gallons of water per month in the dry season?

ANSWER

Mr Speaker, I am unable to provide the honourable member with that information. However, I will do so during the course of these sittings.

Brucellosis and Tuberculosis Eradication Scheme

Mr B. COLLINS to MINISTER for PRIMARY PRODUCTION and TOURISM

In view of the importance of the beef industry to the Territory and the fact that we are lagging behind other states in the success of the brucellosis and tuberculosis eradication scheme, is it the intention of the government to seek a formal guarantee agreement from the Commonwealth government for future funding for that scheme in the Territory?

ANSWER

Mr Speaker, that intention has been forecast on a couple of occasions recently and certainly in the past. Recently, I pressured the Commonwealth for funds for the brucellosis and tuberculosis eradication scheme at the recent Agricultural Council meeting in Darwin and before that at the Rural Adjustment Scheme meeting held in Melbourne at which I represented the Minister for Industrial Development. I do not know that the Territory is lagging behind in the beef industry. I point out to the honourable member that, at 30 June 1981, 26 export abattoirs had closed down around Australia and they were not in the Northern Territory. Mudginberri has closed down since then. Prices have a bearing on the impact of the future of the brucellosis and tuberculosis eradication scheme, of course, and prices are fairly depressed at this stage. No doubt growers will be watching this with great interest with regard to future operations.

Bus Service for Malak

Ms D'ROZARIO to MINISTER for TRANSPORT and WORKS

Can he inform me when a public bus service will be available in the northern section of Malak?

ANSWER

Mr Speaker, I understand that the bus administration is working out new routes for Leanyer, Karama and Malak at the moment. Until such time as the program is complete, I am unable to provide the member with the information she requires.

McMinns Lagoon

Mrs PADGHAM-PURICH to MINISTER for TRANSPORT and WORKS

When is the flood mitigation work at McMinns Lagoon in the rural area expected to be completed?

ANSWER

Most of the work has already been completed. I believe that the Lands Branch is now trying to acquire some land in the area to finish the project. Once that land acquisition has been completed, the department will complete the job within 1 month.

Recreation Lake in Alice Springs

Mr BELL to CHIEF MINISTER

I refer to a letter from a Conservation Commissioner, Mr Harry Butler, to the Secretary of the Central Australian Conservation Council in which he suggested that alternative sites were under consideration for the proposed recreation lake in Alice Springs. Is it true that the government is considering alternative sites and, if so, which sites?

ANSWER

I am not aware of the terms of the letter from Mr Harry Butler to the Central Australian Conservation Council but I would like to hasten to assure the Assembly that Mr Harry Butler does not purport to speak on behalf of the Northern Territory government. At present, I understand the Aboriginal Liaison Unit of my department is attempting to re-establish contact with the Central Land Council with a view to further discussions regarding the site in the Todd River. At present, there are no alternative sites under consideration by the Northern Territory government.

Airport Facilities in Darwin and Alice Springs

Mr B. COLLINS to MINISTER for TRANSPORT and WORKS

In the light of the totally inadequate airport facilities at both Darwin and Alice Springs, did the government in the last financial year seek funds for the upgrading of both these facilities prior to the construction of new facilities?

ANSWER

The Northern Territory government is always pursuing the Commonwealth to upgrade the facilities at both the Darwin Airport and also the Alice Springs Airport. Both airports are controlled and owned by the federal government. We have made representations to the federal Minister for Transport to provide additional facilities at both these airports to no avail.

Teachers Accommodation at Jabiru

Mrs PADGHAM-PURICH to CHIEF MINISTER

What consultation was undertaken with the teachers at Jabiru by the Jabiru Town Development Authority with regard to the accommodation of these teachers?

ANSWER

As far as I know, there were no teachers at Jabiru to consult with at the time that plans were being prepared for housing government servants at Jabiru. Extensive consultations on the nature of government housing - and I do not think that any different housing is being provided for teachers than to other government employees in the area - were had by the authority with the Department of Transport and Works, the Public Service Commissioner's office and the Department of Education.

Water Hyacinth

Mrs O'NEIL to MINISTER for PRIMARY PRODUCTION and TOURISM

In how many sites in the Northern Territory has water hyacinth since been identified and what action is being taken to prevent it spreading?

ANSWER

I am not too sure about the number of sites at which water hyacinth has been identified. Certainly, there was a recent report that is currently under consideration by the department in relation to cost and forward planning.

Northern Territory Teaching Service

Mr B. COLLINS to MINISTER for EDUCATION

Has the Northern Territory Teaching Service established last month become fully operational?

ANSWER

As far as I know, there are teachers in classrooms in the Northern Territory carrying out their duties as normal. That is under the Northern Territory Teaching Service Act.

Anchorage off Cobourg Peninsula

Mrs LAWRIE to CHIEF MINISTER

My question relates to a debate which we had in the last Assembly sittings regarding safe anchorages off Cobourg Peninsula. As the Paspaley pearling lease area in Knocker Bay is no longer being used and is abandoned, has consideration been given to resuming that lease and making it accessible to the general public as suggested at the last sittings?

ANSWER

I cannot say that such consideration has been given. The Cobourg Peninsula National Park is under the control of a board of management which comprises a number of the Aboriginal traditional land owners and a number of representatives of the Conservation Commission. I am aware that they have had at least 2 and perhaps 3 meetings. As a result of these meetings, various decisions have been taken regarding management plans and recruitment and provision for additional rangers. I am not aware that any consideration has been given to acquiring the Paspaley lease at Knocker Bay and provision of an anchorage there. But I believe that those sorts of things will be considered in the formulation of a management plan. I know that a management plan will be formulated with a reasonable degree of celerity.

I do not believe that this anchorage at Knocker Bay should be considered in isolation from the management plan. There are places where people can anchor off

the Cobourg Peninsula at present and there are a number of watering points. I do believe that most yachtsmen who sail to the Cobourg Peninsula, whether it be from Darwin or whether it be from interstate or overseas, usually call in the vicinity of Smith Point and usually receive permits to go ashore.

Women's Centre in Alice Springs

Mr BELL to MINISTER for HEALTH

Why is there currently no women's centre operating in Alice Springs since the closure of the former establishment more than a year ago?

ANSWER

I gather from the tone of the member's question that he was inferring it might be because of this government's non-action that the women's centre is not operating. I would like to advise the Assembly that, after the closure of the former women's centre in Alice Springs and after that very well attended meeting where the women of Alice Springs decided they wished to have a women's centre, the government was happy to support the establishment of a new centre. In fact, the Department of Health made available 2 demountables which were surplus to its requirements on the hospital campus. They were transferred to a block of the local women's choosing for establishment. Unfortunately, the block that the local women chose did not have correct zoning for the proposed centre and, for some time now, they have been going through the trauma, as all of us do when we come in contact with the town planning authorities, of having the block suitably zoned for the establishment of their centre. I appreciate that there has been some upset amongst the local women that it is taking so long but really I feel it is a matter for the people of Alice Springs because they chose the site and they did it in the full knowledge of the zoning. It is not a matter for the government. I would go on to say that we have funds ready to be drawn by the Womens Centre as a contribution towards its operation as soon as the doors are open. We have made preliminary payments already to enable the women to connect water, power and telephones and buy a bit of furniture. As soon as the other matters relating to town planning are resolved, I guess they will be in business.

Education Act Regulations

Mr B. COLLINS to MINISTER for EDUCATION

In view of the fact that Northern Territory schoolteachers are carrying out their duties in classrooms across the Territory, could he advise the Assembly when they will have regulations to the Education Act to guide them in those duties?

ANSWER

Mr Speaker, that is an excellent question. I think the timetable which I originally announced to the Assembly at the last sittings - that is, the end of October - still stands.

Coffee Bush

Mr HARRIS to CHIEF MINISTER

The Chief Minister would be aware of the enormous amount of coffee bush or leucaena that grows in the electorate of Port Darwin. Has any consideration been given by the government to the method of controlling the spread of this bush? If so, is he able to inform me what methods have been considered?

ANSWER

If I may say so, the member for Port Darwin has, I will not call it an obsession, but perhaps a predilection for coffee bush. In other parts of the world, coffee bush is regarded rather more highly than it is regarded by the member for Port Darwin. Sometimes I think that coffee bush is all that is hold-

ing his electorate together. In Hawaii and in the Philippines coffee bush is used as an ornamental plant and it manages, on occasions, to look reasonably attractive. Some time ago, the Conservation Commission, and I cannot remember precise details, embarked on a program of attempting to eradicate portions of coffee bush from particular places. For instance, some members may have noticed that coffee bush on the slope below Government House leading down to the wharves has been, if not eradicated, at least tamed. I believe that some attempt was made to attack coffee bush on the cliffs over here. Coffee bush was eradicated to some extent around Myilly Point.

At present, the Conservation Commission is preparing a document which it hopes will be in the nature of a 3-year plan for the overall improvement of those areas of Darwin for which the government has particular responsibility. I think the foreshores are amongst them. I am not certain whether this plan will encompass the eradication of coffee bush. Perhaps I should inquire of this from the Conservation Commission. I do not know whether the eradication of coffee bush in certain circumstances might cause erosion. Perhaps the coffee bush would be best left in such places. When this proposal is prepared for the urban beautification of Darwin and other Territory centres such as Alice Springs, then it will be submitted to Cabinet for funding. I think some provision is being made for its funding in the next 12 months on a preliminary basis. I hope to be in a position to circulate it to members of the Assembly for their information. I hope that it contains good news for the member for Port Darwin. In some cases, I rather think the coffee bush is really a better sight than what lies behind it in parts of his electorate.

Katherine Rural Education Centre

Mr B. COLLINS to MINISTER for EDUCATION

Could he advise of the progress in the program to provide additional staff and accommodation facilities at the Katherine Rural Education Centre?

ANSWER

Cabinet has recently taken a decision in addition to the decision previously announced to provide \$128,000 to the Katherine Rural Education Centre. I might say that this is largely thanks to the efforts, the persuasive powers and the resulting confidence from the new council of the Katherine Rural Education Centre. We will provide 4 residential demountables plus an ablution block. Hopefully, things will go from strength to strength.

Maintenance of Todd River

Mr BELL to CHIEF MINISTER

As minister responsible for the Conservation Commission, is he aware of representations from the Alice Springs Town Council on the maintenance of the Todd River through Alice Springs? If so, will the Conservation Commission take on extra responsibilities for the condition of the river following these representations?

ANSWER

I am not aware of specific recent representations from the Alice Springs Town Council in relation to the Todd River. I imagine that, because the Director of Conservation is based in Alice Springs, it would obviously be far more efficient for the council to refer directly to the Conservation Commission in that town rather than correspond through me. I know the Conservation Commission has plans for the regeneration of tree growth in the Todd River bed. I understand that, for some reason, the trees seem to die in cycles. Of course we learn these things in an ongoing way and the Conservation Commission is gaining experience in this area. As to ownership of the Todd River bed, I cannot speak with any certainty but I would imagine that it would be Crown land. As for

control of the Todd River bed, the council is as free as any other governmental agency to pass bylaws within its powers in relation to control of matters relating to the Todd River bed. The council has responsibility in Alice Springs for a degree of urban beautification as indeed have councils right throughout the Territory. The government's principal responsibility is to look after those main roads that do not belong to councils. I hope that the maintenance of the Todd River area is something that can be carried out jointly between the Conservation Commission and the council. I would hope that, in due course, the council would accept responsibility for the river that flows right through the town.

Nabarlek Mine Spillage

Mr B. COLLINS to MINISTER for MINES and ENERGY

Is it true that some time in the last 12 months a significant pollution problem occurred at the Nabarlek mine site where liquid waste from the mill was measured as containing in excess of 2,000 pico-curies per litre, that some of this liquid waste was released into the environment and that, further to this, the company failed to report this incident to the Supervising Scientist?

ANSWER

I am aware of a release that took place earlier this year - I believe in March - during which time the company denied that such an occurrence had taken place. Upon questioning by the department, it still maintained that no such action had occurred. The matter has since gained some momentum with the involvement of the Department of Mines and Energy, the Office of the Supervising Scientist, the NLC and a few other people and is currently under review. As to the comments of the honourable member about the level of radiation in the release, I do not have the facts in front of me. If he would care to put his question on notice, I would be happy to give him the details of the circumstances and the sequence of events as I understand them. There is certainly nothing to hide from my point of view.

Palm Valley Gas

Mr ISAACS to MINISTER for MINES and ENERGY

What price is to be paid by the Northern Territory government to the Palm Valley joint venturers for the supply of gas for the Alice Springs-power station?

ANSWER

I appreciate the Leader of the Opposition's question and interest in this matter. I have not been oblivious to the fact that the price agreed upon is also of interest to many people outside this Assembly. I did not disclose the price last week because the only document signed by myself and Magellan was a letter of intent. Formal documentation has yet to be drawn up and signed. I took the view that, since it was a commercial agreement with a customer, in this case NTEC, and the supplier, Magellan, the commercial nature of the agreement should remain confidential until such time as the formalities were executed. My office has been in touch with Magellan Petroleum and, as a result of the numerous inquiries received by both the company and myself, we have agreed that the price should be released today. The price agreed upon was in fact \$1.12 a gigajoule at the well-head. It should be clearly understood that this is a well-head price and not a city gate price. It is not the final price that will be paid by the consumer, which in this case is NTEC, which will have to take into account a number of other factors including pipeline costs and operation. To give members some comparison of the prices paid in Australia today for gas: Surat is getting \$2.04 a gigajoule, Dongara is getting \$1.90 a gigajoule, Cooper Basin is getting 52¢ a gigajoule and Gippsland is getting 33¢ a gigajoule. I make the point that the prices for Cooper Basin and Gippsland are for old gas at old prices. The first 2 prices are for new gas at new prices. Our own gas is old gas at an intermediate price.

I must also emphasise that this gas is of pipeline quality. As I said in my statement last week, the price was agreed to bearing in mind that the industry needs to receive a fair and equitable price for its product if exploration is to be maintained at a satisfactory level. I would say that \$1.12 a gigajoule, given the circumstances of supply and demand, is a very fair price for the citizens of the Northern Territory.

Humpty Doo Primary School

Mrs. PADGHAM-PURICH to MINISTER for EDUCATION

What is the current situation regarding the building of the permanent Humpty Doo Primary School?

ANSWER

The contracts for the Humpty Doo Primary School were let at the same time as the contracts for 3 other primary schools; that is, 5 May 1981. One would hope to see the completion of those primary schools by about the end of January 1982.

Student-Staff Ratio in Primary Schools

Mr B. COLLINS to MINISTER for EDUCATION

My question refers indirectly to a previous answer he gave me on specialist teachers. Does he intend in future school years in the Northern Territory to work towards an overall reduction of the student-staff ratio in primary schools for the educational benefit of the children, I might add, and not for a decreased workload on the teachers?

ANSWER

This is one of the areas that is subject to as many opinions as there are so-called experts: the value of reducing class sizes in terms of educational delivery. There was a study in Saskatchewan in Canada where it was proven - if

you can prove this short of thing - that it would be necessary to reduce a class of 30 down to a class of about 15 before any appreciable improvement in the quality of the delivery of education would be obtained. Nonetheless, there is a fairly wide body of opinion which believes that a class size of 30 in a primary school is somewhat excessive. The Northern Territory Teachers Federation has proposed a figure of 25 in primary schools which is fairly widely accepted throughout Australia as being the ideal for which we should aim.

I previously raised this matter with Cabinet at Port Keats a couple of years ago. The government announced that it would like to be able to reach a pupil-teacher ratio of 25-1. Certainly, it is a target that we still would like to reach when we can. We must have regard to the resources available to schools throughout Australia, not just in the Northern Territory. They are not unlimited and, with the prevailing economic climate and the attitude of the Commonwealth to educational grants to the states and the Territory, that target may well be some time off. Certainly, it is an objective that, resources permitting, I would like to attain as soon as we can.

Alice Springs Child Health Unit

Mr BELL to MINISTER for HEALTH

When will renovations to the Alice Springs Child Health Unit be completed and can he describe how its facilities and services will be upgraded from their current derelict state as a result of the renovations?

ANSWER

I ask the member to place the question on notice.

Dam on Katherine Gorge

Mr VALE to MINISTER for MINES and ENERGY

Could he advise if a dam could be built on the Katherine Gorge and would it solve the problem of Katherine farmers outlined by the member for Nightcliff yesterday as well as supplying an alternative source of energy to a most important centre?

ANSWER

I gather from the tone and regularity of the questions that this matter of the Katherine Dam is very dear to the heart of the member for Elsey. I would like to assure the member for Elsey that I have his interests at heart also. The matter of whether the dam would provide sufficient water for the farmers in Katherine is one that has been under preliminary study by the Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation which reported to the government in a preliminary study that there would be very distinct advantages for primary industry in the area if a dam was built. However, the amount of water used for primary industry will have an impact on the amount of water available for the generation of power. To strike that balance will be important in the years to come when we consider erecting a dam. The amount of water the farmers in Katherine at the moment use would not have any impact on the proposals or any storage that the dam would accumulate when it is built. The water usage that I am talking about relates to any future primary industry development or irrigation prospects that may come as a result of the dam being constructed in the years to come.

Music Course at Darwin Community College

Mrs O'NEIL to MINISTER for EDUCATION

Is he aware that an Associate Diploma of Music course planned at Darwin Community College for 1982 cannot proceed because funding is not available. What action, if any, is the minister able to take on this matter?

ANSWER

Mr Speaker, there are a wide range of advance level course which the college would like to run and this government would like to see the college run. There is a difficulty in funding. All honourable members would be aware that the provision of funds for advanced courses throughout Australia are a Commonwealth responsibility. I would have preferred to have seen the Commonwealth not becoming involved in this area back in 1972 in the way it has. It is not as if the Commonwealth has made more money available for tertiary education as a result of its assumption of full responsibility for advanced level courses. What it did was deduct the equivalent amounts that the states were already getting for purposes of advanced education and took it upon itself to dole that money out by way of tied grants as it saw fit. The responsibility rests squarely with the Commonwealth. Nonetheless, again within the resources available, I think that we can find some this financial year to go halfway towards some very important, advanced level courses which are not currently available in the Northern Territory. What I have to extract from the Commonwealth, before advancing this proposition with my colleagues with any strength, is that it will not be seen by the Commonwealth as a move by us to let them off the hook. In other words, I would not want to see limited Territory resources become the vehicle whereby the Commonwealth would abdicate its own responsibilities.

Joint Study for Supply of Power to Remote Communities

Ms D'ROZARIO to MINISTER for MINES and ENERGY

What is the progress of the study entered into jointly with the Western Australian government in relation to the supply of power to remote communities?

ANSWER

With regret, I do not have that information in my head. I ask the honourable member to place the question on notice.

Additional Accommodation at Berrimah Prison

Mr HARRIS to MINISTER for COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

What progress has been made with the provision of additional accommodation to alleviate the overcrowding at Berrimah Prison?

ANSWER

Mr Speaker, it was announced earlier that the government was moving to establish 2 new cell blocks at Berrimah Prison to alleviate some of the overcrowding there. I understand that prisons all over Australia are overcrowded to varying degrees. The Territory is in a relatively good position in this regard. However, the 2 new cell blocks at Berrimah are proceeding on time and it is anticipated they will be opened in November this year. Staffing arrangements for additional prison guards have been approved. I take this opportunity to supply to members of the Assembly brief information on the numbers of prisoners. On 31 July this year, there were 132 persons in the prison at Berrimah, 48 at Gunn Point Prison Farm and 83 in Alice Springs Gaol. This is a total of 263 prisoners which favourably compares with 322 prisoners in May of this year when overcrowding was fairly serious. The government decided a short while ago to relocate the old Ward 11 of the Darwin Hospital to Gunn Point. This has enabled us to double the capacity at Gunn Point to include an additional 50 minimum security prisoners. These are the only prisoners held at Gunn Point because of the low security arrangements. That arrangement has worked very satisfactorily to date.

Degree Course at Darwin Community College

Mr B. COLLINS to MINISTER for EDUCATION

I preface my question by drawing the minister's attention to the TEC's

report on the establishment of a university in the Northern Territory. Paragraphs 4.6 and 4.7 refer to the Bachelor of Arts degree at the Darwin Community College. Has the clear implication in the recommendations of this report that such a degree course would not be funded by the TEC altered the college's plans to seek accreditation for the degree?

ANSWER

I have quite recently discussed this most unsatisfactory matter with the Principal of the Darwin Community College and the chairman, and I am quite sure the college will proceed with all vigour towards the accreditation of that course. We shall try with equal vigour to get the money to run it.

Veterinarian Assistance to South-east Asia

Mr VALE to MINISTER for PRIMARY PRODUCTION and TOURISM

I understand that the Northern Territory government has previously sent veterinarians to South-east Asia to assist vaccination programs to combat exotic diseases which, if they were introduced, would cause extreme economic hardship. Is it the proposal of the Northern Territory government to offer further assistance?

ANSWER

It is past practice to send veterinarians to South-east Asia as we have done in the last couple of years. Approval is being sought for Dr Jack Haslam from the department to undertake overseas travel to Kampuchea to assist an organisation in Kampuchea with an animal vaccination program. The program is under the auspices of For Those Who Have Less, a special non-government organisation which has concentrated on livestock development programs in overseas countries. In April 1981, the Chief Minister received a letter requesting details on the possibility of the Northern Territory supplying buffalo to help with the reconstruction of Kampuchea. The Chief Minister's reply of 20 May indicated the problem of breaking feral buffalo into the plough and suggested that the use of Northern Territory buffalo as breeding stock might be of more value to the aid program. Further interest in obtaining the services of a veterinarian was acknowledged and, subject to the receipt of further details, the Chief Minister thought that the Northern Territory government might be able to second a veterinarian to assist in the program. Apart from the humanitarian value of helping a ravaged country to rebuild itself, the Northern Territory would benefit from the officer's experience in South-east Asia. Foot and mouth disease and rinderpest are causing major stock losses in Kampuchea; anthrax and backleg are also troublesome. The first 2 diseases are exotic to Australia and their spread to this country could be catastrophic. The value of a Northern Territorian veterinarian obtaining firsthand experience in dealing with those diseases is obvious. The officer submitting this proposal is also responsible for the development of contingency plans to cope with exotic diseases should they be found in Northern Territory stock.

Mercury in Gold Refining Process at Tennant Creek

Mr ISAACS to MINISTER for MINES and ENERGY

Has his attention be drawn to the hearings of the House of Representatives Standing Committee on the Environment and Conservation of July this year in which a hazard to workers was alluded to in relation to the use of mercury in the gold refining process at Tennant Creek? Has the minister satisfied himself that the hazard referred to has been eliminated?

ANSWER

I think that the honourable member and I are on the same wavelength if he is referring to a series of incidents and an alleged danger to health that may have come about as a result of smelting gold at Nobles Nob in Tennant Creek. If

that is not what the member is referring to, then he might so indicate. My understanding is that there was an alleged case of improper working conditions in the smelting of gold in that the mercury and cyanide fumes were not able to get out of the building and that in itself may have caused a danger to people's health. I received representations from several people on the matter. There were at least 4 investigations carried out, particularly by the Department of Mines and Energy. On one occasion, I asked specifically that the Chief Inspector investigate and report to me his findings on the matter. The upshot of it all was that the working conditions were satisfactory from the point of view of safety. What was most important was that people working in the area must pay due regard to the way they conduct their own day's work. I guess that is the balance that we have spoken about often in this Assembly. We can make all the rules and regulations we like on safety and working conditions but, if the man on the job does not have a frame of mind that is safety-orientated, all is in vain. The Leader of the Opposition's concern is noted. I can assure him that every step has been taken to ensure that the working conditions in the gold room are safe.

Police Association Submission on Public Drunkenness

Mr LEO to CHIEF MINISTER

Has he received a submission from the Police Association of the Northern Territory on the public drunkenness proposals announced in May this year? If so, what was the nature of this submission?

ANSWER

To the best of my knowledge, I have not received a submission from the Police Association but I have received something in the order of 20 to 25 submissions from different organisations. Therefore, I would not like to say categorically that I have not received such a submission, but I do not recall receiving one. One could have gone to the Minister for Health or to someone other than myself. It is possible that the association has made one that I have not seen.

Todd River Crossing

Mr D.W. COLLINS to TREASURER

Has any decision been made on my request for funds to seal the Todd River crossing near the RSL, Schwartz Crescent, in Alice Springs?

ANSWER

It is a little inappropriate to ask questions on future funding of the Treasurer at this stage of a budget sittings. However, I can indicate to the member that the government has approved in principle the construction of an additional causeway in Alice Springs in the vicinity of Schwartz Crescent. However, there is a fair bit of work to be done to investigate the proposal and have it placed on the relevant departmental programs.

Katherine Meatworks

Mr ISAACS to MINISTER for PRIMARY PRODUCTION and TOURISM

What action is the government taking to ensure that normality returns to the Katherine Meatworks and union labour and conditions prevail? Given that the government has given a \$12m loan to the meatworks, how does he justify the government's apparent inertia on the matter?

ANSWER

I do not recall that the government has ever really taken a direct role in the dispute that is occurring between the employees of the meatworks and the employers. In respect of the loan, I guess that the Northern Territory will have to consider its options if the meatworks remains closed for an indefinite period.

Training of NTEC Linesmen

Mr D.W. COLLINS to MINISTER for MINES and ENERGY

Mr Speaker, what plans have been or are being made to ensure that NTEC linesman and cable jointing apprentices receive training that will give them reciprocal rights with other states?

ANSWER

The honourable member raises a question that is very important and should be aired before members of the Assembly because it is important that people we train in the Northern Territory in any profession should have portability and recognition by all the states. This matter concerns me and I would like to read for honourable members' benefit a reply I received from the General Manager of NTEC on this particular issue because there was a weakness in the system.

*Linesmen and cable joiners are trained as indentured apprentices under the auspices of the Northern Territory Industries Training Commission. The apprenticeship is for 3 years duration and the Darwin Community College provides academic training for two 4-week block release courses conducted each year. This commission has a total of 15 apprentices undertaking this course of whom 11 are in year 3. Of this number, 4 are being trained in Alice Springs. The syllabus provides for 200 hours of theoretical training in cable joining and specifically for much of this to take place in the third year blocks. Apprentices who recently undertook their first third year block course were examined in a preliminary test of 130 competencies of their apprenticeship. There was concern that these apprentices require supplementary training and this will be undertaken in Darwin from September until the completion of their indentures to ensure that they meet inter-state standards. This procedure for testing and additional training will apply to apprentices from all centres of the Territory in future.*

Because the Territory is growing and emerging, difficulties of this nature may surface from time to time and I think that it is incumbent upon us all that we try to correct them just as NTEC has done in this particular case. If honourable members know of any such other instances, I would be grateful to hear about them.

Jabiru Bylaws

Mr B. COLLINS to CHIEF MINISTER

I understand that a lease has now been formalised for the town of Jabiru. Could he advise what is happening with the bylaws for Jabiru?

ANSWER

I cannot advise the honourable members of the present state of the Jabiru town bylaws but I will certainly give him that information if he would be good enough to place his question on notice.

Sales Tax Concessions on Solar Appliances

Ms D'ROZARIO to MINISTER for MINES and ENERGY

Is it the government's intention to introduce a scheme whereby sales tax concessions or rebates will be available to the users of solar appliances and, if so, when might we expect this scheme to commence?

ANSWER

I recall that I announced the scheme during the last sittings or the sittings before. I believe it commenced on 1 July. I say that off the top of my head and I will confirm it for the member later. Briefly, the scheme is one that offers about \$100 subsidy on an average home hot water system to encourage people to put them in. It will go some way towards alleviating the peak load problems

that we have in our powerhouse in all centres because hot water systems drain quite a lot of power, particularly between 7 am and 9 am, and 6 pm and 8 pm.

Meeting of Transport Ministers

Mr BELL to MINISTER for TRANSPORT and WORKS

I refer to an article in the Centralian Advocate which was published at the time that the member for Ludmilla was acting Minister for Transport and Works. I preface the question by saying that the report in the Centralian Advocate referred to a meeting that was to be held between the federal Minister for Transport, the South Australian Minister for Transport, the Mayor of Alice Springs and presumably the Northern Territory Minister for Transport and Works. Did the meeting take place and, if so, what was resolved in relation to the South Road?

ANSWER

The meeting has not taken place yet. It was set for 14 September but the other ministers cannot meet that 14 September target. We are trying to work out another date for the meeting at Coober Pedy.

Humpty Doo Primary School

Mrs PADGHAM-PURICH to MINISTER for EDUCATION

What plans are being considered to include safe picking up and letting off of children at the permanent Humpty Doo Primary School?

ANSWER

As much as is necessary to pick them up and let them off safely.

Carpentaria College

Mrs LAWRIE to MINISTER for LANDS and HOUSING

At the last sittings of this Assembly he undertook to display the development plans for Carpentaria College for public comment. Could he indicate when such a display will take place so that the public may comment on what is a continuing problem in my electorate?

ANSWER

I will determine the current position in relation to the presentation of the development plans, if any, and I will try to provide an answer on Tuesday morning.

Commonwealth Accommodation and Catering Service

Mrs O'NEIL to MINISTER for COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

What arrangements have been made for the future management of those Northern Territory hostels currently managed by the Commonwealth Accommodation and Catering Service, an organisation which the federal government has announced is to cease operation?

ANSWER

I am not quite clear on the implication of the member's question. If it is that the Commonwealth Accommodation and Catering Service is about to disappear, the matter is at present handled by my colleague, the Minister for Lands and Housing. If I recall correctly, the Housing Commission is administering the agreement with CACS which, in turn, administers the hostels which we inherited not very long after self-government. To my knowledge, those agreements have an expiry period within a matter of a year or so. I leave the balance of the question to my honourable colleague.

Management of Northern Territory Hostels

Mrs O'NEIL to MINISTER for LANDS and HOUSING

What arrangements have been made for the future management of those Northern Territory hostels currently managed by the Commonwealth Accommodation and Catering Service which the federal government has announced is to cease operation?

ANSWER

This is a fairly typical problem faced by administrations around this country as a result of Commonwealth activities; it has no simple solution. One assumes that the most sensible thing for the government to do at this time is to investigate the possibility of calling tenders.

Health Centre at Katherine

Mr VALE to MINISTER for HEALTH

Why is a health centre to be built at Katherine within 1 mile of the existing Community Health Centre?

ANSWER

Mr Speaker, I ask that the question be placed on notice because I believe the centre that is referred to is being funded by Commonwealth funds rather than by Northern Territory funds. If that is the case, I will have to seek an answer from the Commonwealth. There has been some comment to the effect that the centre will be staffed by Northern Territory health department staff. I have been advised by the department that that is not so. I will obtain a written answer for the honourable member for Elsey and clarify the matter.

ADMA Scheme

Mr B. COLLINS to MINISTER for PRIMARY PRODUCTION and TOURISM

What research is being undertaken by the Department of Primary Production in relation to and in cooperation with the Agricultural Development and Marketing Authority scheme? Is it the intention of the department to expand the level of research for the agricultural program in future?

ANSWER

Most areas in the department have been strengthened over the last year or 2, in particular the research services section, in anticipation of the needs of the Agricultural Development and Marketing Authority. This will involve further housing and accommodation being located in the general area of the scheme. The pace of the scheme itself will dictate the expansion in the future.

Alice Springs Women's Centre

Mr D.W. COLLINS to MINISTER for HEALTH

Is he aware of the newspaper report that the Alice Springs Town Council intends to object to the rezoning of the proposed Women's Centre block on Telegraph Terrace, Alice Springs. If the objection is lodged and upheld, has the minister any contingency plan to get the Women's Centre operational?

ANSWER

I am aware that the Alice Springs Town Council is likely to object to the present zoning of the Women's Centre on its present site, not because of the activities of the Women's Centre but because the town council has its eye on the block of land involved and would like to see that adjoined to the swimming pool area for future recreation use on that particular reserve. I do not have any particular difficulty in understanding the town council's attitude. I have spoken to the Deputy Mayor and I am seeking to meet the Mayor of Alice Springs on Friday to discuss this matter because I do not believe that there is a great

deal of difference between the 2 positions that the parties want to take. The arrangement we have set up with the Women's Centre on that particular block is an intermediate one that will last between 3 and 5 years. The buildings were already secondhand when we gave them to the Women's Centre and they will not last forever. Other considerations have to be assessed in that period: whether the site is a good one for the Women's Centre - it may not wish to remain there - what sort of future development should the Women's Centre have and how permanent it should be. We must balance those considerations against the needs of the council which wants the block so that it can use it in 3 to 5 years time. I do not think we have a great deal of difference between the 2 parties' views. I was going to put it to the council that, if it wants the particular land, it should approach the matter on the basis that we could use it in the interim period until it is set aside for the council, if it is the Minister for Land's wish to let it have the block.

Mr Robertson: It has not applied for it yet.

Mr TUXWORTH: I guess that is something for the council to do. It has certainly indicated to me that it intends to make a bid for the land. When that matter has been dealt with, we will be able to consider the town planning aspects. In view of what the Minister for Lands has just said, it raises the question of whether a vested interest, in this case the council, should be objecting to the zoning of a block of land over which it hopes it may obtain title at some time in the future. I can assure members that, if it is possible to obtain an accommodation between the council and the Women's Centre, we will most certainly be trying to do that.

#### Douglas Daly Project Farms

Mr B. COLLINS to MINISTER for PRIMARY PRODUCTION

Could he advise the Assembly the current rate of progress with the 2 project farms in the Douglas Daly area?

ANSWER

I am fairly sure I gave a reply in June as to the extent of progress in the development of the 2 farms. At that stage, we had cleared 740 hectares of land and land preparation, stick raking and so forth was taking place. Since that time, the water bores have been drilled for the homesteads. The houses have been located on site and there are other general activities taking place in the area. A shed is being constructed at a local depot on the road to Hot Springs and an airstrip is under construction for servicing the area. The Department of Transport and Works has also undertaken some works on the main road leading into the farm area. If the members who are interested to look at progress would care to join me or the Chairman of the Agricultural Development and Marketing Authority, we would be happy to make an on-the-spot inspection of progress.

#### Definition of Sittings

Mrs PADGHAM-PURICH to SPEAKER

I would like to ask a question of your honourable self this morning in the interests of semantics and the improvement of my knowledge. Could you inform me if, when we sit, we take part in a sitting and, after having sat for a number of these sittings, we have taken part in a sittings or a longer sitting? How many separate sittings make a meeting or is a meeting a sittings?

Mr B. Collins: Bloody hell!

Mr SPEAKER: Order! The honourable member for Arnhem must restrain himself. That language is unparliamentary and I am almost sure the question is too!

ANSWER

I have had some prior knowledge of the question and I suspect there is more bark than bite in the member for Tiwi's question. Through her dangerous past-time as a kennel-keeper - and she has the marks to prove it - she will have noticed that dogs sit to howl while, when we are sitting here, we are required to stand to speak. Most of the answers to the member's question are in the Standing Orders with the exception of her reference to a 'meeting' which is undefined. A sitting means a daily sitting which in itself may constitute a meeting but is, more often than not, one of a series of sittings, which together are referred to as 'the sittings' or 'a meeting'. I draw the honourable member's attention also to the term 'sit-in' or 'sit-ins' which, while undefined, was a practice indulged in at one stage of this legislature's history. It is not to be confused with a 'sitting' or 'sittings'. I hope that answers the honourable member's question and that there will not be much more levity today.

Distribution of Daily Hansard

Mrs LAWRIE to SPEAKER

I refer to the practice of distributing the unrevised restricted Hansard to large numbers of government departments prior to members having the opportunity to correct what can be quite dramatic errors. I would ask you, Sir, if you would consider discontinuing this practice, even for an hour or so, to allow members to indicate corrections because departments quite often get the wrong information from Hansard if it is uncorrected? I appreciate that the public and press copies must go out.

ANSWER

If the honourable member will place her objections in writing, I will certainly look into them.

School Crossings

Mrs PADGHAM-PURICH to MINISTER for TRANSPORT and WORKS

Does the government, or the Road Safety Council specifically, have any plans - in the interests of safety of children crossing to and from school at cross-roads - to encourage school councils to form unpaid volunteer groups to monitor the situation every day?

ANSWER

Mr Speaker, the Road Safety Council is currently reviewing all school crossings throughout the Northern Territory. Alice Springs members will be aware that presently their schools are being monitored by volunteers from the school staff or parents. When this review has been completed, a recommendation will be made to me either to continue the practice throughout the Northern Territory or adopt some alternative. This question is under review and when the Road Safety Council has made a recommendation to me I will consider it.

Control of Feral Buffalo

Mr B. COLLINS to CHIEF MINISTER

What plans does the government have to implement the recommendations of the Feral Animal Inquiry in reference to controlling feral buffalo?

ANSWER

Mr Speaker, I can answer the question in a general sense only because I believe the details are being worked out and developed between the Department of Primary Production and the Conservation Commission. I understand a number of seminars have been held on the buffalo problem since the feral animal report was tabled in this Assembly. I understand that the government is working towards

eventual implementation of the recommendations of the report in relation to feral buffalo. If the honourable member would like to place the question on notice, I will undertake to give to him greater detail of the actual steps that the Conservation Commission, which is within my responsibility, is taking towards this end.

Arltunga Gold Field

Mr BELL to CHIEF MINISTER

What action is being taken to preserve the old Arltunga gold field as an historic settlement as was reported in the Centralian Advocate of 19 July?

ANSWER

From this question, I gather that the honourable member has not been to Arltunga. I understand work has been in progress for many years. The proposal of the Northern Territory government to which he refers was formulated by Cabinet at its last meeting in Alice Springs. It related to the preservation of the Victoria Settlement to which the honourable member for Nightcliff referred in the adjournment debate yesterday afternoon. The Northern Territory government has put forward a proposal to the Bicentenary Authority that the government should share costs with the Bicentenary Authority, which I understand has or will have funds allocated to it for this purpose, to expend funds through the authority on what it considers to be worthwhile projects to mark Australia's bicentenary. It was thought by the Northern Territory that the 2 most worthwhile sites to preserve and have work done on so that they would be in a good state of restoration by 1988 are Victoria Settlement and Arltunga. The detailed submission on this is going forward from the Conservation Commission to the Bicentenary Authority. I imagine that the proposal will be on the basis probably of a dollar-for-dollar arrangement. We hope that these 2 proposals will meet with the approval of the Bicentenary Authority and that the government can then formally adopt the proposals for the restoration of Victoria Settlement. When I say 'restoration', I obviously mean limited restoration. It is not proposed to do a colonial Williamsburg on either of them because we are not Rockefeller. We have only limited funds. I would imagine that, at Victoria Settlement, a cottage or 2 might be restored and also perhaps the store pits, barracks, bakery and kitchen. Maps and illustrations could be provided and paths through the ruins. The ruins themselves have recently been cleared of growth and debris. These old settlements would be preserved for posterity and I imagine also that the Conservation Commission would be able to use them as bases for the siting of ranger stations. In addition to their normal tasks, the rangers would have some responsibility for overseeing access to Arltunga and to Victoira Settlement by any visitors.

Oil Field Lease in Central Australia

Mr VALE to MINISTER for MINES and ENERGY

Is the minister yet in a position to advise on the current status of negotiations between the Magellan partners and the Northern Territory government in issuing an oil field lease which ultimately will result in the establishment of an oil refinery in Central Australia?

ANSWER

I am happy to advise the honourable member who has a great interest in this particular project because he has been involved with it himself over many years. I am pleased to say that the department and the principals and partners of the Mereenie project in Central Australia met on 2 occasions last week to discuss the details of the lease agreement that is required between the government and the company and to discuss other matters that are relevant in this particular exercise. I refer to the construction of the oil refinery which the government will be requiring the company to proceed with when it gets into the

development of oil in the Mereenie field. I might add that, before any production starts, there is a considerable drilling program to be completed by the company which will really ascertain the parameters of the field and give the developers a much greater knowledge of what is there and which is the best way to take the product out.

The government has asked that the company adopt a practice of enhanced oil recovery from the field by using injection methods of either gas or water to force out the extra bit of oil in the field. It is interesting to note that, in America, enhanced recovery has only come about in the last few years since the Arab OPEC cartel was formed. Companies and government are now deeply regretting that they did not enforce enhanced oil recovery methods in their oil production technique 40 years ago because it is estimated that, in the early fields that were developed in the 1920s and 1930s, 15% to 20% of the oil is still in the ground and will never be recovered because of the techniques that were used. We have a virgin field and we have said to the company that we want every jot of oil that we can get out of it. It is not simply the company's resource; it belongs also to the people and to the consumers of this country who will have to import oil if we do not use our own. We do not have any difficulty with the company in this matter. It is quite happy to oblige except that there is a very large commitment, possibly up to \$100m, before it starts to withdraw any oil from the field. The lease that we are drawing up with the company is being done on the basis of consultation. I would advise the Assembly that the environmental conditions relating to the lease and the environmental impact statement are also being carried out and these will be agreed upon in an agreement separate from the lease. The government will also be requiring the company to put up a bond to maintain some integrity in the arrangements. I would like to advise the Assembly that the matter is very well advanced and I would hope that we can issue the lease in 2 or 3 weeks.

#### Pularumpi Council

Mr B. COLLINS to MINISTER for EDUCATION

Has the honourable member for Tiwi brought to the attention of the honourable minister the objection from the Pularumpi Council to the proposed reorganisation of the adult education section and, if so, what does the minister intend to do about it?

ANSWER

Mr Speaker, the matter of the internal reorganisation of the Department of Education's TAFE division seems to have caused concern in areas other than Pularumpi. Expressions of concern are fairly widespread. Principally, they are based upon the lack of knowledge of exactly what is proposed. Nonetheless, at this stage, they are only internal proposals of the Department of Education. As honourable members would be aware, the TAFE branch of the Department of Education is a ministerial creation - it was one of my own doings - and I would want to be involved in undoing it, notwithstanding it is a bad idea.

#### Health Clinic at Napperby Station

Mr BELL to MINISTER for HEALTH

I draw his attention to some information that was provided to me in relation to the provision of a health clinic at Napperby Station. My understanding is that a prefabricated health clinic was provided for Aboriginal people resident on Napperby Station and it has remained in a prefabricated state for some 12 months. Is he aware of this situation and what will he do to remedy the situation?

ANSWER

I am not aware of the situation. I thank the member for his advice. It will be remedied.

Water Supply in Berrimah

Mrs PADGHAM-PURICH to MINISTER for TRANSPORT and WORKS

What are the current plans to connect water to blocks in Berrimah?

ANSWER

My understanding is that most blocks at Berrimah are connected to the water supply. If the member knows of any specific blocks that are not connected, she might inform me and I will investigate and advise.

Rice Production in NT

Mr B. COLLINS to MINISTER for PRIMARY PRODUCTION and TOURISM

Due to the inadequate information in relation to commercial rice production in the Northern Territory, which led to the abandonment of the project farms in the Adelaide River region, what action has been initiated by the government to correct this deficiency and what are the plans of the department in relation to rice research?

ANSWER

We are trying to improve our knowledge of the technology required to introduce commercial rice farming. To that end, we now have 3 rice agronomists on the staff. Before we embarked on the rice project, we did not have a rice agronomist on our staff, although we were trying to get some at the time. We have been in touch with the International Rice Research Institute in the Philippines. We have had some of our scientists visit there. We have also set up a rice task force comprising most of the senior officials of the department who are involved. We are hoping that the rice production programs will commence next year.

Fault Lines at Palmerston

Mr ISAACS to MINISTER for LANDS and HOUSING

In view of a recent report in the Weekend Advertiser in Darwin, will the Northern Territory minister make a statement in this Assembly to allay fears that fault lines could cause a danger to residents in Palmerston? Can he assure the Assembly that a proper fault lines survey has been carried out in Palmerston?

ANSWER

I am unaware of the reported article in the Weekend Advertiser. I will certainly look it up. If there is any action deemed to be necessary, it most certainly will be taken. I am no geologist, as no doubt the Leader of the Opposition would not claim to be either, but one would have thought that there is no more stable land form in the world than in the Northern Territory. Certainly, I will have the matter investigated.

Alice Springs Hospital Security

Mr VALE to MINISTER for HEALTH

In view of the recent attack on nursing staff in Alice Springs Hospital, what steps is his department or the Alice Springs Hospital Management Board taking to increase security for staff and patients?

ANSWER

Honourable members would recall that earlier this year there was an incident at the Alice Springs Hospital that gave concern to the Alice Springs Hospital Management Board and to members of this Assembly about the security of the hospital and its patients and staff. Several investigations were undertaken by the department and the board and others as to how the security of the hospital and the people working within its confines could be maintained at the highest possible level. In the last day or 2, there has been another breach of security or intrusion on a person's safety by a member of the Alice Springs community. One of the staff was assaulted for not admitting a person to the hospital when the person thought that he or she should be admitted to hospital. Again, this has caused concern to all parties involved in the administration of the hospital.

As a result, I believe it is intended that all doors into the hospital will be closed at 8.30 pm with the exception of the Casualty door. In the case of Casualty, a security guard will be on duty at the entrance between 8.00 pm and midnight from whence the door shall be locked. It should be noted that all visitors attending the hospital after 8.30 pm will be required to have an identification issued by the hospital management. These would seem to be pretty tough remedial steps taken by the administrative authorities of the hospital but there seems to be little other recourse. I point out that some hospitals in the Territory for some years now have been closing their doors at night at 9 pm and opening by key from the inside only when the staff were satisfied there was a bona fide patient on the outside. In fact, security of the staff has been a matter of concern in some places. I am aware that there is a problem as far as the management and board of the hospital are concerned. Every step is being taken at this stage to try to maintain the highest level of security for both the staff and the patients.

Debt Collectors for Health Department

Mr BELL to MINISTER for HEALTH

I preface my question by drawing the attention of the Assembly to advertisements that have been placed in newspapers calling for debt collectors to apply to collect bad debts on the introduction of the new health charges after 1 September. How many firms have responded to these advertisements?

ANSWER

I cannot answer because I do not have the details available to me. I am not even sure that the reply period has closed. If the member places the question on notice, as soon as the information is available, I will see that he gets it.

Horsemeat Sold as Beef

Mr LEO to MINISTER for PRIMARY PRODUCTION and TOURISM

Given the recent disclosure that consumers in Victoria have been paying for beef and receiving horsemeat, can he guarantee that consumers in the Territory are getting what they pay for when they purchase meat?

ANSWER

Mr Speaker, I would like to give the honourable member that assurance, but there is no way to guarantee what he asks. It is, indeed, unfortunate that there has been publicity concerning this horsemeat. In particular, last night, I noticed on the news that it is suggested that perhaps Northern Territory horsemeat could be involved in the recent export of this type of meat to the United States under a different carton brand or a different carton description. We have no knowledge at all of any horsemeat that may have gone into cartons that would have become involved in this export shipment.

Fire Control Services in Aboriginal Communities

Mrs PADGHAM-PURICH to MINISTER for TRANSPORT and WORKS

What plans are there for establishing and reviewing fire control services in Aboriginal communities?

ANSWER

Mr Speaker, the question of fire control services in Aboriginal communities is being investigated at the moment by the Director of Fire Services. Upon receipt of his report, I will provide that information to the honourable member for Tiwi.

Midwifery Course for Northern Territory Hospitals

Mrs O'NEIL to MINISTER for HEALTH

Has consideration been given to the introduction of a midwifery course for nurses in Northern Territory hospitals?

ANSWER

Mr Speaker, I am aware that, for some time, various sectional groups within the community have been pressing for the introduction of a midwifery course in the Northern Territory. In fact, I have received representations from the nurses in Alice Springs that such a course should be introduced there to try to create some decentralisation in the department's tutoring and learning systems. I do not have any particular feeling one way or another, whether the course is established in Alice Springs or Darwin, although I guess, in numerical terms and from the practical experience side, Darwin would be the obvious place to have the midwifery course established. It is not the government's aim to have everything in Darwin just because it suits some people. Every consideration will be given to the proposal to have such a course in Alice Springs. I would like to advise also that I have recently asked the department to make a total review of all the courses that we operate for nursing aides, nursing sisters, Aboriginal health workers, dental trainees and others. In view of the level of education that we now have in the department, I believe it is time to review what we are doing and where we are going. I have also asked the department to provide me with a report on what it sees as the manpower requirements for nursing and the administration of medicine during the 1980s so that we can proceed in the 1980s with a sound appreciation of where we are going.

I would like to point out to the honourable member some of the difficulties that I see in some of the courses which we have established. The Aboriginal health worker training program is an excellent concept and is working very well. It has been operating in some places in the Territory now for about 10 years. While our Aboriginal health worker training program is designed to enable us to hand over health centres in remote places to Aborigines in the future, we are reaching a stage where the Aboriginal health workers reach a level of training and perfection and then desire to be teachers.

Mrs Lawrie: Why don't you answer the question?

Mr TUXWORTH: The honourable member for Nightcliff has asked whether I would like to answer the question. I am trying to give a full answer relating to the whole aspect of training medical staff in the Northern Territory. If she is not interested, I understand that and I will not take any more of her time.

#### Old Naval Headquarters

Mr HARRIS to MINISTER for TRANSPORT and WORKS

Bearing in mind the approaching wet season, is he able to inform me if work on the old Naval Headquarters, the building which will house the Administrator's office, is proceeding according to schedule?

ANSWER

Mr Speaker, I drive past the old Naval Headquarters daily and I perceive that there are many workmen on site. I think the construction is proceeding as scheduled.

#### Sale of Housing Commission Homes in Nhulunbuy

Mr LEO to MINISTER for LANDS and HOUSING

Can the minister yet say when Housing Commission houses will be available for sale to interested tenants in Nhulunbuy?

ANSWER

The short answer to the question is no. The honourable member and I had a fairly lengthy discussion on the subject. At least, it was lengthy by the standards of the discussions between myself and the opposition. It would be very helpful if other members on that side of the Assembly would take the trouble he does to outline the difficulties as he sees them. I am fully aware of his concern to provide Housing Commission accommodation in that centre. He is no doubt by now fully aware of my equal concern and the fact that there has been no appreciable change in the position. The same difficulties with land tenure still apply. It will take a major effort on everyone's part to overcome them.

#### Commercial Production of Fruit and Vegetable Crops

Ms D'ROZARIO to MINISTER for PRIMARY PRODUCTION and TOURISM

What programs are proposed for large-scale commercial production of fruit and vegetable crops for export?

ANSWER

The export of fruit and vegetables is of great interest to all members. We realise our position in regard to the domestic market. Obviously, we would have to service both markets with plans that have to be tested. The main plan that the government is looking at is strengthening first the horticultural section of the department and then looking at the varieties that might be of commercial value to the Northern Territory. I evidence this in the recent purchase by a Queenslander of Manbulloo Station and his proposal to establish 25,000 mango trees here. Other people have come to see us about the establishment of various orchards and we look forward to these plans being consummated.

Women's Centre in Bath Street

Mr D.W. COLLINS to MINISTER for LANDS and HOUSING

Has a decision been made by him on what to do with the old Women's Centre block in Bath Street, Alice Springs? If so, what are the plans?

ANSWER

Mr Speaker, no.

Daly Street Basketball Court Site

Mr ISAACS to MINISTER for LANDS and HOUSING

Has any developer approached the Northern Territory government proposing to use Darwin's Daly Street basketball court site? If so, who is the developer and what is the proposal that has been put to the government?

ANSWER

It may well be a case of the Leader of the Opposition knowing something that I do not know. I certainly know of no such application but I will check it out and inform the honourable gentleman later.

Tennant Creek Town Plan

Mr BELL to MINISTER for LANDS and HOUSING

I preface my question by drawing the Assembly's attention to the fact that some business people in Tennant Creek claim that delays in producing a new town plan have lost them many thousands of dollars and the town the benefit of their proposed services. Why has there been a delay in the production of the town plan for Tennant Creek and what action will be taken to ensure that such delays do not hamper the proper development of the Territory and Tennant Creek in particular?

ANSWER

As usual, the honourable gentleman has it all wrong. The fact is that the Tennant Creek town plan - that is, the new town plan - is in operation. That is one error. The other is that the production of the new town plan had nothing to do with any delays involving the changing of zoning in the Tennant Creek area. What happened was that, under the old town plan, applications for rezoning were processed in the normal way in accordance with the Planning Act and those rezonings occurred as and when they came through the system in the manner determined by this Assembly when it passed the Planning Act. The new town plan is in operation.

Sand and Gravel Mining in Rural Area

Mrs PADGHAM-PURICH to MINISTER for MINES and ENERGY

What is being done to reduce the disturbance caused by the activities of sand and gravel miners in the Darwin rural area?

ANSWER

This matter has been before the Assembly many times. I would like to advise honourable members that the Department of Mines and Energy now has 3 inspectors on site in the rural area and they have now started using helicopter surveillance to drop in on people who are doing things that they should not be doing. This new method of surveillance seems to be having the desired effect. It would appear that the amount of illegal mining is decreasing rapidly.

Nabarlek Mine Spillage

Mr B. COLLINS to MINISTER for MINES and ENERGY

On Wednesday of last week the minister expressed his concern that the manager of Queensland Mines had denied that a run-off had taken place and described the action as 'crazy'. The following day, the minister told the Assembly that he understood the manager knew nothing of the incident. Could he advise the Assembly which is the correct story?

ANSWER

On the first day, I was referring to comments that the honourable member for Arnhem had made in his adjournment debate. I was making the point that I understood that the acting manager or the manager, whoever was on site at the time, had denied that certain actions had taken place or that certain events had occurred. I think I was alluding to the fact that I felt it was crazy to make a denial if things had happened. That is the perspective in which the remarks were made. If the honourable member has any difficulty with that, I would ask him to place the question on notice.

Darwin Trader

Mr HARRIS to MINISTER for TRANSPORT and WORKS

We have been given another reprieve with the Darwin Trader service. Has the government taken any steps to ensure that a regular shipping service to the eastern states is maintained in the future?

ANSWER

As I informed the Assembly last week, I understand that Department of Transport and Works officers had been having discussions with Australian National Line, TNT and other parties that might be interested in providing an east coast service in the Northern Territory. Now that we have the reprieve until September 1982, it is my intention to pursue those negotiations with such companies as are interested in providing a service without subsidy to the Northern Territory.

Chemical Control of Noxious Weeds

Mr DOOLAN to MINISTER for PRIMARY PRODUCTION and TOURISM

Given that chemicals are widely used for noxious weed control, what is being done to ensure that the environment is not suffering from this treatment - for example, the fish in waterways?

ANSWER

The weed problem that the honourable member touches on is of vast proportions in the Northern Territory. In fact, I do not know of a waterway that does not have one or other of our noxious weeds. Of course, the spraying of some of the introduced weeds that we are trying to contain and eliminate would impact on some of the waterways to the extent of that particular chemical. I think that both sides of the Assembly are in agreement that some of those weeds must be sprayed and they must be kept out of the Northern Territory.

Treatment for NT Patients in Southern Hospitals

Ms D'ROZARIO to MINISTER for HEALTH

Under what conditions may Northern Territory patients be referred to southern hospitals for treatment and what financial assistance is available to such patients?

ANSWER

There are several schemes under which Northern Territory patients can be

referred interstate. One is an internal scheme where patients of the department who are believed to be in need of special hospital treatment in another state can be transferred at the department's expense to another state for that treatment. I might cite the instance where most of the patients in the Northern Territory who need intra-spinal treatment are sent by agreement between New South Wales and the Northern Territory to the spinal unit in the Royal North Shore Hospital. We send other patients to other states where those states have a speciality that we think we can use. That is an internal arrangement.

The other option is for any person who is referred by his doctor to a specialist in another state. Where that specialist is not available in the Northern Territory, that person can be compensated under the Commonwealth IPTAAS scheme. But that is often a matter between the patient and the 2 doctors. In the case of private doctors, where the department uses the IPTAAS scheme - for instance, sending somebody from Katherine to Adelaide - then the department takes care of the IPTAAS arrangements. I think the process is that we pay the fares and get the money back from IPTAAS in the course of time.

Nabarlek Mine Spillage

Mr B. COLLINS to MINISTER for MINES and ENERGY

The minister issued a press release yesterday in which he said: 'The ponds and water system at the Nabarlek mine have done exactly what they are designed to do'. He went on to say that this was done to the satisfaction of the Supervising Scientist. Does he mean by that statement that the ponds and the water system at Nabarlek operated within the parameters laid down by the design specifications?

ANSWER

I ask the member to place his question on notice.

Sadadeen Primary School

Mr D.W. COLLINS to MINISTER for EDUCATION

Is the construction of the Sadadeen Primary School stage 1 on schedule?

ANSWER

I indicated during the course of last week's sittings that the contracts for all of those primary schools were let at the same time. I understand, however, in respect of Sadadeen stage 1 project that it could be a month late on current predictions. In other words, the opening could occur in April instead of at the end of February.

Local Government Maintenance of Private Land

Mrs O'NEIL to MINISTER for COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Is it proposed that local governments be given power to supervise standards of maintenance of private land following the passage of the freeholding legislation and the consequent removal of covenants?

ANSWER

Mr Speaker, the government supports very strongly the involvement of local government in the maintenance of private land. I am just trying to recall if I have already introduced a bill during these sittings amending the bylaw-making powers of local government and providing powers for local government to adopt model bylaws, which are being prepared by the government, if they so wish. The short answer is yes. We see much greater involvement of local government in keeping cities clean.

Donkey Camp Project at Katherine

Mrs LAWRIE to MINISTER for PRIMARY PRODUCTION and TOURISM

This is the same question I asked last week and I hope that I receive a different answer. It refers to the projected pumping of 30 million gallons of water per month from the Donkey Camp area of the Katherine River. I ask him again: what steps have been taken to protect farmers who need the water to continue the farming projects they have started along the banks of the Katherine River?

ANSWER

The answer I gave last week related to new farmers in new projects electing to sink bores. It had nothing to do with the existing farmers. I have since received a telegram from all those concerned farmers in Katherine pondering about my reply last week. Now they have that reply. The rest of the question involves the portfolio of my colleague, the Minister for Transport and Works.

Supervising Scientist's Report on Ponds at Nabarlek

Mr B. COLLINS to MINISTER for MINES and ENERGY

Is he aware that the office of the Supervising Scientist prepared a report on the run-off pond at Nabarlek which clearly stated that the company was operating that pond outside of the design limits?

ANSWER

I would ask the member to put the question on notice. Let me say that I was in contact this morning with the Supervising Scientist. Just by chance, I happened to raise with him the matter of Nabarlek spill. I would like to advise the honourable member that the general consensus, and I agree with it, is that the whole matter is a storm in a teacup. The Supervising Scientist has similar sentiments about the whole thing. I have taken a stance from day 1 of being completely frank and open about all the things that happened and were alleged to have happened at Nabarlek. In fact, I have organised a departmental briefing of the Sessional Committee on the Environment. We had an hour to bring them up to date on the sequence of events and all the allegations that have been made. Mr Speaker, I do not have a problem. If the member has a problem with it still, I would suggest that he place further questions on notice and we will deal with them on that basis.

Effect of Beef Export Rumours on Industry

Mr LEO to MINISTER for PRIMARY PRODUCTION and TOURISM

Has the scandal surrounding beef exports to the USA had any effect on the Territory's beef trade and, if there has been an effect, what does he intend to do about it?

ANSWER

Mr Speaker, there has been no effect on the beef trade in the Northern Territory to date.

Government Printing Office Apprenticeship Scheme

Mrs PADGHAM-PURICH to MINISTER for TRANSPORT and WORKS

Can he tell me the progress made since the start of the apprenticeship scheme in bookbinding, printing, graphic reproduction and composition as part of the operation of the Government Printing Office?

ANSWER

At the moment, the printing office employs 9 apprentices and these apprentices attend a technical college course in Brisbane on a 7-week block release

period per year. To date, I believe the results have been exceptional. Out of a total of 16 examinations, the Government Printing Office apprentices have achieved 9 honours, 5 credits and 2 passes, with no failures. Each section of the Government Printing Office now has at least 2 apprentices. Due to the difficulty associated with recruiting technical staff, the Government Printer has indicated that he intends to place further emphasis on local training.

Housing Commission Rents

Mr ISAACS to MINISTER for LANDS and HOUSING

Is it the intention of the government to increase Housing Commission rents in the near future and, if so, to what extent? Is there a program of increases planned to achieve market rent?

ANSWER

Mr Speaker, I will be seeking leave to make a statement on this matter at the appropriate time this morning.

Batchelor Airstrip and Meneling Abattoir

Mrs PADGHAM-PURICH to MINISTER for TRANSPORT and WORKS

Is he aware of the confrontation between certain interests which use the Batchelor airstrip and the Meneling Abattoir?

ANSWER

I am not aware of any confrontation between those 2 organisations. However, I will attempt to find out and provide the member with the information she seeks.

Donkey Camp Project at Katherine

Mrs LAWRIE to MINISTER for PRIMARY PRODUCTION and TOURISM

My question is asked on behalf of Katherine farmers Beech, Lindler, Lansdowne, Murphy, Radunz, Sweetman and Phillips. What action will his department take to ensure the continuance of their water supply - some of the farmers have riparian rights and others have a licence to irrigate by pumping from the river - once the 30m gallons pumping scheme from the Donkey Camp area commences and their water supply is put at risk?

ANSWER

Cabinet met in Katherine about 5 weeks ago. We discussed quite a few issues with the locals who made representations to us. The drawing of water from the Katherine River was not one of those representations at the time although we did have one of those names on that telegram. That person came to see us about rural education. The extent of the problem that the honourable member is talking about is unknown to myself and to my colleague, the Minister for Transport and Works. If there is a problem, and I accept what the honourable member has to say, it obviously must be looked at. I suggest that the minister and I should talk to the farmers to see how extensive the problem is.

Increase In Housing Commission Rents

Mr BELL to MINISTER for LANDS and HOUSING

Is it true that Housing Commission rents are to rise by 15%, as reported in the Star newspaper today?

No answer given.

Upgrading of Stuart Highway in Alice Springs

Mr VALE to MINISTER for TRANSPORT and WORKS

Could the minister advise what proposal the government has to upgrade the Stuart Highway through Heavitree Gap in Alice Springs and south of that area?

ANSWER

Mr Speaker, hopefully work will commence in that area in 1982-83, subject to budget considerations.

Environmental Impact Study on Child-Minding Centre

Mrs PADGHAM-PURICH to MINISTER for LANDS and HOUSING

I preface my question by saying that an environmental impact statement is being called for regarding the setting up of a small child-minding centre in Howard Springs. Is it the usual practice to ask for an environmental impact statement when setting up such an innocuous business as a child-minding centre?

ANSWER

Mr Speaker, I thank the honourable member for the question. Certainly, I cannot imagine under what circumstances one would want to call for an environmental impact study on a small child-minding centre. On the face of it, it seems to me that it might border on a degree of lunacy notwithstanding it is within my area of responsibility. Mr Speaker, I most certainly will investigate such a matter and, if the honourable member's allegation is correct, see that some sanity prevails.

Access Road to New Air Terminal in Darwin

Mr ISAACS to CHIEF MINISTER

Has Rothdale Road in Darwin been chosen as the main access to the new civil airport terminal and, if not, which road has been so chosen?

ANSWER

Mr Speaker, I am not aware that Rothdale Road has been chosen as the principal access to the new Darwin air terminal. I think that traffic proceeding to the new Darwin air terminal will have to use McMillans Road. I understand that access and egress from both directions along McMillans Road will be provided by roads that exist from RAAF land somewhere in the vicinity of the intersections of Rapid Creek Road and McMillans Road and Lee Point Road and McMillans Road. I am not totally conversant with the matter. It is the subject of a joint working party between Commonwealth officials, Territory officials and the Darwin city council but I do understand that that is the proposal that has been agreed on.

Sole Brothers Circus

Mr HARRIS to MINISTER for COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Can he advise the Assembly of the amount and conditions of any assistance which the government has given to the Sole Brothers Circus which is in town at the moment?

ANSWER

After a lengthy period of negotiation the government agreed to pay a subsidy to bring the Sole Brothers Circus to the Northern Territory. One of the conditions that the Northern Territory government placed on such assistance was that the circus conduct performances in Alice Springs. It was originally intended that the circus could come through Mt Isa to Tennant Creek to Katherine and Darwin. The company sought some \$10,000 for subsidy for transportation costs primarily on the basis that they would limit their entry charges to the rates that are applicable in western Queensland. In addition to agreeing to provide a performance in Alice Springs, the circus also agreed to provide a special family discount for 2 adults and 2 children, a free performance for all handicapped persons, a gala premiere for invited guests and community performances of individual acts for the Casuarina Hospital and the City Mall. It also agreed to provide a full circus parade on Saturday 29 August and to display the circus animals free, which is not always the case when the circus performs apparently. There are other sponsors of the circus as honourable members will note from newspaper advertisements. The government felt that, in providing taxpayers' funds to subsidise the bringing of the circus to the Territory at this particular time

- which is fairly convenient because it is the school holidays - we would rather spread it as much through the Territory as we can. Thus, we insisted that Alice Springs be included in the itinerary.

Fuel Tankers on City Roads

Mrs O'NEIL to MINISTER for TRANSPORT and WORKS

Has the movement of large fuel tankers on major city roads in peak hours been restricted in accordance with the recommendation of the Road Safety Council?

ANSWER

At the moment, the department is looking at some of the recommendations of the Naaska-Ervil Committee. I will be making recommendations to Cabinet in possibly October or November regarding the movement of semi-trailers and triple bogey trailers in the city area. There is a limited use of double bogey trailers in the city area during certain times during the week.

Railway Crossing in Alice Springs

Mr VALE to MINISTER for TRANSPORT and WORKS

Can he advise the government's proposal regarding the upgrading of Larapinta Railway Crossing in Alice Springs? Does the upgrading proposal include the installation of traffic lights?

ANSWER

Certainly, it is the government's intention to upgrade the crossing at Larapinta Drive. The subject of traffic lights is still under consideration. The upgrading will relate to future budget considerations of the 1982-83 financial year.

Palm Leaf Beetle

Mr B. COLLINS to MINISTER for PRIMARY PRODUCTION and TOURISM

Do any quarantine measures exist in the Territory for controlling the movement both inter and intra Territory for palms in respect of the palm leaf beetle?

ANSWER

No.

Donkey Camp Project at Katherine

Mrs LAWRIE to MINISTER for TRANSPORT and WORKS

My question concerns the proposal to pump water from the Donkey Camp area in the Katherine River. Is the honourable minister aware that the earth works associated with this project may well cause silting downstream and, if so, what steps are being taken by his department to mitigate this silting?

ANSWER

I thought that I provided that information to the honourable member last week. However, the Katherine River Advisory Committee will be meeting with the department this Friday to discuss all the problems raised in questions that the honourable member for Nightcliff has put to both the Minister for Primary Industry and Tourism and myself during these sittings.

Interstate Treatment for NT Patients

Ms D'ROZARIO to MINISTER for HEALTH

Are the current arrangements for referring Northern Territory patients to interstate hospitals for treatment likely to change as a consequence of the introduction of new health charges on 1 September?

ANSWER

I have no knowledge of any change in the current arrangements at all.

Use of Modern Technology in Oil Fields

Mr D.W. COLLINS to MINISTER for MINES and ENERGY

Modern technology applied to oil fields can enhance recovery by a large amount. Through discussions with the energy adviser, I believe in some cases it can be up to 4 times as much. What does the minister intend to do to ensure that developers use the most modern technology to obtain the maximum quantity of oil from the ground for present and future Territorians?

ANSWER

I touched on this matter briefly the other day during question time. I think that it is suffice to say that the government will be requiring developers of any field in the Northern Territory to carry out in the first instance a comprehensive exploration program with seismic and drilling activities to delineate any resource to a degree that satisfies the technical people within the department. Having delineated a field, a developer must submit a proposal of how it would propose to get every last drop of oil from the field.

As I said the other day, there are practices that have only been developed since the oil price hike during the 1970s. We would be expecting any developer in the Northern Territory to use these enhanced oil recovery practices - such as pumping water and gas back into fields to drive out the reservoir oil - to whatever degree is necessary and is economically viable. It does not take a great deal of imagination to realise that, when oil is about \$30 a barrel, one would not have to get many barrels back in extra recovery to pay for the cost of an enhanced recovery program.

Nhulunbuy Community Health Centre

Mr LEO to MINISTER for HEALTH

Can he give an assurance that services at the Community Health Centre in Nhulunbuy will not be downgraded?

ANSWER

Most certainly, Mr Speaker.

Dairy Cattle at Elizabeth River Dairy

Mr DOOLAN to MINISTER for PRIMARY PRODUCTION and TOURISM

Could he advise the results of the records and milk samples of the dairy cattle belonging to the Department of Primary Production at the Fitzgerald's Elizabeth River Dairy?

ANSWER

I ask the member to place the question on notice.

Subsidy to Youth Organisations

Mrs O'NEIL to MINISTER for YOUTH, SPORT and RECREATION

Have guidelines for the 3 in 1 subsidy to youth organisations for capital works, which was announced by the minister last year, yet been determined?

ANSWER

Only this week, the department provided me with draft guidelines which I am examining now. When I am in a position to make an announcement regarding what the guidelines will be, I will do so.

Sealing of Roads from Winton

Mr VALE to MINISTER for TRANSPORT and WORKS

I ask this question on behalf of the member for Elsey. Can he advise whether his department will press for the completion of sealing of the Winton-Boulia Road and the sealing of the Winton-Cloncurry Road as further all-weather links to the east coast?

ANSWER

The roads mentioned by the member for Stuart are roads we are pressing the neighbouring states to complete. We are constantly pushing the federal government to provide financial assistance to the South Australian government to complete the South Road. Our main priority in funding will be the national highway, the Stuart Highway in the Northern Territory. However, I will take on board the comment made by the member for Stuart and relate it to the neighbouring states.

Alcohol Abuse in Northern Territory

Mr HARRIS to CHIEF MINISTER

At what stage are the government proposals to counter the very serious problem of alcohol abuse in the Northern Territory?

ANSWER

Mr Speaker, the government is still receiving submissions from various interested organisations. On Monday of this week, I received oral submissions from the Licensed Victuallers Association, I think it is called, and its solicitor. On the same day, I had a conference with members of the Darwin and District Alcohol and Drug Dependence Foundation. It appears that submissions will continue to come in for a further period. We received a preliminary submission from the Darwin and District Alcohol and Drug Dependence Foundation and, on the basis of that, I had this conference with members of that organisation. They propose to put in a further submission in another 3 or 4 weeks. I imagine that, by the end of September, the government will be able to look at the various submissions that have been received including, I should mention, one from the Leader of the Opposition. We should then be in a position to make further recommendations to Cabinet in the form of a submission which can precede the development of legislation which I hope can be introduced into this Assembly in the November sittings. In February, I should imagine, the legislation will be able to be debated.

Registration of Yipirinya School

Mr B. COLLINS to MINISTER for EDUCATION

Could he advise if there has been any progress with the application for registration of the Yipirinya School in Alice Springs?

ANSWER

Mr Speaker, I understand that a formal proposal has been put by the Yipirinya School Council to the Department of Education through the southern regional office and that a meeting has taken place between the people who are, shall we say, organisers of Yipirinya School and the department's senior officers. I also understand that quite a lot of interest was shown by the federal committee on Aboriginal education while it was in Alice Springs and that that particular committee had many critical questions to ask.

Conservation Commission Free Trees

Ms D'ROZARIO to CHIEF MINISTER

Is he aware that the Conservation Commission has discontinued the practice

of providing trees free of charge for public buildings and spaces and will he ensure that this practice is resumed as soon as possible?

ANSWER

I am not aware that the Conservation Commission has discontinued the practice of providing trees free of charge for public buildings and spaces. I will look into the matter. I certainly will not give any undertaking to the Assembly in relation to the matter until I have discussed it with the Conservation Commission which, after all, has a measure of autonomy in its decisions. Presumably, if this is the case, there must be some good reason for it. The commission has given away many thousands of trees in all Territory centres in the course of the past several years. It may be that it is finding that a drain on its resources. Often things that are given away are not appreciated quite as much as those things that one has to pay a little for. In any event, I will look into the matter. Perhaps the honourable member might like to put the question on notice and she will receive a detailed answer in due course. Alternatively, she could write me a letter.

#### Health Insurance for Chronically-ill Patients

Mr D.W. COLLINS to MINISTER for HEALTH

Is it true that health funds can refuse membership to the chronically-ill? If so, what options do chronically-ill patients have in regard to health insurance?

ANSWER

The honourable member raised this matter with me yesterday afternoon. I have asked him to bring it to the notice of the Assembly this morning during question time because it does have serious ramifications for some people in our community who have continuing disabilities. I would like to answer the question in this way by saying that it is essentially a federal Health Department matter as the health insurance funds operate under the provisions of the federal Health Insurance Act over which various states have no jurisdiction whatsoever. However, it is my understanding as a result of information received from the Commonwealth Department of Health that various health funds are obliged to accept patients with pre-existing conditions to their fund upon application. The patients are only eligible for basic level insurance. In view of this, it is also my understanding that funds set their own rules for acceptance to the higher tables of the chronically-ill.

The important point under the federal legislation is that funds must take on at basic level insurance chronically-ill patients as well as those with pre-existing conditions. I bring this to the attention of members in case any member comes across a constituent with a pre-existing illness who has been disadvantaged deliberately by a fund or its policy. If the member is not getting any satisfaction with a fund and could use the assistance of the department or myself in overcoming the problem, I would like him to take the opportunity to come to us in the first instance.

#### Debtors in NT Prisons

Mr BELL to MINISTER for COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

I preface my question by drawing attention to remarks already made in this Assembly about the possibility of defaulters under the proposed change in health arrangements. How many debtors are currently in prison in the Northern Territory jails?

ANSWER

I do not think that I could reasonably be expected to have that information at hand without any forewarning whatsoever. I ask the honourable member to place the question on notice.

Nhulunbuy Community Library

Mr LEO to MINISTER for EDUCATION

Has the Department of Education received any report on the function of the community library in Nhulunbuy and, if so, how well does that library function as a school facility?

ANSWER

I am unaware of any particular report which the department may or may not have in respect of the operation of the community library. Nonetheless, when I was over there in company with the Chief Minister for the purpose of opening the Nhulunbuy High School, I had some discussion with the librarian on, shall we say, the civilian side and also the teacher librarian on the school side. I gained the impression from them that the community library side is very satisfactory indeed but there may be some problems so far as the school is concerned, particularly with space. This is something that we will be monitoring very closely and take whatever remedial action is necessary. Certainly, I think that the town is very happy with it. The teacher librarian can see small difficulties in terms of trying to run classes while the community is actually using the library. It requires close cooperation between the 2 people who operate the library. They are both librarians and I am quite sure that they are as anxious as we are to see the best possible use made of the facility.

Northern Territory Taxes

Mr HARRIS to TREASURER

The Treasurer will be aware of claims in this morning's news by the Leader of the Opposition that Territory taxes will be increased by some \$32m. Can the Treasurer inform the Assembly whether this is correct?

ANSWER

I am aware of the report the honourable member refers to. The allegation has concerned me a little because it is a misrepresentation of the facts. Of the \$32m which is expected as increased Northern Territory revenue this financial year, some \$3.2m has been attributed to increases in taxes and proposed new taxes in the Territory. The other \$27.7m will result from growth in existing taxes and charges through hospital fees which prudent Territorians will recover from health insurance. To claim that natural growth and things like payroll tax, income from land sales, income paid to the Territory by interstate governments for lottery sales in the Territory, mining royalties and even interest earned by government deposits are new imposts on Territorians is gross misrepresentation. Having regard to the fact that the proposed increases are the first in about 3 years and that average earnings in the Northern Territory have risen during that period by 37%, the \$4.3m additional revenue which the Territory will be receiving amounts to about the cost of a steak sandwich per head of population per week. I do not think that the charges that the government is proposing are at all unreasonable. But I do take some exception to the way matters such as budget figures are misrepresented in the community in that they convey a quite false impression.

Department Officers at Horticultural Convention

Mr DOOLAN to MINISTER for PRIMARY PRODUCTION and TOURISM

Following the government's public announcement of its encouragement for a Territory horticultural industry, were any Department of Primary Production officers present at the third national convention organised by the Australian United Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Association understanding that the 4-day discussions involved growers, wholesalers, retailers, transporters and those working in packaging?

ANSWER

I authorise a fair bit of travel for officers to go to interstate conferences. I certainly do not recall approving travel for that conference although I may have.

Tourist Commission Audio-visual Road Show

Mr VALE to MINISTER for PRIMARY PRODUCTION and TOURISM

Could he advise on the effectiveness of the Tourist Commission's audio-visual road show which is presently touring south-eastern Australia?

ANSWER

The audio-visual presentation forms one of the principal areas of the Tourist Commission's 1981 promotional campaign. The road show began the national tour at the Albury Trade Fair in July and was watched by an estimated 15,000 of the 28,000 people who attended the week-long affair. Since then, the audio-visual has been watched by 500 people at Southport, 600 people at Brisbane, 500 people at Toowoomba, 550 people at Newcastle, 800 people in Sydney where it was part of a Pacific area travel association conference and 400 people in Canberra. The presentation is now in Melbourne where it is preparing to move to Hobart, Launceston and then to Geelong, Bendigo, Ballarat and Mt Gambier. From there it will go to Perth for a special presentation at the end of September and for the Royal Show and the opening of a tourist bureau in that city before finishing in Adelaide in October. The Tourist Commission has formed the opinion that this audio-visual has been very useful to people requiring information about visiting the Northern Territory.

Magistrates in Alice Springs

Mr ISAACS to CHIEF MINISTER

Is it intended to have 2 magistrates based in Alice Springs in the New Year?

ANSWER

Mr Speaker, I am not in a position to answer that question at this time. I would suggest that the Leader of the Opposition place the question on notice. I can make inquiries of the Chief Magistrate and administrative people in the Department of Law to ascertain what the position will be in the New Year in Alice Springs.

Lot 282 Kemp Street Alice Springs

Mr D.W. COLLINS to MINISTER for LANDS and HOUSING

Has a decision been made on what to do with lot 282, 3 Kemp Street, Alice Springs?

ANSWER

Mr Speaker, I did not even bring my map with me. I will have to advise the honourable member later.

Nabarlek Mine Spillage

Mr B. COLLINS to MINISTER for TRANSPORT and WORKS

I preface the question by quoting from an ABC news report: 'The Acting Prime Minister, Mr Anthony, said today that he was concerned there might have been a breakdown of safety procedures at the Nabarlek Uranium Mine. He told Parliament that there had been a leak of waste material and a delay in reporting it to the Supervising Scientist and was concerned that there might have been a breakdown in the administration that the government has tried to put in place so thoroughly'. Is the minister completely satisfied that the monitoring and test-

ing that is carried out by officers of the Department of Transport and Works is as complete and thorough as is necessary?

ANSWER

Yes.

Humpty Doo Temporary and Permanent High School

Mrs PADGHAM-PURICH to MINISTER for EDUCATION

Has a final decision been made on the siting of the Humpty Doo temporary high school and the Humpty Doo permanent high school and what regard is being paid by officers of the Department of Education to the wishes of the parents' groups in the area concerning the siting of the 2 schools and the interim education of the children?

ANSWER

One almost needs an adjournment debate to cover this issue. Suffice to say that I cannot imagine any project of an educational and building nature conducted by any government anywhere that has taken more notice and spent more time and trouble to comply with the wishes of the community wherever possible. It has been one of the most incredible sagas that I have been associated with and, at times, a very pleasant one. It is good to note the tremendous level of interest of people in the rural area. However, I believe, at times, they have become quite unreasonable in their demands. Indeed, on occasions, they have appeared to me to be rather selfish. The negotiations, particularly those in respect to the high school, commenced in depth in February of this year with delegations to the Chief Minister and myself and continued as late as 12 August with further correspondence.

On my understanding, it has always been agreed that the proposed high school, including any temporary facilities, would be at the Humpty Doo village site. This is where roadworks are being put in at this moment and a water tank is being installed. It is the location decided on by the Rural Planning Authority for the community and village centre where government services will be provided. It was not until 15 June this year that the possibility of establishing the high school at Fred's Pass was first raised by the rural community. I realise and accept some of the advice of the rural people that the Humpty Doo site, in fact, will require fill whereas it is possible there is less of a problem at Fred's Pass. Nonetheless, on balance, it has been decided that the Humpty Doo site is far preferable for the reasons that I have already given. Work will be in progress there and it makes a lot of sense to locate the new high school where those capital works are to be committed in any event. In addition, that is the site of the primary school which is currently under construction. It makes sense to have the 2 in close proximity to each other.

As to the provision of a temporary facility, it is the firm opinion of the Department of Education, which I share, that it will be in the best interests of the students of the rural area to establish a unit in the Darwin High School for the period of construction of the new high school. This unit would have an identity of its own teachers and transfer to the new school upon its completion. Mr Speaker, it is all very easy to say: 'Give us \$50,000 and we will put a few demountables at whatever site may be chosen and that will create a high school'. Of course it will not. The cost of locating absolutely minimal facilities, without any specialist facility whatsoever, would be more like \$100,000. If we were to place it at Fred's Pass that would assume that the shed is satisfactory for the purpose and all the toilets are satisfactory for the number of students. It is highly unlikely that those facilities would be satisfactory for that purpose. In addition, we have the problem of removing the temporary facilities. What would we do about specialist facilities in the temporary high school? If we were to have a temporary high school, the best it could provide would be humanities subjects. The children would still have to be bussed somewhere else 3 or 4 times

a week to do the specialist subjects - those requiring laboratory facilities, science facilities - and all the other specialised areas of a secondary education.

The level of disruption to the students under such a proposition would be intolerable. In order to provide specialist facilities of a temporary nature on site, the bill to the taxpayer would be in the order of \$300,000. Once again, when you no longer need it, you have to shift it. Shift it where? You have installed specialist facilities in a location and they have no use anywhere else because they are of a specialised secondary nature. I suppose one might say that we could shift them to Palmerston and have another temporary school. I think one ought to be a little cautious about providing temporary facilities. Communities ought to be suspicious of governments that do. They have a funny habit of becoming permanent. I do not think there would be anyone here who has not experienced the effects of government saying: 'We will put in temporary facilities'. It thereby overcomes its immediate problem and, with all of the budgetary constraints that face government, it is an awfully easy thing to delay the actual construction of the permanent facility.

The Northern Territory government has determined that there will be a full range of both primary and secondary education for the rural people. We are quite satisfied that the best method of achieving this is the method I have outlined. It is a method which will provide the best possible education to students and the least disruption to their program. I bet no one has thought about the teachers. Until such time as the housing is built for them in the area, we will also have to transport them backwards and forwards from Darwin. Of course, we all know the industrial implications of that - the justified claims for travel etc which would flow. On balance, the decision which the government has taken is the proper one. I thank the people of the rural community for their interest in this matter to date and certainly look forward to a continuing interest in the new education facilities which are being constructed in their area.

Nabarlek Mine Spillage

Mr B. COLLINS to MINISTER for MINES and ENERGY

This question is necessary because of the multiplicity of authorities involved in monitoring the uranium province. In reference to the Acting Prime Minister's statement in parliament yesterday, is he completely satisfied that the monitoring and regulatory procedures under the control of his department are as complete as is necessary for the protection of the Northern Territory's environment?

ANSWER

Mr Speaker, I heard a moment ago the member for Arnhem's interpretation of the Acting Prime Minister's statement in parliament yesterday. It seemed to be a variance with what the news reported this morning. Since I have not seen the Deputy Prime Minister's statement, I would say to the honourable member what I said to him yesterday. If he has any further questions in relation to this matter that he has so much trouble dealing with, I ask him to put them on notice and I will deal with them in writing.

Carpentaria College Site

Mrs LAWRIE to MINISTER for LANDS and HOUSING

I refer to an answer he gave me last week regarding the public exhibition for public comment of the development planned for the Carpentaria College site. Is he yet in a position to indicate whether that plan will be displayed for such comment?

ANSWER

It will be displayed for a 14-day period immediately it is received.

Fisheries Division Program

Mr DOOLAN to MINISTER for PRIMARY PRODUCTION and TOURISM

What results are forthcoming from the Fisheries Division program aimed at boosting the total Top End catch; that is, the program looking at Spanish mackerel, shark and demersal fish?

ANSWER

I do not have the information to hand. I ask him to put his question on notice.

Tennant Creek Town Plan

Mr BELL to MINISTER for LANDS and HOUSING

I preface my question by mentioning the 18-month delay in gazetting the new town plan in Tennant Creek. Is he aware of the resulting increase in building costs as a result of this delay which, in one case, amounted to some \$140,000?

ANSWER

Mr Speaker, I think the honourable member is distorting things somewhat. There was no delay in gazetting the Tennant Creek town plan for a period of 18 months or anything like it. There is no truth whatsoever in that statement. A town plan continually operated until the declaration of the new town plan of 1981. The period of 18 months the gentleman refers to is the period of discussion with the people of Tennant Creek as to what type of plan they wanted. After recommendations were made to me at the request of people in Tennant Creek, certain alterations were made to it before it went to Executive Council. This is the normal manner of dealing with a new town plan as provided for by the act. There was a town plan already in operation and a Town Planning Act available to the people of Tennant Creek to amend that town plan as they saw fit. It would be interesting to trot out the number of amendments to the Tennant Creek town plan put through the Executive Council during that same 18 month period. It is a normal process as I tried to explain to the honourable gentleman the other day. The actual period between the time of recommendation of the town plan to Cabinet and its passage through Executive Council would be more in the order of weeks and that period was used to finally renegotiate or reconsult with business people, in particular in Tennant Creek, as to their requirements. I know that the honourable gentleman has been talking to certain people in Tennant Creek and he may have obtained information from them which has given rise to his quite false impression. I am certainly not saying that he is inventing the matter, Mr Speaker. Nonetheless, the reality is that there has been a town plan in Tennant Creek since about 1972. Concurrently with that, a new town plan was produced and contemporaneously with that new town plan alterations are continually being made to the old one.

Katherine Rural Education Centre

Mr B. COLLINS to MINISTER FOR EDUCATION

Is he aware of quite serious criticisms by the Australian Institute of Agricultural Science about the Katherine Rural Education Centre. To assist the minister, I must tell him that I understand that Territorian members of this institute had a great deal of input into this criticism. Has the minister considered this criticism and, if so, will it result in any changes to the plans for the Katherine Rural Education Centre?

ANSWER

Mr Speaker, I thank the honourable member for the question. I am very much aware of the submission put forward by that organisation. Many of those sorts of organisations do target a little bit high and create among their members

expectations which are unreal when viewed in the light of what the Katherine Rural Education Centre seeks to achieve. The content of the suggestions and recommendations of the organisation have been referred to the Katherine Rural Education Centre Council in whom I have great faith from its chairman down. They are the people who want to establish the Katherine Rural Education Centre as quickly as possible. I look to their advice and, if they wish to advise along any of the lines suggested by that organisation - but I believe they will advise very little change from where they believe they are correctly heading - great weight will be taken of such advice.

Children's Week

Mrs O'NEIL to MINISTER for COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

In the past the federal Office of Child Care has made fund available through the Northern Territory government to assist in the celebration of Children's Week in the Northern Territory. This is normally celebrated in October as it is throughout the rest of Australia. Is he aware whether those funds will be available in 1981?

ANSWER

I believe that such funds will be made available again. If I recall correctly, the department recommended to me the organisations which should be put in charge of operating Children's Week in 1981.

Air Fares for NT Public Servants

Mr ISAACS to TREASURER and MINISTER for INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

Can he advise the Assembly of any reviews by the government to withdraw air fare concessions for Territory public servants?

ANSWER

No, I am not aware of any reviews by the government to withdraw any conditions of the public service. Public service conditions are generally handled by the Public Service Commissioner and the consultative council set up with public service unions. I am certainly not aware of any moves by the government to review or withdraw any conditions of the public service.

Industrial Dispute in Katherine

Mr VALE to MINISTER for MINES and ENERGY

Is the minister aware of the suggestion that medical certificates tendered by 2 employees of NTEC in Katherine which were the cause of a recent industrial dispute in Katherine were fraudulent?

ANSWER

I am not aware of any such suggestion. The question would seem to me to raise by innuendo some other questions that might impugn on the character of the people involved. I would not care to make any comment upon it until it has been investigated.

Nabarlek Mine Spillage

Mr B. COLLINS to MINISTER for MINES and ENERGY

At a briefing held for the Darwin media, officers of the Department of Mines and Energy advised the media that it would have been politically desirable had Queensland Mines reported the incident but they had not contravened or breached any of the environmental protection regulations. Can he advise the Assembly if he is satisfied that Queensland Mines in the incident that occurred at Nabarlek had not breached any of the requirements of the environmental regulations as stated by his department?

ANSWER

Mr Speaker, the member will recall my request 2 days in a row to put his question on notice.

Mr B. Collins: I am ignoring it.

Mr TUXWORTH: If he is ignoring it, perhaps I can give him a little help again today and suggest to him that he place it on notice. I will deal with it in writing as soon as is practicable.

Child-minding Centre at Howard Springs

Mrs PADGHAM-PURICH to MINISTER for LANDS and HOUSING

Can he give me any further information regarding the environmental impact statement that was requested for the child-minding centre at Howard Springs?

ANSWER

As the member would be aware, the town plan which was drawn up after a lot of publicity and in very close consultation with the rural people provides for a very simple town plan with a range of both permitted and consent uses. As it turns out, I believe that the range of consent uses is somewhat narrow, certainly so narrow as to prevent the exact application of zoning for a child-minding centre. In light of that, I will be contacting the Rural Planning Authority and

directing them to display for public comment a new schedule to the town plan to overcome this sort of difficulty in the future. It would, of course, still require a development application to the Rural Planning Authority in order to maintain appropriate standards and safeguards in that rather sensitive area. However, by doing that, it would eliminate the need for an environmental impact statement for a thing like a child-minding centre.

The officers of my department had been in contact with the applicants for this particular zoning application some time ago and had offered full assistance. Indeed, my officers had arranged with a Catholic priest, who was a friend of the family, to assist them in preparing a 2-page statement on the nature of the roads, traffic densities etc. We would all be aware that there would be no problems envisaged in that type of operation in the rural centre. A child-minding centre would normally have increased traffic about twice a day - when the kids are deposited at the centre in the morning and picked up in the afternoon. The statement would be about the size of 2 A4 sheets of paper. Regrettably, the people did not attend at the office of the Department of Lands as arranged. I understand that they chose to go to the Chief Minister instead and I do not know what that achieved in respect of a statutory provision of the town plan. I do not wish to be critical unnecessarily but I am quite certain that had the good offices of the Department of Lands been availed of, this matter would have been resolved some time ago. Needless to say, there are delays inherent in the town plan.

I know that this matter has been raised by the honourable member for MacDonnell on a number of occasions. I find the delays which are built into the planning system regrettable. I would do anything I could to speed up that process. Indeed, within the existing act, every administrative action is being taken to speed up those applications. I would ask people like the honourable member for MacDonnell to bear in mind that the honourable member for Sanderson, who knows in her left foot more about town planning than he ever will, was in agreement with the type of planning which was finally passed through this place before he showed up here. If he wants to learn a little bit about the nature of town planning, I would suggest he consult with this colleague.

The Department of Lands is willing to assist these people with the most expeditious application to have the permitted use occur. In the meantime, we will be taking action to have a new draft planning instrument displayed in the rural area in an attempt to overcome this sort of unfortunate situation. I do not withdraw one iota from what I said yesterday. It is quite insane to require a person to present an environmental impact statement for something as simple as a small child-minding centre which will involve something like 6 to 8 children. No wonder people think bureaucrats go mad at times.

Northumberland Insurance Company

Mrs LAWRIE to TREASURER and MINISTER for INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

Can he yet advise what assistance will be given to people who are affected by the collapse of the Northumberland Insurance company?

ANSWER

I have a briefing note somewhere on this very matter in expectation of a further question from the honourable member for Nightcliff. Not wanting to take up the Assembly's time rummaging around for it, I will try to operate on my own. It is there with quite a number of others. I can provide the honourable member with specific information during the course of the day. However, if I recall correctly, the note says something to the effect that the situation is as reported to her last time. The Territory government has committed funds to compensate those persons who were adversely affected by the collapse of Northumberland Insurance Company. The Commonwealth has committed certain funds which it has not specified and we are pushing hard to get figures from the Commonwealth and it

is hesitant because it does not yet know what the liability is likely to be. Unfortunately, at this stage, there is no real progress in the matter but it is one of those matters currently before government on a day-to-day basis.

Employment of Chiropractors by Department of Health

Mrs O'NEIL to MINISTER for HEALTH

Has consideration been given to the employment of chiropractors by the Northern Territory Department of Health if and when legislation to register chiropractors is implemented?

ANSWER

Mr Speaker, I do not think that the honourable member is being facetious. I understand that, in some areas in Australia, it is a practice for hospitals to employ chiropractors. It has not been the case in the Territory because of a very old tradition built up amongst the medical fraternity to try to keep chiropractors on the outside. I see no difficulty with it, Mr Speaker. If it is possible and in the interests of patient health care, I do not have a problem with it occurring in Northern Territory hospitals. I think there would be a few barriers to jump before we get there, most of which would be in the minds of doctors.

Road from Stott Terrace to Undoolya Road

Mr D.W. COLLINS to MINISTER for LANDS and HOUSING

Would he please explain the cause of delays in getting the road from Stott Terrace bridge to Undoolya Road constructed?

ANSWER

Mr Speaker, I recall the honourable member asking this question during the course of the last sittings and I think I gave a fairly lengthy answer to it at that time. As the member would be aware, the planning of that road has been in train for quite some time. The difficulty has been to identify firstly, and then avoid secondly, sites of significance or sacred sites purported to be in the area. At this stage, the Department of Lands is completing a preliminary design in order to try to avoid those known sites of significance. I would imagine that, by the time that new preliminary design comes out, more sacred sites will be found where the new road is designed to go and we may well be back at the drawing board again. Nonetheless, the best endeavours are being made by the Department of Lands and the Aboriginal people, I suppose, to overcome the problem and find some method of providing the access.

Aboriginal Sacred Sites Authority

Mr ISAACS to TREASURER and MINISTER for INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

What does the Northern Territory government intend to do to ensure the Aboriginal Sacred Sites Authority is given enough funds to carry out its obligations properly, bearing in mind that the budget allocation this financial year is about half that necessary for it to maintain its current levels of operation?

ANSWER

Mr Speaker, I have not had time to look into this matter since there were certain allegations made publicly by the Chairman of the Aboriginal Sacred Sites Authority yesterday. We have allocated to the authority specific purpose funds which have been placed in the Territory government's general purpose fund. This is the first year that they have been placed there so there is a specific amount allocated by the Commonwealth to the authority and that is the amount that has been appropriated to it. The situation may be a bit like some other areas of Commonwealth funding where it has transferred a function to the Territory with a specific amount of funds allocated to it which the Territory government may

believe is insufficient to carry out the service. We will be going back to the Commonwealth on a range of these. As to specific questions relating to the Aboriginal Sacred Sites Authority, I have not had time to investigate the matter or look into the history of its funding to establish what the government's position will be.

Sunday Trading

Mr LEO to MINISTER for COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Given the growing public debate on Sunday trading for retail stores, will the government allow large chain stores to open on Sunday?

ANSWER

It is not a question of whether the government will allow large stores to trade on Sunday but whether the government will stop them. At present, there are no laws or regulations in the Territory which prevent them from opening on a Sunday.

Alice Springs Prison Farm

Mr VALE to MINISTER for COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

My question relates to the allegations made yesterday by the honourable member for MacDonnell that no funding is being provided for a prison farm in Alice Springs. Would the minister comment on the budget documents which seem to indicate that some funding has in fact been made available?

ANSWER

The question of a prison farm in Central Australia has created a bit of interest since the question was raised in the budget and in this Assembly yesterday. I can report to members that the government is investigating sites for a prison farm in Central Australia. A site near Alice Springs was considered but was found to have deficiencies and was abandoned. Investigations are taking place to find other suitable sites. Until such time as they are completed, no further announcements can be made. Members will appreciate that to establish a prison farm, which of necessity is somewhat remote from established settlements, factors such as water availability are of vital importance. There are other obvious constraints which would need to be taken into consideration. The Assembly will be informed when further decisions are made.

Darwin's Local Government Boundaries

Ms D'ROZARIO to MINISTER for COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Is there a current proposal to alter Darwin's local government boundaries and, if so, when is it expected that the boundaries will be amended?

ANSWER

I am not sure whether there is a specific formal application from the Darwin city council to the government to alter its boundaries. There has certainly been reference to the subject in correspondence and publicly over a long period of time. The Darwin city council's view obviously is that it would like the boundary extended fairly substantially, especially to include Palmerston. The government has not determined a final position on this matter. At present, I am putting together some information for Cabinet on the subject of possible changes to the Darwin city council boundaries. Of course, even if changes are made, they need not necessarily be the final boundaries. Such matters can be determined from time to time. There is clearly an inequity at present inasmuch as the boundary on the eastern side of the Stuart Highway in my own electorate currently ends just this side of the Darwin Show Grounds. A fairly substantial developed area at Berrimah, including the Berrimah Hotel and various industrial complexes, is outside the boundary. It is somewhat inequitable to end the boundary just this side

of the show grounds when it could be extended a mile or 2 to take in the additional area and thereby allow the council to pick up rates and responsibilities for that area. At present, the government levies rates under the Darwin Rates Act on areas just outside the city council boundaries. It is not a function that we see government really being involved in for any length of time. In a nutshell, the matter is being examined. I do not believe that there is a formal submission from the council indicating where it believes the boundaries should go.

Casuarina Hospital - Treatment of Burns

Mr BELL to MINISTER for HEALTH

Is it a fact that special facilities for the treatment of burns cases at Casuarina Hospital have never been used and that burns cases are treated in ordinary wards where the risk of infection is very high?

ANSWER

I ask the member to put the question on notice. If he would like an answer to a question like that on the same day, he should ring me an hour or 2 before question time so that I can make an effort to find the answer.

Bagot Road Flyover

Mr HARRIS to MINISTER for TRANSPORT and WORKS

Is the construction on the Bagot Road flyover running to time and when are the many thousands of people who commute from the northern suburbs to the city every day likely to be using this flyover?

ANSWER

The Bagot Road flyover construction is proceeding according to schedule. The many thousands of people will be able to use it in early February next year. Whilst I am talking about the Bagot flyover, I would like to thank the motoring public in Darwin for the caution that they are exercising in moving around the works at the moment. Additional bridge work will be erected in the next 6 weeks and northbound traffic will have to take a little detour and then do a U turn and head back up Bagot Road. I believe that the motoring public have accepted the directions of the department in its advertising campaign. I thank them but would also like to ask them still to exercise a little caution whilst they are moving through that area.

NTEC Debtors

Mr D.W. COLLINS to MINISTER for MINES and ENERGY

How much money approximately does NTEC lose in a year through absconding debtors?

ANSWER

I cannot give the member an exact answer on the annual loss. Since its formation in 1978, it has lost in the order of \$1.5m through people defaulting on paying their accounts. Often it is not possible to pursue the options open to the commission to recover this money because one cannot get blood out of a rock, particularly if one cannot find the rock. It is a matter of concern because \$1.5m, even if it is in 1978 dollars instead of 1981 dollars, represents 60 or 70 houses or 80 or 90 kilometres of road. In that sense, it is extremely important that we recover every dollar we can and put it back into the development of the Territory.

Sunday Trading

Mr LEO to MINISTER for COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Given the growing public debate on Sunday trading for retail stores, will

the government stop large chain stores from opening on Sunday?

ANSWER

Mr Speaker, the government does not propose to legislate to control shop trading hours to any greater degree than they are controlled now. I believe the only controls that exist at present are on the sale of liquor and the opening times for casinos in the Northern Territory. I understand there are no other legislative restrictions on the subject and, at this stage, we do not propose to introduce any.

Training Courses for Seamen at Darwin Community College

Mrs LAWRIE to MINISTER for TRANSPORT and WORKS

This question relates to the answer he gave about the training facilities which are to be set up for seamen in the Darwin Community College. As the college is acting as an agent for the Director of Transport and Works, could he indicate in which year such courses will commence?

ANSWER

I understand that it will be next year.

Donkey Camp Project at Katherine

Mr VALE to MINISTER for TRANSPORT and WORKS

Will water be taken from the Donkey Camp pumping station in Katherine this year?

ANSWER

Mr Speaker, I doubt whether any water will be taken from Donkey Camp this year. However, I understand that some water may be drawn off to test the line later this year.

Status of Traffic Signs at Jabiru

Mrs PADGHAM-PURICH to MINISTER for TRANSPORT and WORKS

Are all the traffic signs at the new township of Jabiru and at Jabiru East properly authorised and can laws regarding these signs be enforced?

ANSWER

Mr Speaker, the signs that have been put up in the town of Jabiru are enforceable. However, I believe on the Ranger site there are some signs that have been erected without consultation with the Department of Transport and Works. It is unclear whether or not those signs are enforceable.

Biological Control of Palm Leaf Beetle

Mr DOOLAN to MINISTER for PRIMARY PRODUCTION and TOURISM

Mr Ted Fenner is the senior adviser with the Animal Quarantine Service. What were the results of his study trip to Queensland to examine possible biological controls of the palm leaf beetle?

ANSWER

Mr Speaker, I have no further information to add that that provided last week in response to a question from the member for Port Darwin.

Payment for Lease in Vicinity of Doctor's Gully

Mr BELL to MINISTER for LANDS and HOUSING

I draw his attention to the recent gazettal of a lease in the vicinity of Doctor's Gully to Mr and Mrs Perron. The figure mentioned in that gazettal notice

was \$73,000. What were the terms and conditions of payment of this price?

ANSWER

As my colleague interjected, the handling of an application by Mr and Mrs Perron has at all times been in precisely the same manner as for any other citizen of the Northern Territory. I am more than happy to provide whatever details the gentleman requires, particularly if he puts the question on notice. In any event, I am quite happy to send him whatever information he wants. I certainly cannot give it here. It is 4 or 5 pages long.

Todd River Seepage into Alice Springs Hospital

Mr D.W. COLLINS to MINISTER for HEALTH

The high water table in the Todd River is causing seepage into the basin of the Alice Springs Hospital. The water at present is being pumped back into the Todd and is causing excessive weed growth in that area. What problems would there be with pumping the water from the basin into the sewerage drain instead of into the Todd River?

ANSWER

Mr Speaker, there would be no problems that I know of other than that the pumps would probably run 24 hours a day for years.

Proposed Marineland Development in Doctor's Gully

Mr BELL to TREASURER and MINISTER for INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

My question refers to my previous one about the lease in the vicinity of Doctor's Gully and proposed marineland development in that area. As minister responsible for the Northern Territory Development Corporation, is there likely to be a loan for the development of that particular lease from the Northern Territory Development Corporation?

Mr SPEAKER: Ministers have the option of answering or declining to answer. The honourable the Treasurer.

Mr PERRON: Mr Speaker, I believe that the question is outside Standing Orders. We could perhaps seek your ruling on the matter, Mr Speaker.

Mr SPEAKER: If the honourable member for MacDonnell rephrases the question, he might receive the answer he requires. At present, it is not acceptable.

Mr BELL to TREASURER and MINISTER for INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

My question refers to the previous one. Has there been an application to the Northern Territory Development Corporation for a loan to develop the lease in the vicinity of Doctor's Gully that was recently gazetted?

ANSWER

The answer is no, Mr Speaker.

Solar Pond Project in Alice Springs

Mr VALE to MINISTER for MINES and ENERGY

Can he advise the Assembly of the progress on the solar pond project in Alice Springs which the Northern Territory government is helping to finance?

ANSWER

I understand that the pond development is quite well advanced. Indeed, the installation of the turbine is ready to take place. The turbine was delivered recently from overseas and it was slightly damaged. There has been some work involved in rectifying the damage. I advise members that it is planned that this pond and the generating system will be installed and ready for installation during

the coming solar conference that the government is sponsoring in Alice Springs.

Fannie Bay Golf Course

Mrs O'NEIL to MINISTER for LANDS and HOUSING

Has a decision been made to incorporate the former Fannie Bay golf course into the East Point Reserve?

ANSWER

I am unaware of any such proposal. That would be a matter of significant interest to the Corporation of the City of Darwin. I would imagine that, if any approaches have been made to vary it as council land under council jurisdiction they would be made to my colleague the Minister for Community Development.

Mrs O'Neil: It is not under council jurisdiction.

Mr ROBERTSON: I am somewhat at a loss to answer the question. It is quite apparent that I do not know the answer. I will certainly take it up and reply to the member in due course.

Old Katherine Railway Station

Mr VALE to MINISTER for COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

My question is asked on behalf of the member for Elsey. Why has the old railway station at Katherine not been converted into an information centre with the funds allocated 2 years ago?

ANSWER

\$12,000 was allocated in 1978-79 as you are aware, Sir. It was provided by the government to the National Trust for restoration work at the old Katherine railway station. The National Trust recently went through a period of some difficulty as members may note in its recently tabled annual report. However, a status report that was prepared in April this year by the National Trust on various programs stated that some repair work on this program had been undertaken at a cost of \$1474. There has been no further action to effect restoration. The Department of Community Development has been requested to write off the balance of the funds provided to the National Trust for this project. Emergency funding has now been provided to the National Trust under some reorganisation of its financial affairs in order to get a number of projects which have been on the trust's book for some time under way and completed. Amongst those projects is the restoration of the old railway station at Katherine.

Energy Audits of Government Officers' Accommodation

Ms D'ROZARIO to MINISTER for MINES and ENERGY

Have energy audits been undertaken in respect of buildings occupied by government officers and, if so, what is the expected cost saving which will result from these audits?

ANSWER

Mr Speaker, there have been some total energy assessments done in 2 major hospitals in the Northern Territory, but I am not aware of any that have been done on government office blocks. Both at Casuarina and Alice Springs Hospitals, outlays of \$150,000 to \$200,000 will be involved in capital works to achieve energy savings of the same order of expenditure every year. I cannot advise the honourable member which other buildings have been assessed at this stage. It is our intention to look at every government building in the course of time to get the maximum savings we can in relation to energy.

Investigation of Under-age Employment and Low Wages

Mr BELL to MINISTER for COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Will he please undertake an investigation of the allegations of under-age employment and low wages on pastoral properties that I raised in the adjournment debate last week?

ANSWER

Mr Speaker, I will have the subject of the honourable member's debate looked into by government officers and ask them to put recommendations to me.

Current Status of Stuart Highway in Alice Springs

Mr VALE to MINISTER for TRANSPORT and WORKS

Can he advise the current status of the proposed realignment of the Stuart Highway through the railway area of Alice Springs to Smith Street intersection?

ANSWER

Mr Speaker, I understand that the realignment of that section will be subject to budgetary considerations for the 1982-83 financial year.

Leanyer Primary School

Ms D'ROZARIO to MINISTER for EDUCATION

Given that the contract for the construction of the Leanyer Primary School has already been let, when is it expected that the school will be ready for occupation?

ANSWER

From memory, I answered this question earlier in the sittings. I think the anticipated date of completion I gave then was the end of January 1983. It will be completed during the next school year which, of course, would mean the first semester of that year.

Aircraft Problems at Jindalee

Mr D.W. COLLINS to TREASURER and MINISTER for INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

Would he please take up with the appropriate federal minister the problem of the aircraft decoy effect on the Jindalee over the horizon radar aerial display north of Alice Springs?

ANSWER

Mr Speaker, I heard of this matter this morning. It sounds like it could be quite serious. It could lead to a very serious incident if in fact an aircraft in trouble sought to land on the area concerned in an emergency. From the air, it appears as if it would be a useful landing field whereas in fact it is covered with aerials. I will certainly have the matter taken up with federal officials with a view to having it examined. If it is regarded by the relevant air transport people as a matter of concern, then identification marks will be necessary to ensure that no accident occurs.

Cape Don Lighthouse

Mrs LAWRIE to TREASURER and MINISTER for INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

Could he indicate whether a decision has yet been made regarding the Cape Don Lighthouse, which is to be decommissioned, and whether that area is to be given to the National Trust or any other instrumentality for protection?

ANSWER

This is the first I have heard of this matter. I will have officers examine the question.

Responsibility for Todd River

Mr BELL to TREASURER and MINISTER for INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

Last week, I asked a question relating to responsibility for the Todd River in which the Chief Minister said that he hoped that in due course the Alice Springs Town Council would take over responsibility for the Todd River. In light of this week's decision to call on the Northern Territory government through the Conservation Commission to take responsibility for the Todd River, will the Department of the Chief Minister be accepting that responsibility?

ANSWER

Mr Speaker, I certainly could not answer for the Chief Minister at short notice in that regard. I suggest the honourable member place the question on notice.

From 18 November 1980

Collia Tin Mine

6 Mr ISAACS to MINISTER for MINES and ENERGY

As a number of people have lost their savings in the Collia tin mine affair,

- (a) what detailed action has been taken by the Department of Mines to settle the matter;
- (b) how much money has been lost by people involved;
- (c) how much did Mr Ken Day receive for the tin he mined from Collia;
- (d) why has he not explained in the Legislative Assembly what action the government has taken;
- (e) did the Department of Law recommend that anybody be charged over the affair and, if so, why was not that recommended action proceeded with;
- (f) was the government's lack of action coloured by the fact that Mr Day was once the head of the Progress Party, whose votes had helped the Country Liberal Party;
- (g) what is now being done about the matter; and
- (h) are police trying to contact the previous leaseholder who disappeared and, if so, do they know in which state he is residing?

Government Assistance for Tradesmen to Visit Remote Areas

44 Mr MacFARLANE to MINISTER for LANDS and HOUSING

What assistance will the government provide to enable electrical, plumbing and building tradesmen and inspectors to visit remote centres such as Borroloola to assist home owners?

Elsey and Hodgson Downs Pastoral Leases

126 Mr MacFARLANE to CHIEF MINISTER

1. What efforts are being made to have land excised from Elsey and Hodgson Downs pastoral leases for use as community areas for Aborigines?
2. Is the government's failure to obtain such excisions frustrating provision of essential services such as septic systems, power supplies, airstrips and housing?

Katherine Water Supply

133 Mr MacFARLANE to MINISTER for MINES and ENERGY

Will electricity to be reticulated to the new water supply at Donkey Camp near Katherine be extended to cater for consumers and future subdivisions on the Gorge road, and to Katherine Gorge?

Katherine Community Welfare Office

134 Mr MacFARLANE to MINISTER for COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

1. Why did Mr Peter Ryan of his department post a notice on the door of the regional office in Katherine on 8 January 1981 advising people in need of assistance to contact Les MacFarlane?
2. Is this action likely to be repeated?

Richard Koerner

147 Mr ISAACS to CHIEF MINISTER

1. In what capacity is Mr Richard Koerner employed by the Northern Territory government?
2. What salary, allowances and other entitlements is Mr Koerner receiving?

From 3 March 1981

Tenders for School Bus Runs

152 Mrs LAWRIE to TREASURER and MINISTER for INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

Why was ETB 3/80 cancelled and recalled as ETB 14/80?

Tenders for School Bus Runs

153 Mrs LAWRIE to TREASURER and MINISTER for INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

In regard to tenders TB 1026/79A and TB 1093/79, in what respect did the tenders received from O'Hara's Roadlines Pty Ltd not conform?

Tenders for School Bus Runs

154 Mrs LAWRIE to TREASURER and MINISTER for INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

1. Is it a fact that the tenderer awarded tenders TB 1026/79A and TB 1093/79 had 8 buses to service 7 runs?
2. If so, how was the tenderer awarded these runs being 2 buses short of the required 10 buses for 8 runs?

Tenders for School Bus Runs

155 Mrs LAWRIE to TREASURER and MINISTER for INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

1. Does tender TB 1026/79 (school bus runs) state that all buses offered in the tender must be in Darwin 14 days prior to the commencement of the tender?
2. If so, why was the tender awarded to a tenderer who did not meet this specific requirement?

TAA Bid for Connair

158 Mr ISAACS to CHIEF MINISTER

Did the NT government intervene to prevent TAA proceeding with the purchase of Connair for \$1.6 million under an agreement signed in September 1979 and, if so, why?

TAA Bid for Connair

159 Mr ISAACS to CHIEF MINISTER

Did the NT government intervene late in 1979 to prevent TAA proceeding with a second bid of \$1.85 million for Connair and, if so, why?

East West Airlines

160 Mr ISAACS to CHIEF MINISTER

1. When did the NT government first raise with East West Airlines the back-to-back requirements of the guarantee arrangements?
2. Was the advice in writing?

Bans on Northern Airlines

161 Mr ISAACS to MINISTER for TRANSPORT and WORKS

1. What are the details of the agreement between the NT government and the Australian Federation of Air Pilots which enabled the bans on Northern Airlines by the federation to be lifted?
2. Was the agreement signed on behalf of the NT government by the Acting Secretary of the Department of Transport and Works?
3. Will he table the document in the Assembly?

East West Airlines

162 Mr LEO to MINISTER for TRANSPORT and WORKS

1. Did the government receive from East West around May 1980 details of that company's borrowing capacity, including (a) current East West borrowing capacity, (b) borrowing requirements for operations outside the Territory, (c) equity levels to support borrowing, and (d) capacity to support borrowing by the NT airline?
2. If so, why was this information not made available to the merchant banker, Hill Samuel?

East West Airlines

163 Mr LEO to MINISTER for TRANSPORT and WORKS

Did the 3-man committee established by the government to examine the Connair takeover offers first recommend acceptance of other offers before recommending East West?

East West Airlines

164 Mr ISAACS to MINISTER for TRANSPORT and WORKS

1. In view of the government's insistence that the guarantee to Northern Airlines or East West Airlines was always intended to be of a back-to-back nature, why was such a provision not made clear in either the memorandum of understanding or the deed?
2. What documented evidence can the government produce to support its claim that a guarantee must be back-to-back?

East West Airlines

165 Mr ISAACS to MINISTER for TRANSPORT and WORKS

Did the government advise East West in September 1980 that the company's request for guarantees on behalf of Northern Airlines had been approved in principle subject only to documentation?

Industries Training Commission

173 Mr B. COLLINS to MINISTER for EDUCATION

1. How many apprentices are with the Industries Training Commission?
2. What is the number in each trade and the breakdown of males and females for each category?

Female Field Worker with Aboriginal Sacred Sites Authority

175 Mr ISAACS to CHIEF MINISTER

Has the Aboriginal Sacred Sites Authority appointed a suitably qualified female field worker-anthropologist to work directly with Aboriginal women?

From 2 June 1981

Mining Royalties Paid to Aborigines

178 Mr MacFARLANE to CHIEF MINISTER

Will he ascertain and advise -

1. The amount paid to Aborigines in the NT from mining royalties in (a) 1978, (b) 1979, and (c) 1980?
2. What level are these mining royalties expected to reach in 1981?
3. What funds the Aboriginal Development Commission has to invest in the NT in 1980-81?
4. Are mining royalties paid to Aborigines considered as taxable income?

Interest Rate on Loan to Northern Meat Exporters Pty Ltd

195 Mr MacFARLANE to TREASURER and MINISTER for INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

What rate of interest is being charged on the \$1.4m special assistance loan granted to Northern Meat Exporters Pty Ltd?

From 9 June 1981

Aboriginal and Islander Medical Service

198 Mr B. COLLINS to MINISTER for HEALTH

1. What is the present staffing of the Aboriginal and Islander Medical Centre? Are there plans to increase the staffing levels and, if so, what positions?
2. What are the functions and duties of the Aboriginal and Islander Medical Service?
3. During the 6 months to 31 May 1981, (a) how many Aborigines have been treated per week by AIMS, (b) what are the major categories of illness, and (c) where do the Aborigines, in the main, come from?
4. How many Aboriginal liaison officers are attached to Casuarina Hospital; what hours do they work; and are there plans to increase the numbers?
5. Are any Aboriginal liaison officers to be employed at Darwin Hospital?

Student Assistance in NT

201 Mr B. COLLINS to MINISTER for EDUCATION

How many students in the Northern Territory are, (a) receiving assistance under the Tertiary Education Assistance Scheme, and (b) how many are in receipt of the full allowance?

Medical Practitioners Servicing Community Health Centres

205 Mr B. COLLINS to MINISTER for HEALTH

How many doctors have been servicing community health centres, and how many of these are private practitioners?

From 18 August 1981

Alcohol Rehabilitation Unit

206 Mr ISAACS to MINISTER for HEALTH

1. Where have advertisements been placed for nurses to staff the Alcohol Rehabilitation Unit?

2. How many advertisements have there been?
3. How many positions for nurses are there?
4. What are the shift hours at the 24 hour unit?
5. How many counsellors does the Rehabilitation Unit have?
6. What qualifications have the counsellors?
7. What are the hours of duty?
8. How many doctors are attached to the Rehabilitation Unit and what hours do they work?

Mustering of Cattle in National Parks and Reserves

208 Mr BELL to CHIEF MINISTER

1. What is the current policy of the Conservation Commission regarding the mustering of cattle in national parks and reserves?
2. (a) Who pays the cost of the mustering, (b) how many musters have been conducted in Central Australia during the past 2 years, (c) how much did each muster cost, (d) what happened to the mustered cattle, and (e) what payments have been received by the Conservation Commission from pastoralists for mustering services?

Yulara Tourist Village

209 Mr BELL to CHIEF MINISTER

1. In terms of concept and structural characteristics, what is the nature of each Yulara Village development proposal received to 10 June 1981 by the NT Development Corporation?
2. Have development guidelines as set down in a document entitled 'Development Requirements and Information for Developers' prepared by Goodchild Research Studies for prospective Yulara developers been changed in any way since its release earlier this year?
3. If so, (a) in what regard, and (b) what has been the reaction to this revision or alteration of guidelines in terms of investor and development interest?
4. Will development of Yulara Village be restricted in terms of vertical height?
5. Will development proposals for structures of more than 3 storeys be considered as viable by the NT Development Corporation?

Rape in Southern Region of NT

210 Mr BELL to CHIEF MINISTER

1. (a) How many rapes have been reported in the Southern Command region since 1 July 1980 to 10 June 1981, (b) how many have resulted in charges being laid, (c) what is the state of these charges, and (d) have any reports of rape been false?
2. What facilities and resources are available for the psychological counselling of women raped in (a) the Alice Springs region, and (b) the Tennant Creek region?
3. Has he received any representations from women's organisations regarding the level of rape counselling services in the Territory?
4. If so, (a) what organisations have made representations, (b) what has been the basis of these representations, and (c) what has been his response?

Napperby Station Sublease

215 Mr BELL to MINISTER for COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

1. What discussions have been held between officers of the Department of Community Development and the Department of Transport and Works regarding the piping of water to the proposed sub-lease on Napperby Station?
2. How much will it cost for the equipment and installation of an adequate water supply at the Napperby sub-lease and who will meet the cost?
3. Will the school and other government-supplied facilities presently being used by the Laramba Community at Napperby be moved to the new sub-lease if and when negotiations are completed for the sub-lease?
4. What will be the cost of moving and re-establishing the facilities on the new site?

Guidelines for Grants-in-Aid

222 Mr ISAACS to MINISTER for HEALTH

What action has been taken to correct the following unsatisfactory control relating to grants-in-aid commented upon by the Auditor-General in 1978-79 and found to be still unsatisfactory in 1980:

- (a) inadequacies in the promulgated conditions for grants;
- (b) the absence of reference to formal acceptance of the conditions and purpose of grants;
- (c) the legal entity of grantees;
- (d) the withholding of moneys for non-compliance with grant conditions;
- (e) the lack of current formalized departmental procedures and guidelines covering functional responsibilities and criteria for the evaluation of grant applications and the monitoring of performance of grantees; and
- (f) the apparent absence of follow-up action by his department in certain instances where it is not evident that grantees had complied with the conditions of grants?

Alice Springs Women's Community Centre

223 Mr BELL to MINISTER for HEALTH

1. When will the Women's Community Centre in Alice Springs commence operations?
2. If the centre has not been opened by the end of June 1981 will the Department of Health continue to fund St Vincent de Paul and the Salvation Army to enable these agencies to provide services to destitute and homeless people until the new centre is open?
3. If not, why not?
4. If so, have these agencies been informed that their funding will be maintained until the new centre commences operations?

Darwin Hospital Pathology Laboratory

224 Mr B. COLLINS to MINISTER for HEALTH

1. Can he inform me as to the fate of the pathology laboratory at the Darwin Hospital?
2. Has he considered the future of the laboratory in the light of a lack of such scientific facilities in the Department of Primary Production?

Security for Belongings of Hospital Patients

225 Mrs O'NEIL to MINISTER for HEALTH

What arrangements are made to ensure the security of the belongings of hospital patients, for example psychiatric and geriatric patients, who are unable to care for themselves?

Auditor-General's Report -  
Deficiencies in Department of Transport and Works

230 Mr ISAACS to MINISTER for TRANSPORT and WORKS

I refer to the deficiencies in his department noted by the Auditor-General following an audit undertaken in March 1980 and ask:

1. Have standardised procedures for management of repairs and maintenance works been established and are they now available?
2. Has the level of supervision by the department over period contracts been raised, and has the frequency of inspections by supervisors of period contracts been increased?
3. Is there now in existence a format for the reporting to management in respect of contractors' performances?
4. In relation to capital works programs, have procedures for the administration of consultants' commissions been revised and, if so, do these revised procedures include a check list for the preparation of payments to consultants?
5. In relation to the collection of both water and sewerage rates, what action was taken as a result of the query by the Auditor-General in 1979 and again in 1980 about defective procedures relating to the preparation and rendition of accounts for services provided?
6. What success has been achieved in improving procedures in relation to the collection of outstanding water and sewerage rates?
7. In regard to water and sewerage rates, have the following issues been resolved -
  - (a) the liability or otherwise of the Department of Lands for vacant Crown land;
  - (b) union concern regarding the payment of basic charges for members in Commonwealth housing; and
  - (c) the incorrect billing of government departments?
8. In the Property Branch of the department have the following issues been resolved -
  - (a) problems relating to the formalising and registering of leases by the department; and
  - (b) the lack of a property management procedure manual which could be made available to departments and authorities?
9. In the branch of stores and stores accounting, (a) has the new stores computer system been implemented and, if so, (b) is he satisfied that there now exist adequate internal controls and procedural documentation within the stores branch?

Todd River Causeway

231 Mr BELL to MINISTER for TRANSPORT and WORKS

1. Has his attention been drawn to a recent press report regarding the construction of a causeway across the Todd River to service the new

casino, and which stated that the causeway would cost \$846,000?

2. How much is Federal Pacific Hotels, which stands to gain the most benefit from the causeway, contributing to the cost of this new river crossing?
3. Did he, or his department, ask Federal Pacific Hotels to meet the total cost of the causeway and, if not, why not?

Health Clinic at Lake Nash

232 Mr BELL to MINISTER for TRANSPORT and WORKS

1. Has an application been made by the Department of Health in Alice Springs for the use of the old police station at Lake Nash as a health clinic?
2. If so, what is the result of the application?
3. If not, what plans have been made for the use or disposal of the police station complex?

Bridge over Georgina River

233 Mr BELL to MINISTER for TRANSPORT and WORKS

1. Does the government still intend to build a bridge in Queensland over the Georgina River at Camooweal and, if not, why not?
2. If so, (a) when will the bridge be built, (b) how much will it cost, (c) who will do the work, and (d) will the Queensland government be making any contribution?

Sealing of Tanami Desert Road

234 Mr BELL to MINISTER for TRANSPORT and WORKS

1. When will work re-commence on sealing the Tanami Desert Road?
2. What distance will be sealed in (a) 1981, (b) 1982, and (c) 1983 calendar years?

Beef Exports to South-east Asia

239 Mr MacFARLANE to TREASURER and MINISTER for INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

Will the government commission a survey of markets for beef in South-east Asia and other areas?

Sales Tax Rebate Scheme

240 Mr ISAACS to TREASURER and MINISTER for INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

1. Will the government's sales tax rebate scheme result in cheaper consumer goods in the Territory?
2. Will Territory officers make regular assessments of the rebate scheme to assess the direct benefits to consumers and, if so, when will this information be made available to the public?

Incidence of Tuberculosis in 1979-80

241 Mr MacFARLANE to MINISTER for HEALTH

1. What was the incidence of tuberculosis in 1979-80 in (a) Australia and (b) the Northern Territory?
2. Is his department undertaking any program to eradicate tuberculosis in humans similar to the program being undertaken to eradicate tuberculosis and brucellosis in cattle?

Lease Applications

249 Mr ISAACS to MINISTER for LANDS and HOUSING

1. How many applications were received during (a) 1978-9, (b) 1979-80, and (c) 1 July 1980-17 June 1981 for (i) horticultural leases, (ii) lease allocation to sporting groups, (iii) lease allocation to cultural groups, and (iv) applications for Aboriginal needs purposes for (A) 'sit-down' areas, and (B) excisions for pastoral leases?
2. In what regions were the above applications made?
3. Which of the above applications were (a) approved, (b) refused, (c) lapsed or withdrawn, and (d) remain unresolved?

Leanyer and Karama Subdivisions

262 Mr ISAACS to MINISTER for LANDS and HOUSING

What was the median price of a single residential lot in (a) Leanyer, and (b) Karama in (i) June 1980, (ii) September 1980, (iii) December 1980, (iv) March 1981, and (v) May 1981?

Department of Transport and Works -  
Use of Private Organisation for Staff Recruitment

265 Mr BELL to MINISTER for TRANSPORT and WORKS

1. Why did his department recently use a private organisation, P.A. Australia, to advertise in the national press for various staff?
2. How much did this service cost?
3. Does the use of P.A. Australia to recruit staff indicate that advertisements inserted by the department are not attracting applicants of quality?
4. Will he recommend the services of P.A. Australia to his colleagues and other government departments and, if so, will this mean that departmental staff previously employed to write and place advertisements will be retrenched?

Yulara Tourist Village

266 Miss D'ROZARIO to CHIEF MINISTER

What guidelines have been laid down regarding the height of buildings at Yulara Tourist Village?

Chief Minister's Department - Renting of Office Space

268 Mr LEO to CHIEF MINISTER

In regard to office and warehouse space rented by your department from private enterprise developers as at 31 May 1981 -

- (a) what is the weekly cost;
- (b) what are (i) the names, and (ii) business addresses of the developers involved;
- (c) where are the rented premises located; and
- (d) how long do the leases run for?

Attorney-General's Department - Renting of Office Space

269 Mr LEO to ATTORNEY-GENERAL

In regard to office and warehouse space rented by your department from

private enterprise developers as at 31 May 1981 -

- (a) what is the weekly cost;
- (b) what are (i) the names, and (ii) business addresses of the developers involved;
- (c) where are the rented premises located; and
- (d) how long to the leases run for?

Treasury and Department of Industrial Development -  
Renting of Office Space

270 Mr LEO to TREASURER and MINISTER for INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

In regard to office and warehouse space rented by your department from private enterprise developers as at 31 May 1981 -

- (a) what is the weekly cost;
- (b) what are (i) the names, and (ii) business addresses of the developers involved;
- (c) where are the rented premises located; and
- (d) how long do the leases run for?

Department of Community Development -  
Renting of Office Space

271 Mr LEO to MINISTER for COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

In regard to office and warehouse space rented by your department from private enterprise developers as at 31 May 1981 -

- (a) what is the weekly cost;
- (b) what are (i) the names, and (ii) business addresses of the developers involved;
- (c) where are the rented premises located; and
- (d) how long do the leases run for?

Department of Mines and Energy - Renting of Office Space

272 Mr LEO to MINISTER for MINES and ENERGY

In regard to office and warehouse space rented by your department from private enterprise developers as at 31 May 1981 -

- (a) what is the weekly cost;
- (b) what are (i) the names, and (ii) business addresses of the developers involved;
- (c) where are the rented premises located; and
- (d) how long do the leases run for?

Department of Health - Renting of Office Space

273 Mr LEO to MINISTER for HEALTH

In regard to office and warehouse space rented by your department from private enterprise developers as at 31 May 1981 -

- (a) what is the weekly cost;
- (b) what are (i) the names, and (ii) business addresses of the developers involved;

- (c) where are the rented premises located; and
- (d) how long do the leases run for?

Department of Education - Renting of Office Space

274 Mr LEO to MINISTER for EDUCATION

In regard to office and warehouse space rented by your department from private enterprise developers as at 31 May 1981 -

- (a) what is the weekly cost;
- (b) what are (i) the names, and (ii) business addresses of the developers involved;
- (c) where are the rented premises located; and
- (d) how long do the leases run for?

Department of Transport and Works  
Renting of Office Space

277 Mr LEO to MINISTER for TRANSPORT and WORKS

In regard to office and warehouse space rented by your department from private enterprise developers as at 31 May 1981 -

- (a) what is the weekly cost;
- (b) what are (i) the names, and (ii) business addresses of the developers involved;
- (c) where are the rented premises located; and
- (d) how long do the leases run for?

Youth, Sport and Recreation Branch  
Renting of Office Space

278 Mr LEO to MINISTER for YOUTH, SPORT and RECREATION

In regard to office and warehouse space rented by your department from private enterprise developers as at 31 May 1981 -

- (a) what is the weekly cost;
- (b) what are (i) the names, and (ii) business addresses of the developers involved;
- (c) where are the rented premises located; and
- (d) how long do the leases run for?

Public Housing in NT - Waiting Time

284 Mr ISAACS to MINISTER for LANDS and HOUSING

1. What was the approximate waiting time, in months, for general public housing by centres in the financial years (a) 1979-80, and (b) 1980-81 in the dwelling categories of (i) 4-bedroom house, (ii) 3-bedroom house, (iii) 2-bedroom flat, and (iv) 1-bedroom flat?
2. What was the general public housing stock by centres at (a) 30 June 1980, and (b) 30 June 1981 for the dwelling categories of (i) 4-bedroom house, (ii) 3-bedroom house, (iii) 2-bedroom flat, and (iv) 1-bedroom flat?

Public Housing in NT - Applications

286 Mr ISAACS to MINISTER for LANDS and HOUSING

1. How many outstanding applications were there for general public housing

- (a) at 1 July 1980, and (b) at 25 June 1981?
2. How many applications for general public housing were received in the financial years (a) 1979-80, and (b) 1980-81?
  3. How many applications for general public housing were cancelled in the financial years (a) 1979-80, and (b) 1980-81?
  4. How many tenants were accommodated in the financial years (a) 1979-80, and (b) 1980-81?

Public Housing in NT - Statistics

288 Mr ISAACS to MINISTER for LANDS and HOUSING

1. How many families were accommodated in general public housing in the financial years (a) 1979-80, and (b) 1980-81 in (i) Darwin, (ii) Alice Springs, (iii) Tennant Creek, (iv) Katherine, (v) Nhulunbuy, and (vi) Pine Creek?
2. How many applications for housing were cancelled in the financial years (a) 1979-80, and (b) 1980-81?

Public Housing in NT - Applications

289 Mr ISAACS to MINISTER for LANDS and HOUSING

How many applications for general public housing were received during (a) 1979-80, and (b) 1980-81; and how many applications were outstanding at (c) 1 July 1980, and (d) 1 July 1981 in (i) Darwin, (ii) Alice Springs, (iii) Tennant Creek, (iv) Katherine, (v) Nhulunbuy, and (vi) Pine Creek?

Housing Commission - Cost of Organisation Review

293 Mr ISAACS to MINISTER for LANDS and HOUSING

What was the cost of engaging management consultants, P.A. Consulting Services Pty Ltd, in February 1979 to review the organisation of the Housing Commission?

Mines Services Branch - Expenditure on Roads 1979-80

294 Mr ISAACS to MINISTER for MINES and ENERGY

1. What amount was expended on road construction and maintenance by the Mines Services Branch of his department during 1979-80?
2. Where were the roads located and what length of road construction was involved?

Plenty River Mine

295 Mr ISAACS to MINISTER for MINES and ENERGY

1. Has the production of concentrates commenced at the Plenty River Mine situated some 200 km north-east of Alice Springs?
2. If production has not commenced when is it likely to commence?

Harts Range Gem Survey

296 Mr ISAACS to MINISTER for MINES and ENERGY

1. What were the findings of the survey of gems and precious stones in the Harts Range area?
2. What other such surveys have been or are to be undertaken in the northern region of the Territory?

McArthur River Mining Development Feasibility Study

297 Mr ISAACS to MINISTER for MINES and ENERGY

1. What firm of consultants was employed to review the feasibility study submitted by Mimets Development Pty Ltd on the McArthur River mining development?
2. What was the cost of employing those consultants?

Metallurgical Research Centre Equipment

298 Mr ISAACS to MINISTER for MINES and ENERGY

1. What was the value of equipment installed at the Metallurgical Research Centre in the financial year 1979-80?
2. What was the total cost of equipping the centre to fully operational stage?

Department of Mines and Energy Construction Safety Branch

299 Mr ISAACS to MINISTER for MINES and ENERGY

What action is in hand to ensure that the construction safety branch of his department can perform its functions effectively, given that in the financial year 1979-80 inspections were carried out on 1,831 of the 3,059 applicable sites?

Department of Mines and Energy - Inspection of Machinery

300 Mr ISAACS to MINISTER for MINES and ENERGY

What provision has been made to ensure that his department is able to meet the increasing demand for inspections of machinery, given that the number of inspections carried out by the department in the financial year 1979-80 represented only two-thirds of the total number of machines registered?

Noble's Nob Mine

301 Mr ISAACS to MINISTER for MINES and ENERGY

What were the findings of investigations into the stability of the slopes of the Noble's Nob open cut mine at Tennant Creek?

Coal and Lignite Resources

302 Mr ISAACS to MINISTER for MINES and ENERGY

1. At what stage are the detailed studies into lignite and coal resources being undertaken by his department?
2. Are any preliminary results available from the above investigations?

Palm Leaf Beetle

307 Mr ISAACS to MINISTER for PRIMARY PRODUCTION and TOURISM

- (a) What progress has been made in the eradication of the coconut leaf beetle?
- (b) What cost has been incurred to date in the eradication program?
- (c) What is the expected level of success and what is the anticipated total cost of the eradication program?

Ornamental Nursery Industry Consultant

309 Mr ISAACS to MINISTER for PRIMARY PRODUCTION and TOURISM

- (a) Who was the private consultant engaged by the government to report on

the potential of the ornamental nursery industry in the Northern Territory?

- (b) Will this report be made available to the public and, if so, when?
- (c) What was the cost of commissioning the study?

Seed Production in NT

310 Mr ISAACS to MINISTER for PRIMARY PRODUCTION and TOURISM

What plans has the government implemented or does it intend to implement to assist Territory seed producers to overcome the financial, management and technical limitations they presently face?

Australian Fishing Zone Observer Program

313 Mr ISAACS to MINISTER for PRIMARY PRODUCTION and TOURISM

- 1. How many people have been trained under the Australian Fishing Zone Observer program?
- 2. How many vessels were chartered under the Australian Fishing Zone program in 1979-80 and in 1980-81?
- 3. What contribution to the Australian Fishing Zone Observer program is made by the NT government?

Management Services Division - Staff Establishment

314 Mr ISAACS to MINISTER for PRIMARY PRODUCTION and TOURISM

- (a) What was the staff establishment in the Management Services Division of the Department of Primary Production as at 1 July 1981?
- (b) What was the staff establishment as at 1 July 1981 in the (i) Finance Branch, (ii) Personnel Branch, (iii) outposted liaison units, (iv) Registry, and (v) Library?

Prawn Fishery

316 Mr ISAACS to MINISTER for PRIMARY PRODUCTION and TOURISM

Has the government investigated the state of the Territory prawn fishing industry in respect of -

- (a) the impact on the local industry of foreign fishing vessels operating in Territory waters;
- (b) the returns to the Territory from licences purchased by foreign operators relative to returns to those operators; and
- (c) the production costs of the local operators compared with the production costs of foreign vessels?

Funding of Roadworks Tennant Creek Area

318 Mr LEO to MINISTER for TRANSPORT and WORKS

How much money was provided by the NT government for roadworks in the Tennant Creek area during 1980-81?

Funding of Roadworks Katherine Area

319 Mr LEO to MINISTER for TRANSPORT and WORKS

How much money was provided for roadworks in the Katherine area during 1980-81?

Funding of Roadworks Alice Springs Area

- 320 Mr LEO to MINISTER for TRANSPORT and WORKS  
How much money was provided by the NT government for roadworks in the Alice Springs area during 1980-81?

Funding of Roadworks Darwin Area

- 321 Mr LEO to MINISTER for TRANSPORT and WORKS  
How much money was provided by the NT government for roadworks in the Darwin area during 1980-81?

Grants-in-Aid - Darwin Sporting Bodies

- 322 Mr LEO to MINISTER for COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
How much money was provided through Grants-in-Aid to Darwin sporting bodies during 1980-81?

Grants-in-Aid - Alice Springs Sporting Bodies

- 323 Mr LEO to MINISTER for COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
How much money was provided by the NT government through Grants-in-Aid to Alice Springs sporting bodies during 1980-81?

Grants-in-Aid - Tennant Creek Sporting Bodies

- 324 Mr LEO to MINISTER for COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
How much money was provided through Grants-in-Aid to Tennant Creek sporting bodies during 1980-81?

Grants-in-Aid - Katherine Sporting Bodies

- 325 Mr LEO to MINISTER for COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
How much money was provided through Grants-in-Aid to Katherine sporting bodies during 1980-81?

Beef Prices - Discrepancy between  
Top End and Central Australia

- 326 Mr MacFARLANE to MINISTER for PRIMARY PRODUCTION and TOURISM  
Can he explain why fat steers and breeders bring up to \$60 per head more in Central Australia than they do in the Top End despite the fact that the United States is the target destination of all Territory beef?

Beef Sales - Woolworths and Coles

- 327 Mr MacFARLANE to MINISTER for PRIMARY PRODUCTION and TOURISM  
Will he bring to the attention of Woolworths and Coles managements in Darwin the fact that beef of comparable quality to that imported by their organisations is available in the Territory?

Worker's Compensation Case - Mr F. Fenson

- 328 Mr MacFARLANE to MINISTER for EDUCATION  
I refer to the case of Mr F. Fenson, stores supervisor in the Katherine Regional Office of his department, who injured his knee while travelling on duty on 24 March 1981, and ask: was his department responsible for the delay in dealing with Mr Fenson's application for compensation, or does the fault lie with the Commissioner for Employees Compensation in Canberra?

Katherine Terrace - Maintenance of Pavements

329 Mr MacFARLANE to MINISTER for TRANSPORT and WORKS

Is the government responsible for maintenance of pavements in Katherine Terrace and, if so, when will they be upgraded?

Government Accounts - One-stop Payment Office

331 Mr MacFARLANE to TREASURER and MINISTER for INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

Will the government establish a one-stop shop for payment of government accounts for water, sewerage and motor vehicle registration, electricity accounts and Housing Commission rents in a ground floor, central position in Katherine, bearing in mind that the town is 8 km long and has no public transport?

Northmeat Farm Sorghum Production Figures

332 Mr MacFARLANE to MINISTER for PRIMARY PRODUCTION and TOURISM

Has his attention been drawn to an advertisement in the Katherine Informer of 22 December 1980 for the sale of Katherine Downs station which stated that the "Adjoining 'Northmeat Farm' produced 7 consecutive crops of Sorghum averaging over 1 tonne/acre & carried 2000 cattle on 2800 h.a."?

If so, is he able to confirm the production figures and carrying capacity of the "Northmeat Farm"; and, if not, will he institute proceedings against the advertiser for misleading prospective buyers?

From 19 August 1981

Government-funded Workshop in Katherine

333 Mr MacFARLANE to CHIEF MINISTER

Has his attention been drawn to an advertisement in the Katherine Advertiser of 6 August 1981 calling tenders for the right to operate a government-funded mechanical repair workshop in Katherine and, if so, will he ensure that similar private enterprise facilities in the town are not unfairly affected by such a workshop?

Bushfires Regulations

334 Mr MacFARLANE to MINISTER for PRIMARY PRODUCTION and TOURISM

1. Is he aware that bushfires damage native pastures in the Darwin and Gulf district every year?
2. If so, and on the assumption that some grass of whatever quality is better than no grass at all, will he ensure that Bushfires Regulations are strictly policed in the district to prevent stock and feed losses?

Cattle and Buffalo Nutrition Research

335 Mr MacFARLANE to MINISTER for PRIMARY PRODUCTION and TOURISM

What research is being undertaken into nutrition for cattle and buffaloes in the higher rainfall areas of the Territory?

Beef Industry Consultative Committee

336 Mr MacFARLANE to MINISTER for PRIMARY PRODUCTION AND TOURISM

Does he intend to seek advice from the Beef Industry Consultative Committee on tuberculosis eradication and meat processing?

Beef Prices - Effect of Contract Shed

- 337 Mr MacFARLANE to MINISTER for PRIMARY PRODUCTION and TOURISM  
Will Norwest Beef Industries' change to a 'contract shed' at Katherine result in producers receiving higher prices for their cattle?

Land Auctions in Katherine

- 338 Mr MacFARLANE to MINISTER for LANDS and HOUSING  
When will auction sales be held in Katherine for industrial and residential land?

Racecourse Reserve Katherine

- 339 Mr MacFARLANE to MINISTER for LANDS and HOUSING
1. Is he aware that the Katherine Municipality requires the Racecourse Reserve to be re-dedicated?
  2. If so, will he instruct his officers to act immediately to meet the municipality's requirements?

Agricultural Lease Valuations Katherine

- 340 Mr MacFARLANE to MINISTER for LANDS and HOUSING
1. Is he aware that agricultural leases in the Katherine municipality have been revalued to what lessees consider exorbitant values?
  2. As zoning and other regulations prevent subdivision of these leases, will differential rating be introduced for agricultural leases?

Failures of NT Stations

- 341 Mr MacFARLANE to MINISTER for LANDS and HOUSING
1. Is he aware that productive stations such as Cresswell Downs, Walhallow, Eva Downs, Anthony Lagoon and Beetaloo are practically deserted?
  2. If so, (a) is he alarmed at this fact, and (b) can he say whether it is caused by CSR's and the other owners' inability to cope with local conditions or by other reasons?

Legislation on Rights of the Disabled

- 342 Mr ISAACS to MINISTER for COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
What action, if any, has been taken during the International Year of the Disabled Person regarding rights for the disabled in government legislation?

Grants to Ethnic Schools

- 343 Mr ISAACS to MINISTER for COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
Which part-time ethnic schools providing instruction on a part-time basis in community language and related cultural material in the Northern Territory are in receipt of the newly available grants from the Schools Commission of up to \$30 per student per annum?

Aborigines - Imprisonment Rate

- 344 Mr ISAACS to CHIEF MINISTER
1. What is the Aboriginal male and female rate of imprisonment in the Northern Territory for the last 3 years?
  2. How many of the offences were alcohol related?

Internal Reviews of Health Department

345 Mr ISAACS to MINISTER for HEALTH

1. He stated during June 1981 sittings that his department had reviews taking place on all aspects of medical services offered to the public, and referred to an internal review of community health services. What were the details and outcome of this review?
2. In regard to other internal reviews conducted during the past year, (a) in which areas were they conducted, (b) who have the committees comprised of, (c) how many times have they met, and (d) what has been the outcome of these reviews?
3. How many internal reviews are being conducted at the moment?

St Vidgeon Station and Eva Valley Station

346 Mr MacFARLANE to MINISTER for LANDS and HOUSING

1. What is the future of St Vidgeon Station where Aboriginals are building stock yards, etc?
2. What is the future of Eva Valley Station?

Rehabilitation of Rum Jungle

348 Mr B. COLLINS to MINISTER for MINES and ENERGY

Will he advise the present status of the program to carry out further rehabilitation of the Rum Jungle mine area?

From 25 August 1981

Nabarlek - Spillage of Contaminated Material

349 Mr B. COLLINS to MINISTER for MINES and ENERGY

1. Will he provide a detailed report of the release into the environment of contaminated material from the uranium mine at Nabarlek?
2. What action will be taken against the company for failing to report this incident and denying that it had occurred?

Jabiru By-laws

350 Mr B. COLLINS to CHIEF MINISTER

What is the status of the proposed by-laws for Jabiru?

Feral Animals Report

351 Mr B. COLLINS to CHIEF MINISTER

What plans has the Conservation Commission to implement the recommendations of the Feral Animals Report in respect of the control of feral buffalo?

Donkey Camp Project in Katherine

352 Mrs LAWRIE to MINISTER for TRANSPORT and WORKS

1. Why has no environmental impact study been undertaken in regard to the proposal to pump water from the Katherine River in the Donkey Camp area?
2. At what level will pumping from the Katherine River cease so that the farmers' water supply for irrigation purposes is protected?

Health Centre at Katherine

353 Mr MacFARLANE to MINISTER for HEALTH

Why is a health centre to be built at Katherine within 1 mile of the existing community health centre?

Department of Community Development Grants-in-Aid

104 Mr ISAACS to MINISTER for COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

1. Which community groups made application to the Department of Community Development for Grants-in-Aid for the year 1980-81?
2. How much did each group request?
3. How much was granted to each of the applicants?

ANSWER

Some organisations submitted more than one project for funding in the 1980-81 financial year because of the variety of Grants-in-Aid which are administered by the department.

It is also pointed out that the Community Services Division was able to make certain approved grants to organisations prior to July 1980, for projects submitted for the year 1980-81, as additional funds were available at that time. These grants are marked with an asterisk on the attached list.

Due to the large number of applications received by the Department of Community Development for the Grants-in-Aid Scheme, assessment is necessarily carried out throughout the whole financial year. For this reason, preparation of these answers was delayed to enable to reply to be as complete as possible. Even so a short list of applications still pending is unavoidable although assessment of these will be completed, and where applicable, payments made before the end of the financial year.

1. The following divisions received applications for Grants-in-Aid in 1980-81:

COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION

Aboriginal Community College	Bamyili Community Council
Aboriginal Training and Cultural Institute	Berrimah Riding Club
Aboriginal Womens Resource Centre	Beswick Town Council
Aboriginal Cultural Foundation	Borroloola Community Council
Aikido NT	Bougainvillea Festival Committee
Alice Springs Amateur Cycling Club	Boy's Brigade
Alice Springs Art Foundation	Bradshaw Cubs and Scouts
Alice Springs Film Society	Browns Mart Community Arts Project
Alice Springs Gliding Club	Cavenagh Theatre Group
Alice Springs Golf Club	Cecchetti Society
Alice Springs Pony Club	Central Aust. Amateur Swimming Club
Alice Springs SPCA	Central Aust. Conservation Council
Alice Springs Sky Divers	Centralian Womens Hockey Association
Alice Springs Tennis Association	Citizens Radio Emergency Service Teams NT
Alice Springs Youth Centre	Corporation of the City of Darwin
Alexandria School Parents & Friends	Corporation of the City of Katherine
Alyangula Golf Club	Corporation of the City of Tennant Creek
Arafura Bowls and Social Club	Country Womens Association of the NT
Araluen Cultural Trust	Crafts Council of the NT
Archery Society of NT	Cycle Action NT
Arts Council of Australia (NT)	Darwin Amateur Cycling Club
Arunga Park Speedway Association	Darwin Amateur Radio Club
Asian Australian Family Association	Darwin Ballroom Dancing Association
Australian Citizens Radio Monitors	Darwin Baseball Umpires Association
Australian Broadcasting Commission	Darwin Bowls Club
Australian Drama Festival (NT)	Darwin Bushwalking Club
Australian Lightweight Sharpies	Darwin Contemporary Artists Co-op
Automobile Association of the NT	

Australian Youth Performing Arts	Darwin & Districts Equestrian Association
Darwin District Junior Rugby League	National Trust of Australia NT
Darwin Golf Club	Nguiu. Shire Council
Darwin Gun Club	Ngukurr Township Association
Darwin Horse and Pony Club	Nhulunbuy Area School Ladies Auxiliary
Darwin Karting Association	Nhulunbuy Corporation Fishing Club
Darwin Motor Cycle Club	Nhulunbuy Catholic Parish School
Darwin Netball Association	Nhulunbuy Police & Citizens Youth Club
Darwin Police and Citizens Youth Club	Nightcliff Amateur Swimming Club
Darwin Regional Aboriginal Sports Committee	Nightcliff Rugby League Football Club
Darwin Rifle Club	Nightcliff Youth Centre
Darwin Rugby Football League	Noonamah Pony Club
Darwin Rural Districts Pipe Band	North Australian Canine Association
Darwin Sailing Club	North Australian Eisteddfod Council
Darwin Stamp and Coin Club	North Australian Motor Sports Club
Darwin Table Tennis Association	NT Aerobatic Chapter
Darwin Theatre Group	NT Amateur Athletics Association
Darwin Tennis Association	NT Amateur Cycling Association
Darwin Youth Refuge	NT Amateur Power Lifting Association
Dynamoes Sporting Club	NT Amateur Swimming Association
Elsely Homestead Reconstruction Committee	NT Area Scout Association
Environment Council of the NT	NT Ballet Association (Myra Di Maria School)
Fannie Bay Equestrian Club	NT Basketball Association
Fellowship of Australian Writers	NT Clay Target Association
Galiwinku Community	NT Council of Australian Parachute Federation
The Gap Neighbourhood Centre	NT Cricket Association
Gapuwiyak Community Council	NT Darts Council
Gliding Association of NT	NT Discocising
Gove Boating Club	NT District Bowls Association
Gove Community Radio Group	NT Environment Council
Gove Country Golf Club	NT Field Naturalists Club
Gove Junior Soccer	NT Fire Brigade Golf Team
Gove Peninsula SLSC	NT Football League
Gove Squash Club	NT Gliding Association
Hamilton Downs Youth Centre	NT Hockey Association
Historical Society of NT	NT Junior Soccer Federation
Holy Spirit School	NT Junior Tenpin Bowling Association
Indonesian Association of NT	NT Little Athletics
Intercultural Performing Arts Association	NT Marching Girls Association
Jabiru East Cubs and Scouts	NT Model Flying Association
Katherine Clay Target Club	NT Baseball League
Katherine CWA	NT Mosquito Class Catamaran Association
Katherine Golf Club	NT Netball Association
Katherine Guides, Scouts and Brownies	NT Pistol Shooting Association
Katherine Horse and Pony Club	NT Primary Schools Amateur Sports Association
Katherine Little Athletics	NT Rachuig & Tournament Tenpin Bowling
Katherine Regional Council	NT Region Girl Guides
Katherine Softball Association	NT Rugby Union
Katherine Tennis Club	NT Secondary Schools Sports Association
Lions Club of Tennant Creek	NT Schools & Junior Rugby Union
Local Government Association of NT	NT Soccer Federation
Maningrida Literature Production Centre	NT Softball Association
Marrara Christian School	NT Squash Rackets
Milingimbi Council	NT Table Tennis Association

Mimi Aboriginal Arts and Crafts	NT Tennis Council
NT Top End Bow Hunters	Tennant Creek Amateur Swimming Association
NT Volley Ball Association	Tennant Creek Baseball Association
NT Water Ski Association	Tennant Creek Bowling Club
NT Womens Soccer Federation	Tennant Creek Cricket Association
NT Yachting Association	Tennant Creek CWA
Orana Judo School	Tennant Creek Gliding Club
Palmerston Gundog Club	Tennant Creek Golf Club
Papunya Tula Artists	Tennant Creek Saddle Horse Club
Parents Without Partners	Tennant Creek Scouting & Guiding
Port Darwin City Sea Scouts	Tennant Creek Show Society
Quota Club	Tennant Creek Womens Bowling Club
Print Council	Top End Aerial Sports Academy
Project Garden City	Top End Gun Club
Rotary Club of Darwin North	Transterritory Cycling Club
Royal North Australian Show Society	Uniting Church of Australia
Rural Teen Club	Waratah Sports Club
Salvation Army Alice Springs	Warrabri YWCA
Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (NT)	Weavers Workshop Guild
Somerville Homes Inc.	Yirrkala Arts & Crafts
South Darwin Sporting League	Yirrkala Dhanbul Community Association
St Marys Football Club	YMCA Darwin Youth Clubs
Tasar Association	YMCA Central Australia
	Youth Forum of Tennant Creek

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Alice Springs Youth Centre	NT Region Girl Guides
Corporation of Municipality of Tennant Creek	Somerville Homes - Outreach Programme
Gap Neighbourhood Centre	Somerville Homes - Chapman Rd Centre
Gapuwiyak Community Council	Yirrkala Dhanbul Community
Hamilton Downs Youth Camp	YMCA Alice Springs
NT Area Scout Association	YMCA Darwin
	YWCA Darwin

COMMUNITY WELFARE DIVISION

Residential Care

St Marys Child & Family Welfare Services	Retta Dixon Homes 1979-80 Arrears Payment
Somerville Homes	

Annual Grants-In-Aid

NT Pensioners Association for Tracey Lodge	Giles St Shelter - Katherine
NT Association of Special Education	Australian Red Cross, Katherine
Palmerston Parents Association	Wallaces Rock Hole Community
Australian Red Cross, Darwin	Tennant Creek Red Cross, Noble House
Parents & Citizens Association - Coconut Grove Development School, Darwin	Tennant Creek Community Development Council
St Vincent de Paul Society, Darwin	Central Australian Aboriginal Media Association
Jabiru Play Group	NT Pensioners Association
Marriage Guidance Inc., Darwin	Crisis Line Inc.
Darwin Family Centre - Fun Bus	Austcare, NT Branch
St Vincent de Paul Society, Alice Springs	Angurugu Community Council
NT Council of Social Service	Darwin Family Care Centre (Happynings Magazine)
Bindi Centre, Alice Springs	National Council of Women of the NT
Alice Springs AIM Old Timers Home	Northern "Y" Womens Group
	Salvation Army, Darwin

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE - ANSWERS RECEIVED

Central Australia Aboriginal Housing Forum  
YMCA Darwin Inc.  
NT Spastic Association

Aboriginal Advisory & Development Service - Katherine Project  
Alice Springs Spastic Council  
Apostleship of the Sea, Darwin  
Corporation of the City of Darwin

Community Welfare Worker Subsidy Scheme

YWCA Darwin  
Catholic Church, Alice Springs (2 grants)  
Yirrkala Dhanbul Community Association

Milingimbi Community Inc.  
Canossian Sisters, Darwin  
Somerville Homes, Darwin  
Katherine Red Cross

Family Support Services Scheme

Central Australian Aboriginal Congress  
Alice Springs Family Service Centre

Salvation Army, Darwin  
Aboriginal Womens Resource Centre

Operational Subsidies of a Continuous Nature

Bindi Centre  
Handicapped Persons Association  
NT Council on the Ageing

NT Council of Social Service  
Darwin Family Centres

States Grants (Home Care) Act

Australian Red Cross - Darwin Home Help  
NT Council on the Ageing  
Alice Springs Emergency Home Help Association  
Bamyili Council

Alice Springs Senior Citizens Centre  
Tennant Creek Senior Citizens Association  
NT Pensioners Association for Spillett House

International Year of the Child

Darwin Toy Library  
Browns Mart (Kid's Convoy)

Moil 3 Year Old Playgroup

Youth Services

YWCA on Behalf of Darwin Youth Refuge

Children's Services Program

NT Council of Social Service (Children's Week)

Ethnic Children's Services Workers Scheme

Migrant Resource & Settlement Centre

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DIVISION

Rehabilitation Association of the Northern Territory

Prisoners Aid & Rehabilitation Association of Alice Springs

2. Details of individual applications are considered confidential and will not be released by the government.

3. The following grants have been approved:

COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Amount Approved</u>
Aboriginal Cultural Foundation	\$ 20,000
Aboriginal Womens Resource Centre	5,403
Aikido NT	5,712 *
Alice Springs Amateur Cycling Club	1,950 *
Alice Springs Art Foundation	3,000
Alice Springs Bowling Club	15,000

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Alice Springs Film Society	840 *
Alice Springs Gliding Club	9,200 *
Alice Springs Golf Club	20,000 *
Alice Springs SPCA	2,000 *
Alice Springs Tennis Association	2,500 *
Alexandria School Parents & Friends	500 *
Alyangula Golf Club	10,000
Arafura Bowls & Social Club	43,650 *
Araluen Cultural Trust	104,000
Archery Society of NT	691 *
Arts Council of Australia (NT)	50,000
Arunga Park Speedway Association	{ 7,800 *
	{ 10,000
Australian Broadcasting Commission	40,831
(South Australian Symphony Orchestra)	
Australian Drama Festival (NT)	2,000
Australian Youth Performing Arts	500
Bamyili Community Council	1,000
Berrimah Riding Club	6,500 *
Borrooloola Community Council	1,000
Boungainvillea Festival Committee	5,000
Boy's Brigade	500
Bradshaw Cub & Scouts	500 *
Browns Mart Community Arts Project	54,480
Cecchetti Society	3,250 *
Central Australian Amateur Swimming Club	1,000 *
Citizens Radio Emergency Service Teams (NT)	2,630
Corporation of the Municipality of Tennant Creek	3,990
Crafts Council of the NT	45,900
Cycle Action NT	400 *
Darwin Amateur Cycling Club	886
Darwin Ballroom Association	1,500 *
Darwin Bowls Club	33,000 *
Darwin Contemporary Artists Co-op	10,200 *
Darwin & District Equestrian Association	240
Darwin Golf Club	4,500
Darwin Horse & Pony Club	7,500
Darwin Pistol Club	5,000
Darwin Police & Citizens Youth Club	11,187
Darwin Regional Aboriginal Sports Committee	2,500
Darwin Rifle Club	6,500 *
Darwin Rugby Football League	{ 18,000 *
	{ 62,600
Darwin Rural Districts Pipe Band	2,300
Darwin Sailing Club	{ 3,500 *
	{ 38,485
Darwin Stamp & Coin Club	750 *
Darwin Theatre Group	{ 9,906 *
	{ 8,425
Darwin Youth Refuge	1,200
Department of Transport & Works (Stem Edwards)	1,650
Fannie Bay Equestrian Club	5,000 *
Fellowship of Australian Writers	1,300 *
The Gap Neighbourhood Centre	9,000
Gliding Association of NT	2,170
Gove Boating Club	3,500 *
Gove Country Golf Club	420 *
Gove Land Sea Communications	158
Gove Peninsula Surf Life Saving Club	16,456
Hamilton Downs Youth Camp	50,000 *
Holy Spirit School	15,000 *

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Indonesian Association of NT	1,000 *
Intercultural Performing Arts Association	750 *
Jabiru East Cubs & Scouts	500 *
Katherine Clay Target Club	5,000 *
Katherine CWA	2,000 *
Katherine Golf Club	54,500 *
Katherine Horse & Pony Club	15,677
Katherine Litte Athletics	2,200 *
Katherine Tennis Club	{ 1,000 *
	{ 7,000
Local Government Association of NT	1,000 *
Milingimbi Council	9,000 *
National Trust of Australia (NT)	{ 12,500 *
	{ 49,540 *
Ngukurr Township Association	1,500
Nightcliff Amateur Swimming Club	760 *
Nightcliff Rugby League Football Club	20,000
North Australian Eisteddfod Council	7,000 *
Noonamah Pony Club	2,900
North Australian Motor Sports Club	6,000 *
North Australian Canine Association	6,700
NT Aerobatic Chapter	3,325
NT Amateur Athletics Association	1,447
NT Amateur Swimming Association	{ 8,000 *
	{ 2,734
NT Area Scout Association	55,000
NT Ballet Association	500
NT Ballet Association (for Myra di Maria School)	500
NT Baseball League	12,957
NT Clay Target Association	1,921
NT Cricket Association	2,650
NT Council of Australian Parachute Federation	2,703
NT Darts Council	4,955
NT Football League	3,799
NT Marching Girls Association	3,270
NT Gliding Association	670
NT Hockey Association	2,660
NT Junior Rugby Union	3,697 *
NT Junior Soccer Federation	2,700
NT Junior Tenpin Bowling	2,362
NT Little Athletics Association	{ 3,000 *
	{ 338
NT Netball Association	{ 1,500 *
	{ 3,218
NT Pistol Shooting Association	7,891
NT Rachuig and Tournament Tenpin Bowling	4,798
NT Region Girl Guides	9,050 *
NT Rugby Union	1,441
NT Rugby Union Referees' Association	886
NT Secondary Schools Sports Association	1,500 *
NT Schools & Junior Rugby Union	3,080
NT Soccer Federation	3,480 *
NT Softball Association	{ 3,000 *
	{ 6,113
NT Table Tennis Association	1,540
NT Tennis Council	1,500
NT Volleyball Association	2,000 *
NT Women's Soccer Federation	200
NT Yachting Association	274
Parents Without Partners	3,946

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Project Garden City	250
Royal North Australian Show Society	{ 13,175 *
Rural Teen Club	{ 100,000
Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals NT	1,025 *
Sporting Shooters Association of Australia (NT)	15,000
Tasar Association	430
Tennant Creek Baseball Association	261
Tennant Creek Bowling Club	1,000 *
Tennant Creek Cricket Association	7,500 *
Tennant Creek Scouting & Guiding	950 *
Tennant Creek Show Society	3,000 *
Uniting Church of Australia	8,000 *
Waratah Sports Club	738 *
Weavers Workshop Guild	4,742 *
Yirrkala Dhanbul Community Association	40,000
YMCA Darwin (for NT Gymnastics Association)	3,400 *
	700
	500
	3,500

Salary Subsidies of a Continuous Nature

Alice Springs Youth Centre	3,760
Corporation of the Municipality of Tennant Creek	12,000
The Gap Neighbourhood Centre	12,000
Gapuwiyak Community Council	3,350
Hamilton Downs Youth Camp	12,000
NT Area Scout Association	5,666
NT Regional Girl Guides	12,000
Somerville Homes - Outreach Program	{ 8,000 *
	{ 29,000
Somerville Homes - Chapman Road Centre	{ 3,000 *
	{ 22,457
Yirrkala Dhanbul Community	9,000
YMCA Darwin	24,000
YWCA Darwin	24,000
YMCA Darwin & YWCA Central Australia for the Aboriginal Recreation Program	420,000

COMMUNITY WELFARE DIVISION

Residential Care

St Marys Child & Family Welfare Services	244,755
Somerville Homes	27,355
Retta Dixon Homes 1979-80 Arrears Payment	1,889

Annual Grants-in-Aids

NT Pensioners Association for Tracey Lodge	10,000
NT Association of Special Education	1,152
Australian Red Cross, Darwin	600
St Vincent de Paul Society, Darwin	7,000
Jabiru Play Group	2,380
Darwin Family Centre - Fun Bus	700
St Vincent de Paul Society, Alice Springs	14,000
Bindi Centre, Alice Springs	71,570
Alice Springs AIM Old Timers Home	8,000
Giles Street Shelter, Katherine	14,000
Australian Red Cross, Katherine	8,000
Tennant Creek Community Development Council	5,000
Tennant Creek Red Cross, Noble House	8,000

Community Welfare Workers Subsidy Scheme

YWCA Darwin	13,635
Catholic Church, Alice Springs (2 grants)	13,635
Yirrkala Dhanbul Community Association	13,635
Milingimbi Community Inc.	13,635

Family Support Services Scheme

Central Australian Aboriginal Congress	83,924
Salvation Army, Darwin	11,280

Operational Subsidies of a Continuous Nature

Bindi Centre	71,570
Handicapped Persons Association	10,000
NT Council on the Ageing	8,000

State Grants (Home Care) Act

Australian Red Cross, Darwin Home Help	17,000
NT Council on the Ageing	14,000
Alice Springs Emergency Home Help Association	14,000
Bamyili Council	13,000
Tennant Creek Senior Citizens Association	90,000
NT Pensioners Association, Spillett House	45,000

International Year of the Child

Darwin Toy Library	708
Darwin Family Centre, Fun Bus	18,860
Browns Mart (Kids' Convoy)	11,240

Youth Services

YWCA on Behalf Darwin Youth Refuge	51,500
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Children's Services Program

NT Council of Social Service (Children's Week)	2,000
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Ethnic Children's Service Workers Scheme

Migrant Resource and Settlement Centre	16,000
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CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DIVISION

Prisoners Aid and Rehabilitation Association of Alice Springs	6,000
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Decisions on applications from the following organisations are still pending:

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Alice Springs Pony Club	Nhulunbuy Corporation Fishing Club
Alice Springs Youth Centre	NT Amateur Athletics Association
Centralian Womens Hockey Association	NT Amateur Cycling Association
Darwin Bushwalking Club	NT Field Naturalists Club
Darwin District Junior Rugby League	NT Squash Rackets
Darwin Tennis Association	NT Tennis Council
	NT Yachting Association

COMMUNITY WELFARE DIVISION

Annual Grants-in-Aid

Parents & Citizens Association -	Wallaces Rock Hole Community
Coconut Grove Dev. School, Darwin	

Family Support Services Scheme

Aboriginal Womens Resource Centre
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CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DIVISION

Rehabilitation Association of the NT

Katherine High School - Cleaning Tender

135 Mr MacFARLANE to MINISTER for EDUCATION

Is he aware that the successful tender for cleaning Katherine High School (Gazette No. G1, 9 January 1981, ETB 27/80) is in excess of \$80,000, or almost \$410 for each school day, for 1981 and, if so, will he investigate alternative means of cleaning to lighten this load on the taxpayer?

ANSWER

The contract in question was in fact for a 2-year period commencing 1.1.1981 to 30.12.1982.

The contract price of \$80,217.56 when reduced to a daily rate is less than \$200 per day which covers wages, materials and administration and is not considered unreasonable for a school of 3.542 m<sup>2</sup>.

Only 2 tenders were received for the cleaning of Katherine High School and the cheapest of the 2 was accepted.

The 1981-82 contract rate is considerably less than the 1980 rate.

Essential Services for Aboriginal Communities

156 Mr ISAACS to TREASURER and MINISTER for INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

1. What is being allocated in cash for essential services in 1980-81 and for which Aboriginal communities?
2. What are the proposed projects?
3. What projects have been completed?
4. How many Aborigines (a) have been, and (b) are employed with the essential services program?
5. What training are they receiving and from whom?
6. What essential services program has been decided upon for the Hodgson community?
7. What improvements are to be carried out in respect of (a) water supply, (b) provision of toilets and showers, and (c) upgrading of and access to the airstrip?

ANSWER

1. Cash allocation

(a) Capital works program - Revote items from previous year program	\$ 6,212,000
(b) Capital works program - 1980-81 items	\$ 3,500,000
(c) Repairs and maintenance program - Revote items from previous years programs	\$ 422,000
(d) Repairs and maintenance program - 1980-81 items	<u>\$ 4,929,000</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$15,063,000</u>

The Aboriginal communities concerned are:

<u>Community</u>	<u>Amount \$</u>	<u>Community</u>	<u>Amount \$</u>
Maningrida	635,600	Goulburn Island	167,800
Lake Evella	229,200	Ramangining	92,000
Port Keats	245,500	Galiwinku (Elcho Island)	163,800

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE - ANSWERS RECEIVED

Oenpelli	133,700	Delissaville	193,400
Snake Bay	423,900	Bathurst Island	921,800
Umbakumba	256,800	Bagot	49,500
Croker Island (Minjilang)	596,500	Yirrkala	797,600
Milingimbi	270,000	Daly River	445,700
Peppimenarti	348,100	Garden Point	220,700
Angurugu	108,600	Palumpa	23,800
Bulgul	8,000	Parada	8,000
Knuckeyes Lagoon	600	Various locations	250,400
Yeddairt	10,000	Daguragu	9,600
Kulaluk	15,100	Wiyakipa	10,000
Melville Island	13,600	Kutchull	7,000
Hooker Creek	776,000	Ngukurr	358,700
Wave Hill	113,900	Beswick	77,000
Borroloola	22,200	Rockhole Camp	9,000
Mumba Mumba	5,000	Bulman	11,000
Djimbera	13,400	Wattie Creek	120,100
Wada Wadala	7,000	Weemol	1,200
Cox River	12,000	Parnta	19,200
Hodgson Downs	17,300	Warrabri	198,300
Murray Downs	105,000	Elliott	88,000
Mulga Camp	40,000	Canteen Creek	11,500
Papunya	45,300	Yuendumu	214,800
Hermannsburg	207,700	Docker River	96,000
Mt Allan	134,000	Santa Teresa	118,500
Kintore Range	1,700	Rockhole	12,000
Mt Skinner	5,600	Kunapula	9,000
Amputjuta	9,800	Charles River	45,100
Ililunga	52,900	Ootnarangatcka	8,200
Njalka Ilpaya	58,900	Ilpea Ilpea	110,100
Parultna	7,400	Knugatnarra	12,300
Parentja	58,200	Ntarpa	26,700
Mardjubalk	2,000	Tree Point	5,000
Bamyili	81,800	Black Hills	1,000
Kildurk	28,000	Areyonga	30,200
Black Water	1,900	Ilparpa	23,200
Minor new works	467,000	Amoonguna	108,000
Willowra	67,800	Lake Nash	25,000
Yarentja	122,000	Numbulwar	34,700
Nangalala	4,500	Katherine area various	666,000
Kybrook	2,000	Yarralin	6,500
Mailuni	5,000	Haasts Bluff	5,900
Darwin/Gove various	2,195,000	Tennant Creek various	94,000
Alice Springs various	780,000	Rocky Point	8,000
Continuous items	402,200		

TOTAL = \$ 15,063,000

2. The proposed projects are:

Capital Works Program  
Revote Items from Previous Years Programs

Description

<u>Maningrida</u>	<u>Goulburn Island</u>
Provision of works depot	Upgrade water supply
<u>Lake Evella</u>	<u>Ramingining</u>
Provision of water reticulation	Upgrade barge landing facilities
<u>Port Keats</u>	<u>Port Keats</u>
Provision of bulk fuel facilities	Extension of water reticulation

<u>Galiwinku</u> Barge landing and access road	<u>Oenpelli</u> Upgrade water supply
<u>Goulburn Island</u> Upgrade water supply	<u>Delissaville</u> Construct power house
<u>Elcho Island</u> Extension of water mains	<u>Snake Bay</u> Extension of sewer reticulation
<u>Oenpelli</u> Upgrade water supply, stage II	<u>Goulburn Island</u> Extension of electrical reticulation
<u>Bathurst Island</u> Equip bores	<u>Umbakumba</u> Provision of barge landing
<u>Bagot</u> Upgrade water reticulation	<u>Croker Island</u> Construct sewer scheme
<u>Yirrkala</u> Upgrade water supply, stage I	<u>Milingimbi</u> Upgrade water reticulation
<u>Daly River</u> Equip bore	<u>Peppimenarti</u> Construction of airstrip
<u>Snake Bay</u> Storm water drainage	<u>Croker Island</u> Barge landing and bulk fuel
<u>Maningrida</u> Upgrade airstrip	<u>Bathurst Island</u> Provide toilet facilities
<u>Goulburn Island</u> Upgrade barge landing	<u>Croker Island</u> Construct rising main
<u>Belyuen</u> Extension to sewerage	<u>Milingimbi</u> Upgrade and extension of sewerage
<u>Yirrkala</u> Provide sewerage	<u>Yirrkala</u> Upgrade water supply, stage II
<u>Garden Point</u> Toilet ablution block	<u>Lake Evella</u> Barge landing and access road
<u>Angurugu</u> Toilet ablution block	<u>Daly River</u> Upgrade power, stage I
<u>Bathurst Island</u> Upgrade power and reticulation	<u>Yirrkala</u> Upgrade power, stage II
<u>Umbakumba</u> Upgrade power and reticulation	<u>Port Keats</u> Upgrade power and reticulation
<u>Peppimenarti</u> Upgrade power and reticulation	<u>Goulburn Island</u> Upgrade power and reticulation
<u>Croker Island</u> Additional generator facilities	<u>Snake Bay</u> Provision of bulk fuel facilities
<u>Garden Point</u> Power supply	<u>Goulburn Island</u> Gravel wash
<u>Palumpa</u> Upgrade access road	<u>Bulgul</u> Drill 2 bores
<u>Peppimenarti</u> Equip bore	<u>Various</u> Provide transformers
<u>Parada</u> Drill 2 bores	<u>Knuckeyes Lagoon</u> Provision of power
<u>Croker Island</u> Replace wooden poles	<u>Umbakumba</u> Extension to water reticulation

Yeddairt  
Drill 2 bores

Kulaluk  
Provision of fence

Maningrida  
Extension to water reticulation

Wiyakipa  
Drill bores

Lake Evella  
Fence bores

Oenpelli  
Equip bore

Maningrida  
Equip bore

Peppimenarti  
Equip bore

Garden Point  
Extension of water reticulation

Maningrida  
Power to fuel installation

Croker Island  
Equip bore Big Creek

Garden Point  
Extension of sewerage reticulation

Garden Point  
Provision of pump station

Kutchull  
Drill 1 bore

Garden Point  
Drill 1 bore

Hooker Creek  
Construct power house

Ngukurr  
Upgrade water supply

Hooker Creek  
Equip bore 13A

Wave Hill  
Fence town

Borrooloola  
Rising main to old town

Hooker Creek  
Provision of bulk fuel facilities

Mumba Mumba  
Drill bore

Ngukurr  
Extension to water supply to power house

Wattie Creek  
Provision of sewerage

Daguragu  
Drill 2 bores

Oenpelli  
Modify synch. gear

Daly Water  
Provide sewerage scheme

Various  
Engineers sealing investigation

Milingimbi  
Fence 1 bore

Lake Evella  
Electrical reticulation to bores

Kulaluk  
Extension of power supply

Delissaville  
Power supply to bores

Maningrida  
Equip bore

Elcho Island  
Upgrade sub power house

Croker Island  
Equip bore 3rd Bay

Ramingining  
Extension of water reticulation

Melville Island  
Provision of power to transmitter

Port Keats  
Drill 1 bore

Garden Point  
Equip 2 bores Woolawanga

Ngukurr  
Construct works depot

Hooker Creek  
Materials investigation

Wave Hill  
Extension to sewer reticulation and pond

Beswick  
Electrical reticulation and extension to water reticulation

Rockhole Camp  
Drill bores

Hooker Creek  
Provision of skid mounted motor

Bulman  
Equip bore

Djimbera  
Extension to electrical reticulation to houses

Wada Wadala  
Drill 2 bores

Beswick  
Construction of toilet ablu-  
tion block

Parnta  
Equip bore

Warrabri  
Extension to electrical reticula-  
tion

Tennant Creek  
Toilet ablu-  
tion at Mulga

Elliott  
Electricity to Wilyugoo

Papunya  
Works depot

Yuendumu  
Works depot

Yuendumu  
Upgrade airstrip

Docker River  
Toilet ablu-  
tion facilities

Mt Allen  
Power supply

Kintore Range  
Drill bore

Rock Hole  
Drill bore

Ililunga  
Electrical reticulation

Amputjuta  
Drill bore

Ililunga  
Access road

Ootnarangatcka  
Storm water drainage

Njalka Ulpaya  
Water mains to Ross Davis area

Ilpea Ilpea  
Electrical reticulation

Ilpea Ilpea  
Access road

Ilpea Ilpea  
Access road

Ilpea Ilpea  
Internal water reticulation

Parentja  
Provision of sewerage

Weemol  
Extension to electrical reticulation

Cox River  
Provision of generation facilities

Hodgson Downs  
Drill 2 bores

Murray Downs  
Drill bores

Elliott  
Toilet ablu-  
tion at Wilyugoo

Warrabri  
Sewerage to Alywarra camp

Canteen Creek  
Access road

Yuendumu  
Construct sewerage reticulation

Hermannsburg  
Upgrade water reticulation

Yuendumu  
Toilet ablu-  
tion block facilities

Docker River  
Extension power and bulk fuel

Yuendumu  
Extension to electrical reticulation

Santa Teresa  
Extension to electrical reticulation

Mt Skinner  
Drill bore

Kunapula  
Drill bore

Charles River  
Internal electrical reticulation

Ootnarangatcka  
Internal roads

Njalka Ulpaya  
Provision of water main

Njalka Ulpaya  
Provision of sewerage

Parultna  
Provision of access road

Njalka Ulpaya  
Access road to area B

Knugatnarra  
Access road

Hermannsburg  
Equip Dennis bore

Parentja  
Provision of water mains

Ntarpa

Access road

Parentja

Provision of pump station

Hermannsburg

Access road

Ngukurr

Construct airstrip

Nardjubalk

Drill 2 bores

Rocky Point

Drill bore

Bathurst Island

Provision of access road, stages II and III

Hooker Creek

Extension of sewerage

Black Hills

Drill 2 bores

Hooker Creek

Equip bore

Areyonga

Provision of additional generator set and electrical reticulation

Ilparpa

Provision of water reticulation

Parentja

Access road

Charles River

Provision of access road

Ililunga

Provision of storm water drainage

Maningrida

Provision of storm water drainage, stage I

Milingimbi

Install synch. module

Maningrida

Provision of power to bore

Tree Point

Drill bore

Bamyili

Provision of storm water drainage

Djembere

Drill 2 bores

Kildurk

Upgrade electrical generation

Black Water

Drill bore

Ilparpa

Provision of electrical reticulation

Capital Works Program - 1980-81 Items

Maningrida

Upgrade/seal airstrip to Metro standard

Garden Point

Upgrade sewerage facilities

Warrabri

Construct toilet block

Nguiu (Bathurst Island)

Upgrade/seal airstrip to Metro standard

Lajamanu (Hooker Creek)

Upgrade airstrip

Garden Point

Construct toilet/ablution block

Galiwinku (Elcho Island)

Upgrade roads to borefield and airstrip

Various locations

Install bulk fuel meters

Peppimenarti

Extension of water supply

Naiyu Ukume (Daly River)

Construct ground level water storage

Bagot

Extensions to sewerage reticulation

Amoonguna

Construct toilet/ablution block

Bamyili

Upgrade and extend electrical reticulation

Yuendumu

Construct skid mounted ablution block

Upgrade internal roads and stormwater drainage

Willowra

Upgrade electrical capacity to 75Kva

Milikapiti

Upgrade airstrip

Minjilang (Croker Island)

Construct toilet/ablution block

Elcho Island

Sealing of 4 water tanks

Murray Downs

Provision of water supply

and rising main to bores Install 2 x 212 KW generator sets ex Milikapiti	<u>Lake Nash</u> Provision of additional bore <u>Yarentja</u> Provision of electrical reticulation Provision of access road
<u>Mt Allen</u> Provide and equip bore and water reticulation	<u>Naiui Ukume (Daly River)</u> Construct toilet/ablution block
<u>Hooker Creek</u> Upgrade access road to bore field	<u>Beswick</u> Construct toilet/ablution block
<u>Hermannsburg</u> Upgrade electrical reticulation and bulk fuel storage	<u>Bamyili</u> Construct toilet/ablution block
<u>Milingimbi</u> Upgrade barge landing	<u>Areyonga</u> Replace generator set and associated works Construct toilet/ablution block
<u>Garden Point</u> Upgrade and extension to electrical reticulation	
<u>Belyuen (Delissaville)</u> Upgrade bulk fuel facilities trans- formers and distribution board	<u>Amoonguna</u> Upgrade internal roads and storm- water drainage, stage I
<u>Docker River</u> Construct toilet/ablution block	<u>Galiwinku (Elcho Island)</u> Upgrade/seal airstrip to Metro standard
<u>Santa Teresa</u> Upgrade water supply	<u>Murray Downs</u> Construct toilet/ablution block
<u>Gapuwiyak</u> Construct toilet/ablution block	<u>Wattle Creek</u> Complete sewerage scheme, stage II

Minor New Works (Estimated to cost less than \$25,000)

Continuous Items

All centres: equipping of production bores; engineering investigations; extensions to water reticulation; extensions to electrical reticulation; extensions to sewerage reticulation; services to camp areas; outstation roadworks and access; outstation power supplies; Alice Springs fringe camp services; provision of fibreglass lining to steel water tanks; upgrade bulk fuel storage facilities.

Repairs and Maintenance Program

Revote Items from Previous Years Programs

<u>Elcho Island:</u>	- Repairs to 525 KW generator set.
<u>Delissaville:</u>	- Overhaul generating set - Overhaul transfer pump control and switches - Replace SLCB, SLCC and faulty services - Overhaul 4 bore diesel engines - Overhaul chlorinator and booster pump - Overhaul Volvo generator set and ancillaries - Clean and descale power house tanks, paint power house floor, etc.
<u>Angurugu:</u>	- Repairs to transformer installation, fitting of pole fuses, rewiring of street lights and fitting of shackle insulators, earth bonding of poles
<u>Various settlements:</u>	- Overhaul fire pump motors
<u>Various communities:</u>	- Repairs and maintenance to DAA building
<u>Lake Evella:</u>	- Replace existing service to caravan area and make safe raise services and install property poles for

- road safety clearance
  - Overhaul bores and surface mounter pumps
  - Clean and descale exterior bulk fuel tanks
- Numbulwar:
- Repairs and maintenance
  - Replace chlorinator equipment
  - Overhaul sewerage pumps
  - Overhaul sand spear pumps
  - Replace rainwater and associated plumbing at power house
  - Overhaul Volvo generator set and replace batteries
  - Repairs and maintenance of 3 ablution blocks
- Daly River:
- Overhaul 1 x 100 KW generator set
  - Replace SLCB, SLCC faulty service power house maintenance
  - Paint power house floor, replace batteries and charger circuits
  - Overhaul 2 pump switchboards
  - Replace bore pump and column
  - Overhaul 12v71 generator set and replace Detroit specialised tools, replace radiator
- Maningrida:
- Overhaul 4 bores and fit standard switchboard
  - Overhaul circuit breaker, steam clean and generator control
  - Overhaul 5 bores and 2 booster pumps
  - Clean and descale barge and power house bulk fuel tanks
  - Repair bore equipment
- Port Keats:
- Overhaul 284 KW generator set
  - Overhaul No. 6 garden bore
  - Clean and descale exterior power house bulk fuel and barge landing tanks
- Ramangining:
- Overhaul generator set
  - Replace water tank and associated plumbing in power house yard
  - Overhaul 6v71 generator set and associated equipment
  - Overhaul creek pump and shed
- Croker Island:
- Repair to stock bore
  - Overhaul bore switchboard
  - Replace SLCB, SLCC faulty services and battery charge
  - Overhaul 3 bore pumps
  - Clean and descale bulk fuel tanks, overhaul fuel transfer pump
- Goulburn Island:
- Repairs to stock bores
  - Overhaul 2 bore switchboards
  - Overhaul 3 bores
  - Clean and descale external power house fuel tank, overhaul mobile fuel tanks
- Garden Point:
- Repairs to emergency booster pump
  - Overhaul chlorinators and booster pump
  - Overhaul primary water supply pumps
  - Replace 1 sewerage mutator and overhaul mechanical equipment
  - Overhaul 12 x 71 generator set and associated equipment

- Peppimenarti:
- Overhaul Cat. generator set
  - Replace SLCB, SLCC and facility services
- Snake Bay:
- Overhaul one switchboard on sand spears
  - Overhaul pumps on sand spears
- Umbakumba:
- Overhaul 12v71 generator set and ancillaries
  - Overhaul gear drive on spear pumps
  - Overhaul diesel engine on fire booster pump
  - Overhaul switchboards on water supply
  - Clean and descale powerhouse fuel tanks
  - Repair fence around water storage area
  - Overhaul 1 x 71 KW generator set
- Bathurst Island:
- Maintenance and aerial reticulation, replace SLCB and SLCC
  - Overhaul 3 bore pumps and diesel engines
  - Replace 2 sewerage pumps and overhaul mechanical equipment
  - Overhaul 12V71 generator set and associated equipment
- Milingimbi:
- Repairs to chlorinator and shed
  - Overhaul sewerage pumps
- Oenpelli:
- Overhaul 2 bores and transfer pumps
  - Overhaul switchboard on No. 1 bore
  - Overhaul 6V71 generator set and ancillaries
- Nangalala:
- Overhaul 2 bores
- Hooker Creek:
- Routine service pulling for 4 bores and overhaul draw plunger pump and discharge head
  - Overhaul 250KW generator set and associated equipment
  - Replace alternator
  - Replace batteries
  - Repair/replace DS Westinghouse circuit breaker and associated works
  - Overhaul V12 generator set and associated works
  - Replace activator
- Ngukurr:
- Overhaul steam cleaner
  - Overhaul 212 KW generator set and associated equipment
  - Overhaul transfer pumps and motors
  - Overhaul river pumps and switchboard
  - Airstrip maintenance
  - Repair control circuits in power house and upgrade synchro panel
- Beswick:
- Overhaul 2 bores, 2 diesel engines
  - Overhaul 8V71 generator set and associated equipment
  - Repair/replace fuel reticulation
- Wave Hill:
- Overhaul fire booster pump and motor
  - Overhaul transfer pump and motors
  - Overhaul 212KW generator set and associated equipment
  - Replace batteries, overhaul generator set controls instruments
  - Paint power house floor, relabel control circuits, etc.
  - Overhaul activator

- Replace alternator
- Overhaul water supply diesels
- Overhaul 3 bores
- Bamyili:
  - Overhaul 2 bores and motors and river pumps, etc.
  - Replace alternator and activator
  - Repair control circuits in power house and upgrade synchro panel
  - Overhaul 12V71 generator set and associated work
- Wattie Creek:
  - Overhaul bores and switchboard
- Borrooloola:
  - Overhaul bores
- Katherine Area:
  - Replace specialised tools for Detroit engines
- Papunya:
  - Overhaul generator set bores and associated equipment
- Warrabri:
  - Overhaul generator set and associated equipment

Repairs and Maintenance Program - 1980-81 Items

- Garden Point:
  - Water/sewerage system, rehabilitate electrical system
  - Overhaul 6.71 Detroit diesel
  - Replace 2 chlorinators and 1 Matrator, overhaul 2 sewerage pumps, diesels, and water pumps
  - Transformer maintenance, replace services, overhaul air breaker switch
  - Major overhaul V12.71 Detroit and alternators
  - Hydraulics, replace 150 m of sewerage rising main, replace gatic covers and 7 water services, renew manholes, recondition taps and valves in public toilets
  - Top overhaul one V12.71 Detroit diesel
- Port Keats:
  - Water supply, rehabilitate electrical system
  - Street light maintenance, transformer maintenance, replace services
  - Overhaul 4 bores and replace equipment on Garden bores
- Snake Bay:
  - Water supply, replace electrical system
  - Street light maintenance, overhaul substation and transformers, overhaul air breaker switch
  - Overhaul spear pump system
  - Major overhaul one V12.71 Detroit, top overhaul one V12.71 Detroit diesel
  - Hydraulics, replace overflow from pump wet well
  - Hydraulics, repair hydrants and valves
- Maningrida:
  - Major overhaul V16.71 and alternator
  - Top overhaul V16.71 and overhaul activator
  - Overhaul synchro electrical equipment and automatic switch gear
  - Hydraulics, relay 200 m of sewer rising main, repair sewer outfall, repair 12 manholes
  - Hydraulics, repair 1 million litre tank
  - Overhaul 5 bore pumps and 2 transfer pumps
  - Hydraulics, relay 550 m of water services, repair/replace valves
  - Water supply, rehabilitate electrical system
- Croker Island:
  - Replace street poles/brackets, road clearance poles and substation; earthing, overhaul transformers

- Water supply, rehabilitate electrical system
  - Top overhaul 2 6.71T Detroit diesels
  - Major overhaul one 6.71T Detroit diesel and alternator
  - Overhaul 3 bore pumps and replace diesel on No. 2 bore
  - Overhaul breaker switch and replace HV wooden dropout cross arms
- Angurugu:
- Water supply, rehabilitate electrical system
  - Overhaul water pump system
  - Hydraulics, repair efficient mains; crew house services
  - Reticulation repairs
- Daly River:
- Overhaul one V12.71 Detroit diesel
  - Overhaul 3 bore pumps and floodlifter
  - Water supply, rehabilitate electrical system
  - Top overhaul 6.71 Detroit diesel
  - Overhaul street light control boxes and brackets; replace road clearance poles
- Elcho Island:
- Top overhaul 6QT Ruston diesel
  - Overhaul 3 bore pumps and 2 transfer pumps, overhaul chlorinator and billabong pumps
  - Water supply, rehabilitate electrical system
  - Transformer maintenance, replace services, overhaul air breaker switch, service low voltage cable on substation
  - Replace alternator
- Goulburn Island:
- Top overhaul 6.71T Detroit diesel
  - Major overhaul 6.71T Detroit diesel and alternator
  - Overhaul 5 bores and transfer pumps
  - Water supply, rehabilitate electrical system
  - Transformer maintenance, replace services, overhaul air breaker switch
- Lake Evella:
- Overhaul Bedford and top overhaul to 120A Volvo diesel
  - Overhaul 2 bore pumps and windmill
  - Water supply, rehabilitate electrical system
- Oenpelli:
- Major overhaul one V12.71 Detroit diesel
  - Top overhaul one V16.71 diesel and one V12.71 Detroit diesel
  - Overhaul 3 alternators and replace activators
  - Overhaul 5 bores and diesels
  - Street light maintenance, replace services, overhaul air breaker switch
  - Top overhaul V16.71 and V6.71 Detroit diesels
  - Water supply, rehabilitate electrical system
- Ramangining:
- Top overhaul 6.71 Detroit, major overhaul one 6.71 Detroit, overhaul alternators and activators
  - Overhaul 3 bores and chlorinator
  - Water supply, replace electrical system
  - Street light maintenance, transformer maintenance, replace services
- Umbakumba:
- Major overhaul one V12.71 Detroit and top overhaul one V12.71 Detroit diesel
  - Overhaul activators and alternators
  - Overhaul spear pump system

- Hydraulics, replace isolating valves, repair hydrants
  - Water supply, replace electrical system
  - Street light maintenance, replace services, overhaul air breaker switch
  - Overhaul substation earthing and maintenance to transformer
- Bathurst Island:
- Replace activators, overhaul alternators
  - Major overhaul one V12.71 Detroit and top overhaul one V16.71 Detroit diesel
  - Hydraulics, repair hydrants, gatic lids and man-holes
  - Overhaul 6 bore pumps and replace 1 bore diesel
  - Replace road service poles, service arms, substation earthing, HV pole earthing
  - Top overhaul 2 V16.71 Detroit diesels
  - Overhaul air breaker switch, require low voltage cable or substation
  - Water supply, rehabilitate electrical system
  - Overhaul street light brackets and control boxes
  - Transformer maintenance
  - Replace lighting arrestors and building service
- Delissaville:
- Overhaul TD120A Volvo and Detroit 6.71 diesel
  - Overhaul 4 bores, booster pump and chlorinator and overhaul 4 diesel bore engines
  - Water supply, rehabilitate electrical system
- Various locations:
- Overhaul, replace street lighting
  - Replace street lighting control boxes
  - Overhaul air breaker switches
  - Repair substation, earthing and earthing of HV poles
  - Replace HV wooden dropout cross arms
  - Replace street lights and street light brackets
  - Replace switch building services
  - Repair low voltage cable on substations
- Milingimbi:
- Overhaul 3 bore pumps and replace chlorinator
  - Overhaul sewerage pumps and mutrators; replace respirator mark
  - Water supply, rehabilitate electrical system
  - Hydraulics, replace gatic lids
- Numbulwar:
- Overhaul 3 pumps chlorinator and replace mono log.
  - Water supply, rehabilitate electrical system
  - Overhaul Detroit V12.71 alternator and activator, replace W/House circuit breaker
- Yirrkala:
- Street light maintenance and replace services overhaul air breaker switch
- Peppimenarti:
- Water supply, rehabilitate electrical system
  - Top overhaul Caterpillar and 2 Bedford diesels
  - Replace one alternator
  - Street light maintenance; transformer maintenance, repair services
- Hooker Creek:
- Southern Cross EDE 24 HP diesel, overhaul fire booster
  - Overhaul transfer pumps
  - Bore 13, pull bore replace Pomona pump
  - Bore 13, overhaul Southern Cross EDC

- Pull bores 13B, 14 and 15
- Overhaul chlorinator
- Pull and overhaul windmill bores at 7-mile, 14-mile, 19-mile, 28-mile and Tomahawk
- 7-mile bore, replace Southern Cross EDC diesel
- Repair to 4 x 150KL squatters tanks, 2 x 450KL water supply tanks, 1 x 227KL tank, 1 x 90KL electrical tank
- Overhaul and upgrade tank yard electrics control switchboard
- R & M to water stimulation
- Major overhaul Nos. 12V71
- Overhaul synchronizing equipment
- Replace batteries with mono type locomotive and charger
- Major overhaul 16V71
- Replace sewerage Flyght pump
- Replacement of pumps for bores 13A and 15, replace pressure switches, eliminate air from rising main
- Paint and repair plaster, R & M to cisterns to T/blk on hill, paint and repair cisterns, reposition showers in blocks near pensioners huts
- Replace damaged street light and upgrade others
- Replace damaged service poles and faulty MV retic. to dwellings
- Changeover faulty MV aerials and balance electric load on power house generators

Ngukurr:

- Pull bores Nos 1 and 2 and overhaul
- Top overhaul Lister ST2 and Ruston IYBA diesels
- Pull river pump and overhaul screens
- Replace Southern Cross 5 stage sumo pump
- Overhaul electric transfer pumps
- R & M to water reticulation
- Major overhaul 12V71 No. 1 unit
- Repair to synchro. board and associated equip.
- Replacement of damaged insulators, lighting arrestors, ground earths. Aerial cables and transformers on HV retic.
- Replacement of damaged service poles and MV cables
- Relocation of float switches in collection tank and upgrade elec. system on town water
- Overhaul 8V71T
- Upgrade electric wiring and service to ablution block and basketball court

Wave Hill:

- Repairs and replacement circuit breakers
- Replace batteries with mono type locomotive and charger
- Clear, descale and paint bulk fuel tanks
- Power house, repaint interior, exterior and floor
- Raise exhaust system to clear roof, descale and decarbonise transformer and pole
- Overhaul Southern Cross EDE fire booster pump
- Airstrip bores - overhaul Southern Cross EDC motor
- Pull and overhaul 2 airstrip bores, Wattie Creek Nos. 10 and 11 bores
- Replace Ruston YWA diesel
- Replace 1 Southern Cross 7 - stage turbine pump
- Replace one Hebeco 15 HP 3-phase motor
- Overhaul chlorinator, clean and chlorinate water supply tank

- Replace 8 double air valves on Wattie Creek-Wave Hill rising area
  - Overhaul transfer pump tank yard
  - Wattie Creek bore yard, overhaul power supply control board
- Wave Hill - Wattie Creek:
- Change over faulty MV aerials and balance elec. load on P/H gens
  - Replace damaged insulators, light arrestors, aerials cables, etc.
- Borrooloola:
- Dulu bore RN9078 and RD79 pull and overhaul
  - Dulu bore, overhaul Lister ST2
  - Gorowa windmill bore, overhaul and repair
  - Gorowa Lister standby, top overhaul
  - Drain, service, clean and chlorinate town, Dulu and Gorowa tanks
- Djimbre:
- Overhaul diesel river pumps
  - Overhaul generator set
- Kybrook:
- Overhaul generator set
- Yarralin:
- Pull and overhaul bore
  - Replace Lister with Lister ST1
- Kildurk:
- Overhaul generator set
  - Upgrade power house building
  - Replace diesel on bore
  - Upgrade retic. and overhaul bore pumps
- Pigeon Hole:
- Overhaul bore
- Hodgson Downs:
- Overhaul Southern Cross 3 HP diesel and piston pump
- Bulman:
- Pull and overhaul No. 1 and 2 bores
  - Replace Bedford 4 cylinder Dinlite gen. set
  - Overhaul Lister 1+R3 diesel alternator
  - Upgrade elect. retic. to bores and dwellings
  - Overall diesel
- Beswick:
- Pull and overhaul bores 1, 2 and 3
  - Overhaul EDC Southern Cross and diesel
  - Overhaul electric transfer pumps
  - Major overhaul Cummins generator
  - Clear, descale and repair radiators
  - Replace batteries with Mono type locomotive and charger
  - Clear, descale and paint bulk fuel tanks
  - Toilet blocks, R & M and painting
  - Replace damaged street lights and upgrade others
  - Replace damaged insulators, surge directors, aerial cables, staywire, etc.
  - Upgrade exist. retic. s/board and street light circuits
  - Replacement of damaged MV aerial cables to dwellings
- Bamyili:
- Replace batteries with Mono type locomotive and charger
  - Pull and overhaul 2 bore
  - Empty clean and chlorinate water supply tank
  - Replace sewerage 2 Flyght pumps
  - Toilet block, R & M to plumbing and paint masonry units, gal. iron blocks, remove and cap off sewerage
  - Replacement of damaged street lights and upgrade others

- Straightening and restay of power reticulation poles
- Replace damaged insulators, lighting arrestors, aerial cables, etc.
- Warrabri:
  - Replace 2 x V12 engines with 2 x V16 engines
  - Rebuild No. 3 V12 gen. set
  - Re-equip diesel standby components of dual drive bore pumping equip.
  - Upgrade elect. instrumentation on 2 x bore control cubicles
- Haasts Bluff:
  - Overhaul gen. set and associated plant
  - Overhaul water supply bores
- Willowra:
  - Overhaul gen. set and assoc. plant
  - Overhaul water supply bores
- Yuendumu:
  - Overhaul gen. set and assoc. plant
  - Overhaul water supply bores
- Papunya:
  - Overhaul gen. set and assoc. plant
  - Overhaul water supply bores
  - Overhaul sewerage pumps
- Areyonga:
  - Overhaul gen. set and assoc. plant
  - Overhaul water supply bores
- Docker River:
  - Overhaul gen. sets and assoc. plant
  - Overhaul water supply bores
- Santa Teresa:
  - Overhaul gen. sets and assoc. plant
  - Overhaul water supply bores
- Hermannsburg:
  - Overhaul gen. set and assoc. plant
  - Overhaul water supply bores

3. Projects completed:

Capital Works Program Items from Previous Years Program

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| <u>Maningrida</u><br>Erect security fence and clearing                               | <u>Garden Point</u><br>Upgrade sewerage                               |
| <u>Delissaville</u><br>Water storage tank and pump station                           | <u>Palumpa</u><br>Prov. of gen. set                                   |
| <u>Tree Point</u><br>S & I gen. set and associated works                             | <u>Oenpelli</u><br>Install 2 bulk fuel tanks                          |
| <u>Bagot</u><br>Repair and replace street lights<br>Remove fire damaged demountables | <u>Darwin</u><br>Fit radio in vehicle                                 |
| <u>Bathurst Island</u><br>Prov. fluoridation unit.                                   | <u>Remote settlements</u><br>Install chart recorders                  |
| <u>Darwin Area</u><br>Prov. of spare gen. set  | <u>Railway Dam</u><br>Additional work on toilet block<br>Access roads |
| <u>Wooliana</u><br>Provision of services   | <u>Various locations</u><br>Supply low loader                         |
| <u>Weemol</u><br>Prov. scales and chlorinator shed                                   | <u>Yarralin</u><br>Equip bore   |
| <u>Beswick</u><br>Prov. of loading ramp<br>Installation of oil dispersal system      | <u>Binjara</u><br>Access road   |
|  | <u>Yuendumu</u><br>Provision of mortuary cabinet                      |

<u>Warrabri</u> Construct airstrip apron	<u>Maningrida</u> Works depot
<u>Bamyili</u> Provision of all drainage	<u>Ports Keats</u> Extension of water reticulation
<u>Bathurst Island</u> Upgrade water supply	<u>Snake Bay</u> Extend sewer main to men's quarters
<u>Goulburn Island</u> Upgrade water supply	<u>Bathurst Island</u> Pump station
<u>Oenpelli</u> Upgrade water supply, stage II	<u>Bagot</u> Upgrade water reticulation
<u>Bathurst Island</u> Equip bore 78/2	<u>Umbakumba</u> Upgrade power supply and reticulation
<u>Daly River</u> Equip production bore	<u>Lake Evella</u> Elect. reticulation
<u>Milingimbi</u> Fence 1 bore	<u>Daly River</u> Rehabilitation bore
<u>Kulaluk</u> Ext. of power	<u>Elcho Island</u> Upgrade substation
<u>Maningrida</u> Power to fuel installations	<u>Garden Point</u> Drill bore
<u>Ramingining</u> Ext. of water reticulation	<u>Ngukurr</u> Construct. of transportable works depot
<u>Garden Point-Woolawanga</u> Equip 2 bores	<u>Weemol</u> Ext. electrical reticulation
<u>Hooker Creek</u> Materials investigation Equip bore 13A	<u>Parnta (Winnecke Creek)</u> Equip bore
<u>Beswick</u> Construct toilet block	<u>Elliott</u> Prov. toilet blk. at Wilyugoo camp
<u>Warrabri</u> Ext. elect. retic.	<u>Papunya</u> Construct. of transportable works depot
<u>Canteen Creek</u> Dismantle bore 2/76	<u>Yuendumu</u> V/A toilet/ablution facilities
<u>Yuendumu</u> Provision of additional generation	<u>Ililunga-Little Sisters</u> Elect. retic. Internal access road
<u>Docker River</u> Prov. toilet facilities	<u>Sadadeen-Ilpea Ilpea</u> Elect. retic.
<u>Njalka Ulpaya</u> Prov. pump station prov. water main water mains to Ross Davis area Prov. of sewerage	<u>Yuendumu</u> Access road to outstations
<u>Ilpea Ilpea</u> Water retic. to boundary	<u>Njalka Ulpaya</u> Access road to area B.
<u>Knugatnarra</u> Prov. access road	<u>Parentja</u> Prov. water mains
<u>Parentja</u> Prov. access road Prov. pump station	<u>Charles River</u> Prov. access road
	<u>Bathurst Island</u> Equip bore 78/1

Ililunga  
Prov. stormwater drainage

Hooker Creek  
Provision of skid mounted motor

Knuckeys Lagoon  
Provision of power

Ntapa  
Access roads

Capital Works Program 1980-81 Items

Garden Point  
Replace water pipe

Elcho Island  
Construct 2 toilets

Docker River  
Upgrade water reticulation

Autilly Camp  
Extend water reticulation

Bathurst Island  
Provision of fence around water assets

Jay Creek  
Provision of water

Oenpelli  
Upgrade access road to airstrip

Snake Bay  
Upgrade barge landing  
Security fence for power house

Snake Bay  
Install bulk water meter

Kulaluk  
Provision of culvert on access road

Amoonguna  
Construct additional sewerage scheme

Bamyili  
Provision of oil drainage in power house

Various communities  
Upgrade radio communications on settlements

Darwin  
Upgrade demountable ex Fannie Bay

Darwin-Banjo Swamp  
Prevent incursion of saltwater

Dhupuma College  
Transportation of gen. sets

Daly River  
Upgrade airstrip

Ngukurr  
Upgrade access road from river to airstrip

Repairs and Maintenance Program Items from Previous Years Programs

Lake Evella:

- Replace existing service to caravan area and make safe
- Raise services and install property poles for road safety clearance
- Clean and descale exterior bulk fuel tanks
- Overhaul bores and surface mounter pumps

Numbulwar:

- R & M
- Replace chlorinator equipment
- R & M of 3 ablution blocks

Daly River:

- Overhaul 1 x 100KW gen. set

Elcho Island:

- Overhaul elect. control boards on water supply bores

Garden Point:

- Repairs to emergency booster pump
- Overhaul primary water supply pumps
- Replace 1 sewerage mutrator and overhaul mechanical equipment

Croker Island:

- Overhaul bore switchboard

Delissaville:

- Replace SLCB, SLCC and faulty services
- Overhaul chlorinator and booster pump

Ramangining:

- Overhaul 6V71 gen. set and associated equipment
- Overhaul creek pump and shed

Umbakumba:

- Overhaul switchboards on water supply
- Repair fence around water storage area

- Overhaul 1 x 71KW gen. set
- Oenpelli:
  - Overhaul 2 bores and transfer pumps
  - Overhaul switchboard on No. 1 bore
- Milingimbi:
  - Overhaul sewerage pumps
- Bathurst Island:
  - Overhaul 3 bores pumps and diesel engines
  - Overhaul 12V71 gen. set and associated equipment
- Port Keats:
  - Overhaul No. 6 garden bore
- Goulburn Island:
  - Overhaul 3 bores
- Hooker Creek:
  - Routine service pulling for 4 bores and overhaul draw plunger pump and discharge head
  - Replace alternator
  - Replace batteries
  - Repair/replace DS Westinghouse circuit breaker and associated works
  - Overhaul V12 gen. set, etc.
  - Replace activator
- Ngukurr:
  - Overhaul steam cleaner
  - Overhaul transfer pumps and motors
- Beswick:
  - Overhaul 2 bores, 2 diesel engines
- Wave Hill:
  - Overhaul fire booster pump and motor
  - Overhaul transfer pump and motors
  - Overhaul 212KW gen. set and associated works
  - Replace batteries, overhaul gen. controls instruments
- Wattie Creek:
  - Overhaul bores and switchboard
- Borrooloola:
  - Overhaul bores at Aboriginal communities
- Warrabri:
  - Overhaul generator set and associated equipment

Repairs and Maintenance Program 1980-81 Items

- Hooker Creek:
  - Southern Cross EDE 24HP diesel, overhaul fire booster
  - Replacement of pumps for bores 13A and 15, replace pressure switches, eliminate air from rising main
- Borrooloola:
  - Dulu bores, overhaul Lister ST2
- Hodgson Downs:
  - Overhaul Southern Cross 3HP diesel and piston pumps
- Bamyili:
  - Replacement of damaged street lights and upgrade others
- Warrabri:
  - Rebuild No. 3 V12 gen. set
- Haasts Bluff:
  - Overhaul generator sets and associated plant
- Willowra:
  - Overhaul generator sets and associated plant
- Hermannsburg:
  - Overhaul generator sets and associated plant

4. Precise statistics on numbers of Aboriginals who have been in the past and are currently employed in the construction of essential services projects are not available. However our records indicate that up to 400 are employed within their own communities on the construction of these facilities.

There are also some 50 Aboriginals employed by major councils in the operation and maintenance of essential services within their communities. This figure has been constant for some years.

5. Department of Transport and Works in conjunction with Department of Education provide basic training in carpentry, welding, automotive maintenance, builders labourer and office assistants.  
Through the Department of Transport and Works, a course for the operation and maintenance of power houses and other essential services was initiated in February 1981 to enable Aborigines to train to a standard for a restricted certificate. The trainees are brought to Darwin and are taught through 3 periods of 2 weeks over 18 months. There are currently 34 trainees on the course.
6. Two production bores for the Hodgson Downs Community were initiated within the 1979-80 Capital Works Program. One bore is yet to be completed after the current wet season has finished and a further 2 bores are scheduled within the 1980-81 Capital Works Program. Previous bores drilled in this area have proved unsuccessful and the installation of a chlorinator to disinfect the current water supply through the reticulation is under serious consideration.
7. (a) A continuing program of bore drilling for the Hodgson Downs Aboriginal community is currently scheduled. Drilling to resume after present wet season. Previous 19 bores drilled in this area have proved unsuccessful.
- (b) Two shower blocks are currently in use and are operating satisfactorily. Water source is local billabong. Three pit-type toilets are in use, 2 more are scheduled for construction by the Yulngu Association in the near future with a further 6 pit toilets under consideration.
- (c) The Hodgson Downs Community is a Gibb Community and is situated on pastoral property. No excision of land for the community exists and consideration to upgrade the airstrip and access roads are not strictly within our brief. Negotiations with the pastoral lessee would be necessary prior to upgrading airstrip or roads on pastoral property.

Rehabilitation of Rum Jungle and Other Uranium Mine Sites

157 Mr B. COLLINS to MINISTER for MINES and ENERGY

1. Will he advise the Assembly on the progress of plans to rehabilitate Rum Jungle?
2. Will he also advise of any plans to rehabilitate and make safe the tailings dumps at other uranium mine sites in the NT?

ANSWER

1. The Territory and the Commonwealth have reached agreement in principle that the Territory should have responsibility for and control of rehabilitation operations at Rum Jungle.

The Prime Minister has authorised the transfer to the Territory of relevant technical information presently held by the Commonwealth to assist the Territory in determining the rehabilitation measures that will be needed. He has asked that Territory and Commonwealth officials meet for a full exchange of information as soon as possible.

These discussions will be used to formulate a program of rehabilitation, including timing, costs and method of attack and will allow the Commonwealth to make the necessary decisions on level of funding.

It is expected that work on Rum Jungle will commence during the 1981 dry.

2. Investigations by this department at Moline and South Alligator mill sites are continuing and should result in programs for the rehabilita-

tion of these sites being developed later this year. Rehabilitation itself will be dependent on the availability of Commonwealth funds.

(As the Commonwealth was in control at the time of the workings, it is felt the Commonwealth should be responsible for the cost of rehabilitation. Further, the Commonwealth has expressed interest in the past in performing the work itself.)

Transecutive Pilots

166 Mr DOOLAN to MINISTER for TRANSPORT and WORKS

1. Which former Northern Airlines pilots will get permanent positions with Transecutive if that company is granted a long-term licence to operate both contracts?
2. Is it a fact that former senior pilots with Northern Airlines are likely to get these positions, that they will require re-training to fly Nomads, and that the government has agreed to meet the cost of this re-training?

ANSWER

1. Not relevant. Transecutive was not granted the long term licence.
2. Some pilots were re-trained for Nomad operations and the government paid the costs.

Northern Airlines Replacement by TAA

167 Mr DOOLAN to MINISTER for TRANSPORT and WORKS

When did the government first approach TAA regarding the possibility of that company providing an interim service following the closure of Northern Airlines?

ANSWER

The government approached both Ansett and TAA at meetings held in Melbourne on 8 January regarding long term arrangements. There were no discussions with TAA regarding interim arrangements.

Transecutive Pilots

168 Mr DOOLAN to MINISTER for TRANSPORT and WORKS

1. Who will meet the wage costs of the pilots taken on by Transecutive who are surplus to the number actually required to operate the contracts during the interim period?
2. If it is the government, why?

ANSWER

1. Within the terms of understanding, reached between Transecutive and the Department of Transport and Works, dated 2 April 1981, the wage costs of pilots who were surplus to the requirements of Transecutive, were met by the NT government.
2. The agreement to meet these costs prevented long delays in re-establishing the services vacated by Northern. To fail to do so would have resulted in the isolation of the Northern Territory by air and turmoil in the tourist industry.

Link Courses Between Sadadeen High School and  
Central Australia Community College

174 Mr B. COLLINS to MINISTER for EDUCATION

Will he advise on progress of the link courses between Sadadeen High School and Community College of Central Australia?

ANSWER

Following meetings in Alice Springs and detailed discussions with SA Department of Further Education, a report has been prepared on the implementation of the courses. This report is to be discussed with the institutions concerned in Alice Springs in early June. Following that a formal agreement is expected to be reached with the Department of Further Education of South Australia in early July.

It is expected that officers of the SA Department of Further Education will visit Alice Springs in July to formally accredit the courses so that detailed preparation can occur in the latter 6 months of 1981 well in time for the SA Year 12 courses to commence in the 1982 school year. As you know, preparatory courses are in progress now in Year 11.

When the implementation report is completed and agreed to by the SA Department of Further Education, it can be made publicly available in July.

Special Assistance Loan to Northern Meat Exporters

179 Mr MacFARLANE to TREASURER and MINISTER for INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

What are the terms and purpose of the Special Assistance Loan made to Northern Meat Exporters Pty Ltd by the Commonwealth and taken over by the NT Development Corporation? (See answer to Question 103).

ANSWER

The purpose of the Special Assistance Loan made to Northern Meat Exporters Pty Ltd by the Commonwealth in 1974, was to avert the imminent closure of the meatworks.

The terms under which that assistance was provided are considered confidential.

Generators at Elliott and Newcastle Waters

188 Ms D'ROZARIO to MINISTER for MINES and ENERGY

1. What is the current rating of (a) the 3 generator sets at Elliott, and (b) the generator at Newcastle Waters?
2. What is (a) the rating, and (b) the cost of the proposed generator installation at Newcastle Waters?
3. Are any other projects to be deferred or abandoned to allow for the proposed generator installation at Newcastle Waters?
4. What was (a) the original design level of the generator set pad and, if the original design has been altered, (b) what is the new level?
5. What is the highest recorded flood level in the region in which the proposed generator is to be placed?

ANSWER

1. The ratings of generator sets at Elliott are 2 sets at 168kW and one set at 240kW. Ratings of the 2 sets at Newcastle Waters are 64kW each.
2. The cost of the installation at Newcastle Waters, including distribution work and generation facilities, was \$100,000.
3. No other projects have been deferred or abandoned to allow for the installation at Newcastle Waters.
4. The generator pad has been constructed at its original design level of one metre above Lot No. 1 at Newcastle Waters.

5. Flood levels at Newcastle Waters are as follows -

<u>Flood Level AHD (m)</u>	<u>Return Period (years)</u>
209.08	1 in 20
209.68	1 in 50
209.98	1 in 100

Lot No. 1 is bisected by the 600 ft contour, i.e. 207.26 m AHD. The short period of record and changes in channel characteristics made firm levels difficult to predict and the station level was selected above the highest flood level remembered by local residents.

Demountables for Katherine Rural Education Centre

193 Mr MacFARLANE to MINISTER for EDUCATION

What are the reasons for the delay in providing demountable buildings for the Katherine Rural Education Centre at the 15-mile Experimental Farm, Katherine?

ANSWER

Early in February the Department of Transport and Works was requested to arrange for the removal of a demountable classroom from Nakara Primary School for transfer to the Katherine Rural Education Centre at the 15-mile Experimental Farm.

Of all the quotes received, the lowest did not comply with the specification and the others were not acceptable because of over pricing or quoting on the removal of the wrong building.

A contract has now been let and the demountable is expected to be on site and operational within the next 2 weeks.

NTDC Loans

194 Mr ISAACS to TREASURER and MINISTER for INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

1. When were the following outstanding loans taken up by the respective organisations -
  - (a) a special assistance loan to Northern Meat Exporters Pty Ltd;
  - (b) a special assistance loan to Alice Springs Abattoirs Pty Ltd; and
  - (c) a special assistance loan to Carba Australia Ltd?
2. When will the above loans be fully paid out?
3. How many loans in the following categories remain outstanding -
  - (a) sale of bores (drought relief);
  - (b) flood relief loans;
  - (c) Darwin business relief loans; and
  - (d) Primary Producers Board loans?
4. How many of the recipients of loans in the above-mentioned categories have defaulted?
5. What course of action is NTDC undertaking to recover such funds?

ANSWER

1. (a) Northern Meat Exporters Pty Ltd loan assistance was taken up on 17 June 1975.  
(b) Alice Springs Abattoirs Pty Ltd loan assistance was taken up on 12 March 1970.

- (c) Carba Australia Ltd loan assistance was taken up on 2 August 1972.
- 2. (a) Northern Meat Exporters Pty Ltd loan is current to 31 December 1991.
- (b) Alice Springs Abattoirs Pty Ltd loan is current to 12 March 2015.
- (c) Carba Australia Ltd loan has been fully repaid.
- 3. (a) 13 loans remain outstanding for sale of bores (drought relief).
- (b) 3 loans remain outstanding for flood relief loans.
- (c) 63 loans remain outstanding for Darwin business loans.
- (d) 123 loans remain outstanding for Primary Producers Board loans.
- 4. (a) The 13 loans remaining outstanding for sale of bores (drought relief) are in arrears.
- (b) The 3 loans remaining for flood relief are in arrears.
- (c) 49 of the remaining loans from the Darwin Business Relief Loan Fund are in arrears.
- (d) 41 of the current Primary Producers Board loans are in arrears.
- 5. Follow up and review action is being taken by the NTDC on all loans under its control.

Travelling Allowance for Ministers

196 Mr ISAACS to CHIEF MINISTER

For each minister, how many days travelling allowance has been paid from 1 January 1981 till 1 May 1981?

ANSWER

The Remuneration Tribunal determined that with effect from 28 October 1980 ministers would not be paid travelling allowance when travelling outside the Northern Territory but would have reasonable costs of accommodation and meals paid for them. The answer given below relates to either travelling allowance or payment of costs whichever was the appropriate payment in each case, depending on whether or not the travel was inside or outside the Territory.

P. Everingham	74 days
M. Perron	19 days
I. Tuxworth	51 days
R. Steele	66 days
J. Robertson	44 days
N. Dondas	34 days

Ministers' Travel

197 Mr ISAACS to CHIEF MINISTER

- 1. How many days travelling allowance have been paid to each minister from 1 January to 25 May 1981?
- 2. What was the cost of travel undertaken by aircraft charter by each minister from 1 January to 25 May 1981?
- 3. How many overseas trips have been undertaken by ministers on official business from 1 January to 25 May 1981?
- 4. What has been the total cost of these overseas trips?

ANSWER

- 1. The Remuneration Tribunal determined that with effect from 28 October 1980 ministers would not be paid travelling allowance when travelling

outside the Northern Territory but would have reasonable costs of accommodation and meals paid for them. The answer given below relates to either travelling allowance or payment of costs whichever was the appropriate payment in each case, depending on whether or not the travel was inside or outside the Territory.

	P. Everingham	80 days
	M. Perron	22 days
	I. Tuxworth	61 days
	R. Steele	79 days
	J. Robertson	55 days
	N. Dondas	39 days
2.	P. Everingham	\$ 29,046
	M. Perron	\$ 6,609
	I. Tuxworth	\$ 39,585
	R. Steele	\$ 11,553
	J. Robertson	\$ 6,677
	N. Dondas	\$ 10,830
3.	Three.	
4.	\$ 40,682.	

Hospital Advisory Boards

199 Mr B. COLLINS to MINISTER for HEALTH

What is the composition of the various hospital advisory boards in the Northern Territory?

ANSWER

Hospital Advisory Boards in the Northern Territory were abolished when the Hospital Management Boards Act commenced on 1 July 1980.

The composition of Hospital Management Boards is set out in the Act and is as follows -

the Chief Executive Officer of the hospital;

the Matron in charge of nursing services of the hospital;

an employee of the Department of Health who has general responsibility for the administration of the area in which the hospital is situated; and

5 other members appointed by the minister.

The appointment of the initial members was notified in Northern Territory Government Gazette No. G36 of 5 September 1980.

There have been several changes since that date all of which have been notified in the Gazette.

Refugees at Tamarind Centre

200 Mr ISAACS to MINISTER for COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

1. How many refugee families are now at Tamarind Centre?
2. How many have obtained employment?
3. How many have moved from the hostel into the community?
4. How many adults are undertaking English lessons?

ANSWER

1. Since it is difficult to group the residents into easily identifiable families, the answer to this first question will be given in number

- of people in occupancy. This number as of 9 June was 77 persons.
2. To date, 20 people have obtained employment. Of these 12 are heads of households while 5 are single males and 3 single females.
  3. 15 people have moved from the Tamarind Centre into the community.
  4. 59 adults are undertaking or have undertaken full-time English classes with another 19 persons enrolled in part-time courses.

NTPS Disabled Employees

202 Mr ISAACS to CHIEF MINISTER

1. How many disabled are employed in the NTPS, what are their positions, and with which departments?
2. How many disabled have been employed in the NTPS in 1981?

ANSWER

The information requested is not available in statistical form. There is a problem in defining a 'disabled person'; not all disabled people are willing to disclose their disability and it would not be proper to invade privacy just to obtain statistics.

The office of the Public Service Commissioner is cooperating with the IYDP Secretariat to include public service employees in a community wide survey of disabled people and of their employment needs. The results of this survey are expected to be available in November 1981.

Following this survey, plans will be made to better meet the physical needs of disabled people in employment. This in itself should increase the number of disabled people who seek and obtain employment. Also the Public Service Commissioner is reviewing policies related to the employment of the disabled so that these people can be more readily employed in the Northern Territory Public Service.

Funding of Women's Centres in NT

203 Mr ISAACS to MINISTER for HEALTH

1. Does the Commonwealth provide 75% of the running costs for women's refuges in the Territory with the Northern Territory making up the shortfall as happens in the States?
2. Can he say what funding arrangements will apply to women's refuges in 1981-2?

ANSWER

1. No. The Commonwealth does not provide 75% of running costs for women's refuges in the Northern Territory.

Until the last quarter of 1979-80, the Commonwealth provided 50% of running costs of NT approved centres under their Community Health Program. Since then the NT government has provided financial assistance to various centres under the Grant-in-Aid Program.

The Commonwealth has now indicated that there will be no further specific allocations under the Community Health Program. Future Commonwealth funding will be in the form of general revenue grants for health services including the Grant-in-Aid Program.

2. 1981-2 funding for running expenses of NT women's refuges is being considered under the Grant-in-Aid Program subject to financial resources available in the 1981-2 financial year.

Aborigines on Electoral Roll

204 Mr ISAACS to CHIEF MINISTER

What action is being taken by the government to ensure that Aborigines, 18 years of age and over, who are currently not on the electoral roll, are so enrolled to ensure compliance with the Electoral Act?

ANSWER

In February 1980 the Australian Electoral Office in conjunction with the Department of the Chief Minister and the Northern Territory Department of Education conducted 2 seminars, for adult educators and their Aboriginal assistants, on the provisions of Commonwealth and the Northern Territory electoral law. The adult educators were to have the prime responsibility to carrying out electoral education activities in the lead up to the 1980 Legislative Assembly and Federal elections, and then continue with an ongoing program.

In addition the Australian Electoral Office in accordance with an arrangement between the Commonwealth and the Northern Territory government has a mobile electoral education team of 2 people working full-time in the northern part of the Northern Territory and a similar team working in South Australia and the southern part of the Territory. These teams seek to inform Aboriginal people about the Commonwealth and the Northern Territory parliamentary and electoral systems. Using a range of specially developed audio-visual teaching aids, the program covers the role of parliament, the qualifications for and process of enrolment and the procedures for casting a formal vote. Aboriginal people can obtain assistance from these teams in enrolling for Commonwealth or Territory electoral rolls.

The approach being taken is one of informing Aborigines of the provisions and requirements of the Act and providing an enrolment service to encourage them to understand and exercise their electoral rights and responsibilities.

Effects of Gambling on Alice Springs Lifestyle

207 Mr BELL to CHIEF MINISTER

- (a) Has his attention been drawn to a report in the Age newspaper of Saturday 17 April which quoted the new casino manager as having ambitions to turn Alice Springs into 'a swinging, gambling town'?
- (b) If so, what measures does he intend to take to ensure the special characteristics of the Centre capital, which make the town so unusually attractive, are preserved in the face of attempts by outsiders to change the nature of Alice Springs?
- (c) Is he concerned that the image of 'a swinging, gambling town' will not attract the type of resident who might wish to work and settle in Central Australia with his family and help contribute to the long term stability of the Territory?

ANSWER

- (a) There was no Age newspaper of Saturday 17 April that date being a Friday.

On 18 April, which was a Saturday, the Age printed a 34 word pointer to a story which was to be carried in the next day's Sunday Press. The brief reference was this:

'The woman who is about to become Australia's first female casino manager talks to Derek Ballantine in tomorrow's Sunday Press. She tells of her plans to turn Alice Springs into a swinging gambling town'.

The Sunday Press article of Sunday 19 April was solely devoted to a report of an interview between Mrs Rosemary Nin, the then newly appointed general manager of the Alice Springs hotel-casino, and reporter Derek Ballantine in which Mrs Nin was quoted at length on the purchases necessary to establish a new hotel operation. Numbers of coffee pots, bed linen, silver, wineglasses and Mrs Nin's background as a hotelier were the subject matter of the article.

The single reference to gambling in this 24 paragraph article was in the last 2 paragraphs where it was stated:

'But while the visitors may gamble at Alice Springs from July, Rosemary will not. The gambling bug has never bitten her - anyway, staff are not permitted to play'.

- (b) I am not aware of any attempts by outsiders to change the nature of Alice Springs but the town of Alice Springs, like all vibrant growing communities, has been subject to constant change since its inception. Early in its history growth was slow and the pre-war population was apparently below 1,000 people. Post-war dependency on the cattle industry, and on mining, continued into the 60's. By then the character of Alice Springs was changing rapidly due to the effects of a long drought which toppled cattle as the Alice's premier industry and the efforts of local business pioneers who were dedicated to the goal of developing the tourist industry.

The international image of Alice Springs as a tourist town started about then. The new emphasis brought in new investment on tourist plant thus creating additional employment opportunities and promoting social and communal development. By the late 60's promotional efforts were aimed at developing the off-season tourist months, from September to February-March, when the growing tourist industry would virtually go into recess.

True stability for those in the tourism workforce has probably only become a reality within the last 5 years as tourism moved to being a year round industry. It is this stability, this new character, which has been so important to the accelerated growth of Alice Springs. It has created opportunities for many of the town's younger people to remain in Alice Springs and not have to move out to seek employment. It has also attracted newcomers to the town. Additionally, as the tourist industry has grown, the stability based on a guaranteed year round tourist income has led to expansion of the commercial and service sectors providing consequential benefits to residents and improved supply and choice in consumer goods. The evolution of the local tourist industry continues with recent moves to add international standard accommodation to the tourist plant.

The underlying characteristic of the Alice is its ability to remain unique in its geographic location with an independent and free minded population determined to improve their life-style largely through the continued and growing commercial success of the tourism industry. The Northern Territory government shares this determination and has sought and secured private investment to complement public spending in an endeavour to ensure that the economic back-bone of Alice Springs does not remain static or decline.

So dynamic is the town that its population has grown from about 4,500 in 1966 to about 17,000 today.

In the event that tourism stagnated or regressed Alice Springs unemployment figures would soar, businesses would encounter financial difficulties and many residents would have to consider relocation. The cattle industry, while of utmost importance, could not cushion the economic disaster which would follow. This is not what the government

would wish for the people of Alice Springs. Government policies as they relate to the town seek to preserve it from economic decline and maintain prosperity.

- (c) The suggestion that Alice Springs will earn or be given an image of 'a swinging gambling town' relates directly to false impressions about the operational style of regulated casinos. For example Darwin does not have such an image yet a casino has operated there since September 1979. Nor does Hobart where a casino has operated for many years successfully.

There is a vast difference between 2 licensed casinos in the Northern Territory which have limits imposed on their trading hours as well as enforced dress regulations and the situation in Nevada with 196 casinos able to operate 24 hours a day with no restriction on entry.

While Las Vegas is promoted as the gambling capital of the United States the Alice Springs Federal, and its sister in Darwin, are no more than additional options in which residents and tourists alike may spend their leisure hours. As an adjunct to the tourism industry, on which the prosperity of so many Territorians depends, they are a complement to the natural beauties and attractions, not a feature of dominance to replace them.

Employment of Aborigines as Rangers in National Parks

211 Mr BELL to CHIEF MINISTER

- (a) How many Aborigines are currently receiving training as rangers by the NT Conservation Commission, (b) how many Aborigines are currently employed as rangers in (i) Uluru National Park, and (ii) Kakadu National Park, (c) how many Aborigines, if any, are currently receiving training for employment as rangers in the proposed MacDonnell Range National Park, and (d) to what extent has the Conservation Commission's ranger training and employment program been expanded in order to provide staff for the proposed MacDonnell Range National Park?

ANSWER

The Northern Territory Conservation Commission has 6 Aborigines employed (Uluru 1, Cobourg Peninsula 1, Alice Springs 4) who receive as part of their duties on-the-job training from senior rangers at their parks. In addition, 3 Aboriginal trainee rangers are to be selected for specialised duties on Cobourg and the Commission has arranged for an Aboriginal ranger to attend a wildlife management enforcement training course from 6-10 July 1981.

A training officer has recently been appointed by the Commission and an important part of the duties of this position will be directed towards training additional Aboriginal people for ranger duties.

Five Aboriginal rangers and 2 cultural advisers are employed in Kakadu National Park, all of whom are Australian National Parks and Wildlife staff.

To this stage, the Commission has not appointed rangers to the proposed MacDonnell Range National Park as the park is only in the planning stage. The Commission is not in a position to appoint rangers until the status of this park is clarified. However, at the appropriate time, the Commission will consider appointment of Aborigines as rangers.

Security Firm Employees - Carrying of Firearms

212 Mr BELL to CHIEF MINISTER

1. Will he table the names and addresses of security firm employees who

are licensed to carry firearms and, if not, why not?

2. How many security firm employees were licensed to carry firearms in (a) 1978, (b) 1979, and (c) 1980?
3. What rules govern the carrying and use of firearms by security firm employees?
4. Is he concerned that the activities of security firms might cut across the work of the police?

ANSWER

1. A list of the names and addresses of security firm employees who are licensed to carry firearms will not be furnished at this would be inappropriate.
2. 1978 - Not available.  
1979 - Not available.  
1980 - 56 (Since commencement of new Firearms Act on 1.7.80 to 31.12.80).

Note: Prior to the commencement of the Firearms Act on 1 July 1980 no permanent specific records were kept of security firm employees permitted to carry firearms. Permits were issued to employees authorising them to carry firearms which were licensed to their employer. The employee permits were issued free of charge.

3. Security firm employees must hold a current licence or permit under the Firearms Act.

The permit is endorsed with the condition "Valid only when used or carried in the normal course of employment".

Security firm employees are given no special privileges to make them different from members of the community. They are required to comply with the provisions of the Firearms Act and laws in force.

4. No. In fact the work of security firms can complement the work of the police.

Auditor-General's Annual Report 1979-80

213 Mr ISAACS to TREASURER and MINISTER for INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

I refer to the Auditor-General's Annual Report for 1979-80, and ask -

1. Have interest rates on loans to corporations under section 63 of the Financial Administration and Audit Act been formally approved by the Treasurer?
2. At what level have the rates been set?
3. Have the terms of repayment of these loans been set and, if so, what are these terms?

ANSWER

1. Yes.
2. Each public loan has been at different rates of interest, in accordance with the rates approved by the Loan Council from time to time. The interest cost to corporations contains a margin over the coupon rate to recover the 'front-end' expenses of loan raisings such as underwriting commission, within limits also approved by Loan Council, and advertising.
3. The loans are not repaid on a credit foncier basis. Instead, under the Loans Redemption Fund Act, the Treasurer has determined rates of contribution by corporations to the Fund, calculated to retire the debt over periods consistent with the life of the assets acquired from loan funds.

NTDC - Motel Projects in Tennant Creek

214 Mr BELL to TREASURER and MINISTER for INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

Has the Northern Territory Development Corporation been involved in any way in the motel project or projects in Tennant Creek and, if so, what has been the extent of the involvement, and how has the investment been safeguarded?

ANSWER

The NTDC has provided funds into motel projects in Tennant Creek.

The details of such financial arrangements are confidential to the clients and the NTDC and cannot be divulged.

However, an assurance can be given that the corporation's interests are safeguarded by registered mortgages.

Remuneration for Mayor of Tennant Creek

216 Mr BELL to MINISTER for COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

1. Has his attention been drawn to comments reported to have been made by the member for Barkly regarding the need for the position of Mayor of Tennant Creek to be a paid position?
2. If so, does he agree with the member for Barkly's proposal?
3. Has his attention been drawn to public reaction to the member for Barkly's proposal?

ANSWER

1. Comments reported to have been made by the Member for Barkly regarding the need for the position of Mayor of Tennant Creek to be a paid position have been drawn to my attention.
2. The present legislation provides for the payment of allowances to mayors by decision of the respective councils. No proposal that the mayor be paid a salary has been received from the Municipality of Tennant Creek nor from any other municipality of similar size or indeed from the Local Government Association. I support the present legislative arrangement for mayoral payments.
3. I am aware of some public reaction to the proposal by the Member for Barkly.

Berrimah Prison - Juvenile Offenders

217 Mr BELL to MINISTER for COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

1. How many juveniles can the Berrimah gaol cater for?
2. How many juveniles are in Berrimah gaol at present, what were their offences, and what are their terms of imprisonment?
3. What treatment options does the government have for juveniles convicted of minor offences in the Northern region? Are any new initiatives to be implemented and, if so, what are they?
4. Is a change to the present use of Malak House being contemplated and, if so, what is it? How many juveniles has it accommodated, and for what periods since it opened?

ANSWER

1. There is no prescribed limit set on the number of juveniles that can be catered for at Darwin Prison, Berrimah. The institution accommodates those numbers assigned from the courts and provides an alternative daily routine to that of adult prisoners.

2. As of 7 July 1981, there were 5 juveniles at Darwin Prison, Berrimah.

Their offences and charges were:

- (1) Robbery with violence
- (2) Possess cannabis
- (3) Illegal use of motor vehicle
- (4) Break and enter with intent and indecent assault on female
- (5) Interfere with motor vehicle, illegal use of motor vehicle (4), larceny (2), break, enter and steal (3), unlawfully on premises (2), possess liquor in restricted area.

Terms of imprisonment:

Juveniles whose charges and offences are listed above as (1), (2) and (3) are currently on remand. One juvenile (4) is serving a 6 months sentence. One juvenile (5) is serving a sentence of 3 months plus 2 months cumulative, plus 2 months concurrent.

3. Juvenile offenders who may require specialised treatment are eligible for any of the services offered to individuals and families by the Health Department, Education Department and the Department of Community Development. Some of the treatment options which are available from these departments are: individual and family therapy, counselling, special education, group work, etc.

New initiatives under consideration in the Northern Region include the establishment of a medium term residential program for teenagers, a fine repayment scheme, and a community service order scheme.

4. The present staffing of Malak is being increased to provide closer supervision 24 hours a day. No change is being contemplated which would significantly alter the purpose of programs originally designed for Malak House.

Since August 1979 Malak House has accommodated 95 juveniles (71 males and 24 females) for periods ranging from overnight to 8 months.

Aboriginal Community Worker Training Unit

218 Mr BELL to MINISTER for COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

1. (a) What types of training programs are currently being offered by the Aboriginal Community Worker Training Unit in (i) Darwin, (ii) Alice Springs, and (iii) any other regional centre, (b) how many people have completed training in each of the above programs?
2. Has he received any feedback from Aboriginal communities - through his department's officers - regarding the success or value of the community worker training program?
3. Will the minister table a report on the Aboriginal Community Worker Training Unit and, if not, why not?

ANSWER

1. Training programs are provided on an ongoing basis to all Aboriginal community workers involved in the Aboriginal Community Work Program throughout the NT. The training programs have been provided in Darwin and Alice Springs as the support services and resources centres for the programs are based in Darwin and Alice Springs. All community workers involved in the Aboriginal Work Program are involved in a training scheme which focuses on the activities of the Department of Community Development. In addition, some specialised training has been provided in regard to the activities of the Department of Social Security.
2. No feedback has been received from Aboriginal communities regarding

the success or value of the community workers training.

3. The NT government initiated the Aboriginal Community Work Program for a pilot period of 3 years which will conclude in January 1982. A report will be compiled for consideration by government reviewing the program. A decision on tabling the document will be made at that time.

Expiry Date on Packaged Milk

219 Mr BELL to MINISTER for COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

1. Is he aware that packaged milk which did not bear the product's expiry date has recently been supplied to Alice Springs consumers?
2. Does Territory legislation require perishable goods to carry notice of expiry date?
3. If not, when will he introduce legislation requiring perishable products to carry notice of expiry date?

ANSWER

1. I was not aware that packaged milk which did not bear the product's expiry date has recently been supplied to Alice Springs consumers.
2. There is no Territory legislation requiring perishable goods to carry notice of expiry date.
3. A bill was introduced at the last sittings of the Legislative Assembly.

Guidelines for Grants-in-Aid

220 Mr ISAACS to MINISTER for COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

1. In response to queries in the 1978-79 Auditor-General's report concerning grants in the amounts of \$150,000, \$250,000 and \$260,000, his department stated that 'a comprehensive set of guidelines for grant administration was being drawn up'. Has this been done?
2. Has his department introduced a system of monitoring the use of grants or subsidies through the submission of quarterly certificates of expenditure by the recipients of grants?
3. In relation to the grant of \$250,000 to the Corporation of the Municipality of Alice Springs for the purpose of building a public library, why was a cheque for this sum held by the department and not dispatched to the grantee until 20 August 1979 although it was drawn on 29 June 1979?
4. What further reasons has he to justify the grants referred to in 1. being made in advance of need additional to the explanations which failed to satisfy the Auditor-General?
5. What progress has been made in developing and implementing an effective recovery system to meet the criticism of the Auditor-General in relation to incorrect claims associated with assistance to supporting parents and persons in need being lodged on the Commonwealth Department of Social Security?
6. Has the income maintenance form used by applicants for benefits assistance been re-designed as promised by his department to overcome the deficiency complained of by the Auditor-General?
7. What action has been taken by his department to improve the debt recovery system criticised by the Auditor-General and has that action produced beneficial results?
8. Why were matters relating to compliance with Treasurer's Directions in

- the provision of subsidies to local government authorities raised by the Auditor-General in late 1979 not resolved by the time of an audit undertaken in May 1980?
9. How was control exercised over dollar-for-dollar subsidies given to local government authorities in view of the Auditor-General's statement that no formal procedures or administrative arrangements had been established to ensure grant and subsidy funds were expended in an appropriate manner, that projects were satisfactorily completed and that the purpose of the grant was achieved?
  10. What progress has been made in establishing the Grants Commission which the government told the Auditor-General it would set up to disburse and control grant moneys?
  11. Has the Interim Committee proposed by his department for establishment in 1980-81 to prescribe rules as to the disbursement and control of grant moneys been set up?
  12. What were the details of those grants or subsidies, and the circumstances in which they were made available, which the Auditor-General said appeared to be outside the criteria for eligibility?

ANSWER

1. A comprehensive set of guidelines and procedures for Grants-in-Aid has been developed to assist all staff in the handling and assessment of grant applications. This document is currently being printed and will soon be distributed.  
  
Guidelines have also been developed for Personal Income Tax Sharing and Federal Roads Grant Moneys. Establishment of the Grants Committee will enable the system for grants disbursement to be confirmed.
2. The submission of quarterly statements of expenditure became effective from 1 July 1981, for all appropriate grants and subsidies.
3. To enable prompt payment of some claims, it is necessary from time to time to prepare cheques in expectation of documentation being received.  
  
It does not always follow that documentation when received contains all the information necessary to enable payment to immediately be made.
4. The delay in forwarding the cheque for \$250,000 to the Alice Springs Town Council clearly demonstrates that the grant was not made in advance of the need.
5. No further claims are being lodged on the Commonwealth Department of Social Security for assistance to supporting parents and persons in need as the Department of Social Security assumed responsibility for the payment of Supporting Parents Benefit from 6 November 1980.  
  
Consequently the need for procedures relating to recovery action from the Department of Social Security no longer exists.
6. The income maintenance form has not been redesigned as yet as the main deficiency 'no provision for details of residence qualifications' pointed out in the Auditor-General's report, is no longer applicable since Supporting Parents Benefit is now the Department of Social Security's responsibility. The form itself is being re-designed at the present time in conjunction with revised procedures for financial assistance.
7. Recovery procedures were modified as a result of the Auditor-General's report and an officer was redeployed for a period of 4 months to finalise outstanding debts at that time.

While this achieved some results, it was not entirely successful.

The Auditor-General's Department has been kept informed of current developments.

8. Matters raised by the Audit Bureau were subject to on-going negotiations with the Local Government Association. As a result a formula to determine the amount of operational subsidies has been adopted. Local government inspectors have been appointed, however, the final form of acquittal for subsidies is yet to be agreed with the Local Government Association.
9. There is a Cabinet approved criteria against which requests for dollar-for-dollar subsidies are tested. All proposals are submitted to me for assessment and approval. Payments are made on claims certified jointly by the town clerk and the town engineer.  
The recently introduced quarterly statement of expenditure provided a further measure of control.
10. The Northern Territory Grants Committee will be structured as follows:  
independent chairman; 1 representative from the Department of Treasury; 1 representative from the Department of Community Development; and 2 representatives from a panel submitted by the Local Government Association.
11. In anticipation of the Northern Territory Grants Committee being established, it was resolved not to proceed with the formation of an interim committee.
12. Apart from the query regarding payment of \$176,165 to the Darwin City Council, which has satisfactorily been responded to, the Auditor-General did not identify any grants or subsidies which may have appeared to be outside the criteria for eligibility.

Royalty Payments by Nabalco

221 Mr ISAACS to MINISTER for MINES and ENERGY

Given the Auditor-General's reference to the accounting arrangements and the interim royalty rate in regard to the Nabalco Agreement, can he inform me of the present position regarding royalty payments from Nabalco?

ANSWER

1. Discussions between the Northern Territory and the companies on 2 Gove royalties issues were re-opened in November 1980. These issues were:
  - (a) royalty adjustments for 1973-78 in accordance with profitability criteria in the Special Mineral Lease; and
  - (b) royalty increases to the maxima in Special Mineral Leases rejected by companies in June 1979.
2. Issue 1(a) was settled between the companies and Northern Territory in December 1980. This matter is now awaiting Commonwealth ratification which is necessary because certain decisions are required by Commonwealth because of its pre-self-government responsibilities.
3. In June 1981, the companies agreed to pay the maximum royalty rates in the Special Mineral Lease as from 1 January 1979. Back royalties of \$2.8 million have been received. Gove royalties are now about \$2.2 million per year instead of around \$0.9 million per year.

Auditor-General's Report - Deficiencies in Education Department

226 Mr ISAACS to MINISTER for EDUCATION

What action has he taken to correct and prevent repetition of the following deficiencies referred to by the Auditor-General in his annual report:

- (a) the list of potential suppliers of goods and services to the department was not kept up to date;
- (b) certain contracts arranged had not been published in the Gazette as required by Treasurer's Regulations;
- (c) records were not maintained at the Supply Section concerning the movement of contract documents and quotations; and
- (d) some transactions had not been recorded in the Security Deposit Register at the Supply Section?

ANSWER

- (a) The list of potential suppliers has been prepared, approved and is kept up to date.
- (b) Gazette advertisements have been brought up to date and are now actioned promptly.
- (c) Records of movements of contract documents are now maintained satisfactorily.
- (d) The Security Deposit Register is updated.

Vandalism at Alice Springs High School

227 Mr BELL to MINISTER for EDUCATION

1. Is he concerned at reports of breaking, entering and vandalism at the Alice Springs High School?
2. What measures are being taken to improve security at the school?
3. Does a caretaker live at the school and, if not, why not?
4. Have regulations or guidelines been drawn up by him or his department regarding security measures at NT schools and, if so, will he table them? If the answer to 4 is 'no', why not?
5. Does Alice Springs High School receive more attention from vandals than other schools in the Territory?

ANSWER

1. They are not reports, they are fact and I deplore all forms of vandalism wherever it occurs.
2. Measures recently taken to improve security at Alice Springs High School include the installation of barrel bolts to all ground floor windows (it is programmed to do the same to 81 first floor windows during the next financial year), and the employment on a 6 month trial basis of Metropolitan Security Services to check the school at nights and at weekends.
3. Schools generally employ janitors rather than caretakers. While the position of janitor is advertised as a live-in job (caravan residence) it is not always possible to recruit a suitable person who is willing to live-in. The current occupant does not live-in.
4. No. Each principal has autonomy in making arrangements to ensure the security of the buildings for which he is responsible. In the past, there has been very little need for security. However, the Northern Territory Department of Education handbook, which is currently being

revised, will include a section on security arrangements.

5. Unfortunately, Alice Springs High School has in recent times received more attention from vandals than other schools in the Territory. It is hoped that the arrangements outlined in 2. above will rectify this unsatisfactory situation.

8CCC-FM Alice Springs

228 Mr BELL to MINISTER for EDUCATION

1. Is he able to say what body holds the C class community public broadcasting licence 8CCC-FM in Alice Springs?
2. What are (a) the names, and (b) the positions of the people who are members of this body?
3. Are these people (a) elected, or (b) appointed, and if they are appointed, (c) who appoints them, and (d) on what criteria?
4. What other boards or committees are involved with 8CCC-FM?
5. If other groups are involved what are (a) the names, and (b) the positions of the people involved?
6. Are these people (a) elected, or (b) appointed, and if they are appointed, (c) who appoints them, and (d) on what criteria?
7. How many public meetings have been held to discuss the development and management of 8CCC-FM?
8. Is 8CCC-FM a member of the Public Broadcasting Commission Association of Australia, and does it subscribe to that body's code of ethics?
9. If the answer is yes, is he aware that the code of ethics includes these points:
  - (a) all broadcasters at a particular station should be encouraged to participate in management and policy-making; and
  - (b) the management should see itself as assisting and not controlling the broadcasters?
10. Are these codes being observed at 8CCC-FM and, if not, why not?
11. How much has been spent on the establishment and running of 8CCC-FM?
12. How much has been contributed by the Alice Springs community?
13. If the answer to 12 is nil, would he see a contradiction between the organisation and operation of 8CCC-FM and other C class public broadcasting stations in Australia?

ANSWER

1. The C class community broadcasting licence for radio station 8CCC-FM in Alice Springs is held by the Community College of Central Australia FM Broadcasting Association Incorporated. The membership of this body is identical with membership of the Council of the Community College of Central Australia.
2. The names and positions of the people who are members of this body are:
  - Mr H. Weber, Chairman, Businessman, Electrical and Building Contractor, Alice Springs.
  - Mr G. Loveday, Deputy Chairman, Assistant General Manager, Northern Territory Electricity Commission, Alice Springs.
  - Mr G. Chard, Director, Technical and Further Education, Department of Education, Darwin.
  - Mrs L. Faehse, Architect, Alice Springs.
  - Mrs N. Giese, Chairman of Darwin Community College Council, Darwin.

- Mr E. Hampton, Senior Vocational Officer, Commonwealth Employment Service, Department of Employment and Youth Affairs, Alice Springs.
  - Mr W. Kinsman, Businessman, Kinsman Automotive Engineering, Alice Springs.
  - Mrs R. McEllister, Clerical Officer, Community College of Central Australia, Alice Springs.
  - Mrs K. Rose, Teaching Assistant, Karguru Primary School, Tennant Creek.
  - Mrs Y. Sathianathan, Project Officer, Northern Territory Electricity Commission, Alice Springs.
  - Mr G. Sawtell, Businessman, Electrical Contractor, Alice Springs.
  - Mr P. Smith, Manager, Powerhouse, Peko-Wallsend Operations Limited, Tennant Creek.
  - Mr H. Tinsley, Acting Principal, Community College of Central Australia, Alice Springs.
  - Mrs M. Trindle, Home Liaison Officer, Department of Education, Alice Springs.
  - Mrs M. Vrazda, Senior Lecturer in Business Studies, Community College of Central Australia, Alice Springs.
3. Mr Hampton, Mr Kinsman, Mr Loveday, Mrs Rose, Mr Sathianathan, Mr Sawtell, Mr Smith, Mrs Trindle, Mr Weber were appointed by the Minister for Education from the community of interest of the college. Mrs Faehse was elected by the student body of the college. Mrs Vrazda and Mrs McEllister were elected by the staff of the college. Mrs Giese was appointed from the Council of the Darwin Community College by the Minister for Education. Mr Chard and Mr Tinsley are ex-officio members.
4. The CCCA FM Broadcasting Association Incorporated reports that a station board of management, a program advisory committee, and a technical advisory committee have been proposed for involvement with 8CCC-FM subject to the adoption of the constitution of the CCCA FM Broadcasting Association Incorporated and its lodgement with the Registrar of Companies.
5. See answer to 4.
6. See answer to 4.
7. - 12. The Community College of Central Australia FM Broadcasting Association Incorporated reports that 3 public meetings have been held to discuss the development and management of 8CCC-FM. 8CCC-FM is a member of the Public Broadcasting Association and subscribes to that body's code of ethics. Broadcasters at station 8CCC-FM will be encouraged to participate in management and policy-making as soon as the station management structure is finalised by the association. \$16,000 has been spent on the establishment of 8CCC-FM comprising \$7,500 for initial equipment and \$8,500 for refurbishing a demountable for studio; \$27,137 has been spent on running 8CCC-FM comprising \$10,500 operational expenses, \$5,900 equipment, and \$10,737 for manager's salary. The Alice Springs community has contributed no money although there have been about 30 volunteers to operate the station.
13. An instrument to establish a trust account for the station's operations was issued by the Treasury on 4 June 1981 to enable the Community College of Central Australia FM Broadcasting Association In-

corporated to receive and expend funds in accordance with the usual practice of C class public broadcasting stations in Australia.

Brucellosis and Tuberculosis Eradication Campaign

229 Mr ISAACS to MINISTER for PRIMARY PRODUCTION and TOURISM

1. Is there a formal agreement between the Northern Territory government and the Commonwealth government in respect of brucellosis and tuberculosis compensation funding?
2. In the light of problems highlighted by the Auditor-General in his 1980 report, are there now adequate procedures available that ensure effective operation of the compensation scheme?

ANSWER

1. There is no formal agreement between the Northern Territory and the Commonwealth in respect of brucellosis and tuberculosis compensation funding.

There is broad agreement in the Memorandum of Understanding, Section 34, Special Purpose Revenue Grants.

2. Yes. Procedures have been tightened up considerably, sufficient to ensure the effective operation of the compensation scheme.

For brucellosis compensation, the Commonwealth contribution is 75% of 'farm gate value' and the State/Territory contribution is 25%.

For tuberculosis compensation, the Commonwealth contribution is 50%, the State/Territory 25% and the remaining 25% is regarded as producer contribution.

The compensation values for 1980-81 are -

Category	Darwin/Gulf District	Victoria River District	Barkly Tablelands District	Alice Springs District
<u>Cattle</u>				
Calf	40	40	50	50
Weaner	60	60	80	80
Store steer	90	100	120	120
Fat steer	150	170	200	200
Store bullock	110	120	130	130
Fat bullock	180	200	300	300
Breeding cow	90	100	150	150
Fat cow	120	150	200	200
Bull, under 7 years	200	200	200	200
Bulls, mickey or aged	90	100	100	100
<u>Buffaloes</u>				
		<u>All Districts</u>		
Calf		40		
Weaner		100		
Cow		140		
Bull		180		

The compensation values for 1981-2 are presently being negotiated with industry.

Radiation Safety Training

235 Mr BELL to MINISTER for TRANSPORT and WORKS

1. Have any staff members of his department received training in using and holding radioactive sources?
2. Has his department appointed an officer trained in such radiation safety procedure to ensure the safe storage of beryllium and caesium sources held by the department near Alice Springs?

ANSWER

1. Yes.
2. My department's Alice Springs office has a radiation safety officer who is trained in handling radioactive sources and is in close liaison with Department of Health officers responsible for radiation matters. All radioactive sources controlled by my department are handled in strict compliance with Australian Radiation Standards legislation.

Education Facilities for Seamen

236 Mrs LAWRIE to MINISTER for TRANSPORT and WORKS

1. Does he intend to set up facilities for the training, education and examination of seamen to ensure they have every opportunity to gain basic qualifications or to upgrade existing qualifications?
2. If so, where are the facilities to be set up and by whom will they be staffed?

ANSWER

1. Yes.
2. The Darwin Community College has agreed in principle to conduct refresher courses and examinations for the various certificates of competency based on syllabuses and examination requirements set out in detail in section 2 of the Uniform Shipping Laws Code.  
In this regard the college will act as agent for the Director of Transport who has responsibility for day to day administration of the proposed Marine Act and Regulations. The director is to be supported by a principal marine surveyor and a shipping officer.

Australian Government Representative in Bali

237 Mr ISAACS to CHIEF MINISTER

What success has he had in his attempts to persuade the Australian government to station a representative in Bali on a permanent basis to service the large number of Australian tourists now visiting the island?

ANSWER

I have approached the Federal government pointing out the need for permanent Australian representation in Bali and other places. However, in the final analysis this is a decision for the Commonwealth Minister for Foreign Affairs, and he is the most appropriate person to whom you should address your question.

MacDonnell Ranges National Park

238 Mr BELL to CHIEF MINISTER

When will the MacDonnell Ranges National Park, as announced in the Central-ian Advocate of 5 June 1980, be gazetted?

ANSWER

The 9th Territory Parks and Wildlife Commission Meeting in June 1979 endorsed a series of conservation principles and long-term planning objectives for a MacDonnell Ranges National Park.

Progress to date is as follows:

- (a) The Central MacDonnell National Park has been approved and is being processed through the Department of Lands. This will eventually combine Simpsons Gap and the Alice Springs Telegraph Station National Parks into one major national park complex.
- (b) Agreement has been reached with pastoral lessees for the creation of a further reserve in the East MacDonnell.
- (c) Negotiations to acquire land for the creation of a West MacDonnell National Park are at a sensitive stage and have run into some difficulties.

It is anticipated that the park will be gazetted once the negotiations and the necessary arrangements have been completed.

Lake Phillipson Coal Deposit

242 Mr ISAACS to MINISTER for MINES and ENERGY

Is the Lake Phillipson coal deposit still under consideration for use as a fuel in the Northern Territory and, if not, why not?

ANSWER

As yet, no Australian coals have been eliminated for use as a fuel in the Territory.

However, the Lake Phillipson coals are disadvantaged by their low heating value and their distance overland from the proposed Darwin coal fired power station. This coal also contains significant sodium and potassium chlorides which may cause fouling in boilers.

A further problem is the considerable uncertainty of the coal mine at Lake Phillipson being in operation by 1987, when the first coal is required in Darwin. The earliest date for completion of the Alice Springs-Darwin rail link is advised as being 1988.

Incidentally, the proposed South Australian government feasibility study on Lake Phillipson development, to which the Northern Territory government was to contribute, has been postponed pending the results of an expanded exploration program by Utah Development Company.

Sites for Darwin Power Station

243 Mr ISAACS to MINISTER for MINES and ENERGY

1. What government authorities other than his department are involved in assessing the 4 possible sites for Darwin's coal-fired power station?
2. What other organisations are being consulted as to the siting of the station?
3. What methodology has been devised to ensure that all views are canvassed?

ANSWER

1. Site assessment studies involved 26 government departments, authorities and commissions.

List of organisations contacted during siting study

Departments

Aboriginal Affairs

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE - ANSWERS RECEIVED

Community Development: Library Services, Correctional Services Division, Community Services Division, Local Government Division, Community Government Division, and Youth, Sport and Recreation Branch

Chief Minister

Defence: Joint Services Local Planning Committees

Education

Health

Law

Lands, and hence Valuer-General

Mines and Energy

Primary Production

Transport

Transport and Works: Roads Division, Transport Division, Maritime Division, Water Division, Public Works Division, and Fire Brigade

Commissions

Conservation Commission

Commissioner of Police

Industries Training Commission

NT Housing Commission

NT Tourist Commission

Overseas Telecommunications Commission

Public Service Commissioner

Telecom Australia

Other Organisations

NT Development Corporation

Northern Lands Council

Museums and Art Galleries of the NT

Principal Consultants or Contributors Used

Maunsell & Partners Pty Ltd

Museums and Art Galleries of the NT

Environment, Science and Services, Brisbane

Qasco Northern Surveys, Darwin

Dames and Moore, Darwin

2. Other organisations included - (i) North Brick Pty Ltd; (ii) Adelaide and Wallaroo Fertilisers Pty Ltd; and (iii) Northern Cement - Adelaide Brighton Cement Ltd.
3. A matrix was devised which related areas of interest to specific departments.

Northern Territory Electricity Commission - Factors Affecting Power Station Siting / Matrix of Interested Parties - 318:49.14 / REV. 2 / 6 June 1981

Interested Parties

PLANNED DEVELOPMENT:

Oil Bunkering Jetty	ABC
Fishing Jetty	ACFGY
Bulk Commodities Jetty	ABCEFG
Second Port	ACDEFGL
Crane Facilities	ABC
Land Fill Using Ash	ABCDEGHIJ
Cement Works	A
Clay Products	A
Coal	ABC
Cogeneration	AB
Sewerage, Drainage	ACDEN
Fresh Water, Demin. Water	AC
Sea Water, Cooling Water	ACE
Other Industries	ACPQSVY

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE - ANSWERS RECEIVED

VILLAGE:  
 Roads CDEHILS  
 Water CDEHINS  
 Sewerage CDEHIN  
 Power Supplies BDHIS  
 Police DRST  
 Health DNS  
 Fire DNS  
 Schools DSTW  
 Telephones DSAA  
 Recreation CDHIKRSTW  
 Housing CDHIOSTW

LAND & SEA:  
 Availability for Use ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQSV  
 Cost CDOVX  
 Other Claims on Areas ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSV

TRANSPORT:  
 Road ACDHIJLQS  
 Rail ABCDLQS  
 Sea, Ferries ACDLQS  
 Cost of Travel BLQX

MARITIME:  
 Tides & Currents C  
 Tugs C  
 Dredging CE

COAL:  
 Source B  
 Ship Types C  
 Handling Systems & Storage CE

ASH:  
 Lagoons EHLJ  
 Effluent Control & Dispersal CEN

POLLUTION:  
 Thermal Plume EHI  
 Smoke & Gasses ACEMN  
 Noise CEN  
 Visual Impact ACEM

MILITARY RESTRICTIONS:  
 Air K  
 Land K  
 Sea K

PEOPLE:  
 Skilled & Unskilled Personnel AOPRSTU  
 Population Multipliers ACDLNOPQRSTUWX  
 Distance from Darwin ACDLNOPQSTUW

KEY:

A - Development Corporation  
 B - Department of Mines & Energy  
 C - Department of Transport & Works  
 D - Department of Lands  
 E - Conservation Commission  
 F - Department of Primary Production  
 G - Agriculture Development & Marketing Authority  
 H - Lands Council  
 I - Aboriginal Sacred Sites Authority  
 J - Department of Aboriginal Affairs  
 K - Department of Defence  
 L - Department of Transport  
 M - Overseas Telecommunications Commission  
 N - Department of Health  
 O - Housing Commission  
 P - Industries Training Commission  
 Q - Tourist Commission  
 R - Department of Law  
 S - Department of Community Development  
 T - Commissioner of Police  
 U - Public Service Board  
 V - Department of the Chief Minister  
 W - Department of Education  
 X - Department of Treasury  
 Y - Fisheries Branch  
 Z - Fire Brigade  
 AA - Telecom

Darwin Electricity Supply

244 Mr ISAACS to MINISTER for MINES and ENERGY

1. Given that the first units of power to be generated by the new power station will not come on stream until 1986-7, what surplus capacity is available under the present system to cope with growing demand up to 1986-7?
2. What rate of growth in demand for power is assumed in his department's projections?

3. Has his department made provision for major energy intensive industries in its estimates for future power needs and, if so, what industries have been considered?

ANSWER

1. Capacity in excess of maximum demand will be as follows:

1	2	3	4	5	6
Year	Installed MW	Available MW	Firm MW	Max. Demand MW	Spare (4-5) MW
1982	181	142.5	119	92.2	26.8
1983	181	142.5	119	101.4	17.6
1984	181	142.5	119	111.6	7.4
1985	211	172.5	149	122.7	26.3
1986	211	172.5	149	135.0	14.0
1987	256	187.5	157.5	147.2	10.3

(Cabinet Decision 1585 - 5 March 1981 approved in principle the installation of aero derived gas turbines and the schedule shows two 15 MW units commissioned by 1985).

2. Rate of growth assumed is: 10% until 1987, 9% thereafter.
3. No provision has been made for major energy intensive industries. Timing and size of future coal-fired generating units is flexible and, in practice, lead times to establish energy intensive industries are greater than lead times for new generating plant.

Coal Supplies for Darwin Power Station

245 Mr ISAACS to MINISTER for MINES and ENERGY

1. What was the reaction of the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy to his advice to him on our future requirements in terms of (a) type, (b) tonnage, and (c) price of coal?
2. Given the strong demand for coal, has he any assurance from the Queensland government that the Territory's future coal needs from that state will be secure?
3. Given that the characteristics of the coal selected for the power station will have a significant bearing on the engineering aspects of the plant, when does he expect a firm agreement to be struck between the Territory government and suppliers of the fuel?

ANSWER

1. It was not anticipated that the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy would respond in terms of type, tonnage and price.  
The Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy has alerted his State Electricity Commissioner of intended discussions at officer level and the respective Electricity Commissions are already in contact.
2. Some 20 potential coal suppliers have been contacted throughout Queensland and New South Wales.  
It is unlikely that the Queensland government would be party to a coal supply contract. The question of assurance from the Queensland government does not arise.
3. Dependent upon economic assessment of options, a coal supply contract/s would be placed on date/s between mid-1982 and mid-1983.

Site Consultants for Darwin Power Station

246 Mr ISAACS to MINISTER for MINES and ENERGY

1. What private consultants have been retained to report to the Northern Territory government on the relative merits of the 4 proposed sites for Darwin's power station?
2. What is the estimated cost for the above consultants?
3. Were tenders called for the above contracts?
4. Does he intend to make available to the Assembly the findings from the consultants' investigations?

ANSWER

1. Merz & McLellan & Partners were commissioned to assess the relative merits of 4 possible sites for the coal-fired power station.
2. The estimated cost of this consultancy is \$145,000.
3. Consultancy costs are fixed in accordance with ACEA (Association of Consulting Engineers Australia) terms and calling for tenders is inappropriate.

Merz & McLellan & Partners have been involved in site assessment studies for a coal-fired power station since 1969. Some 13 coastal sites have been examined by M&M&P. For this reason, and in order to expedite this first major step towards a coal-fired power station, proposals from other consultants were not sought.

4. Whether or not the full report will be made available to the Assembly is a matter for consideration by Cabinet.

Bonaparte Gulf Natural Gas Reserves

247 Mr ISAACS to MINISTER for MINES and ENERGY

Has any tentative agreement been struck between the Territory and Western Australian governments in relation to the exploitation of the natural gas reserves both onshore and offshore in the Bonaparte Gulf region?

ANSWER

Existing data preclude any reliable estimate of the gas reserves in the Bonaparte Gulf Basin. The Petrel field, in Northern Territory waters, may contain between 2.8 and 150 billion cubic metres of recoverable gas, though this needs proving. Further wells are required to clearly define reserves, the first of which will be drilled this year. Similar uncertainty exists as to gas reserves in the Tern field in Western Australian waters.

Development will require reserves at the upper end of the indicated range to be commercially viable, and will probably need to be associated with LNG exports.

Exploration for hydrocarbons in the onshore region of the Bonaparte Gulf is at an even earlier stage.

In view of the gross uncertainties as to available gas reserves, it would be quite premature to strike a tentative agreement with the Western Australian government in relation to eventual exploitation.

Hospitality Course for Darwin Community College

248 Mr BELL to MINISTER for EDUCATION

1. Is Darwin Community College planning to conduct a hospitality course similar to that which is being run by the CCCA at Gillen House, Alice Springs?

2. If not, why not; and, if so, when will the course commence and what is the expected maximum student intake?

ANSWER

No, with present demands for training it is economical to centralise training at the Gillen House location. Any increase in demand would necessitate a review of the total situation which could make demands for training in Darwin as well as Alice Springs.

Short courses (e.g., food and wine service) have been and will be conducted in conjunction with the Community College of Central Australia and the Industries Training Commission.

NT Population Growth Projections

250 Mr ISAACS to MINISTER for LANDS and HOUSING

1. Has the land development and housing policy branch of the Department of Lands and Housing calculated population projections for the Northern Territory for the years 1985, 1990, 1995 and 2000?
2. If so, (a) how many different growth rates were applied, (b) what is the estimated rate of increase in housing stock to meet the demand for dwellings associated with these projections, (c) what proportion of the total dwelling stock will be required as rental stock to meet the housing demands associated with the population growth projections, (d) what vacancy rate has the department applied in its projected housing stock requirements, (e) what ratio of public housing to private housing is considered appropriate in relation to the growth projections, and (f) does the department have a regional breakdown of population growth projections and associated housing requirements for (i) Darwin, (ii) Palmerston, (iii) Nhulunbuy, (iv) Alice Springs, (v) Katherine, and (vi) Tennant Creek?

ANSWER

The Department of Lands does not calculate population projections for the Northern Territory.

The Department of Lands does have growth projections along with associated housing requirements, for Darwin (including Palmerston), Alice Springs, Katherine and Tennant Creek. This information is delineated in the following tables.

Table 1 indicates the growth rates that are being used by the Department of Lands for planning purposes. These rates and the associated projections of residential land needs are up-dated half-yearly for Darwin and Alice Springs, yearly for other centres. The implications of higher growth rates (+2 and +4) have also been investigated. Table 2 indicates the average rates of growth used for planning and the respective expected rate of increase in structured dwellings based on planned land turn-off for the period 1980-85. Tables 3A to 3D indicate the projected shifts in % in home owner-occupancy, NTHC, Commonwealth and private rentals of the structured dwelling stock over the period 1979-85. The land need projections assume an increasing vacancy ratio to reach 3.0% by 1985.

The Department of Lands examined housing needs in Nhulunbuy in August-September 1980. The ensuing housing need projections utilised a growth rate of 3.4% p.a. over the period 1979-86. These projections were provided to the NTHC. The NT Housing Commission is currently building 10 one-bedroom flats, 16 two-bedroom flats and 2 four-bedroom houses. The NTHC is planning to build on the order of 35 structured dwellings in Nhulunbuy in each of the next 3 years.

TABLE 1

RATES OF GROWTH IN % UTILIZED FOR PLANNING

Years	79 - 81	81 - 86	86 - 91	91 - 96	96 - 01
<u>Centres</u>					
Darwin	7	7	6	5	4
Alice Springs	6	5.5	4	3	2
Katherine	2.6	4.5	3	2	1.5
Tennant Creek	8.0	3.6	2	1.5	1.5

TABLE 2

1980-85 INCREASE IN STRUCTURED DWELLING STOCK TO MEET DEMAND FOR HOUSING

Centres	Average Rate of Growth	Expected Rate of Increase in Structured Dwellings
Darwin	7	9.8
Alice Springs	5.6	7.5
Katherine	4.2	8.7
Tennant Creek	4.6	10.3

TABLE 3A

DARWIN: Projected Shifts in % Ownership of Structured Dwelling Stock

Year	Owner/Occupancy	N.T.H.C.	Commonwealth	Private Rental
1979	26	31	15	28
1980	27	32	13	28
1981	30	29	9	32
1982	35	26	9	30
1983	40	23	10	27
1984	44	20	10	26
1985	46	18	9	27

TABLE 3B

ALICE SPRINGS: Projected Shifts in % Ownership of Structured Dwelling Stock

Year	Owner/Occupancy	N.T.H.C.	Commonwealth	Private Rental
1979	30	35	13	22
1980	32	33	11	24
1981	36	31	8	25
1982	39	26	8	27
1983	42	23	8	27
1984	45	20	7	28
1985	47	18	7	28

TABLE 3C

KATHERINE: Projected Shifts in % Ownership of Structured Dwelling Stock

Year	Owner/Occupancy	N.T.H.C.	Commonwealth	Private Rental
1979	25	42	12	21
1980	27	42	10	21
1981	28	43	8	21
1982	30	40	8	22
1983	36	34	7	23
1984	38	31	7	24
1985	40	28	7	25

TABLE 3D

TENNANT CREEK: Projected Shifts in % Ownership of Structured Dwelling Stock

Year	Owner/Occupancy	N.T.H.C.	Commonwealth	Private Rental
1979	22	47	7	24
1980	20	50	7	23
1981	18	54	6	22
1982	18	54	6	22
1983	18	54	6	22
1984	17	54	6	23
1985	17	54	6	23

Housing Statistics for NT

251 Mr ISAACS to MINISTER for LANDS and HOUSING

1. What was the proportion of caravan dwellings of the total dwelling stock in the Northern Territory in (a) 1977, (b) 1978, (c) 1979, and (d) 1980?
2. What proportion of the total dwelling stock was rental stock in (a) 1977, (b) 1978, (c) 1979, and (d) 1980?
3. What was the ratio of public to private housing in the Territory in (a) 1977, (b) 1978, (c) 1979, and (d) 1980?

ANSWER

The following answers are based on data derived from the Australian Bureau of Statistics Urban Population Count of 4 July 1979. These are the only relevant statistics available and they relate only to selected areas, viz. the Greater Darwin Area, the Darwin Statistical Division, Alice Springs, Katherine, Tennant Creek and Nhulunbuy. Accordingly, answers to parts 1(a), (b), (d), 2(a), (b), (d) and 3(a), (b), (d) cannot be given. The answers provided are based on totals for the Greater Darwin Area, Alice Springs, Katherine, Tennant Creek and Nhulunbuy, plus the differentials between figures for the Darwin Statistical Division and the Greater Darwin Area.

- 1.(c) As at 4 July 1979, the total number of dwellings (including houses, flats, demountables, caravans, etc, but excluding hotels, motels, hostels, etc) in the above-mentioned areas was 21,937. Caravans totalled 1,742 or 7.9% of the total.
- 2.(c) As at 4 July 1979, the number of rental dwelling (including houses, flats, demountables, caravans, etc, but excluding hotels, motels, hostels, etc) in the above-mentioned areas was 12,687 which represented about 57.8% of the total stock of such dwellings. The number of rental houses and flats, only, was 12,183, or about 64.2% of all houses and flats. The percentages are approximate as some dwellings were recorded in the count as being occupied other than on an owner-purchaser or rental basis, while the basis of occupancy of some other dwellings was not stated.
- 3.(c) As at 4 July 1979, the ratio of government to non-government dwellings (including houses, flats, demountables, caravans, etc, but excluding hotels, motels, hostels, etc) in the above-mentioned areas was approximately 1.43 to 1. The ratio for houses and flats, only, was approximately 1.54 to 1. The ratios are approximate for the reasons given above.

Survey Branch - Consultants

252 Mr ISAACS to MINISTER for LANDS and HOUSING

1. Which were the 6 consultant survey firms employed in the Survey Branch of the Department of Lands and Housing in the financial year 1979-80?
2. How much was paid to each firm for its services?

ANSWER

During 1979-80 the 6 survey consultants firms and the amounts paid for their services were as follows -

<u>Name</u>	<u>Total Paid</u>
1. James, James & Lea	\$ 85,604
2. Gutteridge, Haskins & Davey	\$ 96,753
3. Chrisp de Vries	\$ 15,010
4. Qasco	\$ 8,570
5. P.R. Coppin	\$ 9,707
6. Brian Vaughan	\$ 2,340
	\$ 217,984

Leanyer and Karama Subdivisions

253 Mr ISAACS to MINISTER for LANDS and HOUSING

1. Did the department have available to it, at the beginning of the 1980 calendar year, cost estimates for public sector development of the Leanyer and Karama subdivisions?
2. If so, what was the estimated cost that the department was able to offer residential blocks to the public?
3. What were the estimated costs of private sector development of the subdivisions of (a) Leanyer and (b) Karama at the beginning of 1980?

ANSWER

1. The department did not have accurate cost estimates at the beginning of 1980 for public sector development of Leanyer or Karama.

The 1979-80 Budget Paper No. 5 will show that the government intended to construct headworks only to Leanyer and so an estimate for internal development of that subdivision was not considered necessary.

In June 1979 the official estimate for full development by the public sector of the then proposed 1085 lots in Karama was \$16,200,000. This figure was not up-dated again as the decision was then taken to develop Karama by private enterprise.

2. Under the system of land sales inherited from the Commonwealth the cost of developed land was rarely recouped by market sales. Based on prevailing prices, in June 1979 the estimated revenue from sale of Karama lots was approximately \$12,000,000. It should be noted however, that land prices rose at 2 subsequent government auctions after this time.
3. There is no formal reporting of private sector development costs, either as estimates or on completion of works.

Department of Lands and Housing - Consultants

254 Mr ISAACS to MINISTER for LANDS and HOUSING

What fees were paid to private consultants by the Department of Lands and Housing in the financial year 1979-80?

ANSWER

During 1979-80 fees paid to private consultants were -

Management Services Division	Nil
Survey & Mapping Division	\$ 350,749
Planning & Land Development Division	\$ 109,402
	<u>\$ 460,151</u>

Management Services Division - Budget Item

255 Mr ISAACS to MINISTER for LANDS and HOUSING

Will he identify items upon which funds were expended under the 'Other Services Section' of the Management Services Division of the department in the financial year 1979-80?

ANSWER

Under the 'Other Services Section' of the Management Services Division of the department, in the financial year 1979-80 the sum of \$101,300 was expended. This sum was a one-off reimbursement payment to the Northern Territory Housing Commission who had originally paid Australian National Railways for improvements on residential lots which have since been resumed by the Department of Lands.

Details of lots affected and amounts paid are as follows -

Part Lot	\$
4882	22,600
4883	8,800
58	7,400
59	---
4981	15,800
4982	13,900
4985	15,500
4986	<u>17,300</u>
	\$ 101,300

Housing in NT

256 Mr ISAACS to MINISTER for LANDS and HOUSING

1. What is the present stock of dwellings in the Northern Territory by urban centre?
2. What is the per annum increase in dwelling stock required to meet demand projections in each centre?

ANSWER

1. The latest available statistics of dwelling stocks in the Northern Territory, by urban centres, are presented in the following table:

Stocks of Dwellings (a): Selected Areas: Northern Territory

	1979 (b)				1981 (c) (d)			
	Houses	Flats	Other (e)	Total	Houses	Flats	Other (e)	Total
Greater Darwin Area	10,485	3,562	1,930	15,977	11,948	4,356	n.a.	n.a.
Darwin Statistical Division	11,420	3,580	2,433	17,433	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Alice Springs	3,000	1,004	236	4,240	3,387	1,094	n.a.	n.a.
Katherine	608	148	217	973	646	192	n.a.	n.a.
Tennant Creek	509	139	150	798	605	192	n.a.	n.a.
Nhulunbuy	720	178	77	975	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.

- (a) Includes government and non-government dwellings but excludes hotels, motels, institutions, etc.  
 (b) As at 4 July.  
 (c) As at 30 June.  
 (d) Estimates only.  
 (e) Includes demountables, caravans, etc, n.a., not available.

Sources: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Darwin, for 1979; Department of Lands, Darwin, for 1981 estimates.

2. The Indicative Planning Council for the Housing Industry in its 1981 report estimated medium-term housing demand in the Territory, on average for the triennium 1981-2, in the range of 2,000 to 2,400 dwelling units.

However, the Council in suggesting the above-mentioned estimates of demand noted that its method of applying its household formation and demand model to the Territory may be deficient for several reasons, including:

- Difficulties in satisfactorily estimating functions for projecting household headship rates because of the small population base and the heavy involvement of the government in providing housing and housing finance, which can have a considerable effect on household formation.
- The backlog in demand for structured dwellings and the uncertain extent of the movement of households from non-structured and mobile dwellings to structured dwellings during the triennium.

Department of Lands and Housing - Staffing of Various Branches

257 Mr ISAACS to MINISTER for LANDS and HOUSING

What staff are based in Darwin in (a) Management Services Division, (b) Survey and Mapping Division, (c) Building Authority Branch, (d) Planning Branch, (e) Land Development and Housing Policy Branch, and (f) Land Administration Branch of his department?

ANSWER

Currently, the number of Department of Lands staff based in Darwin is -

- (a) Management Services Division - 51; (b) Survey & Mapping Division - 121;  
 (c) Buildings Authority Branch - 22; (d) Planning Branch - 33;  
 (e) Land Development Branch - 25; (f) Land Administration Branch - 35.

Department of Lands and Housing - Termination of Employment

258 Mr ISAACS to MINISTER for LANDS and HOUSING

What were the reasons for termination of employment of 2 permanent employees within his department during 1979-80?

ANSWER

The 2 permanent employees of the Department of Lands were terminated following a continuous period of unexplained and unauthorised absence from duty.

Action was taken under section 51 of the Public Service Act and both employees were duly deemed to have resigned.

Department of Lands and Housing - Costs

259 Mr ISAACS to MINISTER for LANDS and HOUSING

During the financial year 1979-80 -

- (a) what was the cost of (i) telephones and telexes, and (ii) travel in (A) Survey and Mapping Division, (B) Planning and Land Development Division, and (C) Management Services Division; and
- (b) what were the major items of capital expenditure in (i) Survey and Mapping Division, and (ii) Management Services Division?

ANSWER

(A)(i) During 1979-80 there was no break-down of telephone charges to the 3 individual divisions. All accounts were paid from within the Management Services allocation. As the Department of Transport and Works pays all accounts associated with the NT government switchboard, the only accounts paid by this department are for official telephones and direct lines. The total amount expended during 1979-80 for telephones was \$7,094.

As with telephones, all accounts for telexes were paid from within the Management Services Division allocation. The cost of this service during 1979-80 was \$3,218.

(ii) The cost of travel for the department is dissected in the following manner, all recreation leave is paid for by the Management Services Division while all duty travel is paid for by the individual divisions. A break-down of costs is as follows -

Recreation Leave Travel

Management Services Division	\$ 126,612
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Duty Travel

Survey & Mapping Division	\$ 9,266
Planning & Land Development Division	\$ 24,763
Management Services Division	\$ 8,607
	\$ 42,636

(B) The major items of capital equipment (\$1,000 and over) purchased during 1979-80 were -

- (i) Survey & Mapping Division, Nil; and
- (ii) Management Services Division, 1 vehicle \$9,331.

Leanyer and Karama Subdivisions

260 Mr ISAACS to MINISTER for LANDS and HOUSING

1. What is the cost of headworks undertaken by the Northern Territory government in, (a) Leanyer, and (b) Karama subdivisions?
2. What is the projected total cost of development of, (a) Leanyer, and (b) Karama subdivisions?

ANSWER

1. (a) \$437,000 - Leanyer; (b) \$4,415,000 - Karama.
2. In June 1979 the government estimated that the cost of developing 1,085 lots in Karama would be \$16,200,000. No estimate was formulated for full development of Leanyer as the government proposed to provide headworks only to that subdivision.

There is no formal reporting of private sector development costs either as estimates or on completion of works and so the government cannot accurately predict or calculate the final total cost of development for either Karama or Leanyer.

Leanyer and Karama Subdivisions

261 Mr ISAACS to MINISTER for LANDS and HOUSING

In regard to the Leanyer and Karama subdivisions, (a) who are the 5 developers involved in the subdivisions, (b) how many of the anticipated 2,000 single residential stocks will be turned off by each developer, (c) what proportion of (i) Leanyer, and (ii) Karama will be allocated for medium density development, and (d) what proportion of the anticipated residential stocks have been or will be taken up by the Housing Commission?

ANSWER

(a) Developers	(b) Number of lots
1. Syd Hatch Pty Ltd (L1)	259
2. Hooker Rex Estates Pty Ltd (L2 L4)	706
3. Kern Land Pty Ltd (L3)	229
4. Henry & Walker Limited (K1 K4)	650
5. Interconstruction Enterprises Pty Ltd (K2 K3)	423
(c) (i) 12.3%	(d) 22.1%
(ii) 11.7%	

Tangentyere Council - Application for Leases

263 Mr BELL to MINISTER for LANDS and HOUSING

When will the applications for the following Special Purposes Leases for transient and permanent residents in Alice Springs, lodged by the Tangentyere Council and other incorporated bodies before the minister's statement of 22 May, be approved:

- (a) application for Eastside lease lodged by the Ilkalantja-Tuwatja Association;
- (b) application for an area along Larapinta Drive lodged by the Ilwemp-Alkerte Association;
- (c) application for an area north from the Indapa lease (south of the Gap) lodged by Tangentyere Council on behalf of the Joseph Mantjakura group;
- (d) application for an area near Bazzo's farm north of Alice Springs lodged by Tangentyere Council for the use of transient Alyawarra people;
- (e) application for land in valley north of Larapinta Drive lodged by Tangentyere Council for the use of transient Western Aranda people; and
- (f) application for extensions to (i) Larapinta Valley lease, and (ii) Morris Soak lease?

ANSWER

The government has considered the issue of Special Purposes Leases, including the applications referred to, and has decided to reject them until adequate and rational use is made by Aborigines of existing land grants.

To this end the Director, Southern Division, of the Department of Lands, will be contacting the Tangentyere Council to discuss the need for future applications for land in Alice Springs.

NZ Beef on Sale in Darwin

264 Mr MacFARLANE to MINISTER for PRIMARY PRODUCTION and TOURISM

1. Has his attention been drawn to the fact that William Angliss and Co. in Darwin has prime NZ rump steak on sale at \$3.95 per kilogram?
2. If so, is this dumping of foreign beef to continue with NT government approval?

ANSWER

1. I am aware that New Zealand beef and veal is imported into Australia in small quantities; and that this meat finds its way from the southern states into the Northern Territory from time to time.
2. The only time New Zealand meat is on sale in Australia is when the market rules of supply and demand make New Zealand meat cheaper than Australian.

Yulara Tourist Village

267 Ms D'ROZARIO to CHIEF MINISTER

What is the value of the government's investment to date in Yulara tourist development?

ANSWER

To date the Northern Territory government has committed \$12.031m to the Yulara tourist development. Of this, the Department of Transport and Works has committed \$7.144m and the Northern Territory Electricity Commission has committed \$4.887m.

Department of Lands and Housing - Renting of Office Space

275 Mr LEO to MINISTER for LANDS and HOUSING

In regard to office and warehouse space rented by your department from private enterprise developers as at 31 May 1981 -

- (a) what is the weekly cost;
- (b) what are (i) the names, and (ii) business addresses of the developers involved;
- (c) where are the rented premises located; and
- (d) how long do the leases run for?

ANSWER

The Department of Transport and Works rents all Northern Territory government and warehouse accommodation.

The Department of Lands however occupied the following rented premises as at 31 May 1981:

1. Floors 8 and 9, as well as shops 10, 12, 13 and 14 of the Palmerston Building;

2. Moonta House;
3. the second floor of the NML Building; and
3. a depot at Winnellie.

Department of Primary Production and Tourist Commission -  
Renting of Office Space

276 Mr LEO to MINISTER for PRIMARY PRODUCTION and TOURISM

In regard to office and warehouse space rented by your department from private enterprise developers as at 31 May 1981 -

- (a) what is the weekly cost;
- (b) what are (i) the names, and (ii) business addresses of the developers involved;
- (c) where are the rented premises located; and
- (d) how long do the leases run for?

ANSWER

1. (a) \$1,039.61 per week;  
(b) (i) Northern Territory Housing Commission;  
(ii) P.O. Box 884, Darwin;  
(c) Lot 3947, Harry Chan Drive, Darwin;  
(d) 1 November 1978 to 31 October 1983.
2. (a) \$875 per week;  
(b) (i) Liveris Nominees;  
(ii) P.O. Box 736, Darwin;  
(c) Lot 1654, Corner Day and Harvey Streets, Darwin;  
(d) 1 May 1979 to 30 April 1982.
3. (a) \$857.44 per week;  
(b) (i) Central Realty  
(ii) P.O. Box 2455, Alice Springs;  
(c) Lot 444, Stuart Highway, Alice Springs;  
(d) 1 September 1979 to 31 August 1984.
4. (a) \$1,190.76 per week;  
(b) (i) Randazzo Holdings;  
(ii) P.O. Box 253, Darwin;  
(c) Radazzo Building, Katherine Terrace, Katherine;  
(d) 1 June 1980 to 31 May 1990.

Guidelines for Funding Cultural Activities

279 Mrs O'NEIL to MINISTER for COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- (a) Does the NT government have a policy on the arts which guides it in the allocation of money for artistic and cultural activities?
- (b) If so, will he outline that policy or table a copy of it in the Assembly?

ANSWER

Distribution of funds for arts and cultural activities is not subject to rigid guidelines.

Financial assistance is made available to community groups as a response by government to the expressed needs of the community and to assist organisations to plan and conduct activities which meet those needs.

To ensure that the initiative and the responsibility for programming remains within the community, government must maintain a flexible policy.

Unregistered Vehicles on Pastoral Leases

280 Mr MacFARLANE to MINISTER for TRANSPORT and WORKS

Are bullcatchers and other people who drive unregistered vehicles on pastoral properties permitted to drive on or to cross public roads in such vehicles?

ANSWER

No. It is an offence against the Motor Vehicles Act to drive an unregistered and or uninsured vehicle on public roads.

Brucellosis and Tuberculosis Eradication Techniques

281 Mr MacFARLANE to MINISTER for PRIMARY PRODUCTION and TOURISM

Will his department demonstrate tuberculosis and brucellosis eradication techniques on Crown land and Aboriginal land in the Top End to evaluate the cost and practicability of such techniques?

ANSWER

The north-western third of the Northern Territory, including the Top End, is 'provisionally free' of brucellosis. Residual infection occurs on only 2 properties in the Top End and is expected to be eradicated in the near future.

The campaign to eradicate tuberculosis is operating on private properties and on Aboriginal lands. Currently the program involves fencing, mustering and testing.

As proposed in a plan recently submitted for approval, a later phase of the program will include partial or total destocking. In that phase, Crown lands will also be included.

It is not proposed to fence, muster and test on Crown lands, except in Kakadu National Park. There, plans for the enclosure, mustering and testing of all buffaloes in the park are currently being finalised. A financial study of this buffalo operation has recently been concluded.

If a viewing of tuberculosis eradication technique on an Aboriginal reserve is required, this could be arranged, if adequate notice can be given.

'A Plan for Tuberculosis Eradication from a Property in the Katherine Area' has been published by my department as 'Technical Bulletin No. 37'.

Coffee Bush

282 Mr MacFARLANE to CHIEF MINISTER

1. Has his attention been drawn to a circular entitled "The Tree" circulated by Darwin environmentalist George Brown?
2. Does *Leucaena leucocephala* (coffee bush) convert carbon dioxide to carbohydrates as do other trees?
3. If so, why is it being destroyed in Darwin?
4. Is it proposed to establish a vast monoculture of coffee bush on the source of our 2 major rivers, the Daly and the Roper?
5. If so, (a) is the venture intended to satisfy an energy requirement of

a foreign country, and (b) what effect would it have on native plant and animal forms?

ANSWER

1. Yes.
2. Yes.
3. *Leucaena leucocephala* is considered as a pest on part of the Darwin foreshore because of its thick and prolific nature, and because it is gradually replacing other vegetation forms.
4. Unibeeff Australia Pty Ltd has proposals to establish a large plantation of *Leucaena leucocephala* of the El Salvador variety on Mataranka Station. This station does cover the headwaters of both the Daly and Roper rivers.

The El Salvador variety of *Leucaena* has different characteristics from the so-called coffee bush variety in that it grows in a tree form.

Unibeeff is conducting limited trials and the Conservation Commission has liaised with this company and has been monitoring the trials since their inception. Approval for large scale plantings will not be given until Unibeeff has submitted an Environmental Impact Statement for examination by government.

5. (a) Not known but export of energy in any form is subject to Commonwealth government policy.
- (b) This will be a major subject of the Environmental Impact Statement to be prepared by the company. The Department of Primary Production has had trials of *Leucaena* on the Douglas Daly Experimental Station since 1972 and to date no deleterious effects have been observed.

Banning of Export of Barramundi

283 Mr MacFARLANE to MINISTER for PRIMARY PRODUCTION and TOURISM

Has he considered banning the export of barramundi from the Territory as a means of eliminating over-fishing of the species?

ANSWER

Yes.

Public Service Housing Commission Dwellings

285 Mr ISAACS to MINISTER for LANDS and HOUSING

In regard to NT Public Service Housing Commission dwellings, (a) how many were sold, (b) how many applications were received, and (c) what was the average sale price in (i) Darwin, (ii) Alice Springs, (iii) Katherine, (iv) Tennant Creek, and (v) Pine Creek during the financial years (A) 1979-80, and (B) 1980-81?

ANSWER

(A) 1979 - 1980

(B) 1980 - 1981

(a) Number Sold.

(a) Number Sold

(i) Darwin	104
(ii) Alice Springs	14
(iii) Katherine	1
(iv) Tennant Creek	nil
(v) Pine Creek	nil

(i) Darwin	364
(ii) Alice Springs	39
(iii) Katherine	5
(iv) Tennant Creek	nil
(v) Pine Creek	nil



ANSWER

(a) 1979 - 1980		(b) 1980 - 1981	
<u>1. Number Sold</u>		<u>1. Number Sold</u>	
(i) Darwin	113	(i) Darwin	105
(ii) Alice Springs	71	(ii) Alice Springs	36
(iii) Katherine	11	(iii) Katherine	5
(iv) Tennant Creek	7	(iv) Tennant Creek	2
(v) Pine Creek	nil	(v) Pine Creek	nil
(vi) Adelaide River	nil	(vi) Adelaide River	nil
(vii) Elliott	nil	(vii) Elliott	nil
<u>2. Average Sale Price</u>		<u>2. Average Sale Price</u>	
(i) Darwin	\$42,998	(i) Darwin	\$48,152
(ii) Alice Springs	\$33,190	(ii) Alice Springs	\$40,799
(iii) Katherine	\$32,644	(iii) Katherine	\$34,425
(iv) Tennant Creek	\$29,675	(iv) Tennant Creek	\$35,300
(v) Pine Creek	--	(v) Pine Creek	--
(vi) Adelaide River	--	(vi) Adelaide River	--
(vii) Elliott	--	(vii) Elliott	--
<u>3. Number Applications</u>		<u>3. Number Applications</u>	
(i) Darwin	189	(i) Darwin	93
(ii) Alice Springs	89	(ii) Alice Springs	27
(iii) Katherine	12	(iii) Katherine	6
(iv) Tennant Creek	9	(iv) Tennant Creek	1
(v) Pine Creek	nil	(v) Pine Creek	nil
(vi) Adelaide River	nil	(vi) Adelaide River	nil
(vii) Elliott	1	(vii) Elliott	nil

Housing Commission Annual Report

292 Mr ISAACS to MINISTER for LANDS and HOUSING

When will the thirteenth Annual Report of the Northern Territory Housing Commission be tabled in accordance with the Financial Administration and Audit Act?

ANSWER

It will not be so tabled.

Contract Crop Production

303 Mr MacFARLANE to MINISTER for PRIMARY PRODUCTION and TOURISM

Does he intend to encourage growing of crops to overcome farmer inefficiency of which he has spoken so often?

ANSWER

The reference by the honourable member to farmer inefficiency is both gratuitous and superfluous and in any case it is not clear how a system of contracts would overcome the problems implied in the question.

However, I would say that it is correct that my department is presently examining ways and means of providing better security for Top End farmers during the development period of a cropping industry which we trust will be of real economic advantage to the Territory as a whole.

Export of Live Cattle to South-east Asia

304 Mr MacFARLANE to MINISTER for PRIMARY PRODUCTION and TOURISM

Has the government, through its instrumentalities such as TDC (finance),

ADMA (grain growing) and the Department of Primary Production (responsible for the cattle and buffalo industry), considered a development plan for the cattle and buffalo industries to supply available markets in South-east Asia with the young breeder buffalo and cattle they require, and which are presently being supplied by other, more distant states?

ANSWER

The Department of Primary Production in consultation with the Department of Lands and the Northern Territory Development Corporation is developing a program on behalf of the NT government for a controlled, domesticated, disease free, buffalo industry to service markets in Australia and overseas. It will be noted that buffalo are not available from other states as implied in the question.

Overtures were made to industry to provide locally bred Brahman cross Friesian dairy cattle for South-east Asia. Without guaranteed markets and prices the industry showed little interest.

Breeder cattle of the Brahman type are available in the NT but because of tuberculosis infection in most Top End herds it is less costly and time consuming for South-east Asian countries to purchase breeder cattle from TB-free herds in Queensland.

Discussions have been held between the Department of Primary Production and the Agricultural Development and Marketing Authority to run disease free cattle and or buffalo in conjunction with the crop projects on ADMA project farms. These cattle and or buffalo would be ideal for South-east Asian breeder markets.

Fisheries Enforcement Unit

305 Mr ISAACS to MINISTER for PRIMARY PRODUCTION and TOURISM

- (a) What was the cost of the department's fisheries enforcement operations in the financial years 1979-80 and 1980-81?
- (b) What capital equipment is owned by the enforcement unit?
- (c) What was the cost of leasing equipment used by the fisheries enforcement unit in the financial years 1979-80 and 1980-81?
- (d) What action has been initiated by the department to overcome the inadequacies in patrolling the prawn fisheries at Groote Eylandt referred to in the department's annual report for the financial year 1979-80?

ANSWER

Fisheries enforcement is now a function of the Northern Territory Police.

- (a) The cost of the department's fisheries enforcement operations in the financial year 1979-80 -

Capital items	\$ 472,000
Administrative expenses	\$ 175,000
Salaries	\$ 282,000
TOTAL	\$ 929,000

The cost of operations in the financial year 1980-81 -

Capital items	\$ 41,327
Administrative expenses	\$ 214,912
Salary - permanent staff	\$ 287,659
Salary - boarding party	\$ 35,757
Plus indirect costs	\$ 28,838
TOTAL	\$ 608,493

- (b) Capital equipment held by the Marine and Fisheries Unit is as follows -  
 fishing patrol vessel 'Salloo', fishing patrol vessel 'Pobassoo', police patrol vessel 'Norlaw', 5 Toyota 4 x 4 utilities, and 1 Holden utility.
- (c) Fisheries enforcement did not lease any equipment in the financial years 1979-80 and 1980-81.
- (d) The 18.48 metre fisheries patrol vessel 'Salloo' was based at Nhulunbuy on 4 November 1980. It has carried out patrols of the western side of the Gulf of Carpentaria. This work has included extensive surveys of the trawler operations in the Groote Eylandt area.

Weed Control

306 Mr ISAACS to MINISTER for PRIMARY PRODUCTION and TOURISM

What action is the government undertaking to combat the problems of weed infestation in the Territory?

ANSWER

The Department of Primary Production is undertaking control operations on Mimosa pigra, Parkinsonia, Noogoora burr, Water hyacinth, Salvinia, Caltrop and Khaki weed in the Darwin district; on Parkinsonia, Noogoora burr, Devil's claw and Parthenium in the Katherine district; on Noogoora burr, Bathurst burr, Patterson's curse, Saffron thistle and Onion weed in the Alice Springs district.

It is also conducting research projects on Mimosa pigra, Jatropha gossypifolia, Parkinsonia aculeata, and Hyptis suaveolens.

The department's extension activities cover weed advisory services to primary producers, home gardeners and other government authorities; presentation of show exhibits and preparation of information for publication.

Poultry Farms for Aboriginal Communities

308 Mr ISAACS to MINISTER for PRIMARY PRODUCTION and TOURISM

- (a) What government involvement was there in the establishment of a poultry farm on Bathurst Island?
- (b) Are there plans to establish poultry farms at other Aboriginal community centres to meet local demands for eggs?

ANSWER

- (a) The initiative for the establishment of the poultry farm on Bathurst Island came from the Nguiu Community on the island. The community's own funds were used for the project and construction of the layer shed was commenced in early 1979. During the construction phase, a good deal of advice was given to the community by Darwin's 2 large egg producers.

Officers of my department have maintained contact and provided technical advice to the community since the project began.

Currently, there are 800 laying hens in production and these provide sufficient eggs for the Tiwi people on Bathurst Island and at Snake Bay and Garden Point. The community intends to maintain this level of production and work towards further improving an already economically viable operation. To this end, my officers will continue to assist with technical advice.

The Nguiu Community has no intention to further expand or sell eggs elsewhere.

- (b) The Daly River Community currently has plans to commence a poultry project with similar objectives to the one on Bathurst Island. That is, to provide economically fresh eggs as well as additional employment for the people.

My Department of Primary Production has already been contacted for advice on this project.

Mimosa and Hyptis - CSIRO Studies into Biological Control

311 Mr ISAACS to MINISTER for PRIMARY PRODUCTION and TOURISM

- (a) What is the NT government's proposed financial commitment to the CSIRO Division of Entomology investigation into biological control of Mimosa pigra and Hyptis suaveolens?
- (b) What is the anticipated total cost of the investigation?
- (c) What is the proposed distribution of funds between Australia and Brazil?

ANSWER

- (a) \$47,000, 1981-82 to 1982-83.
- (b) \$158,500.
- (c) Australia \$49,000 (30.9%), Brazil \$109,500 (65.1%).

Australian Quarantine Service - Inspection of Vegetables

312 Mr ISAACS to MINISTER for PRIMARY PRODUCTION and TOURISM

In the financial year 1979-80 -

- (a) what were the sources of the 14 consignments of vegetables inspected by the Australian Quarantine Service prior to overseas export; and
- (b) what were the sources of the 9 consignments of vegetables inspected by the Australian Quarantine Service before interstate export?

ANSWER

I should preface the answer to the question by pointing out that page 20 of the 1979-80 Annual Report of the Department of Primary Production under the heading 'Quarantine' is misleading.

The last sentence of this reads -

'Overseas export inspections were carried out on 14 consignments of vegetable (sic), and on 9 consignments for interstate export'.

- (a) Only 4 of the 14 consignments of 'plant material' exported overseas referred to, involved commercial quantities of vegetables.

These were:

1. 55 cases of lettuce originating from R.G. Hersey of Katherine exported to Singapore;
2. 23 kg of beans, same source and destination;
3. 15 cases of celery originating from L. Sumich & Sons, Myalup Gardens, WA, to Singapore; and
4. 50 cases of tomatoes originating from Beccaria Bros, Dolandella, QLD, to Singapore.

The remaining 10 consignments comprised various plants and seeds from scientific organisations and the general public addressed to assorted

overseas destinations.

- (b) No commercial quantities of vegetables were included in the 9 consignments of 'plant material' addressed interstate.

Tourist Commission Offices - Staff Establishment

315 Mr ISAACS to MINISTER for PRIMARY PRODUCTION and TOURISM

What was the (A) approved staff establishment, and (B) the number of limited tenure employees as at 30 June 1981 in the following Tourist Commission offices -

- (a) Head Offices - (i) Alice Springs, and (ii) Darwin?  
 (b) Bureau Offices - (i) Darwin, (ii) Alice Springs, (iii) Adelaide, (iv) Melbourne, (v) Sydney, (vi) Brisbane?

ANSWER

<u>Approved Establishment</u>		<u>Limited Tenure Employees</u>	
Head Office	19	Alice Springs	1
Darwin Regional Office	4	Adelaide	2
Darwin Bureau	5	Melbourne	1
Alice Springs	5	Sydney	2
Adelaide	6	Brisbane	1
Melbourne	6	Head Office	3
Sydney	5	Darwin Regional Office	1
Brisbane	3	Darwin	1
TOTAL	53	TOTAL	12

Tourist Commission Sales 1980-81

317 Mr ISAACS to MINISTER for PRIMARY PRODUCTION and TOURISM

1. What was the value of Tourist Commission Bureau sales for the period July-December 1980 in (a) Darwin, (b) Alice Springs, (c) Adelaide, (d) Melbourne, (e) Sydney, and (f) Brisbane?  
 2. What was the value of Tourist Commission Bureau sales for the period January-June 1981 in (a) Darwin, (b) Alice Springs, (c) Adelaide, (d) Melbourne, (e) Sydney, and (f) Brisbane?

ANSWER

	<u>Tourist Bureau Sales</u>	
	<u>July - December 1980</u>	<u>January - June 1981</u>
Darwin	\$ 375,788	\$ 399,978
Alice Springs	\$ 187,116	\$ 176,800
Adelaide	\$ 595,347	\$ 791,810
Melbourne	\$ 642,361	\$ 589,578
Sydney	\$ 360,346	\$ 412,860
Brisbane	\$ 159,175	\$ 283,896
	<u>\$ 2,320,133</u>	<u>\$ 2,654,922</u>

Beef - Restricted Export Licences

330 Mr MacFARLANE to MINISTER for PRIMARY PRODUCTION and TOURISM

Has he considered the issue of restricted export licences as a means of exploiting South-east Asian markets for beef?

ANSWER

Yes.

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