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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

Monday, 4 June, 1984.

Time — 2:00 p.m.

OPENING PRAYER by Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER, Hon. J. Walding: Presenting Petitions . . . Reading and Receiving Petitions . . . Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees . . .

MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS AND TABLING OF REPORTS

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister for the Environment.

HON. G. LECUYER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a statement.

Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure for me to announce that this is the beginning of Environment week '84 in Canada.

This year, the theme for Environment week in Manitoba is "Your Action Today — Our Environment Tomorrow." This is a reminder to all of us that individually and collectively we must do our part to preserve our environment for future generations of Manitobans.

A host of activities, both locally and nationally, are planned to recognize this important week. In Manitoba, the organizing committee has put together a full schedule.

Tomorrow morning I will have the pleasure of participating, along with Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor and His Worship, the Mayor of Winnipeg, in the official kick-off of Environment week '84.

This event will be highlighted with the opening of Stephen Juba Park on the banks of the Red River. This new park is one of the first major projects to be completed under the Canada-Manitoba ARC Agreement.

In addition, over the course of the week, we can look forward to:

The opening of a nature trail at the Fort Whyte Nature Centre.

A special presentation of four original environmental plays by Springfield Collegiate. These plays have been written and produced by the high school to coincide with Environment week. They will be presented at 7:00 p.m. Thursday night at the Planetarium Theatre.

The National Film Board is sponsoring a free environmental film series for most of this week at their Cinema Main.

And finally, the various government and environmental organizations involved will be hosting a major display at the St. Vital Shopping Centre on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week.

Mr. Speaker, I have taken the liberty of providing members, or will be providing members of this House, with a copy of the calendar of events for Environment Week '84. I hope that my colleagues will join me in giving their support and commitment to Environment week and its laudable objectives.

Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Niakwa.

MR. A. KOVNATS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want to say thank you very much to the Honourable Minister for advising us of all of the things that are happening during Environment week. I'm a little disappointed inasmuch as there are a lot of nice statements concerning plays at Springfield Collegiate and things of that nature. I was hoping that he would make some announcement concerning the spraying of mosquitoes and cankerworms. I was hoping that he would make some announcement concerning the rendering plant at Brandon that's going to be closed down, but I do thank him for what little information that he's imparted to us.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Culture.

HON. E. KOSTYRA: Mr. Speaker, I have a ministerial statement.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister.

HON. E. KOSTYRA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is my privilege to announce today the signing of yet another agreement between the Government of Manitoba and the Government of Canada - the fulfillment of another item on the Economic and Regional Development Agreement list set out at the end of 1983. These agreements are strengthening our economic base and broadening and sustaining our recovery.

I have tabled copies of this agreement, Mr. Speaker, and I would like to examine the recent history of federal-provincial negotiations.

As the House will remember, Manitoba was first among the provinces to sign a new Economic and Regional Development Agreement with the Federal Government. That was back in November.

That signing has been followed by the announcement of the following sub-agreements:

The Economic Planning Agreement at \$3 million;
The Mineral Development Agreement at \$24.7 million;

The Forestry Agreement at \$27 million;

The Port of Churchill Development Agreement at \$93 million;

The General Transportation Development Agreement at \$137.6 million; and

The Agri-Food Development at \$38.3 million.

I'm sure members will agree that this list of economic initiatives signed to date is an impressive one and one which reflects this government's well-defined vision for Manitoba.

Today's signing, Mr. Speaker, will firmly establish Manitoba as the leader in Canada for the development and manufacturing of advanced-technology urban buses.

The agreement calls for the investment of \$50 million, equally divided between our government and the Government of Canada.

There are three components to this initiative. The first is research and development in which we will pursue selected technologies which are strategic to the development of the urban bus industry in Manitoba. The second supports the design, development and construction of prototypes. And the third, which is production design and demonstration of advanced urban bus technology. We will be actively seeking further participation from the private sector for each of these components.

Mr. Speaker, the current projections for direct employment is more than 220 jobs in Manitoba in the private sector. It will also enhance the competitiveness of the urban bus industry in the international marketplace. In Manitoba, we already account for approximately 40 percent of the industry's national employment, and 30 percent of the national production.

I'm pleased that the Federal Government has agreed with us that Manitoba is the proper location for this venture. This signing confirms the comments made recently by such organizations as the Canadian Manufacturers' Association and the Investment Dealers' Association that investment opportunities here have never looked brighter.

Mr. Speaker, with the participation of the private sector, the Urban Bus Agreement will encourage more investment in the Manitoba economy and will provide permanent, long-term employment.

It is an important component of our long-term development strategy, one which will place Manitoba even further along the road to economic growth and recovery.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Sturgeon Creek.

MR. F. JOHNSTON: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to thank the Minister for this announcement. It's a very detailed announcement and I would congratulate the Minister for following up on the previous government's work that was done in order to develop the transportation industry in the Province of Manitoba. As a matter of fact, Mr. Speaker, if the Minister were to go back to his staff he would find that there was clearly a program that designated industries in Manitoba that were ones that we should develop and those records are there. We started the development, as a matter of fact, and I'm pleased to see that it has continued, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I can remember very clearly in the report of Flyer Industry, the opposition was very, very concerned that there was not more research and technology going on within the Flyer Bus Industry so that we would be able to keep up with the coming times as far as the transportation industry is concerned.

Mr. Speaker, I would hope sincerely that the number of consultants that are crawling all over Flyer Industry at the present time, that their work will become beneficial to the province, because it's a large amount of money that is being spent and I certainly hope that the government will watch this money wisely and truly have the 220 jobs that this announcement says they'll have. This government has not been very famous for following through on any of the announcements that they make, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Notices of Motion . . .

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

HON. G. LECUYER introduced Bill No. 6, The Dangerous Goods Handling and Transportation Act; Loi sur la manutention et le transport des marchandises dangereuses (Recommended by Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor); and Bill No. 11, An Act to amend The Clean Environment Act.

HON. M. HEMPHILL introduced Bill No. 12, An Act to amend The Public Schools Act; Loi modifiant la loi sur les écoles publiques (Recommended by Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor).

HON. E. KOSTYRA introduced Bill No. 14, The Jobs Fund Act; Loi sur le fonds de soutien à l'emploi (Recommended by Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor).

MR. G. MERCIER introduced Bill No. 13, An Act to amend The Court of Queen's Bench Small Claims Practices Act; Loi modifiant la loi sur le recouvrement des petites créances à la Cour du Banc de la Reine.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

MR. SPEAKER: Prior to Oral Questions, I direct the attention of honourable members to the gallery. We have the Lieutenant-Governor of the State of Nevada, Mr. Cashell; and he is accompanied by the mayor of Ely, Nevada, who is Mayor Barlow White, accompanied by Mrs. White; and Mr. Cashell is accompanied by Mr. Bodensteiner, his secretary. On behalf of all of the members, I welcome you here this afternoon.

Also in the gallery is a group of 69 students of Grade 9 standing from the Mennonite Brethren Collegiate under the direction of Mr. Enns. The school is in the constituency of the Honourable Member for Elmwood. On behalf of all of the members, I welcome you here this afternoon.

ORAL QUESTIONS

Government House Leader - courtesy to members

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Lakeside.

MR. H. ENNS: Mr. Speaker, I raise a point of order with the Government House Leader. It has to do with the manner in which ministerial statements are made or not made in this Chamber. We've been subjected, Mr. Speaker, to a plethora of statements during the life of this Session, many dealing with the kinds that we've heard today outlining new agreements with the Federal Government. They range from the opening of new hiking trails to the opening of new claim centres.

But, Mr. Speaker, my point of order is, when there is an obvious request for information about government policy which we would expect to be made in this House, then this government chooses not to make that statement in this House. I refer specifically to the statement made outside of this House on a subject matter that we have pressed this government and the Minister of Municipal Affairs for several weeks since

the bad storm conditions that were experienced in parts of southern and western Manitoba. My colleagues have repeatedly asked about a government position, a government policy position, with respect to compensation claims made under that storm. We find the Minister making that statement after the House adjourned Friday afternoon without showing us the kind of courtesy that I think is normal and traditional in this Chamber.

I raise this with the Government House Leader and ask him whether or not he cannot show this House and these members a little bit more courtesy with respect to these kind of statements?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Government House Leader.

HON. A. ANSTETT: Mr. Speaker, I don't know if that's a point of order or a question. I'll treat it as a question, Sir, and attempt to reply.

I am aware that announcements with respect to the designation of weeks of the year as particular weeks, such as Environment Week or Forestry Week, have been made in this Chamber as a tradition of the Chamber and we have continued with that condition.

Mr. Speaker, some concern was raised by members opposite some time back about non-partisan statements and the leave required for those and we expressed concurrence with honourable members opposite regarding the requirement for leave and the fact that those statements should meet particular criteria. Sir, we have carefully ensured, after objections were raised last winter, that only those statements that either contained updates, which had normally been the occasion for ministerial statements in the past, or new policy announcements represented ministerial statements in this House.

With regard to the statement last week, I believe the Minister's press release relating to the ice storm damage in early May was reflective of decisions that were taken late last week; and in view of the request by members opposite about the urgency that that information came out, I believe the information was released by the Honourable Minister of Government Services as soon as possible, in direct reflection of the concerns of members opposite that that information go out.

The honourable members are concerned that although the program received final approval at a Cabinet meeting on Wednesday, that the announcement could possibly have been made Thursday. Sir, I would submit that members opposite are just as familiar as members on this side with the fact that releases have to be drafted and all the appropriate officials notified so that the information can go out on a co-ordinated basis. That was done by the Minister of Government Services last Friday afternoon in direct response to the suggestion of members opposite that this matter was urgent and the Minister should get the information out as quickly as possible, after the decision was made.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Lakeside.

MR. H. ENNS: Mr. Speaker, I think the facts speak for themselves on that matter and I'll let that matter lie. The truth of the matter is that we were not granted

the courtesy of being apprised of a policy decision by this government at a time when members, and particularly my colleagues who live in the affected area, were sitting in this Chamber.

Legislation - appearance of

MR. H. ENNS: Mr. Speaker, a further question to the Government House Leader. Some time ago he indicated to us that we could expect the legislative program of this government to be before us by the end of the month - that month, Sir, referring to May - we are now at June 4th. Am I to assume that this is the legislative package of the government that we can anticipate during this Session?

HON. A. ANSTETT: Mr. Speaker, the Honourable Opposition House Leader asked me the same question last Monday. I concurred in his opinion, that I had indicated I hoped a majority of the legislative package would be in by June 1st. That was my hope. Last Monday I indicated I might not be able to see the majority of the legislation tabled by this date. I believe a majority of the legislation has been introduced, if not distributed. There will still, of course, be the pro forma finance bills, statute law amendments, statute law amendment finance, but I believe a majority of the other bills are now in. I think we're at Bill No. 14.

I've indicated I don't expect the total number of bills this Session to be more than somewhere between 20 and 25 bills, so certainly, we've now seen the majority introduced. I hope the rest will be introduced later this week; if not, early next week and that most of them will be distributed this week.

Rapid transit corridor

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for St. Norbert.

MR. G. MERCIER: Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Industry arising out of his announcement and the reference to the third component of the program being production, design and demonstration of advanced urban bus technology.

Could the Minister advise whether any consideration has been given under this agreement to a review or implementation of the southwest Rapid Transit corridor or is that whole subject matter being discussed with the Federal Government under other forms of agreements between Provincial and Federal Governments?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Culture.

HON. E. KOSTYRA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, that development is part of this agreement to the extent that any demonstration project that will result from the developments under research and development components and the prototype components that any demonstration area that is needed is targeted for the southwest quarter as being the area for the demonstration project. There has been discussions with the Federal Government, obviously, on this area, along with the City of Winnipeg on a number of occasions,

and as I indicated, if and when we get to the demonstration phase that it's targeted to use the proposed southwest corridor as the demonstration for any new urban bus developments under this agreement.

Children's Aid Society

MR. G. MERCIER: Mr. Speaker, a question to the Minister of Community Services. Does she intend to meet with the 70 Children's Aid Society staff workers who have given her a petition requesting a meeting to discuss the ramifications of the interim board's recent decision with respect to the three-and-a-half-year-old child, and does she intend to investigate the concerns and allegations that the interim board's decisions have not been professional but have been political decisions and the allegations with respect to conflict of interest against two members of the board?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Community Services.

HON. M. SMITH: Mr. Speaker, I do intend to meet with the staff of the Children's Aid Society to discuss general policy and protocols, not to discuss this specific case that is currently before the courts.

Lotteries

MR. G. MERCIER: Mr. Speaker, a question for the Minister in charge of Lotteries. Could he inform the House how much revenue is being lost to cultural groups and sports groups and other groups who benefit from lottery funds in Manitoba as a result of the Minister's and the government's decision not to allow the sale of Lotto 6/49 in shopping centres unless the government holds a lease which has not allowed these operations in shopping centres where there is a great deal of traffic, obviously? How much revenue is being lost to groups who benefit from lotteries as a result of this government's decision?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Health.

HON. L. DESJARDINS: Mr. Speaker, my Estimates are in front of the House now and I'll be ready to debate that and give all the information at that time.

Hate literature, distribution of

MR. G. MERCIER: Mr. Speaker, one final question to the Attorney-General. In view of the reports with respect to the dissemination of anti-Catholic materials, is the Attorney-General asking his department or law enforcement agencies to investigate and determine whether or not criminal charges can be laid?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Attorney-General.

HON. R. PENNER: Yes, my answer will be in three parts, Mr. Speaker.

I have, with respect to some of the material that was being made available to me, spoken to senior counsel in the department, and given the present state of the

law, it would not be possible to launch a successful prosecution.

That leads me to the second part of my answer, namely, representations which have been made by myself, on behalf of the government, asking the Minister of Justice to strengthen the present provisions in the Criminal Code with respect to hate literature. I'm heartened to note that indeed just last week, Thursday or Friday, the Minister of Justice tabled proposed legislation to do precisely that.

The third part of my answer relates to the fact that although we may not be able to successfully prosecute, some of the literature which we've seen under the present state of the Criminal Code, action may still be possible under the Human Rights Commission or Human Rights Act and the Human Rights Commission is investigating and seeing whether the broader of provisions of the Human Rights Act may make it possible for them to take action.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Elmwood.

MR. R. DOERN: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to direct a question to the Attorney-General, following the very good point made by the Conservative House Leader. Since the provincial factum or brief to the Supreme Court has been distributed to the media, will it now be available in the House?

HON. R. PENNER: It has been made available to the Leader of the Opposition and to the Member for St. Norbert, as the constitutional critic. It has been made available to the Member for Elmwood, and any other member who wants a copy can obtain a copy. It's a public document. It's a legal document, not a political document and I don't propose to table it in the House. That would be inappropriate. But as a public document, it's available.

Address for Papers - request

MR. R. DOERN: Mr. Speaker, I'd also like to direct a question to the House Leader. Given that I filed an Address for Papers some three to four months ago, concerning the copies of correspondence between the Franco-Manitoban Society and the various Ministers, individuals and departments in the Provincial Government, could he now indicate when that order will be filed?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Government House Leader.

HON. A. ANSTETT: Mr. Speaker, I can't provide a specific date. Staff are working on all orders and addresses that have been agreed to by the House and they will be tabled as soon as they are prepared.

FAST - alarm systems

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Pembina.

MR. D. ORCHARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Housing.

Last week I posed a question to him and the Minister undertook to provide information as to the installation of FASTS in MHRC housing units. Due to the fact that we are hopefully to finish the Annual Report of the Manitoba Telephone System tomorrow morning, I wonder if the Minister might be able to make that information available later on today.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Housing.

HON. J. BUCKLASCHUK: Mr. Speaker, I am in the process right now of obtaining that information. I would hope that I can transmit that information for committee purposes by tomorrow morning then.

MR. D. ORCHARD: I'd appreciate if the Minister could do that and, as a supplementary question to that, could the Minister also determine whether the FAST alarm system was chosen on the basis of a public tender amongst a number of competing alarm systems?

HON. J. BUCKLASCHUK: Yes, I'll try and obtain that information as well.

Highway Traffic Act - headlights

MR. D. ORCHARD: Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Highways and Transportation.

Could the Minister indicate with the proclamation of the headlight amendment to The Highway Traffic Act requiring headlights to be used one-half hour prior, or after, etc. a sunrise, sunset, could the Minister indicate the level of fine that will be assessed for people found in violation of that headlight law?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Highways.

HON. J. PLOHMAN: Mr. Speaker, I believe it is in the neighbourhood of a \$20 fine.

MR. D. ORCHARD: Could the Minister indicate whether there will be demerit points assessed against offending drivers' licences?

HON. J. PLOHMAN: Mr. Speaker, under the current arrangements for demerit points, that would be the case. I should mention that the reason that this was proclaimed at this time, in terms of headlights being required to be on one-half hour before sunset and one-half hour after sunrise in the morning, is because it has been indicated through tests that have been conducted, that there is an inordinately high accident rate during those two periods - approximately 6 percent higher at dusk and 3 percent higher in the mornings after sunrise.

For that reason, it was felt by the joint committee that was studying highway traffic safety across Canada, that the province should undertake to implement uniform regulations with regard to lights on in these periods of time. That has been done and a number of provinces have already, at this time, proclaimed that same legislation as is in place in Manitoba and a number of other provinces are currently in the process of doing that.

MR. D. ORCHARD: Would the Minister consider the advisability of removing the headlight offence from the

assessment of demerit points, because surely that is not a heinous crime for a driver in the Province of Manitoba to commit such that he would be assigned demerit points and eventually see the cost of his driver's licence rise? Would the Minister consider removal of demerit points or the assessment of demerit points for any offenders to this legislation?

HON. J. PLOHMAN: Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the honourable member's wish to somehow gain some political advantage out of this particular proclamation. He is fully aware of the benefits that are obtained from such a proclamation in terms of reduction in accidents.

In terms of demerit points we are undertaking a major review of the whole issue of demerit points. There are many different infractions that are certainly of varying degrees of severity, and yet they all carry the same penalty with regard to demerit points. We don't think that is a fair process as it is now and I've asked the department to review that, in conjunction also with MPIC, in terms of demerit points that are assessed for insurance purposes, to ensure that there's a fairer system in place with regard to the infractions that would reflect the severity of a particular infraction. That review is currently under way and it will also take into consideration this particular proclamation of the section regarding headlights.

MR. D. ORCHARD: In view of the fact that this particular section is just recently being proclaimed, would the Minister not consider the advisability of immediately removing any demerit point assessment for violations of this legislation?

HON. J. PLOHMAN: Mr. Speaker, as usual the member doesn't listen very well. The point is that we do not want to piecemeal the whole demerit process. What we want to do is take a look at the overall system that is in place. This is another one of those situations, perhaps, where there should be a reduction where it is not as severe, for example, as a dangerous driving situation. There's faulty equipment infractions; there's speeding infractions that are very borderline in nature. Where there's no traffic around, should they indeed have the same kind of demerit assessed against that driver as when he is in an accident, or when there's been a severe infraction. We have to look at that and we will look at that in terms of this particular piece of legislation as well.

Ice storm - clean-up costs

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Turtle Mountain.

MR. B. RANSOM: Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Government Services.

When the Minister made his announcement outside of the House last Friday with respect to assistance to people in municipalities suffering damage during the recent storm, he didn't make it entirely clear as to what the eligibility of individuals would be. Can he clarify for us whether or not any individual, wherever they might be in the province, who have suffered livestock losses as a consequence of that storm, will be eligible for

compensation if they meet the criteria of minimum \$250 dollars damage and a maximum of \$30,000.00?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Government Services.

HON. A. ADAM: Yes, We had received a number of claims from a particular area in the brunt of the storm that we experienced at the end of April, Mr. Speaker. We of course realize that there may be some other claims that will be coming in from the peripheral area of the storm and we have taken that into account. Perhaps not having received any claim during the time that we were formulating the guidelines and also trying to complete the disaster policy that we had been working on for some time, we did indicate that where there were other claims coming in as a result of the storm, that we would review those claims and if they were found to be falling within the criteria, we would consider them. The Manitoba Disaster Assistance Board will be reviewing all these claims and we'll be looking at them based on merit of each individual application.

While I'm on my feet, Mr. Speaker, there were questions raised as to why I didn't make a statement on Friday and the fact is that the press releases were not completed and properly worded until after 1:00 o'clock before I was able to complete the press releases.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Turtle Mountain.

MR. B. RANSOM: Mr. Speaker, the Minister should probably be aware that press releases are based upon statements made by the Minister. The Minister doesn't make his statements based upon press releases.

Mr. Speaker, does the Minister not understand the reason why he has not received applications from outside of some of these specified areas because he would not make any announcement, he would not make a public announcement via press release that he was indeed asking people to submit claims and that they would be considered by the government? Does he not realize that is why he hasn't received applications from those areas? In order to offset that, Mr. Speaker, will he now put out a further press release saying that individuals anywhere in the province might qualify under these guidelines, not just individuals who fall within, who live within the municipalities that were mentioned?

HON. A. ADAM: Well, first of all, the member is incorrect when he says that we haven't received any applications for claims outside of those particular designated areas, Mr. Speaker. We have received some claims from private individuals in the Interlake; we have received some in Dauphin; we have received some in other areas as well. People are aware out there how this system works even if the members opposite don't know how the system works. Anyone who had major damages as a result of the storm knew how to get to their municipalities, to their ag reps. There were a number of people who contacted their agriculture representatives, others have contacted the municipalities and a substantial number have contacted the Minister directly, Mr. Speaker. So it is incorrect to say that because of the way the information was

disseminated that people didn't know what was going on. That is absolutely incorrect, Mr. Speaker, and nothing but nonsense.

MR. B. RANSOM: Mr. Speaker, will the Minister put out a further statement directed towards individuals setting out: Fact No. 1, that they will be eligible; and No. 2, under what conditions they will be eligible? How do they prove losses, for example? Will he put out some information that would give individuals some direct knowledge of how they should go about applying and how they should go about substantiating their claims?

HON. A. ADAM: Mr. Speaker, there were a number of livestock that were lost during the storm, and my understanding is that many people who did lose livestock contacted their veterinarian very very quickly after having lost livestock. I'm not sure whether they all did that, Mr. Speaker.

The application forms were sent out for claims May 4th, just a few days after the storm, Mr. Speaker. All the municipalities that were in the direct path of the storm had those application forms, although they were not that crucial. We have received quite a number of claims just in the form of a letter, which is just as adequate, Mr. Speaker, so I don't see any need for any further statements. People out there are aware and the media has been communicating to the public out there. They also have the statements that were made in the House from time to time and there is adequate information out there, Mr. Speaker.

Just because members opposite are disappointed that we have come forward with a program, Mr. Speaker, and the impression that I received is that they would have liked us to refuse to provide any assistance, so then they could have gone back to their municipalities - because it happens to be an area represented by members opposite - and score some political points.

MR. B. RANSOM: Mr. Speaker, what I can't understand is the Minister's reluctance to inform the public about this program. The Minister made reference to an application form being available on the 4th of May. We fought for weeks to get some statement from this Minister. Is he now telling us that he actually had an application form available on the 4th of May, that the government had at that time established a policy to the point of where they were putting out application forms for individuals to use in making a claim?

HON. A. ADAM: Mr. Speaker, application forms have been around for quite a number of years, even in the time of the members opposite, I would presume. I would have to check back whether they had forms, but they have been around for quite some time, I understand, and they were available. As I have said previously, those forms were not that crucial. We have received a number of applications by letter and that is quite adequate. These letters are forwarded on to the Manitoba Disaster Assistance Board for their review. They will be looking at them; they will be contacting these individuals and probably some have already been contacted. Every application will be judged on its merits, Mr. Speaker. There is nothing wrong with that. That's the way the

policy is. If members want to make a big issue out of this, they can go ahead and do it. I have never been a Minister to seek that much publicity. I try to do my job adequately. Mr. Speaker, unlike those members over there, who want to be in the limelight all the time, I'm not that kind of a Minister. I do my job and I do it right.

Youth - custody of

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Rhineland.

MR. A. BROWN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Community Services and Corrections. Can the Minister tell this House whether the youth who was sentenced to a Wilderness Camp is still in custody at the Youth Centre?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Community Services.

HON. M. SMITH: Mr. Speaker, I understand that the young person is at the Wilderness Camp and that a question has been filed to the court to be answered this week to clarify jurisdiction between the judiciary and the Corrections Department as between sentencing and the actual place where either open or closed custody will be carried out. There seems to have been a different understanding as to the respective roles in this phase-in period of YOA and we're moving to clarify that as quickly as possible.

MR. A. BROWN: My question is to the same Minister, and I wonder whether there were any circumstances why the judge's sentence should not be adhered to in that particular case.

HON. M. SMITH: Mr. Speaker, the . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order please. That question should be directed to a Minister where that Minister has the administrative responsibility for the subject matter of the question.

The Honourable Member for Rhineland.

MR. A. BROWN: Mr. Speaker, as I understand it, this is the department that was responsible for taking this particular person from the Wilderness Camp and placing him in the Youth Centre. My question to the Minister is: can the Minister explain why the judge's sentence was not adhered to?

HON. M. SMITH: Mr. Speaker, as I explained before, what we're dealing with is the phasing in of a new act, The Young Offenders Act, and in the interpretation of that act it has been the understanding all along on the part of Department of Corrections that our responsibility is to take a young person after the judge has determined whether that young person should be in open or closed custody and for a specific period of time and then administer that sentence. This decision by the judge, therefore, where he or she not only determined the open or closed nature of the custody and the length, but specified a particular place of custody, went counter

to what our expectation of the roles was. We are now endeavouring to clarify that misunderstanding so that in future we will be operating on a similar understanding.

The plan of our Department of Corrections in the early stages of the application of YOA was to designate one cottage at the youth centre as open custody and to ensure that young people there would have as much freedom of movement as they would have in any other open custody section. The centre can be administered in that way. Then, as we saw the volume of need and could determine it a little more precisely, to gradually expand the facilities available for open custody, but because we're dealing with a new act and with an unpredictable volume of need we did not want to get into designation of a large number of facilities only to find that we were over-supplied. I think this situation will clear itself after we've had the court reference this week.

Trucks, tag axle - regulations

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for La Verendrye.

MR. R. BANMAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

About a month ago I wrote the Minister of Highways and I would ask him at this time whether or not he could inform the House whether the government will be issuing a clear statement with regard to the problems that the farmers are having interpreting the regulations dealing with tag axle trucks?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Highways.

HON. J. PLOHMAN: Mr. Speaker, as the honourable member is aware, some two years ago the Minister of Highways at that time had indicated there would be a change in the regulations governing tag axles. I indicated during Estimates discussion, as well, that we were in the process of putting together an update announcement that would provide some flexibility for owners of tag axle trucks at this time so that they would not be enduring any severe hardships as a result of the changes. That announcement will be made within a matter of days.

MR. R. BANMAN: I thank the Minister for that since a lot of farmers have found out now, when going to sell or trade their trucks, that the prices have dropped because there was no certainty as to whether they would be admissible after the '87 date.

Drivers - demerit points

MR. R. BANMAN: I have another question to the Minister. I wonder if he could inform Manitoba drivers who have clear drivers licences whether or not they could chock up enough demerit points to lose either his or her driver licence if they received a ticket while sitting in their parked car in a no-parking zone half-an-hour before sunset without their lights on and not wearing their seat belts.

MR. SPEAKER: The question is hypothetical.

Credit unions - discarded documents

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Roblin-Russell.

MR. W. MCKENZIE: Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Honourable Minister of Co-op Development.

Mr. Speaker, I wonder, can the Honourable Minister of Co-op Development report or explain to the House the Credit unions and Credit union memberships across the province as to the sequence of events that led up to the thousands of copies of mortgages, confidential reports, cancelled cheques, etc., etc., computer printouts, being left unattended and blowing to the winds at the back of that building on Inkster Boulevard.

SOME HONOURABLE MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. SPEAKER: Order please.

The Honourable Government House Leader.

HON. A. ANSTETT: Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the Minister's willingness to provide the information and eagerness, but the administrative responsibility to which the member refers for the disposal of those documents did not lie with the department. The Minister, of course, would be free to answer as to what remedial action was taken, but certainly the specific responsibility for the disposal of the documents does not fall under the Minister in his portfolio responsible for Co-op Development.

MR. W. MCKENZIE: On the same point of order, I think it's only fair if we ask the Honourable Minister if he's prepared to find out what was the cause of the problem before you can rectify it?

SOME HONOURABLE MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. SPEAKER: Order please, order please.

HON. J. COWAN: I thank my colleague and the member opposite, the Member for Roblin-Russell, for their advice

MR. SPEAKER: Order please, order please.

Despite the willingness of the Minister to answer a question, it is out of order. Would the Honourable Member for Roblin-Russell wish to rephrase his question?

MR. W. MCKENZIE: Mr. Speaker, could I ask the honourable Minister: does he know anything about the incident?

SOME HONOURABLE MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. SPEAKER: Order please. That question is also out of order.

Manitoba Agricultural Museum

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Gladstone.

MRS. C. OLESON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

My question is to the Minister of Employment Services and Economic Security. I'm wondering if he's had time to reconsider the application for Careerstart for the Manitoba Agricultural Museum and if he's prepared now to grant them funds for their summer staffing to run that valuable tourist attraction.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Employment Services.

HON. L. EVANS: This matter is being considered, Mr. Speaker, and I'll take the question as notice and advise the honourable member hopefully tomorrow.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Government House Leader.

HON. A. ANSTETT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I propose to move that the House go into Supply, but before I do so, during Question Period reference was made to a meeting of the Standing Committee on Public Utilities and Natural Resources for tomorrow. Sir, no such meeting has been scheduled and it does not appear on the Notice Paper for scheduled committee meetings, although there had been discussions with the opposition House Leader about the possibility of tomorrow for a meeting to complete consideration of the report of Manitoba Telephone System. I hope to be able to discuss an appropriate date with the Minister responsible tomorrow on his return and make an announcement with regard to a possible meeting for either this Thursday or sometime next week. Just, Mr. Speaker, to set the record straight on that.

Mr. Speaker, I don't know if there is leave to continue through Private Members' Hour today. Perhaps it might be appropriate to ask for that leave first, so I know whether or not I should include that in the motion.

So I would ask, Mr. Speaker, for leave for the Committee of Supply to sit during Private Members' Hour today.

MR. SPEAKER: Does the honourable member have leave to dispense with Private Members' Hour today? (Agreed)

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Government House Leader.

HON. A. ANSTETT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Then I would move, seconded by the Honourable Minister of Health, that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider of the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty and such committee to sit through Private Members' Hour today.

MOTION presented and carried and the House resolved itself into a committee to consider of the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty with the Honourable Member for River East in the Chair for the Department of Health, and the Honourable Member for Burrows in the Chair for the Department of Culture, Heritage and Recreation.

CONCURRENT COMMITTEES OF SUPPLY

SUPPLY - CULTURE, HERITAGE AND RECREATION

MR. CHAIRMAN, C. Santos: Committee, please come to order.

This section of the Committee of Supply will be dealing with the Estimates of the Department of Culture, Heritage and Recreation. We shall begin with a statement from the Honourable Minister responsible for the department.

HON. E. KOSTYRA: Mr. Chairman, I welcome this opportunity to present my department's Estimates and to review the events and achievements of the past year on which these Estimates are based.

Mr. Chairman, this administration is concerned with the development of culture, heritage and recreation opportunities throughout the province. My colleagues and I are committed to ensuring that opportunities for access to and participation in cultural, heritage and recreation activities are extended to all Manitobans and reflect their varied needs and interests.

Our cultural past, our heritage, is reflected in our architecture, our visual arts and handicrafts, in our literature and in our songs and dances. It is also reflected in more fundamental aspects of our lives such as our diverse religions and philosophies, our languages and our family traditions that shape our perceptions, attitudes and values.

Mr. Chairman, Manitoba has taken the unique step in the formation of the Manitoba Intercultural Council; the majority of whose members are elected by the ethnocultural community, rather than appointed by government as they are in other provinces. The council is truly representative of the ethnocultural community and forms a partnership with government in developing initiatives to strengthen the position of ethnocultural groups so that they may participate fully in all aspects of Manitoba's society.

Since its inception, the council has met with Cabinet committee three times to discuss issues of mutual concern. This year, the Intercultural Council is entering its first full year of operation and in recognition of this, my department's Estimates provide for increased support for the council's operations.

Mr. Chairman, it is the priority of this administration to assist ethnocultural groups that are actively striving to preserve, develop and share their cultural heritage and identity with other Manitobans. To this end, a major first task of the Intercultural Council in consultation with the ethnocultural community was to review and recommend my department's support programs to ethnocultural organizations and groups. Based on these recommendations the Multicultural Grant Program has been revised to more closely reflect the needs of the community.

This program assists non-profit Manitoba ethnocultural groups and organizations in the operation of cultural and heritage programs and in the development of special projects.

Funds for the Multicultural Capital Grants Program have also been increased significantly. This program provides for the acquisition and renovation of facilities

which house ethnocultural groups' activities to preserve their heritage.

My department's Linguistic Support Program, which provides assistance for the teaching of ancestral languages, will also reflect changes recommended by the Intercultural Council. This program recognizes that one's heritage language serves to form a link between self, parents and other members of an ethnocultural community and helps to achieve a greater understanding of one's roots.

Lotteries funding for this program in 1984-85 has doubled from the previous year.

This administration is deeply committed to preservation and sound management of Manitoba's heritage resources.

In the past year the government-appointed Historic Sites Advisory Board began to develop a theme framework which could be used to review and prioritize the main gaps of heritage development to ensure a balanced representation of the peoples and regions of the province. The framework will serve as a guideline for increased emphasis on surveys and research into neglected areas of our histories, such as the history of our first people's labour history and the role that women have played in shaping our province. Greater development in these areas is already taking place through the activities of the Provincial Archives. As well, greater activity within the private sector will be encouraged.

Activity with respect to the designation of provincial historic sites has increased dramatically. For example, prior to 1981 only three buildings had been designated and were protected under The Historic Sites and Objects Act. Since 1981, four buildings have been designated. Last year, the Historic Sites Advisory Board recommended nine buildings for designation, seven for identification and 12 being of local significance. These recommendations are currently being pursued by my staff.

At the present time, there are 11 plaque-unveiling ceremonies scheduled for 1984-85.

Mr. Chairman, our present and future culture is shaped by the way we live today. In this context, it is most appropriate that during the past year recreation was incorporated into my department's mandate.

Recreation activities broadly defined are those things that people do at leisure and that contribute to balanced individual growth. Recreation has an almost unlimited potential to develop lifeskills, to promote and maintain healthy independent lifestyles, to create cohesive communities and to contribute to shaping our future.

In communities throughout Manitoba, culture, heritage and recreation activities are largely dependent on local decisions and self help based on volunteers. The volunteer who provides leadership and co-ordinates these activities must be an object of provincial support. To this end my department is concerned with the development of volunteers and volunteer boards and has signed a program consultant to work with them.

It is a major focus of my department to stimulate and support local initiatives that provide culture, heritage and recreation opportunities.

In order to provide services that will meet needs, the Regional Services Division provides the department with a regional identity and allows for improved access to services and information by groups and individuals in

the community. Our regional staff located in The Pas, Thompson, Dauphin, Brandon, Gimli, Beausejour and Morden are the first point of contact for all departmental programs as well as fitness and sports programs offered to the Department of Health.

Recently I completed a series of regional meetings directed at identifying the needs of recreational groups and promoting co-operation and effective utilization of resources among culture, heritage and recreation groups. These meetings have reinforced my belief in the value of consulting regularly with client organizations and individuals to obtain their feedback about our policies and programs.

Last year, acting on information received at regional meetings and in discussions with various organizations, a number of changes were made to the department's Community, Cultural and Heritage Grants Programs. Four new programs were introduced: Public Events Sponsorship, Skills Transfer, Co-ordination Assistance and the Community Cultural Council's Program. After one year of operation, these programs have been fine tuned to better meet the needs of community organizations.

Staff responsible for the administration of these and other grants programs have been brought together into an essential grants administration unit. I would also indicate that this year's lotteries funds will again be made available in the form of demonstration grants to stimulate the development of cultural councils of Rural and Northern Manitoba.

Mr. Chairman, you will recall that last year the department provided support to the first Winnipeg International Children's Festival and the Children's Chataqua which toured 29 communities during the summer. This year the department will again provide financial support to the four-day Children's Festival, which concluded yesterday, and the tour which featured performers from Manitoba, Canada and around the world. In addition the department will provide support to a Women's Folk Festival Tour, which will occur this summer.

Mr. Chairman, the existence of adequate facilities is fundamental to the development of culture, heritage and recreation programs at the local level. High operating costs and economics preclude major new construction in many communities and underscore the need for existing facilities to be utilized to their fullest potential. In recent years, the need for renovations that will help to increase the potential use of facilities, to extend their life, or to conserve energy, has become evident. In the near future I will be announcing a capital grants program which will cost-share renovations to community, cultural, heritage and recreation facilities.

In the area of public libraries, the department will continue to provide consultation and support for the establishment, development and maintenance of public library services throughout the province.

As well, I recently announced an allocation of \$175,000 from lottery revenues for the Library Capital Grants Program for Rural and Northern Manitoba. In the past year the department strengthened staffing for the development of telecommunications policy and staff began a review of policies related to competition in telecommunications.

In the coming year we will participate in both the Canadian Radio, Television and Telecommunications

Commission hearings on interchange competition and in the Federal Department of Communications national review of telecommunications policy.

As well, my department will take part in negotiations with the Federal Government on outstanding issues related to cable television, including pay TV and the extension of service to small communities.

Mr. Chairman, recently my department assumed responsibility for providing assistance to non-profit Native communication societies that served the communication needs of Native people. At the present time the main recipient of these funds is Native Communications Incorporated, whose purpose is to promote and facilitate communications in the Native languages throughout the province, by radio, television, newspaper, and any other like forms of mass communication.

Turning to support to major cultural and heritage institutions, operating support to the Centre Culturel Franco-Manitobain, Centennial Centre Corporation, the Museum of Man and Nature, the Ukrainian Cultural and Educational Centre, Brandon Centennial Auditorium and the Winnipeg Art Gallery will be maintained within the government's overall financial guidelines of 3 percent on grants.

I'm pleased to announce that the province's grant to the Manitoba Arts Council will be increased significantly this year to enable the council to continue to place emphasis on assistance to smaller arts groups, including artist-run service organizations. The council will also increase the maximum value of its awards to individual artists. As well, it will introduce programs to provide support to individuals and groups for special projects including affirmative action projects.

Mr. Chairman, it is to the credit of all Manitobans, that a recent study on the arts submitted to the Ontario Minister of Citizenship and Culture, found that total revenues per capita for the performing arts were highest in Manitoba. The Manitoba Arts Council, by special arrangement with my department and in co-operation with the private sector, will contribute to the expected elimination of the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra's \$400,000 accumulated deficit.

As indicated in the Throne Speech, I expect that in the very near future we will enter into a federal-provincial communications and cultural enterprises development agreement which will focus on our numerous advances in the field of communications and on the economic and social benefits of Manitoba's cultural resources. In this context I anticipate announcing several new policy initiatives in support of the production, distribution and marketing of Manitoba's cultural industries, specifically the film and publishing industries. These new initiatives are being developed in consultation with cultural workers in recognition of their important contribution to Manitoba's cultural identity.

In closing, Mr. Chairman, I wish to acknowledge the many individuals throughout Manitoba who direct their efforts and channel their creativity into the development of culture, heritage and recreation in our province. No matter what the economic circumstances, these activities continue to flourish because of the interest and co-operative efforts at the local level and by virtue of the contribution of culture, heritage and recreation activity to the enrichment of our lives.

Thank you.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Consistent with conventional and customary ways of proceeding in this Committee of Supply, the Chairperson now calls upon the leading opposition critic to give his reply, if he so desires, to the opening statement by the Minister.

The Member for Sturgeon Creek.

MR. F. JOHNSTON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I don't really have much to comment on at the present time. In fact, the Minister's statement is very wide-ranging and does answer a lot of questions that might have been put to him. I would then prefer just to move into the Estimates with questions to the Minister and I'm sure that we'll have some questions to bring up to him regarding his statement. So, Mr. Chairman, I would prefer to move right into the Estimates.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Before we move into the Estimates, the Chairperson now cordially invites the members of the departmental staff of the Department of Culture, Heritage and Recreation to kindly take their respective places.

We shall defer consideration of Item 1.(a) relating to the Minister's Salary as the last item for consideration by this committee.

We shall begin our deliberation with the consideration of Item No. 1.(b)(1) Executive Support: Salaries of Administration and Finance unit; and Item 1.(b)(2) Other Expenditures.

If there are any broad areas of concern that are not specifically covered by the other more specific items here is the appropriate item under which such broad areas of concern can be addressed.

The Member for Sturgeon Creek.

MR. F. JOHNSTON: Mr. Chairman, I have perused the report of the department since it was received last week, or presented last week, to the House. I've had the opportunity to look over some Orders-in-Council and some of the grants that have been announced in the news releases. I find that I came across many in there that don't refer to a program. Many of the releases that we have, the program that the funds have been advanced under, is not mentioned. Now I don't know that this is the spot - the Executive Support. But I would ask under the Executive Support if the Minister has increased this particular area since last year?

HON. E. KOSTYRA: The increase is as it shows, was the question in terms of staffing or expenditures?

MR. F. JOHNSTON: Well, let me put it this way. Are the increases of expenditures for Salaries, and Other Expenditures, basically because of the increase in salaries or was there an increase in staff?

HON. E. KOSTYRA: Yes, there is increase in one position in the Executive Support function that is of a co-ordinator to work with the ethnic Intercultural Council and the ethnic Committee of Cabinet.

There's a net increase of 21.1 thousand which is a result of the overall increase of \$35,000 which is partially offset by the decrease due of \$15.2 thousand which is related to the fact that there is no 27th pay period this year as there was last year.

In Other Expenditures there's a net increase of \$5.5 thousand which is a result of an increase for expenditures related to new executive director which is partially offset by the decrease of \$1,600 as a result of an upward adjustment in the federal sales tax made in 1983-84 only.

MR. F. JOHNSTON: Well, Mr. Chairman, at the beginning of my statement on this item I mentioned there are programs, or grants, being given that don't relate to the programs. Is in this Executive Support group of people, people who are being involved in grants to different organizations that do not come under a specific program?

HON. E. KOSTYRA: No - all of the grants are administered either through the Grants Administration Unit in conjunction with the regional staff or the specific branches of the department. It might be helpful if the member would give me some examples of the kind of grants he's referring to that don't seem to fit under the program then I could maybe better answer the question. It may be, and I should remind the member, that these are the Estimates of the department. The funds that relate to lottery-based programs are not included and have never been included in the department's Estimates. A number of the grant programs are funded through lotteries and therefore don't appear in the appropriations.

MR. F. JOHNSTON: I'll give you one small example - The Flin Flon Band Parents Association for \$750.00. That was back in May of 1983, but that is the type of grant that does not seem to be under any program. How is that come by?

HON. E. KOSTYRA: I'll have to take that as notice. I don't know of that specific grant. What I'll do is provide the information, maybe a bit later today, either later this afternoon or this evening if we're still sitting. I'm not aware of that specific grant. I'd have to - I'm just looking at staff - they don't seem to know of that one offhand either - so I'll provide that information a bit later today for the member.

MR. F. JOHNSTON: As I explained to the Minister it isn't a questioning of the grant it's just . . .

HON. E. KOSTYRA: Yes, I appreciate that.

MR. F. JOHNSTON: . . . what type of program it comes under.

Pass, Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN: 1.(b)(1)—pass; 1.(b)(2)—pass.
1.(c)(1) Research and Planning: Salaries; 1(c)(2) Other Expenditures - the Member for Sturgeon Creek.

MR. F. JOHNSTON: Mr. Chairman, the Minister just announced in his new statement several areas of research that is going to be done. I can't find them all immediately, but I think the Minister will recognize that through this statement he referred to several places where there would be new research done, studies made, evaluation of programs, etc. Is the department

undergoing or still undergoing a complete evaluation of the programs within the department?

When I read the discussions that took place last year in the department, the Minister did refer to a program that would be enhancing the department and changing many of the programs. Is this research still going on and how many people would be involved in it and is there an intention to change many of the programs?

HON. E. KOSTYRA: There has been an ongoing review with respect to most of the programs and most of the grant programs that are administered by the department. This has been an ongoing process that has been continued over the last couple of years. I'll give some specific examples of what has taken place.

We did a review of the various cultural grant programs that provided assistance for, basically, communities outside of Winnipeg, like our cultural councils, what was formerly called the Tour Hosting is now called the Public Events Sponsorship, Co-ordination Assistance Grants and that was done about a year ago which resulted in some revision to the grant programs which were put in place in the beginning of the last fiscal year.

About a year ago we also started a review of the Museum's Grants Program, and we have indicated a general policy thrust in terms of that program. We're now working with the Association of Manitoba Museums to finally define the actual grant program which will be in place later this year.

A couple of years ago, there was a review of the Library Capital Grants which resulted in some changes in that program over a year ago.

The areas that are under active review right now are Support to Schools. We have in the past provided support for a number of years to art education schools. We are reviewing that. We are reviewing the assistance to provincial organizations. We provide a number of grants to provincial organizations like the Manitoba Association of Cultural Councils, the Associated Manitoba Arts Festivals, museum organizations and recreation organizations. We are reviewing all of those programs right now.

Separate and apart from that, we have had policy work developing, policy options in the area of cultural industries, particularly looking at film and publishing which will result in some provincial programs and is also tied to the current negotiations with the Federal Government on a cultural industries sub-agreement with the Federal Government under the ERDA umbrella.

Apart from that, through the Film Classification Board, is the review that I made mention to the member last Friday, I believe it was, dealing with video and film classification.

In terms of staff, the staff of this branch is four and it's been four for a couple of years now. They also rely, in terms of doing the policy work, on resources in the specific branches that are charged with the responsibility of administering those programs. From time to time, people are brought in on specific contract to do specific areas of research.

MR. F. JOHNSTON: The Minister mentioned the Intercultural Council. I believe he also mentioned, under the above item, that there was somebody working within

the executive of his department with the Intercultural Council. I make reference to a news release that says, when the Minister was making announcements to some cultural groups who received grants, in making the announcement, the Minister said: the newly formed Intercultural Council is reviewing present criteria for awarding of grants and will make recommendations on the program in 1984-85 fiscal year to ensure the available resources are used in the best possible way to serve the needs of the community. That's very straightforward. Has the gentleman you referred to from your Executive Department been working with the Intercultural Group and obviously they have, and where do these recommendations, which maybe should be discussed under the Intercultural item in the Estimates, but are these recommendations nearly ready, are ready, or what status are they in?

HON. E. KOSTYRA: Mr. Chairman, the recommendations have been made by the Intercultural Council a few months ago, have been approved and are in place. In fact, the new grant guidelines have recently been printed and we could supply the member with copies of the new grant guidelines. I believe they're just in the process of going out to the community organizations. I believe they're in the process of being mailed at the present time.

There were changes to two grant programs. One was the grant program that supplied operating projects or capital grant support to the ethnocultural community and the other was a Linguistic Support Program. Both of these programs have been in place for a number of years and they've been adjusted on the basis of the recommendations from the Intercultural Council.

MR. F. JOHNSTON: I'm sure the Intercultural Council is very valuable to the Minister because they're out there, they're in the firing line and can be very helpful to the whole department and to the Research Department, but is the Minister allowing the Intercultural group to make all the recommendations without having his Research Department work with them very thoroughly? Let's be very frank about it. Sometimes you get recommendations that the Research Department might recommend to the Minister saying that this just won't work type of thing; and on that basis, there has to be some discussion with whoever makes decisions or recommendations regarding the council, or regarding the grants, etc. — (Interjection) — Pardon me, whoever makes the recommendation should be working with the government departments very closely because of their research and knowledge of the departments.

HON. E. KOSTYRA: Mr. Chairman, even though we're not on that line, it might be worthwhile for me to just spend a moment outlining the structure of the Intercultural Council and then relating it specifically to the question that was put before the committee. The Intercultural Council, as the member is probably aware, is made up of representatives from the various ethnocultural communities in the province and has, I believe, about 70-odd members. Those members are appointed in the main, or selected, or elected, by the communities themselves.

The council, itself, has structured itself into a number of sub-committees to look at specific areas of interest and activity, not exclusively, those committees include education and youth, cultural sub-committee, immigration and settlement sub-committee and I believe there is a public relations or public information sub-committee. Those sub-committees meet separately and apart from the council and review specific areas and then make recommendations to the council executive and thereby to the council itself and eventually to the government.

Staff from the various departments that relate to those committees sit in on the meetings of the sub-committee and provide for a two-way flow of communication with the sub-committees when they're looking at specific areas. As an example, when the cultural sub-committee was reviewing the grants of our department, staff resource from our department was there to communicate and discuss with them directly the grants program, so there was a two-way communication flow there.

The same holds true of other sub-committees. Some of them relate to other departments of government. Immigration and settlement relates to the Department of Employment Services and Income Security. There are staff representatives from that department that sit in on the sub-committee so there is direct communication there. So there is that level of communication in terms of the development of the recommendations. The recommendation is ultimately made to the government. There is the review by staff of the department in terms of the recommendation and they thereby make a recommendation to me and to Cabinet in terms of whether or not we should accept or reject or alter the recommendations.

In the case of the operating grants, we accepted most of the recommendation and made some minor changes, or didn't accept some minor areas in terms of their recommendations on those grants.

So, my answer is a bit lengthy, Mr. Chairman, by I think it gives the context of how the council is operating and how it functions in relation to the recommendation process to government.

MR. F. JOHNSTON: Mr. Chairman, then I would refer to the Research and Planning Department as to what their function is. When we say research, it's obvious they are researching areas of this department to be looking at or going into, and then of course planning what the program may do. How many people does that group have and can the Minister give me some outline of the type of research they are involved in? I'm sorry if I missed it in the opening statement.

HON. E. KOSTYRA: I don't think it was really contained in the opening statement.

The department has a director, two planning and program analysts and one secretary. I should add that this branch was formed, re-formed I guess is a better term, when the Department of Fitness, Sport and Recreation was disestablished. Part of the staff of that were formerly in the planning section there came into the department and were merged with the small planning branch that existed in the former Department of Cultural Affairs and Historic Resources.

The branch's mandate is to review both new and existing programs in the department. I think I answered part of the question in terms of one of my previous answers when I went through the areas that we have undertaken reviews in the past in terms of ongoing grant programs of the department, and on the basis of that review, made changes in those grant programs.

I also indicated an area of new activity such as Cultural Industries, which was a kind of a new thrust or new area that the branch was involved in doing research and planning for the potential of new programs.

That is a brief outline in terms of the operations of the branch.

MR. F. JOHNSTON: This is a small item, but the name was changed from Planning and Development to Research and Development. Is the Minister saying that when he received the responsibility for recreation that they changed the name and the department became larger? It doesn't appear that it became larger.

HON. E. KOSTYRA: No, it didn't become larger in terms of what existed in the previous department and what existed in the present department. It's the same size.

I do have a copy of the department organizational chart, which I'm pleased to pass on to the member, which may or may not help in the review of these Estimates.

MR. F. JOHNSTON: Yes, I would like to have that thank you.

I believe the Minister said that he received some staff from Recreation and quite frankly it doesn't appear that the department actually grew, and the Minister just said it didn't grow, so did I miss something there that you received extra staff or received staff from Recreation and that the department is still the same?

HON. E. KOSTYRA: I'm informed that last year's figures are readjusted to show what would have existed under the previous department, but the net impact is that there was no increase between what existed in the former department and what existed in either of the former departments.

The name change, I'm informed, was a director from the Department of Finance that has suggested common names for all such branches in all departments of government.

MR. CHAIRMAN: 1.(c)(1)—pass; 1.(c)(2)—pass.
1.(d)(1); 1.(d)(2) Communications: Salaries, Other Expenditures - the Member for Sturgeon Creek.

MR. F. JOHNSTON: Mr. Chairman, there's a breakout here of Salaries for the previous year. There isn't much change in the Salaries, but when I take a look at the Estimates for the previous year and I see Communications and then I read the rundown of, for instance, disbursements regarding the Gazette and under Communications we just had the Manitoba Gazette, Queen's Printer, etc. We still have that under this new set of Estimates '84-85, so I am assuming that this Communications Department is new or larger or something that was not in the department before. I did

see some discussion in last year's Estimates regarding a communications officer that was appointed last year, so this obviously is something new in the department, or it appears to be obvious that there's something new.

HON. E. KOSTYRA: No, there isn't anything new, it's just the restructuring of the branches of the department. This salary and other expenditure line is what the member referred to in terms of, I think it was referred to, in last year's Estimates as a communications officer. Again, this is part of the structuring of sub-branches within the department that have been dictated by the Department of Finance. In this area, there is no change from what was in place last year. There was an addition last year of the communications officer and that is what the member referred to. There was comments right at the opening remarks of the Estimates and this is one and the same.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Member for La Verendrye.

MR. R. BANMAN: The Minister said the item appropriation included a communications officer?

HON. E. KOSTYRA: Yes.

MR. R. BANMAN: What salary range are we looking at?

HON. E. KOSTYRA: I'm just trying to find it. The staff are looking for the details. There are two positions. There's a communication officer and an administrative secretary in those positions. In terms of the actual detail, I believe it's \$32,000 for the officer herself and the rest of it is related to the administrative secretary and I guess the other things that are charged against Salary.

MR. R. BANMAN: When the Minister says an administrative secretary, does the administrative secretary do work for the communications officer? Is he or she assigned to the communications officer?

HON. E. KOSTYRA: Yes.

MR. R. BANMAN: The Minister is saying there is two people that deal with what? Press releases, that type of thing?

HON. E. KOSTYRA: They deal with all aspects of communication in the department. It includes media releases, the various publications that are put out by the various branches of the department. There's a whole series of publications that come out through the Historic Resources Department in terms of the plaquing program, there's the department newsletter that comes out on a quarterly basis that goes out to the community that's served by the department and there's also regional newsletters that she provides assistance for, and other activities such as the annual report; all areas of communications with respect to the department.

MR. R. BANMAN: The government, about a year-and-a-half ago, announced that they were centralizing communications and making it responsible to the Premier. How does a communications officer, what kind

of structure is there when they're doing press releases? Does the communication officer first have to clear that through the Premier's Secretariat there?

HON. E. KOSTYRA: I believe, I guess the question would be better answered under the Executive Council Estimates in terms of central. But I believe the process is that media releases are drafted for ministerial approval and there's an editing function that is done by Information Services to insure that performs with the overall. I believe that is the process.

MR. R. BANMAN: Well, Mr. Chairman, I won't pursue that. I guess we'll have to ask the Premier those questions when his Estimates come forward.

I just would like to point out, Mr. Chairman, that one of the big attacks on the previous government, the then Lyon administration by the then NDP opposition, was on the hiring of I believe something like six communications officers for a number of departments. What we see here right now is that every department has their own communications officer and even have an admin. secretary which means that while in opposition they were berating the previous administration for hiring a few communications officers. They now when in government take the other tact and put a communications officer in every department. I just want that on the record and we'll be asking the Premier some more questions with regard to that when his Estimates are up.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
Mr. Minister.

HON. E. KOSTYRA: I should note that in terms of the overall communication resources, and overall government, I don't believe there's been any increase in overall communications. But as the member says that question is best left for those particular Estimates.

MR. R. BANMAN: Is the Minister saying that there are no new SMYs with regard to communications, I mean designated as communications officers within the government services?

HON. E. KOSTYRA: As I understand it in terms of the overall, I didn't say there were no new SMYs, but in terms of the overall, communication resources in terms of staff has not increased in the overall terms.

MR. CHAIRMAN: 1.(d)(1)—pass; 1.(d)(2)—pass.
1.(e)(1), Financial Services; Salaries. 1.(e)(2), Other Expenditures - the Member for Sturgeon Creek.

MR. F. JOHNSTON: Mr. Chairman, I believe this is the place that we could ask about the transfers regarding the reconciliation statement because it's transfers of money. Maybe it's in Administrative Services I'm not sure.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The member may ask the questions.

MR. F. JOHNSTON: There's quite a list here, and we know that the Minister took over Recreation. It became Cultural Affairs and Recreation, Recreation added to

it. Executive council - 113,000. I wonder if the Minister could just give a brief rundown of the transfers of functions.

Pardon me - just before he starts, the main one, of course, being fitness recreation and sport. Could he while giving us a breakdown - just the part of that department that has come under the Minister's jurisdiction because I notice he does have under himself and the Deputy Minister a special advisor on recreation?

HON. E. KOSTYRA: Sorry, could the member please repeat the last question. I didn't . . .

MR. F. JOHNSTON: Well, I just said could he give us some detail about the part of the sports and recreation department that came to him. I just said I note also that the Minister has under the Deputy Minister a special advisor on recreation. So what parts of the recreation department are being administered by you at the present time? I'm referring to the 2 million, 1.25.

HON. E. KOSTYRA: In response to the first question. In dealing with the transfers of function from, and to, that long list that appears a little way down the page, those all relate to staff that were, and this goes back I think over a year ago now. It happened just at the time in the last Estimates when the creative services function from the specific departments were all amalgamated within the Queen's Printer. So all of those transfers relate to staff and, I guess, other expenditures related to the creative services staff that were formally lodged in each department are now part of the Queen's Printer staff. So that is all the transfer of functions listed from executive council down though there.

In terms of the fitness, recreation and sport the basic disestablishment of the department took the sport function and incorporated them into the Department of Health. All the recreational resources were transferred to the Department of, as it was then called, Culture and Historic Resources.

They include the Regional Services Branch that exists, and I made mention to in my opening remarks, in each of the regions of the province; includes the recreation resources staff that are centered here in Winnipeg, and provide essential services for the recreation organizations throughout the province. It included I think a small number of people in the planning branch which I indicated previously, I think one or two positions in administration. I believe that is the components of the previous Department of Fitness, Recreation and Sport that came to our department. The special advisor on recreation is the former Deputy Minister of Fitness, Sport and Recreation, Mr. Al Miller. He was reclassified as a special advisor to the Deputy Minister on Recreation.

I'm sorry. I've just been informed that in terms of the response that I gave to the initial question there's two exceptions to that. The Department of Northern Affairs - that transfer is a transfer of a grant that is payable to the Native Communications Incorporated. That grant was formerly administered through the Department of Northern Affairs and it was determined that since this department has responsibility for a telecommunications policy that grant should be administered through the Department of Culture,

Heritage and Recreation. So that is the figure of 123,100. The Department of Labour is a transfer of one position to the telecommunications branch, an individual who's involved in telecommunications research in our department. He was in the Department of Labour, I believe as a special advisor to the Assistant Deputy Minister and because of his particular skills he was transferred into our department.

MR. F. JOHNSTON: Just one question. So the others, other than the labour and the Northern Affairs, the others, were transferred into the Queen's Printer's Department which includes creative services?

HON. E. KOSTYRA: That's correct.

MR. F. JOHNSTON: I don't see anything that says creative services. But I've jotted it down and when we get to the Queen's Printer I'll ask on that.

HON. E. KOSTYRA: Okay.

MR. CHAIRMAN: 1.(e)(1) - the Member for La Verendrye.

MR. R. BANMAN: Could the Minister indicate the special advisor on recreation, the former Deputy Ministers? Is his salary in this section?

HON. E. KOSTYRA: No, it's in Executive Support. The Member for Sturgeon Creek asked the question here but his salary is part of the Executive Support.

MR. R. BANMAN: He reports directly to the Deputy Minister?

HON. E. KOSTYRA: Yes.

MR. R. BANMAN: Is he doing special programs for the government or what's he doing right now?

HON. E. KOSTYRA: At the present moment he is off on extended sick leave. He had a heart by-pass operation about two months ago now and he is recovering from that. He is recovering, well I might add and will be coming back in the fall. I'm not certain if it's going to be on a full-time basis initially or on some part-time specific project basis.

MR. CHAIRMAN: 1.(e)(1) - the Member for Sturgeon Creek.

MR. F. JOHNSTON: Just while we're here I'm sure the Minister can give us rundown of the transfer of functions too. What did Business Development get from Cultural Affairs and Natural Resources.

HON. E. KOSTYRA: The transfer to Business Development and Tourism was a transfer of one position to the Department of Business Development and Tourism and the transfer to Natural Resources was also a transfer of one position and the resulting salary and associated costs.

MR. F. JOHNSTON: When the Minister says one position, was it because they needed people and you

didn't, or was it a particular program or something that should be in the other department?

HON. E. KOSTYRA: It is a bit of both. In the case of Business Development and Tourism, it was a position of - I'm not sure of the correct title, I guess it would be best to ask there - but the position dealing with the cultural aspects, particularly of tourism and business development. In the case of Natural Resources, the person is involved in the heritage field and is working within the Parks Branch on heritage activities that relate to park planning and development of parks.

MR. CHAIRMAN: 1.(e)(1) - the Member for Sturgeon Creek.

MR. F. JOHNSTON: The \$100,000 for the Jobs Fund, did he find that out of his department from programs that were going to be going on any way and that they will now come under the Jobs Fund? What will the Jobs Fund be doing in the Cultural Affairs?

HON. E. KOSTYRA: This is a transfer from the Jobs Fund into our department. What it is, under the Manitoba Jobs Fund last year there was a program of capital grants for multicultural facilities. That was a program that was previously in the department at a level of, I believe, \$60,000.00. It was moved into the Jobs Fund and enhanced from \$60,000 to \$100,000 last year and it's now been removed from the Jobs Fund and placed back into the department. The transfers of \$100,000 though, we've enhanced the program within the department to \$150,000.00. That comes up under Cultural Grants under another appropriation - \$175,000, I'm informed.

MR. F. JOHNSTON: The Minister said it was the Multicultural Grants Program?

HON. E. KOSTYRA: Multicultural Capital Grants Program.

MR. F. JOHNSTON: Was that in the department previously?

HON. E. KOSTYRA: Yes it was. As I indicated, prior to last year it was in the department at a level of \$60,000.00. It was moved into the Jobs Fund last year and the level increased from \$60,000 to \$100,000; and this year it's moved out of the Jobs Fund, back into the department. That is showing \$100,000.00. As I indicated under another item, it's under Cultural Grants and it's at a level of \$175,000 this year. It's been in place for about 10 years, the program, at lower levels.

MR. F. JOHNSTON: Mr. Chairman, the Financial Services Division, as it's described in the Annual Report, is - and it's very clear - responsible for the finances of the department and personnel, I believe, is involved in it.

HON. E. KOSTYRA: I'm going to have to just clarify. Again this is part of the restructuring that has taken place, so the section I believe the member is referring to is the overall administration and financial section as

it existed before. This is just one branch of the overall administration in Finance, so it doesn't relate to the personnel function, it relates strictly to the financial planning, budget program and systems audit.

MR. F. JOHNSTON: On Page 25 it refers to it, so you basically take the personnel management out of it, out of your Annual Report?

HON. E. KOSTYRA: I'm just searching for a copy of that. It sounds like that's what is taking place there. The personnel function, that was part of that branch before, is under Administrative Services; that's where that is contained.

MR. F. JOHNSTON: Mr. Chairman, I would say to the Minister, as he knows, that I'm fairly new to this area, and the grants that have been given out under different programs, and I see some in Orders-in-Council, some fairly healthy grants, and I'd ask the Minister what criteria your financial department goes through to make sure that the money that is forwarded from the department or from the government is basically used for what it was given for.

In other words, there is a fairly large grant here to the Franco Society, I believe it was \$61,000, and it was for carpeting, I believe, and upgrading of facility and I'm sure there's a program to handle that. There's another one that Culture, Heritage and Recreation passed a grant of \$50,000 to the Filipino Association of Manitoba. There's one in the same for the Hindu Society of Manitoba and there's grants to several organizations of fairly good sized amounts of money.

Now there's got to be a reason for giving them. In two of these, it doesn't give a reason for giving them, so there's got to be - and I'm sure the department does and I'm just asking - what process does the department go through with follow-up to see that these things are being done? "The Culture, Heritage and Recreation passed in October 1983, a grant to the maximum amount of \$40,000 to be made to the Centre Culturel Franco-Manitobain for a replacement of carpets and repairs to the heating and ventilation system." Now is the grant automatically a total of \$40,000 or up to \$40,000.00. Then the other two cases I've mentioned, I repeat myself, how are they handled, and what is the follow-up of the grants by the financial department of your department?

HON. E. KOSTYRA: It depends on the type of grant. I'll respond to the specifics and then maybe to the general. The grant to the Franco-Manitoban Culturel Centre was a capital grant. There are a number of capital grants available to the institutions that are the responsibility of the Province of Manitoba. The member may be aware that the building is the property of the Province of Manitoba and is administered by the Centre through legislation that has set up that particular organization.

In terms of their capital grants, they make requests in terms of repairs that are needed for the facility. They are then evaluated by staff and approval is given. Payment is made upon receiving the necessary information in terms of the project being completed. In terms of the other two grants, they were capital

grants, multicultural capital grants, that were paid up to the maximum that was allowed under the grant program. That grant program provides for grants up to \$50,000 or one-third of the cost of the overall. In other words, the grant is up to \$50,000, but cannot exceed one-third of the total cost of the project. Those grants are payable once the expenditures are made, so there has to be the necessary invoices that are a requirement of the Provincial Auditor.

In terms of some of the smaller grants, and again it depends on the grant program, but as an example there is a Co-ordination Assistance Grant Program that provides for small grants that are payable to organizations when they put on a workshop for training of students in a rural area. The process there is that they make initial application, tentative approval is granted subject to the actual event taking place and the application being processed after the events, so there is a two-stage process there. They are given tentative approval initially to say that the grant program will provide assistance up to a certain level, then the actual event takes place and they have to file a report and there is a form that has to be filled out with the costs and revenues and all those kinds of things attached to it.

In other cases, the organizations are required to file audited statements with the department in terms of grants they get. So it depends on the type of program. The specific question of repairs to the centre were repairs dealing with emergency repairs to carpet for safety reasons, I understand, on that specific one.

The Provincial Auditor also audits the book of that organization separately and reports separately on it.

MR. F. JOHNSTON: Well, then we can discuss the grants later on, but the Minister just said that the two that I mentioned - two grants up to \$50,000 each - that in other words they presented to your department, through the research people and approved by your financial people, a program that is going to cost \$150,000.00?

HON. E. KOSTYRA: In that case those are either repairs or purchase of capital facilities, so they have to provide the information that they are undertaking renovations or new construction of at least \$150,000 before they qualify for the \$50,000.00. If the project was, as an example, only \$90,000, the most they would qualify for under the Multicultural Capital Grants Program would be \$30,000, but in no case can the grant under that program exceed \$50,000.00. If they were having a renovation plan for .5 million, then they would still only get \$50,000.00.

MR. CHAIRMAN: 1.(e)(1) - the Member for La Verendrye.

MR. R. BANMAN: Are any of the funds that are allocated here, do any of them come from the Lotteries?

HON. E. KOSTYRA: Under this line, no. I should indicate that the discussion we were not - particularly on this line we are talking about grants' process in general. The specific grants, the areas that we talked about, the answer is still the same; no, they do not come from Lotteries, they come from appropriation.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Member for Sturgeon Creek.

MR. F. JOHNSTON: Mr. Chairman, the Minister referred to the federal program, the Canada-Manitoba Program, and there's a Communications and Cultural Enterprises Section here and it refers to several areas of his department, films, etc. Have the financial people - and I would refer back to many of your research and planning people - have they satisfied themselves as to the program or how far away are you from the program that is the Canada-Manitoba Program that you referred to in your opening statement and of course is referred to in your announcements here from becoming fact? In other words, where does it stand? Where do your people stand with this program at the present time?

HON. E. KOSTYRA: I would expect that the signing of the formal ERDA subagreement for Cultural Industries and Communication Enterprises would happen within the next two weeks.

MR. F. JOHNSTON: There seems to be a rushing of announcements these days. Are the NDP running for an election, or the Liberals, federally?

MR. CHAIRMAN: I don't think that's relevant.
1.(e)(1) - the Member for Sturgeon Creek.

MR. F. JOHNSTON: The Administrative Services administrates the personnel. There has been virtually no change whatsoever, in fact a small decrease in that amount is that . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: Pardon me. The Member for Sturgeon Creek is asking questions on an item which has not been called.

MR. F. JOHNSTON: I'm sorry.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Can we pass this one first? 1.(e)(1)—pass; 1.(e)(2)—pass.

1.(f)(1) Administrative Services, Salaries; 1.(f)(2) Other Expenditures - the Member for Sturgeon Creek.

MR. F. JOHNSTON: Well, Mr. Chairman, the Minister has explained that that department which was previously called the Finance and Administration now becomes two separate departments, Financial Services and now we have (f) Administrative Services. What is the make-up of Administrative Services now?

HON. E. KOSTYRA: The role and mission of the branch is to provide the department and its agencies with administrative support services relating to administration, personnel management, legal and general administration, co-ordination and to ensure compliance with all relevant policies, practices, and procedures established by the government and the department. It provides the full range of administrative and personnel services for the department including payroll, accounting, and other functions related to the administration of the department.

MR. F. JOHNSTON: Mr. Chairman, when I take a look at Finance and Administration in the Estimates last

year, we have a figure of \$276,000.00. When we add the Financial Services and Administration Services together in the new Estimates, we get a figure of \$488,000.00. Now that seems like a healthy increase, somewhere in those two functions, let's put it that way. Can the Minister give us some idea for that increase?

HON. E. KOSTYRA: If the member will note that the reconciled figures for last year are not that, but are basically the same than what exists in the Estimates for this year. I presume that the facts of the difference between what was in print last year for these branches is the fact that there was the inclusion of the relevant sections of the Department of Fitness, Recreation and Sport and I believe the overall restrictions of the department had some staff moving around from specific branches, but as indicated by the reconciliation that if one was to reconcile that, if it was in place last year, that it is in effect no increase. I could provide the details of how that reconciles if the member so wishes, but I believe that that outlines the way that it took place.

MR. F. JOHNSTON: Mr. Chairman, I'm just not with it. I'm admitting very clearly that I didn't quite follow that. I'm sure it's right and I'm sure it's there, but I didn't quite follow that. Your reconciliation statement last year, I'm looking at it now, Allocation of General Salary Increase - \$240,000.00. Is that what the Minister was referring to?

HON. E. KOSTYRA: No, Mr. Chairman, I was referring to the figures that are shown on page 45 of the Estimate book on the left-hand side which show the expenditures for the year ending March 31st, 1984, which show for those two branches relatively the same. Well, in fact it happens to work out to be the same. In total expenditures there's some small changes between Salary and Other Expenditures. That is what the Department of Finance, and I understand the auditor reconciles from the changes that have taken place, so in essence there what I'm saying is; you combine this together, there is no increase from that which was in place last year that was in place partially in the Department of Fitness, Recreation and Sport and in other branches of the Administration and Finance section of the department.

MR. CHAIRMAN: 1.(f)(1)—pass; 1.(f)(2)—pass.
2.(a) Culture, Heritage And Recreation Programs: Cultural Grants - the Member for Sturgeon Creek.

MR. F. JOHNSTON: Mr. Chairman, I think I know what the Minister is going to say, because the first question that was asked of the Minister last year was, "What is the amount of," I believe, "the major grants in the Culture, Heritage And Recreation Programs," and I believe that's . . .

HON. E. KOSTYRA: I will go through the complete listing of the grants that come under this item. The total amount is \$7,363,900.00. It breaks down as follows:

To the Centre culturel franco-manitobain - \$238,500, which is an increase of \$6,900 from last year.

The Manitoba Arts Council - \$1,506,300, which is an increase of \$189,500.00.

The Manitoba Centennial Centre Corporation - \$1,201,900, which is the same level as last year, exactly.

The Manitoba Museum of Man and Nature - \$2,825,500, which is an increase of \$142,200.00.

The Ukrainian Cultural and Education Centre - \$109,800 and that is an increase of \$3,200.00.

The Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium in Brandon - \$40,000, which is a decrease of \$13.5 thousand.

The Winnipeg Art Gallery - \$1,320,700, which is an increase of \$38,500 from last year.

The next one is the Heritage Conservation Service - \$83,400.00. That's an increase of \$2,400.00.

Included in that is a number of miscellaneous grants which are as follows:

A special grants program for the Winnipeg Contemporary Dancers which is a deficit reduction program of \$27,800, which is a decrease of \$2.2 thousand from last year.

A new special grant deficit program for the Manitoba Puppet Theatre of \$10,000.00.

That is the listing of the grants and the increases or decreases as the case may be for each of them.

MR. CHAIRMAN: 2.(a) - the Member for Sturgeon Creek.

MR. F. JOHNSTON: Mr. Chairman, the grants are, the size of them, are very close to being the same like the Heritage grant of \$1,300,000 is just plus \$30,000 and your percentage increase on that size of a grant is very much in line actually. Of course, the only one that I would ask about first is that Brandon is down \$13,000 at \$40,000, which is a sizeable percentage decrease on that particular grant. I wonder if the Minister could give us the reason why that one is down.

HON. E. KOSTYRA: That grant to the Brandon Centennial Centre is based on 50 percent of the deficit of the operation of that facility. Half the deficit is covered by the City of Brandon and half by the Province of Manitoba and I believe that's under the arrangements that were put in place when that facility was built. There's an adjustment downwards in terms of the deficit.

MR. F. JOHNSTON: There's two others, Mr. Chairman. I believe it's the Arts, Central Arts is it, \$189,000 increase and then Man and Nature is up \$142,000.00.

HON. E. KOSTYRA: The increase to the Manitoba Arts Council is a significant increase in terms of the other increases and it relates to the ongoing and improved activities of the Arts Council in terms of the support they provide to the artists, artisans, and arts organizations in the province.

I made reference in my opening remarks to the fact that there is significant increase resources to the Arts Council to provide increased assistance to the clients that they support.

The member may be aware that all the major performing arts organizations in the province, the Winnipeg Symphony; the Royal Winnipeg Ballet; Theatre Centre; and other organizations are supported through the Manitoba Arts Council.

I believe the second question was related to the Museum of Man and Nature. That increase is 142,200 which is a little higher than the average, it's at 5 percent. The major reason that it's higher than the average is that there has been a significant rent increase to the Museum of Man and Nature from its landlord, its landlord being the Manitoba Centennial Centre Corporation. So you'll note that their increase is zero, and the Museum of Man Nature is somewhat higher. So it's a matter of increased cost as a tenant to the landlord, and the landlord is getting less of a grant than the tenant this year and, of course, they have increase for overall operating.

MR. F. JOHNSTON: Mr. Chairman, Man and Nature, the increase there has been, over the years continued construction in there, and making that place a real credit to Manitoba. Are there any further plans for expansion of that?

HON. E. KOSTYRA: Under another item in the Budget, and it's actually Expenditures Related to Capital Assets, there is a grant I believe of \$100,000 for capital improvements to the Museum of Man and Nature. That is basically for improved facilities. I believe they're presently working on a new gallery that's called Touch the Universe, the latest or the new project which is being worked on at the present time over, I think, a couple of years period adjacent to the Planetarium in the basement of the museum.

MR. CHAIRMAN: 2.(a)—pass - the Member for Gladstone.

MRS. C. OLESON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Manitoba Arts Council - do they have the grants for assistance to individual writers for publishing their work?

HON. E. KOSTYRA: Yes, I believe there's a grants program under the Manitoba Arts Council that are available for the commissioning of works by individual artists. I'm told it's to help them develop manuscripts.

MRS. C. OLESON: Do you mean the actual publication of the work also?

HON. E. KOSTYRA: I'm informed that those grants go to the publishers for the publishing of specific manuscripts, not to the writer directly.

MRS. C. OLESON: Thank you.

HON. E. KOSTYRA: In fact I just found the actual reference in the Annual Report. The publishing project grants are available to Manitoba book publishers who wish to publish a book by a Manitoba author. So that's the general reference of the program.

MR. CHAIRMAN: 2.(a)—pass - the Member for Sturgeon Creek.

MR. F. JOHNSTON: Mr. Chairman, going through the many announcements and Executive Council Minutes, I just jotted down, and if the Minister wants to refer

me to do the different areas, fine, but there's a long list of programs - the Library Grants Program; Museum Grants Program; Public Events Sponsored Program; Recreation Facilities Program; Multicultural Grants; Museum Miscellaneous Grants Program; Recreation District Program; Amateur Arts Organization Program; Linguistic Support Program; Northern Manitoba Recreation Association; Skills Transfer Program; Equipment for Remote Communities Program; local histories grants; Co-ordination Assistance Program; Community Arts Council Program - I believe that's replaced by Community Arts Program - Outreach Program; and Tour Hosting Program.

Are those programs all supported in the Cultural Grants? The reason I ask that is I'm aware in the Estimates of the departments that the Estimates relate very much to the administration of these programs and the people involved, the salaries involved to administrate the programs. Am I right in assuming that all of the programs that I listed here come out of the 7.3 million? Or no, they don't. Pardon me, they don't. You gave me the list of the 7.3 million. So in other words then the programs that I have referred to, the monies, or the funding of them are further along in the Estimates?

HON. E. KOSTYRA: I don't recall every specific listing that the member read. Most of those are not reflected in these Estimates. Most of those are programs that are funded under the lottery funds, lottery revenues that are allocated to Culture and Recreation. They are not reflected in the tax base appropriations of the department. They are all administered by the department and they are reflected in the Annual Reports that the member has. But most of those programs that he listed are out of lottery revenues and are not reflected in these Estimates and never have been in terms of the department.

There may be one or two on that list that he read that are part of the department. I believe he listed library grants. The library operating grants are part of the grants that are in appropriation. The library capital grants are under lotteries.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. 2.(a)—pass.

2.(b)(1) Cultural Resources, Salaries; 2.(b)(2), Other Expenditures; 2.(b)(3), Grant Assistance - the Member for Sturgeon Creek.

MR. F. JOHNSTON: Resources. I wonder if the Minister could tell me under Cultural Resources what programs are administered by them.

HON. E. KOSTYRA: The specific grants - it might be helpful dealing with this item - there is an item noted Grant Assistance under this item 2.(b)(3). The grants that are administered directly through the department include The Manitoba Choral Festival; The Manitoba Drama Festival; The Optimist Club of Assiniboia who I think the member is aware of; The Provincial Dance Festival; The Holiday Festival of the Arts; The International Music Camp in the Turtle Mountains; The Canada Day Committee Festivities; The Manitoba Day Committee; and The Labour Day Committee Festivities.

The department is also responsible for the broad range of Cultural Grants programs that are administered

through our regional staff and our Grants Administration unit including community cultural councils; the co-ordination assistance grants; the public events sponsorship, which relate to this branch and lead to other branches of the department; and to assistance to cultural councils and provincial organizations that work in the cultural area, like the Associated Manitoba Arts Festivals, the Band Associations, music teachers and other such organizations.

MR. F. JOHNSTON: Have there been any new programs or grants this year versus last year, as we refer to the

HON. E. KOSTYRA: In terms of the grants that are administered under 2.(b)(3), they are basically the same as the were - they are the same. I should make that statement more direct - they are the same as they were last year.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Member for Gladstone.

MRS. C. OLESON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

What is the sharing formula for lotteries funds, in other words, the split between the culture and the recreation?

HON. E. KOSTYRA: The split has basically stayed the same as it existed before, except that that which was allocated to recreation and sport has been split into the portions that formerly went to sport, that relate to the Department of Health, and those that related to recreation now relate to the Department of Recreation. The split, I'm informed, from lottery revenues that are available to the government are split 73 percent to the Department of Culture, Heritage and Recreation and the rest to the Department of Health for sport and fitness activities; and that 73 percent relates to recreation to the broad range of cultural activities including libraries and also heritage-related activities for museums, archaeological work and historic resources.

MRS. C. OLESON: How much lottery money was spent on programs last year?

HON. E. KOSTYRA: The lottery revenues that were available and spent for our department last year were \$4.8 million and we expect that it would be the same this year.

MRS. C. OLESON: The same this year?

HON. E. KOSTYRA: The same amount, yes.

MRS. C. OLESON: Are there any new lottery programs that are coming into the Culture and Recreation Department this year?

HON. E. KOSTYRA: There has been some changes in some of the programs. In terms of specific new programs, we anticipate later in the year to have some new heritage programs to relate to local community heritage programs such as plaquing in the area of archives, but they are still being developed and won't

be in a position to formalize till sometime later in the year.

In terms of other new programs, in terms of the cultural area, they're basically the same as they were last year in terms of the community culture councils, the co-ordination assistance grants, the skills transfer. Those are all basically the same.

MRS. C. OLESON: What about the Recreation Grant Facilities Program? Has it been announced for this coming year?

HON. E. KOSTYRA: No, it has not been. I responded to a question, I believe it was a week ago, to her colleague, the Member for La Verendrye, that we will be announcing a replacement program and I expect that that will be ready to be public in terms of the details in about four weeks. I might just add, it will be similar to the program that existed for the previous two years.

MRS. C. OLESON: Are there any funds anticipated from the 6/49 revenue into Cultural Affairs and Recreation?

HON. E. KOSTYRA: At the present time, there hasn't been final determination made with the Minister responsible for Lotteries, in terms of the revenues that are available from Lotto 6/49.

MR. CHAIRMAN: 2.(b)(1)—pass; 2.(b)(2)—pass; 2.(b)(3)—pass.

2.(c)(1) Recreation Services, Salaries; 2.(c)(2) Other Expenditures - the Member for Sturgeon Creek.

MR. F. JOHNSTON: Is this the group that analyzes the request for recreation grants or are they just the group that administers them?

HON. E. KOSTYRA: This branch has a number of activities that includes the facility's development. There is professional, technical staff who are available, that provide a consulting service through our regional staff, for community organizations who need assistance in facility planning, construction or management or maintenance programs for the facility staff, go out and work with the community organizations in those areas.

It also has staff available for programs for special population groups looking at disabled seniors, children. We also have staff that provide leadership training opportunities and who liaise with major recreation and social organizations. They also provide special services and consultation to provincial recreation agencies in the province.

They don't directly administer the grants, though they provide the consultation - if I can put it that way - in terms of capital grants that are applied for under other programs. The professional staff look at the grant application in terms of the needs and the purpose they're being used for, because these staff go out on the field and are used, quite extensively, by the local recreation districts and associations and organizations in terms of providing liaison, so they have a good idea of the state of facilities throughout the province.

MR. F. JOHNSTON: Would the equipment for remote communities program be an example of what would come under that, as far as recreation is concerned?

HON. E. KOSTYRA: No, that program is through the regional service staff in the regions that relate to the Northern communities. There is a network of regional staff that are in place, as I indicated, in a number of communities throughout Manitoba, in fact all of the regions, and those grants are administered directly through the regional staff who evaluate them and then forward them on to the Grants Administration Unit for actual processing.

MR. F. JOHNSTON: The equipment for remote communities, does it relate to Northern Manitoba Recreation Association?

HON. E. KOSTYRA: Northern Recreation Association?

MR. F. JOHNSTON: Northern Manitoba Recreation Association that makes recommendations on the remote communities program.

HON. E. KOSTYRA: No.

MR. CHAIRMAN: 2.(c)(1) - the Member for Sturgeon Creek.

MR. F. JOHNSTON: I wonder if the Minister could just give me some examples of the grants that go through that particular Recreation Services.

HON. E. KOSTYRA: There are no grants that go directly through the Recreation Services branch. The capital facilities grant is a lottery-based or has been a lottery-based program so that grants come out of lottery revenues. The branch here provides for the consultation - the staff - that are there. They are professional facilities consultants who go out and assist the community organization in terms of their building plans, their renovations. They are technicians in the building area and they are able to provide the on-hands support that is needed by many community organizations in the building, the managing, the maintenance of their facilities. They don't give any grant directly. They do provide, as I say, consultation or advice on grants.

I've just been corrected, slightly, that there are two grants that are administered through the department. One is the grant to the Special Olympics which is for the disabled and the Recreation Agencies grants. They are lottery-based grants, but they are administered through this branch.

MR. F. JOHNSTON: How many people are involved in that particular department and is this a group that came from the recreation department?

HON. E. KOSTYRA: The last question first; yes, this group, in total, came from the former Department of Fitness, Recreation and Sport. The staff has one director, two facilities consultants, three recreation consultants and one administrative secretary.

MR. F. JOHNSTON: That would make that seven.

HON. E. KOSTYRA: Yes.

MR. CHAIRMAN: 2.(c)(1)—pass; 2.(c)(2)—pass.

2.(d)(1) Public Library Services: Salaries; 2.(d)(2) Other Expenditures; 2.(d)(3) Grant Assistance - the Member for Sturgeon Creek.

MR. F. JOHNSTON: Mr. Chairman, my experience with libraries is not extensive, but goes back quite a ways when I was on council in St. James-Assiniboia, and I found that we never had enough and we never had enough money.

A MEMBER: That's the continuing story of libraries.

HON. E. KOSTYRA: What function of government is different than that?

MR. F. JOHNSTON: I learned that if you ever wanted to get into trouble, just change the library hours or do something of that nature and you had some problems. And rightly so. It's a reserve of knowledge that people certainly can't have in their own homes and put to far more use than most of us realize.

There isn't much of a change in your Grant Assistance program, and it would appear as if your Salaries and Other Expenditures, which are the expenses and what-have-you of the staff, but your Grant Assistance program has not changed that much.

We are very aware in the opposition of the guidelines of the government, but are there future plans to do more for libraries, especially throughout the rural area of Manitoba? There obviously isn't much this year as far as expansion of grants is concerned. As a matter of fact, when you look at it, if they were all to receive the small increase one might ask if there's any less public libraries out there. That would be my first question. Are there any less and is there any program, as I mentioned before, for more assistance to libraries?

HON. E. KOSTYRA: The member is probably not aware, but there was a significant increase in the per capita grant to libraries outside of the City of Winnipeg last year. It increased from basic \$3.00 per capita to \$3.50 per capita - which was an increase of in excess of 10 percent, so there was a significant increase to support rural libraries last year. This year there is not any increase budgeted for in terms of the increase to the per capita grant for the libraries because of the overall economic situation and the fact that there was a significant increase last year. The increase that is shown in terms of the grants is for the increased activity with respect to the development of libraries. We expect that this year there will be the establishment of four new library districts or library systems in the province and those would obviously be eligible for both establishment grants that we have available in the department and then the ongoing library per capita grant program once they are established. We expect to see an increase in libraries in the province this year.

MR. F. JOHNSTON: The Minister says he expects that there would be an increase in libraries this year and there isn't that much in the budget as far as grant assistance is concerned. How much of an increase? Can he put it in the basis of how many new libraries there might be this year?

HON. E. KOSTYRA: I can give you an idea of what we see from the department's vantage point, but I

should explain that while the majority of Manitobans are covered by a library system, there is still a good number of municipalities that are not serviced directly by their own library systems in the province.

There is a procedure for the establishment of libraries through municipal by-law, and it's an ongoing effort of the department to encourage the development of libraries throughout the province. In most cases we attempt to have communities that are adjacent to existing library systems to work with those library systems to join into a library that already exists. As an example, in the Parklands region, there is a regional library system that exists for a good number of municipalities and communities throughout the Parkland region. We provide a small establishment grant of \$5,000 to assist in the establishment of libraries, then we provide the per capita grant once they are formed and in place. I guess what I'm coming up to is that it's a local, municipal decision, whether or not to form a library, so we can kind of anticipate what's going to happen, but there may be others that will come along as the year develops. What we see at the present time is libraries being established in the R.M. of Westbourne and the Town of Gladstone, who I understand are planning to join the Parkland Regional Library. The R.M. of Cornwallis, who are planning to join the Westman Regional Library and the R.M. of Victoria, who are planning to join the Portage Plains Regional Library. That is what we see at the present time, but because it's a decision of local municipalities there may well be others that develop later.

MR. F. JOHNSTON: I have just one other question, I believe the Member for Gladstone has some questions.

Do you have any libraries that just aren't making it, that may have to be phased out or brought in with other people? The Minister may not want to give names publicly, but that's fine. Do you see any . . .

HON. E. KOSTYRA: I don't and my staff informs me that they don't know of any at the present time.

MRS. C. OLESON: The Minister mentioned - I was glad to hear that the library development is taking place within the constituency of Gladstone.

Anyway, those municipalities, when they pass the resolution in Council, how soon after that can they expect their establishment grant? Do they have to actually establish their library and be in operation before they get that grant?

HON. E. KOSTYRA: The requirement is for the actual passage of the relevant by-laws by the municipality, and I believe there is also a process that it has to be formally approved by the Minister in terms of the legislation. Once that takes place then it's just a matter of the processing of the establishment grant.

MRS. C. OLESON: With the Public Library Services, I was wondering how many library regions take advantage of the cataloging services of the Public Library Services?

HON. E. KOSTYRA: It will take me a minute to get that one of the top of my head.

MRS. C. OLESON: I can imagine.

HON. E. KOSTYRA: Approximately 27.

MRS. C. OLESON: With regard to the film services of the Public Library Services, is that a successful program? The criticism I have heard of it is the complaint about the arrival of film. I suppose we can't always blame it on the department, we have to speak to the postal department too, but it seems that people plan for special events to have special films and interest the people in coming to them, and then the film doesn't come. You can imagine the let-down for some special children's project particularly.

I know the librarian in my town has had problems that way, and I was wondering if this was a widespread problem, with that film distribution.

HON. E. KOSTYRA: I'm informed that 33 out of 35 libraries use the service. They've had 32 turn-downs for a whole year out of 1,500 circulation, so there are very few actual turn-downs.

The staff inform me that they know of no complaints in terms of the service. It may be that the libraries are using other services, such as the National Film Board, but obviously, if there are some complaints, we would want to hear them and we will try to research the problem behind it if it relates to the department.

So if the member would like to give us details, I would be prepared to investigate it and report it back to her.

MRS. C. OLESON: I'll give them to you later.

What is the budget for films for the Public Library Services for this year?

HON. E. KOSTYRA: I'm sorry, I would have to take that as notice and see if I could provide that information to the member, hopefully this evening.

MRS. C. OLESON: The grants given for the various library associations in the province; for instance, the Trustees Association; the Manitoba Library Association; and MALT, library technicians, are these a matching grant on fees collected still, or is there any change in that grant formula?

HON. E. KOSTYRA: The granting formula for both of the major organizations, the trustees and the library association, is a matching formula based on membership income to a maximum of \$5,000.00. There is provision for a special grant of \$500 if they don't reach that maximum and that special grant has been awarded the last two years, that I recall, to both.

MR. C. OLESON: I know when I was a member of the Library Trustees Association, there was also a grant for special projects. Is that still ongoing and do those other two associations that I mentioned, do they get grants like that also?

HON. E. KOSTYRA: Which were the other two organizations?

MRS. C. OLESON: The Manitoba Library Association and the Manitoba Association of Library Technicians.

HON. E. KOSTYRA: The grant program that I referred to relates to the Manitoba Library Association and the trustees. In terms of the other organization, I'll have to ask staff to get me the information on it.

I can go back just for a moment, as they're getting that, to the film purchases, the 16 mm film purchases that are budgeted for this year are \$66,300.00.

In terms of the other organizations, we're not aware of any requests from MALT. There was one from the Library Technicians Association - I'm informed that the Manitoba Library Technicians have not asked.

MRS. C. OLESON: Is it available to them should they want it? Is it available to . . .

HON. E. KOSTYRA: The special project grant, yes.

MRS. C. OLESON: There has been some mention to do with lotteries, a program in Ontario called the Half Back Program, where the people can - something to do with unused lottery tickets that didn't win.

Has the Minister had any requests from Manitoba to take part in a program like that?

HON. E. KOSTYRA: Yes, I can't give the specific request, but over the past year, maybe a bit longer, there was a small number of letters that I received from some organizations, and I believe some individuals or individual libraries, suggesting that that program should be one that we consider. I understand that the publishing and writing community in the province do not feel it would be of benefit to publishers or writers here in the province and they basically took a position that they were not in favour of it. I understand that it was discussed by the Western Premiers responsible for Lotteries, under the Western Canada Lotteries Foundation, and that it was declined.

MRS. C. OLESON: The Capital Grants Program that you mentioned before, is this an increase or a decrease from last year in the funding?

HON. E. KOSTYRA: The allocation this year is \$175,000.00. The allocation that was available previously in total was \$225,000, so it appears that it's a decrease, but it really isn't a decrease, because as the member should be aware, that money sat for a number of years because initially under the program that goes back four or five years, there was a lack of take-up because of the terms of that program. It was readjusted about a year ago and the money that was left from the previous program, which was \$225,000 and carried forward in lotteries was utilized - or part of it was carried forward. So we anticipate that this would be sufficient, given the present program, to meet the needs that are out there.

MRS. C. OLESON: Was last year's funding all used?

HON. E. KOSTYRA: I think just about. There was, I think, a few thousand that was unallocated at the end of the program.

MRS. C. OLESON: So this program has been broadened so that the people can take part in it easier,

because one of the problems before was that the people undertaking the work had to, of course, raise half of it for a capital program and they just didn't have the money to do anything major.

HON. E. KOSTYRA: It hasn't been changed from last year. It's basically the same. It was changed in terms of allowing for second applications, which was a major change that was made two years ago, and that's where the groups or the libraries started applying again, but for close to two years there was little, if any applications, under the program. We revised it two years ago and it's become much more useful to the library associations.

MRS. C. OLESON: In the Public Library Service News of January '84, there was an article to do with some other things announced by the Minister of Business Development and Tourism, but one of them caught my attention. It says and I quote: "Brokenhead River Regional Library will receive \$15,000 for renovations to the old Liquor Commission premises and this will allow for library space to be increased from 600 square feet to 2,400 square feet." He was announcing this under the Jobs Fund. Now could you clear that up for me? Is it a Jobs Fund or a capital grant under the Lotteries Fund?

HON. E. KOSTYRA: The answer is both. There was a grant under the Library Capital Grant to that library system. They also applied and received a grant under the Municipal Community Assets Program of the Jobs Fund. There were a number of libraries that received grants under the Municipal Community Assets Program of the Jobs Fund. There was that library; there was a library in Steinbach; and there may be another one that I don't recall at the moment, but they received funds from the Jobs Fund to add on to the grant that was available under the Library Capital Grants, but that was under the general program that community organizations were eligible for.

MRS. C. OLESON: Now with regard to the Winnipeg Library, is the province helping the city with funding to keep those libraries open?

HON. E. KOSTYRA: The province is providing the ongoing capital grant of \$2 per capita to the City of Winnipeg Library which was the same as last year and the same for a good number of years. It's been about the same for about seven or eight years now.

MRS. C. OLESON: They're not getting a specific additional grant or anything like that?

HON. E. KOSTYRA: No.

MRS. C. OLESON: I think that's all the questions.

MR. CHAIRMAN: 2.(d)(1) - the Member for Sturgeon Creek.

MR. F. JOHNSTON: This leads from the previous questioning. Are all the public library capital grants coming out of the Jobs Fund?

HON. E. KOSTYRA: No. There is a program of library capital grants, which is the \$175,000 that I referred to a moment ago in answer to the question raised by the Member for Gladstone. I indicated that under the Municipal Community Assets Program of the Jobs Fund, which was a general program for municipal organizations outside of the City of Winnipeg and community organizations throughout the province, that I was aware of two libraries that received grants. One was the Brokenhead River - I think it's the Brokenhead River Library in Lac du Bonnet, and the other that I recall that received assistance was the library in Steinbach, which received the Jobs Funds grant in addition to the grant that they were receiving under other programs. There may be other libraries that received, in fact I know for certain there's other libraries that received a Jobs Fund grants through the Federal-Provincial NEED Program. I recall the Town of Roblin in the Parklands received a grant under the NEED Program, which is funded through the Jobs Fund, so they were complementary to the Library Capital Grants Program.

MR. F. JOHNSTON: Well, the report was tabled last week and I would assume in 1982-83 had a \$25.124 million - or am I reading that wrong? No, I'm sorry, \$25,000 capital grants. That's fine, I'm reading it wrong.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Member for Niakwa.

MR. A. KOVNATS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I just wanted to ask at this time, because I was in the other committee and I think that I might have missed it, I wanted to ask some questions on the cultural grants to the Piney Blueberry Festival. Can the Honourable Minister advise when I can ask these questions on the Piney Blueberry Festival?

HON. E. KOSTYRA: As the member is aware, I'm quite interested in the Piney Blueberry Festival and even though we're not on the specific item - in fact I don't know if there indeed is a specific item where that question could be asked - I would be pleased to accept it at this time.

MR. A. KOVNATS: Thank you very much, Mr. Minister.

Every year I bring to the Minister's attention and he's most aware of the Piney Blueberry Festival and the surrounding areas that contribute to the Piney Blueberry Festival - the South Junction, Menisino, Vita, Sprague and all of those areas. This year it's a very trying time period, particularly because of the untimely frost that did do some damage to the blueberries in the area.

In the area there are many many cultural groups of different religious and ethnic background and they all contribute to the Piney Blueberry Festival. As a matter of fact it's probably the only one thing that all of these cultural groups get together as one group to contribute to the well-being of the whole area, so I do think that it does come under the cultural aspects of the Minister's department.

Can the Honourable Minister advise whether any monies are forthcoming in special grants to the Piney Blueberry Festival, under Cultural Grants, so that it can carry on in the tradition that it's always carried on in

the past? It's been quite successful and it's not a great amount of monies that are needed. I'm almost embarrassed to ask the Honourable Minister because there seems to be funds allocated for so many different cultural groups. This one I think has to be considered and has never been considered seriously. I think the Honourable Minister should make some comments as to if he's going to help fund with a special grant, whether he's going to reject my request for special funds this year again, or whether it's just going to be a fait accompli that it's finished, it's done with, and no consideration is going to be given.

HON. E. KOSTYRA: Mr. Chairman, the member knows that I am indeed interested in all the various fine festivals that occur throughout Manitoba. The Piney Blueberry Festival is I'm sure, a good festival - I haven't had the opportunity of attending. There are festivals held in I think just about, I would hazard a guess, every community in rural Manitoba, Northern Manitoba, and indeed within the City of Winnipeg through the various regions of the City of Winnipeg. I was at one at the community centre in my own constituency last weekend and it has not been the practice to provide grant support to those festivals that occur throughout the province.

There has been assistance in the past through the Department of Tourism through Destination Manitoba that provided for grants for festivals to help them in terms of the tourism advertising. I believe two years ago when the member raised the same question with me I had responded to him subsequent to providing that information to him, or maybe at that time to the festival organizers.

In terms of any of the cultural groups that are part of this festival that if they apply for assistance in terms of their operations, or their activities, they would be eligible under the relevant program, so I would just encourage him to suggest to those specific groups, and we could provide the information, that they can apply for specific assistance. But in terms of specific assistance to specific festivals there is no grant program as such but individual groups that may be participating, may be eligible for some of our existing grant programs. I would be pleased to supply him with that information.

MR. A. KOVNATS: I understand the Minister's nice feelings towards the Piney Blueberry festivals even though he has never attended. If he had attended I'm sure that after he had participated in the eating of the blueberry pie there would just be no doubt in his mind at all about passing back the information to me. He would carry the ball completely, he would contact the people in Piney to ask them, you know, what can I do for you because I know that you've got a problem and I wouldn't want to see this problem just overlooked. I would hope that the Honourable Minister, using the facilities of his department, would contact somebody at Piney and ask them - is there anything that I can do to keep this festival ongoing, because it has been for many, many years, and as the Minister has these special feelings towards it I would hope that the Honourable Minister would contact somebody at Piney. Even the Post Mistress at Menisino who is quite instrumental in getting things organized and her name is Mrs. Doreen Tkatchuk, I think that if somebody

contacted her and said, what can I do to help from the Minister's department, I think those people would be forever grateful and remember that it was this Minister who saved the Piney Blueberry Festival when it looked like disaster was impending.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The member may ask the question again next year.

Mr. Minister.

HON. E. KOSTYRA: Well, the member is just trying to get to my soft underbelly so to speak. I will direct our regional staff that operate in the Eastman region out of Beausejour, I will direct them to get in contact with the organizers of the Piney Blueberry Festival, whether or not they live in Piney, or Menisino is it?

MR. A. KOVNATS: Menisino.

HON. E. KOSTYRA: Menisino - I believe that's where the member has some acreage. I will direct them to meet as soon as possible with the organizers to see if either through our department, or through their assistance, we can ensure that the people of Piney have their annual Blueberry Festival so that they can enjoy it and other people in the province can enjoy it.

MR. A. KOVNATS: Yes, not to prolong the debate, I think the Honourable Minister is prepared to be of some assistance. It appears to be so. But I do have some acreage in that area but only just a few blueberry plants, not very many, you know enough that when the frost comes that I have enough facilities to see that they're protected.

I would thank the Honourable Minister for his concern and for advising that his staff would look into the matter and maybe there can be some help this year because if it doesn't come this year I'm not sure whether those people can hang on much longer.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Minister of Northern Affairs.

HON. J. STORIE: Mr. Chairman, I just wondered if the Minister could confirm or deny the rumour that the Honourable Member for Niakwa has requested it change its name to the Menisino Blueberry Festival?

MR. CHAIRMAN: It is out of order - the Minister said. 2.(d)(1)—pass; 2.(d)(2)—pass; 2.(d)(3)—pass.

2.(e)(1), Historic Resources, Salaries; 2.(e)(2), Other Expenditures - the Member for Sturgeon Creek.

MR. F. JOHNSTON: Historic Resources - is this the area of the group of people that administer the grants, or work with the different organizations on writing histories, etc.?

HON. E. KOSTYRA: This department has the broad responsibility for Historic Resources in the province and the branch exists to manage Manitoba's heritage resources and to provide leadership and support for the development and the interpretation of significant facets of Manitoba's history. They work in conjunction with various community and other organizations in the province. They have various activities which include the

administration, archeological work in the history area and staff of this department provide the resources to the Historic Sites Advisory Board for the research work that is done for them to make their determinations, their recommendations to the Minister in terms of what areas, or what people, or places, or events ought to be designated of provincial historic significance.

MR. F. JOHNSTON: This branch then is involved in the preservation of historic resources, buildings, whatever, histories of historical places, films which would designate the historical nature of a specific building or area. I think I'm staying close to what the Minister was saying. These grants come out of the Lotteries Fund, too, do they?

HON. E. KOSTYRA: Most of the grants are through Lotteries. There's the grants to museums and there's grants to various provincial heritage organizations like the Manitoba Historical Society, Heritage Winnipeg and other such heritage organizations.

MR. F. JOHNSTON: I was going to ask about museums, the Minister mentioned museums. Does the Minister have a figure of approximately how much support museums within the province receive? Is there any way of breaking it or coming close to breaking it down provincially as far as Winnipeg and the rural area are concerned?

HON. E. KOSTYRA: The grant program that exists for museums generally provides for assistance up to \$2,000 per museum; that's a legislative maximum under the legislation, although I will be . . .

MR. F. JOHNSTON: That's sort of automatic to all museums is it.

HON. E. KOSTYRA: As a maximum. It has to be matched by like fund raising or revenue sources on their side. I will be bringing forth a minor amendment to the act this year to remove that maximum because we are, as I indicated in my earlier remarks, reviewing the Museums Grant Program to see if we can provide greater and more focused assistance to Manitoba museums. But, in terms of total dollars, the assistance that is provided to museums - the figure for last year was \$160,000 for direct grants to museums under the Museum Grant Program. In addition, there has been some grants to other heritage organizations like the Manitoba Historical Society, the Western Canadian Aviation Museum, the Jewish Historical Society and assistance to the Association of Manitoba Museums.

MR. F. JOHNSTON: Regarding the Manitoba Aviation Museum, it has been around for a long time but, of course, they are now going to have new facilities out at the airport, I believe, in the old CAE space. And those funds came through the Jobs Fund, the announcements were very clear - this may come up under the Jobs Fund, maybe the Minister knows now - the province put forward the money to purchase that CAE for the Aviation Museum, but was there not some understanding that when Air Canada moved out of Manitoba, in order to have CAE come into Winnipeg

CAE was given that property for a dollar or some nominal sum, and if it was ever to be returned or ever left it was to be returned to the province . . .? That's something the Minister may look into.

HON. E. KOSTYRA: I will have to take that, frankly, as notice. I have no idea of what arrangements may exist but I'll research that and ask staff in my other department, industry department, to look into that, that's where the information to that answer would lie. I'll have to provide that subsequent to this committee meeting, but I'm not aware of that.

MR. F. JOHNSTON: It could be asked in another area, as I mentioned. It's something that might be looked into.

Well, the Minister has said he's going to present a program that is going to be a change in the act to allow him to give museums a little better financial position. That's fine, pass, Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Pass. 2.(e)(1)—pass; 2.(e)(2)—pass; 2.(f)(1) Grants Administration - Salaries; 2.(f)(2) Other Expenditures - the Member for Sturgeon Creek.

MR. F. JOHNSTON: Mr. Minister, I put a little "n" beside Grants Administration, Mr. Chairman. I couldn't find it in the previous Estimates and it would appear as if there was a budget from last year and I'm assuming that is money that was spent in Sports and Recreation.

HON. E. KOSTYRA: In essence, there was a small Grants Administration unit that existed in the previous department of Fitness, Recreation and Sport. The move to this department was highlighted as a separate branch because of the number of grants administered through the department and staff have been reallocated from specific areas into this unit. So there are no new staff. There were two SYs from Fitness, Recreation and Sport who were involved in this activity previously, and two from the Department of Cultural Affairs and Historical Resources were combined into this unit to provide for a unit to look after all the administration of all grants. There are four permanent positions - a director, a grants officer, and two secretaries.

MR. F. JOHNSTON: You've answered the question then, but these four people do the Grants Administration of Cultural Affairs and what you receive from recreation.

When I use the words "Grants Administration" it's the administration of the grants; is there any involvement as to recommendation of what the grants should be?

HON. E. KOSTYRA: This unit is evolving because it has been just put into place fairly recently. I guess the idea is to have eventually all of the grants of the department processed through this Grants Administration unit to ensure such things as form, details of the application are filled in correctly, the background information have a central source to check to ensure that it meets the criteria under the various grant programs.

Now not all the grants go through this process at the present time because, as it is evolving, we're moving

grants that were formally administered directly by branches through this unit, so that has to evolve as we're able to move them over with as little disruption as possible. But the recommendations come forward in different ways. By way of an example, some of the grants applications are processed and applied through our regional offices that exist throughout the province. Those grants will be afforded through the regional staff with their comments and recommendation on the grants to the grants administration unit.

Other grants are administered directly through branches and those have the recommendations of the specific branch given in terms of them. But, in the long term, we're intending to have it all done through the Grants Administration unit. The other development, because of the restructuring, is the regional staff. Prior to the merger the department did not have any regional staff outside of one person in the North and we now have regional staff in each of the regions because of the regional staff coming from recreation, the idea is to use them with respect to the direct line contact with the community organizations in those regions, whether or not they relate to recreation, the museums, the cultural organizations, because they are the ones that live and work in those communities so they have a better sense of what is happening in those communities necessarily than the staff here that are stationed in Winnipeg.

MR. F. JOHNSTON: So the intention or the long-term plan is to have the Grants Administration examine all grants. Would that take in the examination of grants recommended by boards that have been appointed by the government?

HON. E. KOSTYRA: No, there are no specific grants that I am aware of that we ask any boards for a recommendation on. I don't know if the member is referring to the discussion we had previously on the multicultural grants. We didn't ask for any comments on specific grants, we asked for comments on the program itself, and then we developed and decided on the program. But we did not ask them for a recommendation on a specific grant, we just asked them on the general program, the criteria, then we made decisions, so I'm not aware of any areas where we ask boards for a specific recommendation on specific grants. That's either done through specific branches or through our regional staff who are located throughout the various regions of the province.

MR. F. JOHNSTON: Just so the Minister can clear me up on one thing - the Arts Council recommend grants.

HON. E. KOSTYRA: The Manitoba Arts Council has a legislated mandate where they administer their own grants. They have a board of directors and staff and by virtue of the act they are an autonomous organization. Once they are in place they receive part of their revenue through appropriation, one of the grants we talked about earlier, and about 45 percent of the revenue from lottery revenue. But the actual decisions are made directly by the Manitoba Arts Council and there is no recommendation to the government.

There is the great debate that is going on right now in Ottawa between the Federal Government and the

Canada Council in terms of so-called political interference in the operation of the Arts Council at that level. At the provincial level the practice has been that the Arts Council, once formed, is autonomous in terms of the specific grants it administers.

MR. F. JOHNSTON: And I apologize for going back over past history, but is that the area in the discussion last year - and I've just read it - where the Member for Kirkfield Park referred to a specific report and you indicated that there were about two areas of that report you weren't in agreement with?

HON. E. KOSTYRA: No, that was the cultural policy review that was undertaken or commissioned by the Federal Minister, the Appelbaum-Hébert Report as it was commonly referred to, which made recommendations with respect to cultural policy in the country. There were far-ranging recommendations there in terms of all aspects of cultural development. I believe that is the one, just going by . . .

MR. F. JOHNSTON: Yes, that is the one. Could the Minister just go over again what is happening in Ottawa on the political involvement?

HON. E. KOSTYRA: There is a bill presently before the Federal House wherein the Federal Government will have the ability through legislation to provide specific direction to the Canada Council and there is a lot of concern. Indeed, I believe his counterparts in the official opposition in Ottawa have taken a position in opposition to that change, whereby the government would have the ability to provide directions to the Canada Council and would take away what's perceived as their autonomy with respect to decisions, artistic decisions on how they provide grants and assistance to the performing and individual artists and artisans of the country.

MR. F. JOHNSTON: I'm sorry, Mr. Chairman, we digressed there for a minute. We're not under Arts Council.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes, I was about to mention that. The Member for Sturgeon Creek.

MR. F. JOHNSTON: I'm getting the feeling or I'm assuming that this will become a very important part of the department in the future, which will probably have to expand if they're going to be taking their recommendations from the next item which is being done in the field now and will still be in the field but the decision-making will be back here. We know the Minister is expecting to look at this department and have it expand into a fairly important department as far as grants are concerned.

HON. E. KOSTYRA: I don't know if it's going to result in any significant increase in staff. What I think it will provide is a better service to the client organizations because in the past the grants were administered by a specific unit which was part of a function of staff doing other work. Now we're able to have staff whose specific function is to administer the grants and I think

it'll provide for a more efficient operation, firstly; and secondly, to provide for a quicker turnaround in terms of the processing; and thirdly, to ensure better or greater accountability in terms of ensuring that all of the forms are properly filled in and have the required information, because if there is staff whose full-time function is to look after that, then they obviously would be in a better position than someone who has to do it as part of another job.

MR. F. JOHNSTON: This came about because of the large expansion of grants with the receiving of Recreation.

HON. E. KOSTYRA: Because the two departments came together and each had a significant grant component and, frankly, I guess what we did was learn from what was existing in Recreation previously where they did have a small unit and we combined that with our department and decided to bring it into focus.

MR. CHAIRMAN: 2.(f)(1)—pass; 2.(f)(2)—pass.

The time being 5:30, we are interrupting the proceedings of this committee. We shall return at approximately 8:00 p.m.

SUPPLY - HEALTH

MR. CHAIRMAN, P. Eyles: Committee, come to order. We are considering the Estimates of the Department of Health. I am informed by the Clerk that at the last sitting of the committee all the items were dealt with in Item 2, but the resolution was not passed.

Resolution No. 88: Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$38,443,800 for Community Health Programs for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 1985—pass.

Item 3. Community Health Operations, (a)(1)—pass; (a)(2)—pass.

3.(b)(1)—the Member for Fort Garry.

MR. L. SHERMAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I would like to begin examination of the Regional Services Branch of the department by asking the Minister to bring the committee up to date, if he will, on the staffing complement in the Regional Services component and the reasons for changes.

The staffing and staff year list that the Minister sent over to me the other day indicates a request for an increase of 16.5 staff years in Regional Services, boosting it from 539.75 to 556.25 staff years. Then there is an explanatory note which describes the general application of that staff, but there are some questions I would have with respect to that application: how that staff breaks down in categories, and just where there are strengths and weaknesses in the staffing component overall. Some of the areas in which most of the criticism that has come to me and I'm sure come to the Minister over the course of the past several months with respect to the pressures and stresses and strains that our health care system is under, have developed out of this area of Regional Services.

The feeling in some parts of the province, in some regions, and some communities, and extra community areas that their regional services in health care are

under pressure and in some cases understaffed; that some of their needs in terms of home care, in particular, in terms of public health and public health care, maternal and child health programs, prenatal and postnatal programs are suffering because of a lack of sufficient personnel resulting in a lack of access for the people of the community to those services.

Westman region is one in particular where I've had a number of letters expressing extreme concern. I perhaps want to go into that in a little more detail with the Minister a little further into this item, Mr. Chairman, but for the moment, I would ask him whether he could describe for the committee where those 16.5 staff years are to go. His explanatory note, in the pages he gave me the other day, cited 16 new staff years for public health nurses, nutritionists, and clerical for enriched Maternal and Child Health, but there's no particular breakdown of those and I'd like to have that.

I'd also like to know where we stand in total at the present time with respect to public health nurses in the system? How many have we got? How many vacancies do we have? How many public health nurses do we need to restore the regional health delivery system to the level which is required?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister of Health.

HON. L. DESJARDINS: Well, actually, Mr. Chairman, there are 17 new staff here now. In a year like this year, I think that has to be considered, then there is also with the redirection of funds through the Maternal and Child Health work, and also through the Health Promotion Directorate, so I'm sure that there'll always be a demand for more. I just think the honourable member should take into consideration that there has been an increase.

Now, I think that he wanted to know where they're situated. I've got the complete list here of the 556.25. There are eight regional directors, and there's one of course in each region. There are five administrative officers, three of them in the Winnipeg region. Area directors, there are five, four of them in Winnipeg and one in Thompson. The clerical, there are 89.5 altogether, 34 of those in Winnipeg.

I can break it down further if my honourable friend would desire. Regional Manager, Continuing Care, there are three; regional senior public health nurses, there are two; senior public health nurses, there are 14; public health nurses, 129.5; public health nurses, Early Discharge Program, 5; public health nurse, V.D. control, 6; licensed practical nurses, 1; community health workers, 16; health educators, 3; home economists, 11; home advisor services to senior workers resource development, 7; regional mental health co-ordinator, 6; mental health workers program specialist, 2; psychologist, 1; psychiatrist, 1; mental health workers, 64.5; resource co-ordinator mental health, 1; support worker mental health, 1; audiologist, 8.5; audiometrist, 2; residential care co-ordinator, 1; residential care co-ordinator, another one - I don't know why they're listed on two separate lines - home care administrators, 3; regional co-ordinators, 6 - that's home care administration; regional resource developer, 2; senior program consultant, 1; senior program consultant, 1; program specialist, 1; program specialist, 1; public

health nurses, 54; public health nurse dialysis, 1; social workers, 26; personal care home co-ordinator, 1; placement co-ordinator, 1; staff development co-ordinator, 1; homemaker supervisor, 1; resource developer volunteer co-ordinator, 3; home care attendant co-ordinator, 1; recruitment and placement, 1; nursing co-ordinator auxiliary staff, 1; director and care providers, 26; allocated, 16.5; term, 11.75, for a total of 556.25. So I think, as I say, fine, we can always make a point that we would need more.

I think we've increased the capacity of the staff in a way by having the public health nurses, some of them, working actually in public health and others in home care. Then as I say, in certain other programs where we've added new staff with the money saved for closing the obstetric beds, for instance, at Seven Oaks and Concordia, there are a few additional people there, so I think with a year with the deficit that we have and so on and the added programs that we have, I don't think it's that bad.

MR. L. SHERMAN: Mr. Chairman, I thank the Minister for that list of personnel and their occupational categories. I would ask him whether the majority of the work commitment under Regional Services for public health nurses is in the home care field if he is feeling any strains, pressures, on home care? Has he had queries and criticisms about a lack of adequate availability of personnel to deliver home care, and how much of that staff would he consider is essentially designated for home care?

HON. L. DESJARDINS: Well, Mr. Chairman, we're talking about public health nurses now and it was all mixed up at one time. They were supposed to deliver home care and also public health, and the best information that we have so far on that transition is not completed all over the province or, if so, it's just a short while ago in some areas. There are 30 percent of so of the public health nurses that are spending their full time on home care. The others are mostly public health and so on.

MR. L. SHERMAN: Mr. Chairman, I just want to read into the record a copy of a letter that I received, dated May 22, 1984, on the subject of the community health support services and a perceived lack of sufficient government funding for same in the Westman region in particular. I know the Minister got this letter but I don't expect him to have it in front of him at the moment, so I just want to make reference to it as an example of what has been cited fairly frequently to me as difficulties that are being encountered by people in certain regions of the province now and who are anxious for community health services that they find are less and less available, and less and less accessible to them.

This was a letter from the President of the Riverdale Health Services District, Mr. Glen Worthington, and the Secretary of the Bulloch Booth Home in Brandon, Miss Helen Harrison. It was addressed to the Minister, the Honourable L.L. Desjardins, May 22, 1984, with a copy to me. The reason I cite it, sir, is because it succinctly reflects the issue and the question that I think deserves some consideration and some discussion at the present time.

it reads as follows and I quote directly: "Dear Mr. Desjardins: The Westman Personal Care Interest Group is a non-profit, voluntary organization of activity workers, nurses' aids and professional staff of personal care homes in the southwest portion of Manitoba. The general aim of our meeting is to provide help and support to each other and to gather information of use to us in our work.

"At our meeting of May 10, 1984, concern was expressed re the lack of government funding for community health support services. It was unanimously decided that it would be helpful to write to you on behalf of our group to express those concerns.

"Specifically, it was felt that the government has developed a policy of maintaining the elderly in the community as long as possible, and we have no quarrel with this policy. We do feel that the government does not adequately fund the implementation of this policy. Home care workers are in short supply as are speech, physical and occupational therapists. The elderly can only be kept in their home environment with the help of these services.

"One of the results of this lack of funding is that the rural acute care hospitals are being filled with the elderly awaiting nursing home placement. Another problem is a lack of enriched housing for the elderly. Residents admitted to a nursing home at level 2 or 3 and being rehabilitated to a level 1 could be discharged if there was some place for them to go.

"We appreciate that this is a time of economic restraint, but feel that cutting funding on home care services is false economy. Since the government believes that in the long term it is more economical to keep people in their own homes, why does not the government implement the necessary quantity of services to accomplish this? Yours sincerely, Glen Worthington, Helen Harrison, etc." End of quote from that letter, Mr. Chairman.

I certainly am prepared, of course, to table the letter.

I want to say I recognize that some of the specific references here are exclusively to home care as such and the home care branch of the continuing care division of the department, and we have already dealt with that. But in a broader sense, what is at issue here is home care, as an example, in a region and in an area. It is part and parcel of Community Health Services and Regional Services and the regional delivery of public health nursing, etc. So, I think the subject of the letter is relevant with respect to the particular branch of the department that we're discussing here, namely, Regional Services.

I cite that letter because it reflects and summarizes for me, fairly succinctly, the general concerns and anxieties that have come forward from a number of spokesmen who have been in touch with me on this subject. I'm sure that the Minister and his officials have heard the same questions raised. There is a developing concern out there for the level and the quality of those regional, personal services, Regional Community Health Services on which our system is founded and on which people depend so strongly. I think we would be derelict in our responsibilities if we failed to make note of that concern and that anxiety at this stage of the Estimates as we consider Regional Services.

The Minister has pointed out that the addition of staff that he's requested at the present time seems to be

fairly reasonable in this year, given the environment of restraint and limited funding in which we have to operate, but nonetheless, if we're going to shift the system to the kind of system that we both agree is necessary, that is, a system that maintains people on their feet and in their homes and in their communities and keeps them out of institutions such as conventional hospitals, we've got to be taking every step we can, taking every measure we can to address the pressures that are now present in the Regional Health Services delivery spectrum.

I want to put those formalized concerns as expressed in that letter on the record and ask the Minister whether in general terms, he and his staff, his planners and his Regional Services personnel at the ADM level and the Deputy Minister's level are looking at the challenge of a broadened and extended and a reinforced regional community health service system as being one of the answers, one of the primary answers to the health pressures of the 1980s and the 1990s.

Is there an intention in his office and are his planners and advisors working towards a broader and a more sophisticated regional health service system and delivery system so as to reduce the pressure on those rural hospitals which are now finding many of their active treatment beds filled with elderly, chronic-care patients and so as to reduce the erstwhile pressures for more and more personal care homes? Is that an intention and a direction of the department? Does the Minister have any initiatives in the field of Regional Services for 1984-85 that he can discuss with the committee at this point, apart from the 17 new staff years being requested?

HON. L. DESJARDINS: Mr. Chairman, first of all let me state to the members of the committee that at my request, staff has started on a home care review, a very comprehensive review of the program, especially to identify the potential ways and means of improving the cost effectiveness of the program. There'll be five major program components that will be addressed, the referral process, the assessment-reassessment process, the service delivery mechanism, the evaluation process and finally the administrative system.

Examination of the referral process will include a review of the current hospital discharge criteria as well as an analysis of urban-rural disparities in the referral process.

My honourable friend read a letter from Westman and then he talks about the rural. I'll admit there are problems in Brandon; I've admitted that on a number of occasions, and that's being looked at, also at the hospital in Brandon and in the city, but certainly not in rural areas. I think that many of them would have an occupancy rate of maybe 50 percent or less, some of these rural hospitals so it's not a problem if you have somebody in a hospital. That's not holding back anybody else in most instances.

I think my honourable friend is bringing back an issue that I thought we had satisfied him with the answers last Thursday. I think at the time I said there was a redirection of money more than a curtailment or reduction. I talked about the 43,000 transferred to Regional Services to provide for establishment of staffing for Winnipeg for community living for the young

disabled. I also talked about the money that was transferred to help promotion for Supportive Services in elderly person housing units and Community Resources Development and I think I also talked about the transfer to help promotion of the external agencies for establishing three rural senior centres, so I think that we have to look at that all together.

I also stated that last year that was the only place where we had new money in a difficult year, and we didn't spend all this money. I said this year that there was a reduction, as such, but that to me doesn't mean - and I did state that on Thursday - it doesn't mean that much, that is just a guesstimate, more or less, because all the members of this committee know that if you run out of money during the year for a program, such as, home Care, you don't say well there's no money so, therefore, we cancel all home care. You have to go for a special warrant, so I'm not as concerned, obviously, as my honourable friend.

That doesn't mean that we can answer all the needs and include everything in home care; there was quite a bit of money spent. This is why this committee was set up to see if we can improve the situation. There's an awful lot of expectancy out there, there's some people who also would feel that once they get home care they should have it forever and a day. They don't like it when it's assessed and at times feel that it doesn't warrant home care; after all, it is a program that is completely financed by the taxpayers.

I wanted to say to my honourable friend that we haven't changed, as far as I'm concerned, that I'm aware of, we haven't changed any guidelines at all from the time that he was the Minister. We are carrying on, if anything, with some of our redirection we've enriched the program as such. In talking about enrichment and enriching senior citizen homes, I also stated that the provincial gerontologist with a special committee has been working at developing a program. We started very humbly, in a small way. There's something being developed, in fact, I believe that will be going to one of the Cabinets of Committee this week, either tomorrow or very soon.

So all in all, Mr. Chairman, as I say it doesn't matter that much the amount of money that you're going to put in under this item if, like last year, we don't spend it. So certainly as I said, we didn't change any of the rules in the middle of the the game or, if you need more money I'm sure that we'll be able to go through for a Special Warrant and ask for these funds. Now I hope that this is the answer.

Also with the redirection of some of the funds that don't show up there, but that are either showing in other areas, such as, Community and Resource Development and the transfer to help promotion in other directives that we passed already on Thursday.

Oh, excuse me, Mr. Chairman, before I forget, there was one question that I promised an answer for. The regulation Measles Elimination Program, things that my honourable friend had asked why an act had been passed, why weren't we proclaiming it? Well apparently the amendments relate to the Board of Health that we haven't had for a number of years and we're told that that's supposed to be approved by the Board of Health and that correction will be brought in this year under the Status Law Amendment as soon as we have that, we'll be bringing forward an O/C regulation.

MR. L. SHERMAN: Thank you. I'd just ask the Minister at this juncture to refresh my memory on this point. I want to enquire about the home economists in the department; are they under this Regional Services appropriation or do they come into a different area?

HON. L. DESJARDINS: It's the same number of field staff, but they're incorporated in the Health Promotion Directorate, the new directorate that we have. We've transferred the fitness program to the Department of Sports and Recreation and the dieticians are also in that same area, they come under this new directorate that we have with Education, also under Dr. Jack Wilt.

MR. L. SHERMAN: Well I'd like to just get a couple of figures straight if I can, Mr. Chairman, some of the mathematics of the thing. I had been informed that the home economics capability in the department had been cut back in budgetary terms from \$214,000 to \$84,600.00. Now as I say, that was information that was conveyed to me, not necessarily official - and I'm not suggesting that I have any proof or assurance that it's accurate but that's the reason for my question - that the capability had been cut back from \$214,000 to \$84,600.00. If that were the case, of course, that kind of a reduction would have a major impact on the service that the home economists, working in the field services element of the Department of Health, deliver to clientele, recipients in this province.

Now is the Minister saying to me that, yes, insofar as home economists in the regional services component are concerned, there is a reduction there but it's compensated for by the fact that they and their budgets have all gone into the Health Promotion component? Is that essentially what the Minister is saying to me?

I recognize we've covered the Health Promotion component, Mr. Chairman, but I can't very well get at this question without referring back to Health Promotion, because formerly they operated, I think, under the Regional Services heading, so we may have to refer back to Health Promotion to get the answer and Health Promotion, of course, is one of the branches that shows a budgetary increase being requested in this year's Estimates. So that may well be the explanation but I have a number of my rural friends asking me for an answer and for an explanation so I'd put that question to the Minister, Mr. Chairman.

HON. L. DESJARDINS: Mr. Chairman, the number is exactly the same. There are 7 professionals and there's 11 in the field. There is though much more of a demand, especially in nutrition and so on, there's different departments that are requesting and are promoting their cause, I think, quite well. In fact, there have been some requests that they should be covered under Medicare. I think the situation is very important. We have to look at it, especially in the rural areas and we are, as my honourable friend knows, though there are some of them that have worked for the Department of Agriculture and now we're looking at the whole thing together with the department. That's existed for quite a while, I don't know why but maybe they should be working together, but apparently they are working very closely together. The co-operation is very good, there's no problem there at all but, nevertheless, we're

investigating all the questions of home economists for the whole government, the different departments because of the demand, but there hasn't been any reduction at all - no increase, mind you.

MR. L. SHERMAN: Well, Mr. Chairman, the Minister says there hasn't been any reduction at all. Where would he suspect that those figures of mine would have come from? You know if a rural person tells me that his information is that it's been cut back from \$214,000 to \$84,600, would that be because there's a chunk of the Budget there that's now over in Health Promotion instead of Regional Services, which could be a logical answer; but is that the answer?

HON. L. DESJARDINS: Well even now, Mr. Chairman, I'm assured, if that is the case, that person has been misinformed. We'll have to check either that person or I've been misinformed but there has been as I say, under the education directorate. We're going, as I explained earlier, more in prevention. We've had our reorganization that we feel is working quite well and the information that I'm getting at this time again is that person must have been misinformed because that is not the case apparently.

If my honourable friend can give me the information or refer the letter, we'll certainly look at it and see who's wrong.

MR. L. SHERMAN: Okay, I appreciate that, Mr. Chairman. On this point of the home economists and nutritionists, did I record the Minister's statements correctly when I noted that the number of those personnel is exactly the same in the Department of Health - that 7 are in the directorate and 11 are in the field, is that correct? Then there are a number in the Department of Agriculture and there are some who are, at least administratively, budgeted for through the Commission. Is that not correct, Health Service Commission?

HON. L. DESJARDINS: Not the Commission.

MR. L. SHERMAN: Not the Commission?

HON. L. DESJARDINS: It should be, I'd imagine indirectly through the hospitals, some of them are financed by the hospitals. That might be what my honourable friend means.

MR. L. SHERMAN: Is there any intention to look at integration of this profession, this occupation, in terms of amalgamating the home economics and nutritionist capability under one department? Would there be any practical reason for doing that, or is there any need to do it, in the Minister's view?

HON. L. DESJARDINS: I think we moved, as I say, in that direction to a point, but that is also the reason for this whole study with the Department of Agriculture and other departments; that might be one of the recommendations.

MR. CHAIRMAN: 3.(b)(1)—pass; 3.(b)(2)—pass; 3.(c)(1) - the Member for Fort Garry.

MR. L. SHERMAN: Mr. Chairman, can the Minister advise the status of redevelopment of the Brandon Mental Health Centre? He said, in either his opening statement when we got into the Estimates on Thursday, Sir, or subsequent to that in one of the exchanges between us, that in his announcement of his capital program which will occur early this week, that he probably will be making reference to a new facility, a new capability in Brandon that may well be on the campus of the Brandon General Hospital, not on the Mental Health Centre Campus, that will provide us with a significant additional number of beds for Mental Health Services in Westman but over the course of the past two or three years - more than that, three or four years - the administrations of the province, the past and present administrations of the province have been looking very intensively at a comprehensive redevelopment of Brandon and a comprehensive redevelopment of the Selkirk Mental Health Centre. In fact, under our administration there was \$5 million in capital committed to each project.

What is the status of that redevelopment of Brandon Mental Centre now and what is the Minister's thinking on it? I know that the subject also comes into the recommendations that emanated from the enquiry conducted by Mr. Pascoe. The Pascoe Report contained recommendations relative to the future of the Brandon Mental Health Centre and Selkirk so there is some long-range questions that have to be determined and answered with respect to that institution before the Minister can fully and finally commit any major capital investment. Could he bring us up-to-date on that, Mr. Chairman?

HON. L. DESJARDINS: I did cover some of that on Thursday.

I want to make a correction right from the onset. The new facilities that I announced, and actually it wasn't a new announcement, we had announced that last year but exactly because of that, because of awaiting the recommendation of the Pascoe Report, we kept that in abeyance for awhile and then we were looking for property. But it is not new additional beds - and I made that point on Thursday - we don't want more beds. If anything we'll never close these facilities complete like I mentioned on Thursday or I can't see us doing that. I would hope that we will be able to reduce the population of these institutions.

Now what we've done, as I say, it would be a little bit too early to decide the direction that we're going, but we know that this conforms to the recommendation in the Pascoe Report and plans are definitely under way for development of a 100-bed geriatric multi-purpose patient care facilities in Brandon, we're placing an amount. This is why I mentioned it on Thursday; it's actually construction but this has been the department and not the Manitoba Health Services Commission certainly in the past.

There's an amount of \$400,000 identified for this year's capital investment for facility design and land acquisition. As I mentioned on Thursday, we've been fortunate, we've looked at the land where the old jail is situated in Brandon. It's an excellent facility and if later on there is a closer liaison between the General Hospital, then we'll be able to achieve that. Probably

it will be a free-standing board at this time that would run that.

Going back to the facilities, the architect was there last week or a week-and-a-half ago, and I'm expecting a report fairly soon, but I understand that they will be able to keep the facade or whatever is requested by the Minister of Culture - because that old jail has been declared an historical site - but apparently we will be able to use the facility. So we're going to go ahead with this as fast as we can and we would hope that come next year we'll be able to actually start the construction.

This new facility has been developing in concert with the Brandon Mental Health Centre and will, as I say, provide for the transfer of 100 of the Centre's elderly population, some of the beds that are pretty well obsolete in that area; but they're not new beds, they're not additional beds.

MR. L. SHERMAN: But are you still going ahead with a \$5 million redevelopment program there or has that all been revised and reviewed.

HON. L. DESJARDINS: As I say, we're waiting for the recommendation. The only thing that we've announced, we know exactly what the cost will be - I don't have this here - it is that particular facility. It will take 100 beds that are substandard and replace them by this facility of 100 beds, then when we get the report and see what's going in the community, that will be part of the recommendation that we should have very very soon.

MR. L. SHERMAN: There had been some considerable renovations completed on some of the older buildings on the site, on the Brandon Mental Health Centre site, in the past two or three years; has that been completed now? One of the older residences which phased out and closed down and there were considerable renovations done on one or two others; has that been completed, Mr. Chairman, or is there still work to do on that?

HON. L. DESJARDINS: We'll still be using those buildings for awhile, this is just the worst 100 beds. In the report that I have on that, on minor capital construction and renovation, provision is made for short-term renovation and requirements identified during the year which contribute to health, safety and well-being of both patient and staff. Projects under construction for the 63,000 allocated in '84-85 include upgrading of the hairdressing shop in Brandon, the interior . . . , the dietary equipment replacement and minor alteration to patient activity area, so that's not lost. This is some of the areas that we're doing. But this project I announced that I'm referring to, is to take the worst 100 substandard beds. There hasn't been too much money spent in that area.

MR. L. SHERMAN: What about the laundry project, Mr. Chairman?

HON. L. DESJARDINS: The laundry project - we were looking at the laundry at the mental health facility and there was need for an increased capacity at the Brandon

General Hospital. That's being discussed now. The first recommendation that we had - and that dates back when my honourable friend was Minister - I think he visited the General Hospital at the time with, I think, Mr. Getz, and it appeared that the information that was received at that time wasn't factual. I think if they had that it would be costing an awful lot more at the General Hospital. We looked at that again and it seems that the cost is practically the same in either area. The only thing is, if you build it in the mental institution, it might be that could be obsolete if you change things later on, or at least be in the wrong spot.

A decision was made just a week or two ago and Cabinet accepted that the facilities to handle both areas will be added to the General Hospital, but it'll be an independent board. It will be kind of a regional laundry that will serve both institutions and probably the personal care home, those that will be announced tomorrow or the next day, or that have been started to build already. So it is our hope anyway that it will become a regional laundry for the Brandon area. It would be less cost than if they add on each, or remain with their own laundry. It will be quite a bit less.

MR. L. SHERMAN: Mr. Chairman, there seem to be from time to time, chronic problems in maintaining a desirable level of fully-trained, fully-qualified psychiatrists at some of our hospitals, including our Mental Health Centres. That is not exclusive to Manitoba by any means, but it's Manitoba that we are concerned about.

What is the standing and status at the present time in terms of staffing at Brandon Mental Health Centre with respect to fully-qualified psychiatrists? I know that there are staff professionals, staff doctors, medical professionals who are certified to fill psychiatric positions at the Health Centre because of training that they have achieved and attained in psychiatry, but they are not necessarily psychiatrists. They're not specialists in psychiatry. How do we stand with respect to psychiatrists and the need for them at Brandon and the staffing complement? Has there been improvement in that area?

HON. L. DESJARDINS: There hasn't been any improvement if the question is fully-qualified persons. In fact, there has been a decrease from two to one. Mind you, the one that we lost was looking at retirement before. I don't think it placed such an extra load, but it is certainly not an improvement. We have had a very hard time recruiting qualified people in this area.

MR. L. SHERMAN: Psychiatric nurses and staff personnel in general at the Centre, are we all right in those quotas in those categories?

HON. L. DESJARDINS: Yes, we are.

MR. L. SHERMAN: Has there been any significant change in in-patient population at Brandon in the last year?

HON. L. DESJARDINS: Would you repeat that? I'm sorry.

MR. L. SHERMAN: Has there been any significant change in in-patient population at Brandon in the past year? What is the staff-to-patient ratio?

HON. L. DESJARDINS: First of all, I would like to add to the former answer that the Career Residency Program in Psychiatry is in full swing this year, one that I have mentioned and that we developed with Dr. Prosen and others in the university. I hope this will work.

Now for the population statistics. I think I will start this in 1978 going to up to '83 - that's Brandon, of course - 561 in 1978; 574, 555, 559, 519 and 492 in 1983. The staff remains the same.

Now the outpatients seen in 1982 were 2,381; in 1983, 2,293; outpatient contacts in 1982, 10,489; 1983, 10,076.

MR. L. SHERMAN: Then what is the staffing complement and, in particular, the nursing complement, Mr. Chairman?

HON. L. DESJARDINS: The complete staff is 625, so that's the same. The nursing is 314; medical, 17; nursing education, 10; Chief Executive Officer, of course, one; social services, 20; education, one; psychology, 11; motivational therapy, 40; resource service, auxiliary, dietary, laundry and housekeeping, etc., 185; contingency, 26; for 625 total.

MR. L. SHERMAN: Does that ratio, staff-to-patient and, in particular, nurse-to-patient ratio, reflect a consistency with previous years, or has there been any decline in the ratio?

HON. L. DESJARDINS: No, there wouldn't be room because we have the same staff and there has been a decline in population as the information that I gave previously.

MR. L. SHERMAN: The Minister mentioned the Career Residency Program in Psychiatry. That's an interesting subject and an interesting program. I'm glad that we have a chance to look at it for a moment. How many residents does that accommodate in a given year?

HON. L. DESJARDINS: Three residents entered the program in 1982, and one entered in 1983. I understand that another one will start the program on July 1, 1984. The first graduate from this program will begin full-time employment with the province this fall. That's the first one.

MR. L. SHERMAN: That resident came in in 1982, so it's a two-year residency?

HON. L. DESJARDINS: Right.

MR. L. SHERMAN: Is this the only Mental Health Centre in the province where we have that residency program in place? I know there was some talk earlier about an attempt to get it into Selkirk but I don't know that it ever happened.

HON. L. DESJARDINS: Selkirk also has the same problem and community work also but as I said, that was just started last year.

MR. CHAIRMAN: 3.(c)(1)—pass; 3.(c)(2)—pass.

3.(d)(1) - the Member for Fort Garry.

MR. L. SHERMAN: Basically, Mr. Chairman, my questions with respect to Selkirk are much the same as my questions on Brandon. I would like to have a report on the state and status of that health centre, and whether a five-year redevelopment plan is still in place for Selkirk or whether that's all being rethought and redeveloped and reevaluated, and whether there has been \$5 million in capital redevelopment investment actually committed there, or whether that is all being held in limbo at the moment?

HON. L. DESJARDINS: My answers are pretty well the same as Brandon, if the questions are the same. There will be funds for the architectural planning of the same kind of residence with 100 beds, a multi-purpose facility in Selkirk, the same as in Brandon. That goes in the direction so far of the Pascoe recommendation, the recommendation from the Pascoe Report and the rest is, as far as all of the development, that might be a bit premature.

I'd like to give the information also that the staff is exactly the same as last year, it's 475. There's a Chief Executive Officer; 15 medical; 242 nursing; 11 nursing education; 18 social services; 1 education; 8 psychology; 22 motivational therapy; 139 resource services; 18 contingency; for a total of 475. There again, starting with 1978 to 1983, the population was 354 in 1978; 391 in 1979; 370 in 1980; 408 in 1981; back down to 367 in 1982; and 350 in 1983.

There have been some changes also. Fire and safety have been upgraded in some of the facilities. There has been air conditioning installed in the infirmary building. It's pretty well, as I say, the same situation and the same policy, both going in the same direction as in Brandon.

MR. L. SHERMAN: Does the Minister have the figures there, Mr. Chairman, for outpatient case load and community contacts?

HON. L. DESJARDINS: Yes, I'm sorry, the outpatient scene in 1982 was 1,281; in 1983, 1,233; outpatient contacts in 1982, 7,193; in 1983, 7,645.

MR. L. SHERMAN: What about the professional capability there, Mr. Chairman? Have we got psychiatrists in adequate supply at Selkirk or is there pressure to maintain them, to find them, to keep them? And if we're short, who is delivering the service?

HON. L. DESJARDINS: The situation, sir, is much better in Selkirk than Brandon and there are 12 qualified in Selkirk. We're very pleased with Selkirk.

MR. L. SHERMAN: Twelve qualified in Selkirk.

HON. L. DESJARDINS: Right.

MR. L. SHERMAN: What about Outreach Programs, programs into the community, Mr. Chairman, from Selkirk? Are there new programs or new initiatives or is there expansion in any way? I note the case load figures that the Minister has given me, but they perhaps

don't always reflect the total story insofar as the nature of programming being done from a Mental Health Centre into the community to keep persons who are suffering from mental illness in the community, rather than in the institution. Are there any new community programs that have been launched from Selkirk?

I know a few years ago there were some major initiatives into the community from Brandon and I think those programs in Brandon have met with considerable success. Is there similar professional activity of that kind being done from Selkirk?

HON. L. DESJARDINS: Not really, if we're talking about this year. This is something that is the responsibility of the regional staff and I would imagine that there could be some very important changes in direction or programs once we get the results and the recommendations from the Pascoe Report. I think it would be a bit premature to start on some programs until we know exactly where we're going in that direction, especially when we're dealing with problems in the community.

MR. L. SHERMAN: Who is serving post-mentally ill who have been released or discharged from the Selkirk Mental Health Centre at the present time? Are there community mental health workers, caseworkers or social workers who operate out of the Selkirk Mental Health Centre to work with those people and monitor the progress of those people in the community or do they just come into the community whether it be Selkirk, Winnipeg or wherever, and find themselves in the position where they have to be picked up as a community mental health worker or a caseworker from one of the general hospitals in Winnipeg? What happens to those people who have been patients at the Selkirk Mental Health Centre and are now back in the community? Who is serving them?

HON. L. DESJARDINS: Mr. Chairman, this hasn't changed at all. That service will be delivered with the regional staff. As I mentioned earlier, there are 19 mental health workers in Winnipeg; there's four in the Interlake and 64.5 altogether. I think this is one of the main reasons that we set up the Pascoe study, to give us the recommendation in some areas. I know that in my previous term as Minister, the Deputy Minister of the day was really anxious to - in fact, at the time I think they were talking about closing the institution altogether and that sounded good on paper and I think other jurisdictions did the same thing - but they had to reverse the program, or at least slow down the program, and I had to practically completely reverse the program because it sounded good to close this institution, but then what about at the other end? I don't think we were ready at the other end.

First of all, the population, the community wasn't ready. I think there's been a lot of work at this time; I think there has been some education and that has changed. Then we had no facilities and, more important, no trained staff; and I think that's the part of it you will see. I think that was certainly one of the recommendations of the Pascoe Report, as you phase out and cut down on the population of these institutions, you might have some smaller cottage-type homes for

these people and also many of the programs like day programs - I think there's one in St. Boniface, the Sara Riel and there aren't too many like that - I think that's what we will see in the Pascoe recommendations, mostly in some of these facilities to be able to take care of these people that are no longer in institutions and not satisfied to say, well, all right, look at how great we've done. We've phased out the institutions and these people without help, would be roaming the streets.

I think that's dangerous and I think that's probably the most important change or improvement that we could make now with the facilities. We're going to have at the Adolescent Centre in Grace and the change under my honourable friend at St. Boniface and so on, there's been some improvement. I think we have to improve more and also train the personnel which is probably one of the most important things.

MR. CHAIRMAN: 3.(d)(1)—pass; 3.(d)(2)—pass.

Resolution No. 89: Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$51,767,200 for Health, Community Health Operations, for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 1985—pass.

4.(a)(1) - the Member for Fort Garry.

MR. L. SHERMAN: Mr. Chairman, the situation with respect to the Chief Provincial Psychiatrist's office has not changed as such in the past year, but certainly the personnel has been changed. There is a new Chief Provincial Psychiatrist now and I would ask the Minister for a report on the personnel in the Chief Provincial Psychiatrist's office. Is there any staffing change other than the change in the individual Chief Provincial Psychiatrist himself? What are the resources on which he is able to draw in his office?

HON. L. DESJARDINS: Mr. Chairman, there is nothing to add to what was covered. I think we covered that on Thursday. We announced the new Chief Provincial Psychiatrist and the arrangements that we'd worked out with Dr. Prosen at the Health Sciences Centre at the university. I think we've announced also at the time a new director - the directorate doesn't come under here though.

As far as staff, that's about the only thing that I can say there's nothing new.

MR. L. SHERMAN: Mr. Chairman, what about the capability of dealing with psychiatric problems in the adolescent and children's field? The Minister may want till we get down to Item (c) before dealing with those.

When we look at 4.(a), for example, the Chief Provincial Psychiatrist, we're looking at a requested appropriation this year of some \$280,000 less than 1983-84. That's a decrease in funding of more than \$250,000.00. I repeat my disclaimer of previous days, I'm not looking for ways to spend money unnecessarily, but it could not be argued that expenditures in this area are unnecessary. On the contrary, they're highly necessary. We have grievous problems in terms of psychiatric capability of services, particularly in the children's and adolescent field. I know we've got the new Adolescent Psychiatric facility coming on stream; that's a long-awaited capability and I welcome that very warmly. That's a different subject area in terms

of the Estimates and in terms of the expenditure figures we're looking at.

We're looking here at a reduction of more than \$250,000 in the planning and development of comprehensive, balanced and integrated provincial mental health services and psychiatric consultation regarding all elements of mental health practice, programming, policy and legislation emanating from the office of the Chief Provincial Psychiatrist. So instead of having very close to \$700,000 with which to do that job, the new Provincial Psychiatrist has just slightly more than \$400,000 with which to do it. Considering the very serious and I might say without exaggeration, in some instances, frightening stories and experiences that our society faces with respect to the problems of mental health generally but, in particular, among some of our young people, among some of our seriously disturbed young people, among adolescents who desperately need some counselling, some help to correct their difficulties and save them from serious psychiatric problems, this appears to be a repudiation of duty and responsibility, Mr. Chairman.

There may well be a logical explanation for it. Maybe those funds are now being expended somewhere else and they may have some spinoff effect or value in the children's psychiatric area, but if that isn't the case then one can only conclude that this responsibility in this office appears to be short-changed in this year's Estimates. How can that new Chief Provincial Psychiatrist, Dr. John Toews, do the job that is called for out of his office and is described in the descriptive paragraph accompanying this line in the Estimates for an amount of money that is a \$250,000 or more, less than the amount that was available last year?

Last year we had a lot of problems. I have pleas for help here from individual families with respect to psychiatric problems, in some instances, their children are suffering from. I intend to raise one or two of them when we reach subsection (c) on this vote, Mr. Chairman. For the moment, let me just put that initial question to the Minister. How can the office function effectively, do the job that needs to be done when it's facing that kind of a reduction in requested funds?

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN, S. Ashton: The Minister of Health.

HON. L. DESJARDINS: Mr. Chairman, as we discussed earlier, when the report and recommendations from the Pascoe Commission come in, I would imagine that I'll be requesting additional funds.

Right now I want to inform the members of the committee that there is a reduction, it's not transferred or hidden anywhere. There will be a reduction of funds but not for programs at all. In these years of difficulties and deficit budget, I think that we've had to prioritize, and what we've done is phase out and eliminate of bursaries and stipends to psychiatric nursing students. It'll be a saving of \$277,000.00.

The government departments were set with the task of assessing program priorities to identify changes with good result in savings in the current and future years, as well as accommodating any new initiative for the '84-85 year within the no-growth Budget guidelines and the decision to eliminate financial aid to students at

the Brandon and Selkirk School of Psychiatric Nursing was made in consideration of the general availability of funding for students requiring financial assistance, and the fact also that financial incentives to encourage enrolments no longer appear to be required, the information that we have is that we will have enough psychiatric nurses.

MR. L. SHERMAN: Mr. Chairman, did I understand the Minister correctly when he said that the department is phasing out the bursary program for psychiatric nurses?

HON. L. DESJARDINS: Yes, bursaries and stipends.

MR. L. SHERMAN: I beg your pardon? The bursary

HON. L. DESJARDINS: And stipends.

MR. L. SHERMAN: Bursary and stipend, and that accounts for the virtual total amount of money represented by that reduction in the budget, is virtually the total reduction?

HON. L. DESJARDINS: Yes.

MR. L. SHERMAN: Well, what happens then to the impetus for getting psychiatric nurses into the field without that bursary program?

HON. L. DESJARDINS: My information is that we have a sufficient number and with the demand and those that are taking the course, at this time anyway, we feel that we will have enough, that there won't be any shortage of psychiatric nurses.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: 4.(a)(2).

MR. L. SHERMAN: We haven't passed 4.(a)(1) yet.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Okay, 4.(a)(1)—pass; 4.(a)(2) - the Member for Fort Garry.

MR. L. SHERMAN: On 4.(a)(2), Mr. Chairman, would the Minister just refresh my memory on what is covered under this Other Expenditures and advise the Committee of the same, what is that particular line?

HON. L. DESJARDINS: The funds are provided for general operating costs of the office and for the review of urgent cases of psychiatric facilities with priority given to request for review of status from compulsory patients.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: 4.(a)(2)—pass; 4.(a)(3) - the Member for Fort Garry.

MR. L. SHERMAN: 4.(a)(3), and this is the bursary and stipend item, is that correct?

HON. L. DESJARDINS: Right.

MR. L. SHERMAN: What will the remaining figure in that budget now go to? \$101,200 still be being

requested for Professional Training, what does that cover?

HON. L. DESJARDINS: It will be 76.2 that will be for Community Mental Health Workers. The number of students in '82-83 were 328, in '83-84 approximately 400, and then there is the training of physicians. That is the report, the recommendation that we had, the program that we developed with Dr. Prosen that I mentioned earlier, that these two programs will be taking the total of 101.2.

MR. L. SHERMAN: Okay.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: 4.(a)(3)—pass.
4.(b)(1) Forensic Services, Salaries - the Member for Fort Garry.

MR. L. SHERMAN: Mr. Chairman, this is an area of continuing concern in the health field, particularly the mental health field in this province, Forensic Services and inadequate forensic capability. I certainly recall from my term as Minister that it was one of the challenges on which I wanted to move, my department wanted to move, and I daresay everybody connected with the field wanted to move. It hadn't been possible to do very much up to that point in time in developing a safe, secure forensic capability for us other than that which has been available at, I believe, the Selkirk Mental Health Centre in the past, but the senior personnel in Psychiatric Services in the department had been pressing for some time, and I presume are continuing to press, for a stronger, more sophisticated forensic capacity and capability. There is certainly no indication of that in the appropriation being requested and the vote we are looking at, at the present time. That doesn't say that it isn't covered under the Minister's Capital Program but that is my question at this juncture.

What is being planned, if anything; what hope is there for a strengthened capacity to provide the facilities and the expertise for forensic care, forensic treatment and services in this province? They have been inadequate, I think, for some time. I don't lay that blame at anybody's particular doorstep, I know that succeeding governments have wrestled with the problem of trying to find the funds to move on priorities in the mental health field, and there are many priorities, it has been a question of determining the ones that can be moved on.

I had hoped that improvement in forensic capability was very close at hand as we moved into the 1980s. Now we are close to the midpoint of the 1980s with no identifiable developments there, unless there is something else that has happened in the meantime, or something else that the Minister is planning through a different section of his Estimates, but this doesn't look terribly promising for any improvement in forensic. Could I ask the Minister to bring me more optimistic news than that?

HON. L. DESJARDINS: Mr. Chairman, yes, my honourable friend is right, there is no increase. The decrease of 31.6 was for that extra pay period that we had last year, so it is actually the same, and that also awaits the recommendation that will be brought in after

Mr. Edwards' report and recommendations after listening to the . . . I would think that the adolescent building that will be opened any time now would give some limited help with the day programs that we have there, but my information and the report, the Pascoe Report, talks about the problem at the Remand Centre. I think that the recommendation will have to come from there but that will be part of the actual program, our recommendation to the Cabinet.

MR. L. SHERMAN: Is the Minister saying then, Mr. Chairman, that there will be nothing in 1984-85 in this field, that there will be recommendations coming forward, obviously, but since we are into a fiscal year for which the spending is being determined now and he is not likely to go to Treasury Board or to go to Special Warrant for major expenditures in the current fiscal year, and an improvement in our forensic facilities would represent a major expenditure, is he saying by implication or by inference, that there will be nothing done in 1984-85 in terms of improving our forensic capability other than looking at and evaluating some recommendations that come in?

HON. L. DESJARDINS: Mr. Speaker, I don't know that I would put it exactly like that. Whenever there is not an increase - and there hasn't been an increase, I think, here for a number of years - I don't think it means that nothing will be done, but there will be no major redirection, there is still something being done. But my honourable friend is right, there is no new money or new important thrust at this time. If we could wait these years, I know that every single year counts and I agree with my honourable friend, but there has been a report. There will be some major recommendations, as I said, in all this field of mental health.

We have been behind, like all the provinces, for a number of reasons and we are trying to catch up to the other care that we get in health and I would hope that the recommendation that we'll make to Cabinet, I hope that we'll be able to make some progress there and that will be announced. But I think it would be probably wrong after waiting a year - and I am not saying that a year of waiting doesn't mean anything - but before we have the final recommendation and the policy, if we start doing these things piecemeal, I think we are defeating the purpose.

MR. L. SHERMAN: I would agree that with a major report coming in, that all things being equal it's not logical to do things piecemeal.

But would the Minister not agree that there has been general acknowledgement by successive administrations in this province, and by experts in this field and by his own senior personnel in forensic, that it is a facility, that is a capability that is not adequate, that is not providing the sufficient protection and safeguard that we need at the present time, and that is something that must be given a fairly high priority in his planning, in the government's planning for the future, regardless of what the Pascoe Report says? That would be one question I would have to the Minister.

Would he not agree that there is an acknowledged need that perhaps stands separate and independent from the recommendations of the Pascoe Report, or would he dispute that?

HON. L. DESJARDINS: Yes, I would acknowledge that, but I think that we both acknowledged on Thursday that practically everything, when we talk about psychiatric care in Manitoba, is an acknowledged need. I think if we could do that - and I think there has been some improvement as I said before with some of the facilities for acute care that we didn't have before - I couldn't agree and I certainly won't try to defend it, to think that the services there are adequate or are sufficient. I think we need much more but there has been some movement in that and I think it probably would be wrong to start just acting on that because we don't know how much funds we will have. We'll have to look at the whole program.

We've moved in that direction up to a certain point with some of the new facilities in our capital program but, as far as a general thrust or a policy on this, on the question of mental health. I have talked to the Federal Minister of Health also and told her that we will make a pitch again if they are going to talk about complete health, that maybe there should be more money coming from the Federal Government.

There will be a change also, not affecting this thing, but the Children's Psychiatric Services with The Young Offenders Act. That will cause more costs also.

I know that it's not very comforting to ask people to have patience on that after waiting so long, but I can't see any other way that we can do it with the money that we have, the funds that we have this year. We've done the best we can. There will have to be a major thrust and recommendation going to the Cabinet and government. We will have to see what the decision will be.

MR. L. SHERMAN: I would just like to ask the Minister for my own information, Mr. Chairman, whether the Pascoe Report dealt specifically with Forensic Services. I should know the answer to that, but I don't. I must say I have looked fairly thoroughly at the Pascoe Report but it has been largely in the area of the mental health centres and community health services. I haven't acquainted myself with what that report had to say about forensic. Did it deal specifically with that, and did it tie it in to the overall program in mental health?

HON. L. DESJARDINS: Yes, it did. The direction, through Mr. Edwards and his committee that is reviewing and taking and accepting presentations from the general public and interested parties, also is directed to look at the ensemble, the whole question of psychiatry.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: 4.(b)(1)—pass; 4.(b)(2)—pass.

4.(c)(1) Children's Psychiatric Services - The Member for Fort Garry.

MR. L. SHERMAN: Mr. Chairman, this is an area that is certainly a major challenge for this government and this province, sir. It's an area in which there have been worries, concerns and sleepless nights by a great many people. Many people are very anxious about the state of our Children's Psychiatric Services.

With all respect for the professionals working in the field, I think that we have short-changed them and the

members of our society who need their help by failure to supply, to provide sufficient professional personnel in the children's psychiatric field and failure to provide sufficient programs and facilities from which programs can operate. I have had parents with emotionally disturbed children contact me in great distress over the fact that their children can't get the help, can't get the service that they need. They are placed on the waiting list to see a child psychiatrist.

As an example, Mr. Chairman, I would cite one call from a parent, a mother who was very upset because her daughter who was seriously emotionally disturbed had been advised that it would be some nine weeks before she could see a child psychiatrist through the Child Guidance Clinic, to have her condition examined and to receive some therapy and some counselling. I've had other calls from other parents who similarly notified me of the fact that their children are placed on the waiting list - and it's a long waiting list - to see child psychiatrists.

I'm told, for example, that in one school division in the Greater Winnipeg area with 8,100 students in it, the Child Guidance Clinic has nine clinicians for those 8,100 students. Those clinicians aren't necessarily child psychiatrists. Clinicians include speech therapists, as the Minister knows, and counsellors and other categories of professional personnel. So when I speak of 8,100 students in a school division which has nine clinicians, that doesn't mean that they have any more than perhaps one or two child psychiatrists.

That would seem to be a totally inadequate number to meet the demands and pressures that would normally emanate today from that kind of a population base in the field of psychiatric problems and mental health problems. I would think on that basis that we're doing nowhere near enough. We're not even scratching the surface of meeting the needs and the incipient need that is out there for help and guidance and counselling for these children.

In particular, I was very upset by contact from one family who said that they had been advised that the child psychiatrists at the Child Guidance Clinic were not in a position to respond to the crisis that their family was encountering, and their child would have to wait nine weeks before they could see a psychiatrist. So this is an area that I had red-circled for some attention with the Minister.

Where are we going? What are we doing to bring ourselves into a position where we can meet this problem? Why are there these long waiting periods? What's the difficulty with developing and training and keeping in place, child psychiatrists? Why are there reductions in expenditure commitments for professional training if we can't get enough child psychiatrists? Our society at the present time, Mr. Chairman, I submit, is suffering from that shortage very acutely.

If the Minister has other information with which he can supply me and it's more heartening information than that, I will be the first one to welcome it and to welcome it with great relief. But my impression of the situation at the moment is that there is, if not a crisis, at least an incipient crisis for young people who are in psychiatric, emotional trouble at the present time and who need help because the waiting lists are so long that they are liable to be in very severe difficulty, perhaps even tragic difficulty, before that help is available.

HON. L. DESJARDINS: Mr. Chairman, although we do have waiting lists, I think that here we can be a little more optimistic than I have been in the last few minutes. We have a viable training program in child psychiatry with good numbers now being trained, and the services being more co-ordinated now between the hospitals and this new Adolescent Treatment Centre. I think that finally more of the psychiatrists who have been in private practice before are working in the community and co-operating with our Provincial Psychiatrist.

I think the good news - this is something that I announced in the Throne Speech, I think - what? - 1974. My honourable friend did also. I think the two of us have been announcing the construction of the Adolescent Treatment Centre for so long. I am very pleased to be able to say that the construction of the Adolescent Treatment Centre is progressing on schedule and it's slated to commence operation in September, 1984, which is very soon.

The Board of Directors of the Centre has now been appointed and it will be chaired by Mr. Hymie Weinstein. Dr. Rox Wand has been seconded from Psychiatric Services for Children to the Centre in the capacity of clinical director for a one-year term. The hiring and training of clinical and support staff is currently under way.

On completion, the Manitoba Adolescent Treatment Centre will be comprised of a residential unit with a capacity for 25 adolescents and a day treatment program for an additional 25 patients. I think that will go a long way in helping the concern my honourable friend has.

The community program will be geared to the re-integration of the adolescent into the community. An outpatient department will also be developed as part of the treatment program. A specialized, educational program for the adolescents is being developed in co-operation with the Manitoba Department of Education, and will play an integral part in the treatment process.

Negotiations are now under way with the Winnipeg School Division No. 1, and the Centre will serve as a training centre to train more people for multidiscipline professionals in community child psychiatry.

The Community Psychiatric Services for Children branch of this department will work very closely with the centre in co-ordinating referrals from rural and Northern areas. So I think, at least in that area, there is some progress, maybe not as much as we'd like to see, but there's progress; there's progress for the attitude of some of the professionals who seem to co-operate more now in the training of the people in facilities for treatment in the day centre at the adolescent, plus the 25 bed . . .

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The Member for Fort Garry.

MR. L. SHERMAN: I'm pleased to hear that, Mr. Chairman. I thank the Minister for that information. That certainly is a long awaited and a welcome facility, the Adolescent Psychiatric Hospital. It'll add a substantial capability to our health care spectrum and system here to meet this particular challenge.

MR. H. ENNS: You might even say it fills a void.

MR. L. SHERMAN: My colleague, my House Leader, says it fills a void; it certainly does. It certainly will fill

a void and I am very pleased that we've reached a point now where we have it and it's available, it's on stream and presumably will be opening in a very short period of time.

What is the status of the board that will be operating it? Is this a free-standing facility or will it find itself subordinated to the demands and the interests of other health facilities nearby? It's very close to the Health Sciences Centre, I mean geographically very close to the Health Sciences Centre, I hope there's no danger of its being integrated into some kind of an enormous administrative structure where its interests and its priorities would be subordinated to other health priorities.

HON. L. DESJARDINS: No, Mr. Chairman, it will not be; it will be a free-standing board. It will go through the Manitoba Health Services Commission like any other free-standing hospital for their budget, but it will not work with the Health Sciences Centre, as such, the Board of the Health Sciences Centre. I shouldn't say it wouldn't work, I hope they co-operate, but it will be free-standing.

MR. L. SHERMAN: But it won't be swallowed up. What's the picture on the anticipated staffing for this new adolescent facility, Mr. Chairman? What's the department contemplating, in terms of professional psychiatrists, psychiatric nurses, therapists and counsellors? What will the staff-to-patient ratio be like and what will the senior administrative structure of the facility be like; what form will it take? Will there be a president or an administrative director, a chief medical officer and the like, or what is contemplated in way of the administrative and staffing structure of the facility will be set up and operate?

HON. L. DESJARDINS: Mr. Chairman, I think that I announced that Dr. Rox Wand is being seconded for the Clinical Director for a one-year term. Now, as far as the rest of the staff, it is presently being negotiated with the Commission and I wouldn't have any information on that, but as soon as that's available, certainly we will announce it. It should be in place in plenty of time for the opening, anyway.

MR. L. SHERMAN: What was the opening date that the Minister specified?

HON. L. DESJARDINS: September of '84.

MR. L. SHERMAN: September of this year.

HON. L. DESJARDINS: Right.

MR. L. SHERMAN: Are there going to be Outreach Programs that will operate from the community programs?

HON. L. DESJARDINS: Yes, there will be Outreach and day patient, plus the 25 beds.

MR. L. SHERMAN: Mr. Chairman, can the Minister advise as to how many child psychiatrists we have in the province at the present time? How many do we have? How does it compare with previous years?

He has pointed out and, hopefully, and I'm pleased to hear it, that the appearance of this new adolescent psychiatric facility on our health care spectrum will make a difference in terms of providing us with a base for the development and the employment of more professional personnel, particularly child psychiatrists, but how do we stand at the moment, in terms of child psychiatrists in Manitoba? How many do we have and how many do we lack? How does it compare with previous years?

HON. L. DESJARDINS: My friend, colleague from Rhineland, requested a breakdown of all psychiatrists, and that is being prepared, that come under the commission. I wonder if my friend would accept that, we'll cover the children's psychiatrists also.

MR. L. SHERMAN: Mr. Chairman, I'm fairly clear on that section of the Estimates now and I don't think I have any further problems at this time on Children's Psychiatric Services, but I would ask, through you, sir, whether my colleague, the Honourable Member for Turtle Mountain, could raise a couple of questions with the Minister in the area of public health and environmental health which he was not able to raise with him due to other commitments on Thursday? After passing this section, could we give him that opportunity at this time?

HON. L. DESJARDINS: Yes, we can pass this. I haven't got all the staff but I'll do the best I can or take the questions as notice.

MR. CHAIRMAN, P. EYLER: 4.(c)(1)—pass; 4.(c)(2)—pass.

Resolution No. 90: Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$1,945,900 for Health, Children's Psychiatric and Forensic Services, for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 1985—pass.

The Member for Turtle Mountain.

MR. B. RANSOM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll just give an indication of what I want here and apologize for the fact I wasn't available to ask it of the Minister of the Environment or earlier, the Minister of Health, but my questions have to do with a response that the Minister made to a letter that I wrote. I believe the response was dated the 14th of May and it pertained to Manitoba Regulation 204(83) and my concerns had to do specifically with how these regulations would affect community halls, churches, ladies auxiliaries, etc., putting on banquets, or how it would affect individual caterers and such, and I had asked some fairly specific questions of the Minister and I got some rather general answers.

In the answer that he gave he said that a separation of private and public food operations is required. I would like to know why that would be? The Minister might wish to make reference back to this letter and answer later, but I'd like to know why there must be a separation between private and public.

Then the letter goes on to say: "In order to minimize the impact of these requirements on the food industry, an administrative phasing-in period has been allowed."

That indicates to me, Mr. Chairman, that indeed these regulations do apply to virtually every operation that is handling and serving food, but that it is not administratively being applied at the moment, and that there is some policy that says that it's not going to be applied immediately, but that - in the words of this letter - there is "an administrative phasing-in period."

It also goes on to say: "Church groups which sponsor occasional dinners have not been asked to formally comply with requirements," - and that is a quotation, Mr. Chairman - "have not been asked to formally comply with requirements" - which again indicates to me that the requirements really do apply but again, administratively, they are not being applied. They have not been asked to.

If the Minister would have someone check this out further and perhaps when we come to his Salary item he could answer these, because under that act, as I look at the definitions of "temporary food service establishment," I read that to mean that could be applied to virtually any operation, whether it's a 4-H group running a booth at a fair, or AMR people running a booth at a fair, or an individual, whatever. I see no exemption to any of these situations in these regulations, so I would like to know from the Minister whether they do apply in those sorts of situations but that, in fact, they are turning an administrative blind eye to some of these situations at the moment?

The second concern that I had, had to do with the wading pool situation at a Kinsmen Park at Cartwright, and the Minister will be familiar with this situation. It's a case where there is a wading pool which the regulation obviously applies to, but the wading pool is located about 40 feet from the river and there is no requirement to have a lifeguard for the river, but there is for the wading pool. The wading pool is located a mile and a half from town or so. There is no opportunity for a youngster unattended to be at that pool.

I gather, from talking to this Minister and the former Minister of the Environment, the Chairman of Treasury Board now, that both of these gentlemen saw that this regulation was one of those things that tended to conflict with common sense, yet nothing seems to be able to be done. In fact, the Kinsmen Club at Cartwright has been prosecuted for operating it without a lifeguard; they have gone to court; they have been found guilty; they have been fined; they have done their work in the service of the town to pay off the fine. But the regulation still exists and I don't think you will find one person in that community who regards this as a logical thing for government to be doing through regulation. I admit that the regulation wasn't passed by this Minister or by this government but it seems to me that it's one of those things that once it's found out, something should be done about it.

My question to the Minister in this case would be, is there any change in the regulation being contemplated? Is there any kind of clause that will allow an exemption to be made to the regulation so that we are not faced with this kind of situation that the public just generally regards as being unnecessary and ridiculous?

HON. L. DESJARDINS: The first question, I will take it as notice and I should have an answer by tomorrow.

I remember that I replied also to some of these questions. I will try to dig up the correspondence to see if it answered that specific question.

As far as the wading pool, I must confess that I know very well the case my honourable friend is referring to. It has crossed my desk on a number of occasions. It was a very tough decision. It was brought to my attention by the honourable member. This is something that I discussed with the inspectors who are actually in the other department but I have the responsibility and the prosecution was initiated in our department, and also with the legal advisors.

When you first look at it, it might look like ridiculous legislation but I'm not too sure. What would happen if there was a loss of life? That is the difficulty, and those things happen. That was the advice that I had from our legal advisors. I think that it might be something that we could look at again but there are rules. We don't, of course, license rivers. We have nothing to do with lifeguards and rivers because then you would have to have somebody around all the rivers and wherever there is water. But a man-made pool, there are some regulations.

I am not defending myself by saying, well, somebody has passed the legislation, but it would be quite a thing to change that. A lawyer was saying that the province could be held legally responsible, for one thing. If that is the case, I think that anybody, whenever they build these facilities, they have been warned that was the situation. We could look at it again, but to be honest with my honourable friend, it's one of those difficult things that when we had to make a final decision, I opted for the safe thing to do. It might be that it very seldom happens that you will have a loss of life, but that legislation is there for a reason. We would have to look at the legislation to see if somebody else can accept the responsibility in certain cases before we change anything.

So I sympathize with my honourable friend. It's not an easy one. I haven't got all the answers on that but I don't think there is sufficient reason to reopen that legislation. I don't mind if there is a request for doing so, to bring it to the attention of the Minister responsible for the Environment and myself, because the inspectors are in that area to look at it again but, as I say, I opted for the same thing even if it might have been an inconvenience to somebody. If it could protect even one life, I think it would be worth it.

MR. B. RANSOM: Mr. Chairman, I know what the Minister is up against in this case, that there is no end to the extent to which you can go to try and prevent an accident from happening, but we don't do it as far as the highway system is concerned.

For instance, I know there are a couple of curves in the No. 23 Highway near Ninette that are very dangerous and there have been a number of accidents there and people have lost their lives there, yet the government hasn't changed the construction there, the alignment of the road, and no one has sued the government because they haven't done it.

Now in this case, I fail to see how the government could be held responsible if they changed it to be handled in the same way that pools are handled in a hotel, for instance. There are all kinds of public pools

or semi-public pools - I am not sure what the exact terminology is under the act - where individuals, parents, are held responsible for their children, and adults are held responsible for themselves. What's the difference between allowing someone, a child, to go into a swimming pool in a hotel under the supervision of the parents, or to allow them to go into a wading pool at the Kinsmen Park at Cartwright? What's the difference?

HON. L. DESJARDINS: I think the only difference now is actually where I said that we could be held responsible because there is legislation on the books. It might be that the whole thing should be looked at. It might be that the municipality in this case would accept the responsibility. I don't know if legally we could that. Could I ask a question of my honourable friend?

In his opinion, would the municipality, if we could come to some arrangements, and I am not making any commitments certainly at this time, could the municipality accept the responsibility in a case like that? Before we even look to see if we could change the legislation, could there be in certain cases, that they could be declared municipal pools, for instance, and the municipality accept the responsibility, the people from the community?

MR. B. RANSOM: Mr. Chairman, I obviously can't speak for the municipality and I am not suggesting that the regulations shouldn't be enforced. As they stand now, then that's the way

HON. L. DESJARDINS: Change the regulations.

MR. B. RANSOM: That's the way it read, and the regulation was being enforced. It happens, by the way, to be related to my questions about The Public Health Act having to do with inspection of facilities, as well, because I have a feeling, in that case, that the regulation applies and it's not being enforced. In the case of the pool, the regulation applies and it is being enforced, and I don't think government should pass regulations if they don't intend to enforce them.

What I'm saying, in this case, is that the regulation should be changed to make allowance for a category of pool that doesn't require supervision by staff, but that people will be held responsible for their own children who have the opportunity to make use of those pools, so I would like the Minister to find out from his staff what there is that prevents the government from changing the regulation to provide a category for wading pools that will allow them to be exempted, that's all, because there are other situations like that that exist around the province as well, and I'd like to know why it couldn't be done?

MR. H. ENNS: Make the regulation apply only from November 1st to March 31st.

HON. L. DESJARDINS: Don't forget there's ice fishing also you know.

Mr. Chairman, there'll be a very minor act in the Statute Law Amendment dealing with the public health. That is the next, in fact, that's about the only major change that we might have. We're looking at the major change in The Public Health Act and I'll make this

commitment that we'll look at that very seriously for the future.

MR. CHAIRMAN: 5.(a)(1) - the Minister of Health.

HON. L. DESJARDINS: No, Mr. Chairman, there's been an understanding that we will keep sport because the critic for the party is a different member and we'll deal now with 6 The Alcoholism Foundation of Manitoba, and then with the Manitoba Health Services Commission. And I'd like to advise when we're finished with the Alcoholic Foundation, I think it will be some time this evening, I'll start the Manitoba Health Services Commission by first tabling and announcing the five-year Capital Program, and then we'll go from line-to-line. — (Interjection) — It's always updated, it's the same one and it changes from one category to the other, as I explained last year and I'll explain again this year. — (Interjection) —

HON. L. DESJARDINS: No.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Item 6. The Alcoholism Foundation of Manitoba.

The Member for Fort Garry.

MR. L. SHERMAN: Well, Mr. Chairman, since last we met, there have been many changes at the Alcoholism Foundation.

First thing that I think the Committee would appreciate would be an update from the Minister on the Provincial Executive, the line-up and make-up of the Executive and the leadership of the AFM at the present time.

I might say, at this point in time, that as a Minister who had the responsibilities for the AFM and its work for some time, I found the work of the previous chairman, Mr. Garry Miles, to have been extremely good. The same goes for his Executive Director, David Cruikshank, and I want to acknowledge that for the record. We had a major job to do when we assumed office in 1977 in turning the AFM around and in bringing it back into the forefront of the fight against chemical dependency in society in Manitoba, and restoring its position as a body in whom other agencies and other components in the alcohol and drug dependency field had confidence, in terms of professionalism, in terms of resources and support, in terms of advice and in terms of co-operation. That was a battle that had to be launched and pursued very vigorously.

It was done so under the chairmanship of Mr. Miles and members of his board and under the executive directorship of Mr. Cruikshank and personnel in the administration cadre at the AFM during those years, and I think the job that they did in restoring the AFM to a level of great repute and great reputation is one that should be acknowledged. As the Minister of the time I say, sir, that I would like to acknowledge that for the record.

There have been very many changes in personnel since then, particularly in the last year and I would ask the Minister to bring us up-to-date on those.

HON. L. DESJARDINS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, I'm pleased that my honourable friend would remind me because I had a statement that I was just about to forget.

I would like to say that I have no hesitation at all in seconding the words of my honourable friend. I also work with Mr. Garry Miles and Mr. David Cruikshank, I have received nothing but co-operation; no, that's not true, co-operation and education also, because that certainly wasn't a subject that I was too familiar with. It wasn't something that was part of the Department of Health in my previous stay. Also if you remember, we had a Minister that was responsible just for that. I agree with my honourable friend that they needed changes, there seemed to be a battle that existed for too long between the two different groups, one mostly representing the professionals and the other probably the members of the AA and so on, and there's no doubt that this was a bridge in the area of Garry Miles and Dave Cruikshank. I might say, as chairman, I kept Mr. Miles until he told me that he could no longer stay as the chairperson. I think that he had worked hard. The same thing with Mr. Cruikshank who had an operation and then decided to retire. I was sorry to see them go.

We replaced Mr. Miles by Monsignor Charles Empson who had worked for many years with Mr. Miles, who was fairly close to Mr. Miles, and I think that he followed pretty well the same direction. He was maybe a different type, a little more - I shouldn't say less outspoken because he was outspoken - but probably a little low key, and he was a very very popular chairman and accepted by everybody but, unfortunately, he served only approximately five or six months and he passed away just a few months ago and we're certainly sorry to see that.

We were very fortunate, also, we had to replace both the Chairman and the Executive Director. I feel that we were very very fortunate to recruit Mr. Ramsey, who is sitting to my left here in front of me, whom most of you would know because he has spent quite a few years - after so many years in Nova Scotia on the Commission of Drug Dependency there, three years I think - and then in Manitoba for six years, and recommended by Mr. Miles, by the way. I think Mr. Miles helped us recruit Ross and he was also recommended by Monsignor Empson and so on. So I would hope that my friend will find that we have continuity, that we're working pretty well in the same way. This change that he talked about, I recognize that happened for the better I'm sure.

Now we have, I think, another gentleman pretty well in the same group with a lot of experience and acceptable by all the people, certainly all the members of the board, and I think that it's safe to say that the executive director and his staff are very happy to have them. We have Judge Rubin that is now the Chairman of the Foundation.

There was also two new appointments to the board, Miss Jacqueline Lavallee and Miss Michelle Cadieux, both were appointed for a three-year term. Miss Lavallee is a resident of Winnipeg and is the current Executive Director of the Native Women's Transition Centre, as well as a member of the Winnipeg Coalition for Native Child Welfare. Miss Cadieux is a native of Letellier and has a Bachelor of Social Work degree and is currently a homemaker. Two existing members of the boards were reappointed for a further term. They are Reverend Jim Scott and Mr. James Toal.

Mr. Herb Thompson, formerly Regional Administrator Northern region has been appointed director of the

Program Delivery and during his four years in the North region made great advances in prevention and treatment programming and increased the involvement of community organizations in combating local chemical dependency problems.

Miss Novia Carter was appointed Director of Program Evaluation and Development. Miss Carter, who has her Master of Social Work degree was head of the Family Studies at the University of Manitoba and also a professor in the Environmental Studies Department.

Mr. Ian Puchlik is the present Director of Support Services. He's been there for a number of years and he has continued the service at the AFM throughout this period of structural change and provided constituency to AFM operation and programming. He is a registered industrial accountant.

So I think we have a very good board. I'll give you the names of the complete board and also an excellent staff and that we are continuing in the right direction. On the Board of Governors is, the Chairman is Judge Charles Rubin; his appointment expires in July '85. The Vice-Chairman is Mr. Thomas McNeill, April 1, 1985 - the date is the date the appointment expires; Mr. James Toal, the Treasurer, October 3, 1986; Miss Michele Cadieux, October 3, 1986; Sharon Kilbrai, July 28; Miss Doris Fontaine July 28, 1985; Deputy Chief Ed Ogelski of the City of Winnipeg, July 28, 1985; Mr. Ken Caldwell of Rosburn, November 17, 1985; Dr. Harry Prosen, July 28, 1985; Mr. Jalmar Erickson, from Ashern, November 17, 1985; Mr. Jim Saunders, Thompson, November '85; Reverend Jim Scott, Portage la Prairie, October 1986; Miss Jacqueline Lavallee, October 3, 1986; Mr. Fern Marion, April 1, 1985 who is finishing the term of Mr. Ritchot, who served only one year and then was forced to retire. There is one vacancy; Msgr. Empson passed away.

MR. L. SHERMAN: Mr. Chairman, can the Minister have a copy of that made and send it over to me? I don't need it at the moment but I would like to have it for my records for reference.

I wish the new executive director well, Mr. Chairman. I certainly wish the new board chairman, and new board members well in their work. It is certainly one of the most important frontiers and battlegrounds of health care in this or any other province, the work being done by the Alcoholism Foundation, and they need and deserve the support of our community and certainly of this Legislature.

In that respect - and we'll get to it - I see that they're receiving some fiscal support that will no doubt be warmly welcomed by all personnel at the AFM, a budgetary increase this year, almost in terms of the vote being requested, it's close to \$250,000.00, so that will no doubt be welcome. However, considering the kinds of initiatives that have to be taken and the battles that have to be won, they will be hard pressed to keep up with all the demands that are made on them.

For a moment or two, I would like to deal a little more fully with the Provincial Executive and the administration. I note, sir, that there have been some fairly well-paying positions in the administrative component of the AFM that have been advertised in recent weeks in the local newspapers, one for a community programs person and one for an external

program consultant. Both of them are in salary ranges in the mid to upper \$30,000 category. In fact, the community programs person being sought would be in a salary range of some \$35,000 to \$44,000, so these are substantial paying positions. My curiosity at the moment has to do with whether they are new positions or whether these are vacancies in the Provincial Executive or in the Provincial Administration that have to be filled.

An intriguing side question or by-product of that question has to do with the reduced vote being sought for the Provincial Executive this year in the printed Estimates in front of us. The Minister is asking for \$164,900 as against \$188,900 for his Provincial Executive, which would indicate a reduced staff there. I'd ask him to reconcile that with the advertising that's going on for fairly high-priced professional program consultants such as I've just described and where that fits into the budget and whether those represent new positions.

HON. L. DESJARDINS: They're not related. This doesn't come from this area. The reduction here is - there has been a general salary increase plus annual increments, but it was offset with the reduction due to the turnover of the Executive Director's position; that was 4.4. Then there was a reduction of 19.8 of special projects, a fund previously utilized on an ad hoc basis for special consultant seminars and for emotional activities. Another operational increase is .2.

Now those two positions - one of them was a position that we've had now for four or five years. I think it was in the term of my honourable friend, the Minister responsible, and that was a replacement because the gentleman who held the position resigned. The other one, the exterior one, was something that we had for awhile but it hadn't been filled for about a year-and-a-half or so. They're not new positions and they will come up; one under Evaluation and one under Delivery, but not under the Provincial Executive division.

MR. L. SHERMAN: Okay.

MR. CHAIRMAN: 6. line 1—pass; 6. line 2 - the Member for Fort Garry.

MR. L. SHERMAN: Mr. Chairman, could the Minister give us a rundown of the functions that are covered under Support Services? This would include evaluation and research no doubt, but does it also include the William Potoroka Library? What other services are included in Support Services? My information in front of me with respect to the rehabilitation services, Program Delivery, etc, but I'm not exactly clear as to how the Estimates are laid out at the present time in respect to the Annual Report of the Foundation and whether Support Services encompasses more than evaluation and research and the library?

HON. L. DESJARDINS: There is the director, Mr. Chairman. There is an increase of \$6,800; Finance - I would imagine you'd want the increase or the decrease that we have.

MR. L. SHERMAN: Yes.

HON. L. DESJARDINS: Finance, an increase of \$16,000; personnel, an increase of 29; building operation a decrease of 67.1 and library resources a decrease of 32.1 percent, for a total decrease of 47.4 or 4.3 percent.

MR. L. SHERMAN: Did the Minister mention Evaluation and Research in there, or is that a different category? I note the next line deals with Program Evaluation and Development, is there any evaluation and research that is included in Support Services, or is that not the case?

HON. L. DESJARDINS: No.

MR. L. SHERMAN: So it's not in Support Services. Now the Support Services component does include the William Potoroka Library which is one of the great resources of the Foundation. As the Minister is aware, it has been the subject of some anxious moments in recent months because of a letter that indicated that it was going to be closed to the public.

We have dealt with this subject to some considerable extent in question period in the House, Mr. Chairman, but I think it's important that we deal with it conclusively in the Estimates, and either confirm whatever fears are out there or allay those fears and anxieties quite clearly and officially to rest.

I don't know whether the Minister has had a chance to familiarize himself yet with the actual letter, the subject of which was first raised in the House in question period by my colleague, the Honourable Member for Sturgeon Creek, and then was the subject of a series of subsequent questions that I asked the Minister. At the time that the matter of the letter was initially raised the Minister indicated that he was not familiar with it specifically, and I'm not sure whether that point has been clarified yet. Has the Minister had a chance to acquaint himself with the subject of the letter and the thinking, the thought process of the writer of the letter?

HON. L. DESJARDINS: Mr. Chairman, what I did say in the House is, I wasn't aware that letter existed until it was pointed out by the Member for Sturgeon Creek. But I had been discussing, in fact, - and I had discussed it that very moment with Mr. Ramsey - we had discussed the whole situation and I wanted to make sure, if you remember, there was also a question re the library with the Minister of Culture. I wanted to make sure that we had the same understanding.

There might have been a misunderstanding at one time, but it was made clear to the Executive Director that this was the direction that he certainly would want us to go, that it would be duplication only that we were after, especially in this area when we found out that the Department of Health had not kept getting the information that they have, because they were relying on this library, so it was agreed that would be open. There were letters and it was only then that I heard about this letter that had been sent for quite awhile. I did question the Executive Director and made sure that we kept this open, at least, we'll still try to do away with any duplication if there is any. I don't think we'll find too much of it, but the letters have been sent, and we are keeping the library open.

The reduction that has been made, the Executive Director will find and his staff will have to find the money, but the library definitely will remain open.

MR. L. SHERMAN: I am pleased to hear that, Mr. Chairman. I thank the Minister for that information. I'm sure a great many people and agencies in the field will be extremely pleased to hear that, because there is no question about the resource value of that library to agencies and individuals engaged in this particular field of health care. I think it has a reputation as being, if not No. 1, at least one of those facilities competing very legitimately for the title of No. 1 in Canada as a resource base for information in the whole chemical dependency field. It would be a shame if access to that kind of source of knowledge and counsel were in any way impeded or reduced by funding problems.

Funding will always be a problem to a degree, no doubt, but certainly one would hope that adjustments can be made on the basis of priorities to protect the most valuable ingredients in a service area such as this. I think there's no question that the library falls into that category.

Mr. Chairman, I want to ask the Minister whether - we're dealing with Support Services here - Support Services would include, for example, the work of the Education Advisory Council. That was a body that at one time met very regularly to develop programs which the AFM could take into the schools, through the school divisions, with the concurrence and at the request of the school divisions, to get at the very vital problem of teaching our young people about the perils of alcoholism and drug dependency, chemical dependency of all kinds, about the perils of use and overuse and abuse of alcohol and drugs. The public, generally, is very concerned that instructional programs and preventive programs of this kind be in place; that if they are threatened that they somehow be reinforced and maintained; that if other things have to go, if something has to give, it should not be programs of that kind that are sacrificed.

There has been ongoing, lengthy debate and dispute over the best kinds of programs to take into the schools, the best kinds of messages to deliver to our young people in this area and, certainly, at the time that our government was in office there was considerable concern over the program known as "Building the Pieces Together." Many of us, myself included, were unhappy with the posture, the position that seemed to be assumed by those who created that program and by the thrust and direction that implementation of the program required itself. It seemed to be intrusive and invasive and it seemed to pry into the affairs of individuals and families through their children in the schools in a way that was most offensive to many of us.

I'm glad to say that most school divisions who came in contact with it, most of the public who came in contact with it, drew the same conclusions and ultimately the program was scrapped. I might add a postscript to that and say, that in my view and the view of many of us it was scrapped not a moment too soon and we're grateful that it was scrapped.

However, the principle of taking programs to train our youngsters in that field and prepare them to defend themselves against the trap of alcohol use and abuse is very necessary, it's a matter of getting the right program. The Education Advisory Council I know was set up to try to develop an acceptable and a constructive program, not only an acceptable program but one that

would work, one that could be useful, something that could replace "Building the Pieces Together" and find acceptance and viability.

It's my understanding that they have done that with the development of a new program called, "Tuning into Health." I know that in the final analysis it's the responsibility of the Minister of Education to determine whether programs of that kind are going to be offered to our school population through our school divisions; but it's the responsibility of the AFM to ensure that as long as there is an Education Adviseement Council, that it is doing that kind of work and developing its educational processes to the point where a useful and worthwhile education program can be put together and put out for offer to the school divisions.

As I say, it's my understanding that the Council has done that and come up with this new program called Tuning into Health, and the Minister of Education tells me that the Department of Education is close to the point of being able to make that available to school divisions who are interested in it.

My question to the Minister of Health, at this juncture, Mr. Chairman, is whether that council comes under this category of Support Services and, if so, whether he can confirm that they have developed a program of that kind. If not, what are their challenges and responsibilities at the present time? Are they at work developing new weapons and new material for the Foundation? In other words, is the Education Advisory Council still in existence and does the Minister see it as having some continuing and ongoing and even expanded value in the alcoholism field?

HON. L. DESJARDINS: Yes, first of all, there wouldn't be any funds for that at all. It is a committee that, if anything, has been kind of dormant for awhile and the present Executive Director is getting it together again. It's true, as the Minister of Education stated in the House a few days ago, that it had a program "Tuning into Health" which is at the elementary level only and that is replacing that former program that we had.

The Executive Director informs me that he is getting this committee together, which is actually an advisory committee to himself and to the board, to develop a program for junior high also. That should be done in the near future.

As far as the "Tuning into Health," as the Minister said, this should be coming in this fall in the school system, it's getting ready now. If the honourable member would like to have a copy - I don't know if he has one of this book - I'll see that he gets one. I am talking about the new program, of course.

MR. L. SHERMAN: I would like to have a copy, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate that.

It's correct then to say that the Education Advisory Council has not, in fact, been meeting on a regular basis in recent months? The Minister nods his head and says that's correct. Their activities are now being revived and they are going to get back into action again as an advisory group to the Executive Director. Are they considered as part of this Support Services component, or do they not fit officially into the structure at all?

HON. L. DESJARDINS: They are an Advisory Committee to the Executive Director and the Board, they are named by them. They are, I understand, former people that have been in the drug and alcohol education service. They had not been active as of too long ago anyway, but now they are working and they will develop a program for the junior high also. There is no cost and if anything, it would be under the provincial executive because they are an advisory committee to the Executive Director and to the Board.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order please. The hour is 5:30, time for the dinner recess. I am leaving the Chair and will return at 8:00 p.m. tonight.