

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK**

First Session, 55th Legislative Assembly
Wednesday, June 23, 2004.

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GOVERNMENT BILLS AND ORDERS

ADJOURNED DEBATES

Resuming the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 3, *Construction Labour Mobility Act* - [Mr. S. Graham] be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned by Hon. Mr. Mockler.

Resuming the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 4, *An Act to Amend the Electricity Act* - [Mr. S. Graham] be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned by Hon. Mr. Fitch.

Resuming the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 6, *An Act to Amend the Public Utilities Act* - [Mr. S. Graham] be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned by Hon. Mr. Green, Q.C.

Resuming the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 7, *An Act to Amend the Insurance Act* - [Mr. S. Graham] be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned by Hon. Mr. Green, Q.C.

Resuming the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 17, *An Act to Amend the Crown Lands and Forest Act* - [Hon. Mr. Ashfield] be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned by Hon. Mr. Ashfield.

Resuming the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 18, *An Act to Amend the Fish and Wildlife Act* - [Hon. Mr. Ashfield] be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned by Hon. Mr. Ashfield.

Resuming the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 25, *An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly Act* - [Mr. S. Graham] be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned by Hon. Mr. Green, Q.C.

Resuming the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 26, *An Act to Amend the Regional Health Authorities Act* - [Ms. Weir] be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned by Hon. Mr. E. Robichaud.

Resuming the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 51, *Victims of Family Violence Act* - [Mr. Murphy] be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned by Hon. Mrs. Blaney.

Resuming the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 59, *An Act to Amend the Liquor Control Act* - [Mr. Murphy] be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned by Hon. Mr. Steeves.

Resuming the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 60, *An Act to Amend the Youth Assistance Act* - [Mr. Lamrock] be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned by Hon. Mrs. Dubé.

Resuming the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 61, *An Act to Amend the Coroners Act* - [Mr. S. Graham] be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned by Hon. Mr. Steeves.

Resuming the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 63, *An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act* [Mr. A. LeBlanc] be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned by Hon. Mrs. Blaney.

Resuming the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 64, *An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act* [Mr. A. LeBlanc] be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned by Hon. Mrs. Blaney.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Bill 22, An Act to Amend the Education Act - Hon. Ms. Dubé
 Bill 24, An Act to Amend the Human Rights Act - Ms. Weir
 Bill 33, An Act to Amend the Clean Water Act - Hon. Mrs. Fowlie
 Bill 38, An Act Respecting Sunday Shopping - Hon. Mrs. Fowlie
 Bill 46, Child and Youth Advocate Act - Mr. S. Graham
 Bill 50, Public Trustee Act - Mr. S. Graham
 Bill 53, An Act to Amend the Family Services Act - Mr. Burke
 Bill 56, An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly Act - Mr. Lamrock

BILLS AWAITING ROYAL ASSENT

Bill 13, An Act Respecting Mental Health and Public Health Services
 - Hon. Mr. E. Robichaud
 Bill 16, An Act to Amend the Provincial Court Act - Hon. Mr. Green, Q.C.
 Bill 21, An Act to Amend the Family Services Act - Hon. Mr. Huntjens
 Bill 23, An Act to Amend the Executive Council Act - Hon. Mr. Lord
 Bill 36, An Act to Repeal the Bulk Sales Act - Hon. Mr. Green, Q.C.
 Bill 37, Human Tissue Gift Act - Hon. Mr. E. Robichaud
 Bill 48, An Act to Incorporate Firecrest Hambro Trust Corporation Canada
 Limited - Mr. Holder
 Bill 54, An Act Respecting the New Brunswick Society of Cardiology
 Technologists - Mr. Carr
 Bill 58, An Act to Amend the Occupational Health and Safety Act
 - Hon. Mrs. Blaney

PRIVATE BILLS STANDING REFERRED TO STANDING COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BILLS

Bill 57, Optometry Act, 2004 - Mr. Carr
 Bill 62, Embalmers, Funeral Directors and Funeral Providers Act - Mr. Stiles

BILLS STANDING REFERRED TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LAW AMENDMENTS

Bill 2, Volunteer Protection Act - Mr. S. Graham - *(Referred August 1, 2003)*
 Bill 5, An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act - Mr. S. Graham
(Referred August 7, 2003)
 Bill 55, Restricted Dogs Act - Mr. Lamrock - *(Referred June 8, 2004)*

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

Capital Estimates 2004-2005
 Supplementary Estimates 2003-2004 Volume I (Concluded)
 Supplementary Estimates 2002-2003 Volume II (Concluded)
 (Transmitted by Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor December 16,
 2003)
 Budget Paper - Accounting for Tangible Capital Assets
 (Tabled by Hon. Mr. Volpé December 16, 2003)
 Main Estimates 2004-2005
 (Transmitted by Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor March 30, 2004)

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

CONCLUDED:

Motion 22 by Hon. Mr. Green. Carried July 30, 2003.
Motion 23 by Hon. Mr. Green. Carried July 30, 2003.
Motion 24 by Hon. Mr. Green. Carried July 30, 2003.
Motion 25 by Hon. Mr. Green. Carried July 30, 2003.
Motion 30 by Hon. Mr. Lord. Carried August 5, 2003.
Motion 46 by Hon. Mr. Volpé. Debated and carried December 16, 2003.
Motion 47 by Hon. Mr. Lord. Carried December 9, 2003.
Motion 48 by Hon. Mr. Green. Carried as amended December 19, 2003.
Motion 59 by Hon. Mr. Green. Carried December 12, 2003.
Motion 65 by Hon. Mr. Lord. Debated April 1, 6, 7, 8, 13 and 14.
 Carried April 14, 2004.
Motion 71 by Hon. Mr. Volpé. Carried December 19, 2003.
Motion 72 by Hon. Mr. Green. Carried December 19, 2003.

Motion 74 by Hon. Mr. Green. Carried March 31, 2004.

Motion 77 by Hon. Mr. Alward. Debated April 15, 16 and carried April 16, 2004.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

[In accordance to rotation prescribed by Standing Rules 44(2.4), (2.5), and (2.6)]

Debatable Motions

Motion 21 by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Richard to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, August 5, 2003:

WHEREAS in March 2002, Waleed Arif, a young autistic man, was placed in Centracare;

WHEREAS the decision to place Mr. Arif in Centracare went against the recommendations of his own doctor, psychologist and psychiatrist;

WHEREAS staff at Centracare have questioned the appropriateness of this placement;

WHEREAS Mr. Arif's condition has visibly deteriorated since his placement in Centracare;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Legislature urge the government to remove Waleed Arif from Centracare and provide treatment that is appropriate for his condition.

Motion 26 by Mr. Boudreau, seconded by Mrs. Robichaud to propose the following resolution on Thursday, August 7, 2003:

WHEREAS students are bullied in their schools;

WHEREAS this bullying exists at all academic levels in schools in the province of New Brunswick;

WHEREAS being bullied greatly affects one's self-esteem;

WHEREAS students need to learn how to cope with this problem;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly strongly urge the government to direct the Department of Education to hold seminars on how to deal with bullies in every school in the province every school year.

Motion 20 by Mr. Holder, seconded by Mr. C. LeBlanc to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, August 5, 2003:

WHEREAS in its election platform entitled "Reaching Higher. Going Further." the government committed that New Brunswick will have even more funding directed to education, universities, and students; and

WHEREAS in "Reaching Higher. Going Further." the government committed that New Brunswick children will all be able to read by the end of Grade 2; and

WHEREAS in "Reaching Higher. Going Further." the government committed that New Brunswick will have more teachers and resources in the classroom;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly encourage the

government of New Brunswick to continue to deliver quality education to the people of New Brunswick.

Motion 27 by Mr. Targett, seconded by Mr. Foran to propose the following resolution on Thursday, August 7, 2003:

WHEREAS the government outlined a number of commitments to New Brunswickers in the last election campaign;

WHEREAS cuts are now pending to government departments;

WHEREAS the people of New Brunswick have charged the government with the responsibility of carrying out their commitments;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Legislature urge the government to present to this House a comprehensive plan and time line for the implementation of these commitments.

Motion 29 by Mr. Branch, seconded by Mr. S. Graham to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, August 12, 2003:

WHEREAS our people of rural New Brunswick voiced rejection of the Government's plan for another level of government with a hidden agenda of an extra tax burden which our people of rural New Brunswick cannot afford;

WHEREAS this government has clearly stated its intention to have the provincially provided services of Transportation and Policing paid for in unincorporated New Brunswick entirely out of rural property taxes and,

WHEREAS the tax base of unincorporated New Brunswick cannot cover these costs without a major property tax rate increase and,

WHEREAS the people of rural New Brunswick already pay toward transportation costs through gasoline tax which this government has stated is directed entirely into the budget of the Department of Transportation,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the government to abandon its plan to increase the base rate for rural property taxes to cover the entire cost of Transportation and Policing in unincorporated New Brunswick and abandon its plan to create rural municipal government with another layer of property tax.

Motion 35 by Mr. S. Graham, seconded by Mr. Haché to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, December 16, 2003:

WHEREAS in the document entitled Prosperity Plan 2002-2012, the Premier and his Party identify balanced budget as a way to create a competitive fiscal and business environment, and;

WHEREAS the document entitled *Reaching Higher. Going Further. 2003-2007* identified the current Conservative Government's top 5 priorities to include a balanced budget over the next four years, and;

WHEREAS the Dominion Bond Rating Service has stated that in 2002-2003 the

province recorded the first deficit in eight years;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to bring forward a balanced budget for the current 2003-2004 fiscal year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to bring forward a balanced budget for the 2004-2005 fiscal year.

Motion 36 by Mr. S. Graham, seconded by Mr. Ouellette to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, December 16, 2003:

WHEREAS the provincial government started the process of reforming local governance in 1999, and;

WHEREAS many committees have studied local governance in New Brunswick and many reports have been tabled since the beginning of the local governance reform process, and;

WHEREAS a decision has still not been made by the Province regarding local governance reform, and;

WHEREAS all 103 municipalities have unanimously endorsed a new funding model, and;

WHEREAS the provincial government has turned down the municipalities' proposal and has introduced an initiative that constitutes an interim measure and does not resolve the municipal funding problem, and;

WHEREAS the interim measure introduced by government will lead to a decrease in funding for municipalities;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Legislature urge the Provincial government to commit to stable municipal funding and the implementation of a new fiscal partnership with the municipalities within the upcoming year.

Motion 61 Mr. S. Graham, seconded by Mr. Haché to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, December 23, 2003:

WHEREAS a recent study commissioned by the Canadian Teachers Federation found that teachers in New Brunswick were spending an average of \$420 of their own money annually to equip their classrooms and students, and;

WHEREAS in *Reaching Higher, Going Further* the Premier promised "New Brunswick will have more teachers and resources in the classrooms", and;

WHEREAS in *Reaching Higher, Going Further* the Premier promised "New Brunswick will have even more funding directed to education, universities, and students, and:

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to increase funds available to schools to purchase supplies for the classroom as requested by educators themselves, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly urge the Government to invest in adequate and appropriate computer technology.

Motion 66 by Mr. Foran, seconded by Mr. Murphy to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, December 30, 2003:

WHEREAS the Moncton Police Force was dissolved and replaced by the RCMP in 1998, and;

WHEREAS a dispute remains over the pension funds for former members of the Moncton Police Force;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Legislature urge the government to undertake an audit in order to determine the explicit or implicit agreement in place at the time of the transfer or at any time since regarding the calculation of pension amounts.

Motion 68 by Mr. Lamrock, seconded by Mr. Murphy to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, December 30, 2003:

WHEREAS the caseload for special needs students in the New Brunswick school system has nearly tripled in the past decade; and

WHEREAS funding formulas for schools have not reflected this new demand; and

WHEREAS schools are funded for teaching assistants based upon population but not the intensity of case loads in a given school; and

WHEREAS teachers, teaching assistants, parents and children are suffering in some classrooms where there is too little help in classrooms and too many needs;

BE IT RESOLVED that this House urge the Minister of Education to review the current mechanism for funding educational assistance for children with special needs to ensure that every child gets the help they need to succeed.

Motion 69 by Mr. Lamrock, seconded by Mr. Boudreau to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, December 30, 2003:

WHEREAS numerous international studies have shown a direct correlation between the presence of well-funded school libraries and children's literacy skills; and

WHEREAS the involvement of school librarians in preparing lesson plans, assisting teachers and advising students have raised the reading and writing test scores of students; and

WHEREAS while the *Quality Learning Agenda* sets out the goal of giving students public library cards, it makes not one mention of improving the libraries in our schools;

BE IT RESOLVED that this House urge the Minister of Education to develop an addendum to the *Quality Learning Agenda* establishing clear goals for the funding, oldings and staffing of school libraries.

Motion 92 by Mr. S. Graham, seconded by Mr. Lamrock to propose the following resolution on Thursday, May 13, 2004:

WHEREAS the budget tabled in this House on March 30, 2004, depicted a grave financial situation in New Brunswick;

WHEREAS the Government has announced that 750 job cuts will be forthcoming in the Civil Service;

WHEREAS the Government has announced that there will be a wage freeze for the

remaining members of the Civil Service;

WHEREAS Members of the Legislative Assembly are also in the service of the public, and;

WHEREAS there has been a 2.5% increase in the salaries of MLAs and increases in the per diem rate for committee work;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this House overturn the decision of the Legislative Administration Committee taken on December 18, 2003 with respect to committee pay for Members of the Legislative Assembly;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the 2.5% wage increase on MLAs base salary be rolled back, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this House urge the Government to establish a Commission made up of academics and members of the private sector that shall be charged with determining future rates of remuneration for Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Motion 94 by Mr. MacIntyre, seconded by Mr. Ouelette to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, May 25, 2004:

WHEREAS access to health care is the most important concern facing New Brunswickers;

WHEREAS the Premier's Health Quality Council report was made public in January 2002 and the government has yet to bring forward a Health Services Plan;

WHEREAS the contents of the Health Services Plan will impact all New Brunswickers;

WHEREAS this government claims to be committed to "openness" and "transparency";

WHEREAS the New Brunswick Medical Society has called upon Premier Lord to release the Health Services Plan and refer it to the Select Committee on Health Care;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly urge the government to release the Health Services Plan immediately;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Health Services Plan be referred to the Select Committee on Health Care with a limited timeframe for receiving public input in particular ensuring that front-line health professionals are consulted.

Motions for returns [In order of their introduction in the House]

Motion 19 by Mr. Targett, seconded by Mr. Lamrock to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, August 5, 2003:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documents, correspondence, e-mails, reports in regard to the land expropriated for the new four-lane highway from Longs Creek to Pokiok including names of property owners, area of lands purchased and amounts paid.

Motion 33 by Mr. Targett, seconded by Mr. Branch to propose the following resolution on Thursday, August 14, 2003:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documents, correspondence, e-mails, reports, drafts, summaries, notes and matters that concern the private woodlots of New Brunswick being given "Primary Source of Supply" status.

Motion 34 by Mr. Allaby, seconded by Mr. Armstrong to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, December 16, 2003

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documents, correspondence, e-mails, and reports in regard to the 5% spending cuts announced on July 15, 2003 by the Minister of Finance, and their subsequent impact on the Department of Transportation.

Motion 37 by Mr. MacIntyre, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, December 16, 2003:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documents, correspondence, e-mails, and reports in regard to the 5% spending cuts announced on July 15, 2003 by the Minister of Finance, and their subsequent impact on the Department of Health and Wellness.

Motion 38 by Mr. Landry, seconded by Mr. Paulin to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, December 16, 2003:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documents, correspondence, e-mails, and reports in regard to the 5% spending cuts announced on July 15, 2003, by the Minister of Finance, and their subsequent impact on the Department of Tourism and Parks.

Motion 39 by Mr. Haché, seconded by Mr. Kenny to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, December 16, 2003:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documents, correspondence, e-mails, and reports in regard to the 5% spending cuts announced on July 15, 2003 by the Minister of Finance, and their subsequent impact on the Department of Business New Brunswick.

Motion 40 by Mr. Armstrong, seconded by Mr. Albert to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, December 16, 2003:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documents, correspondence, e-mails, and reports in regard to the 5% spending cuts announced on July 15, 2003 by the Minister

of Finance, and their subsequent impact on the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Aquaculture.

Motion 41 by Mrs. Robichaud, seconded by Mr. Boudreau to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, December 16, 2003:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documents, correspondence, e-mails, and reports in regard to the 5% spending cuts announced on July 15, 2003 by the Minister of Finance, and their subsequent impact on the Department of Education.

Motion 42 by Mr. Albert, seconded by Mr. Doucet to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, December 16, 2003:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documents, correspondence, e-mails, and reports in regard to the 5% spending cuts announced on July 15, 2003 by the Minister of Finance, and their subsequent impact on the Department of Public Safety.

Motion 43 by Mr. Jamieson, seconded by Mr. Ouellette to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, December 16, 2003:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documents, correspondence, e-mails, and reports in regard to the 5% spending cuts announced on July 15, 2003 by the Minister of Finance, and their subsequent impact on the Department of Environment and Local Government.

Motion 44 by Mr. Lamrock, seconded by Mr. Allaby to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, December 16, 2003:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documents, correspondence, e-mails, and reports in regard to the 5% spending cuts announced on July 15, 2003 by the Minister of Finance, and their subsequent impact on the Department of Finance.

Motion 45 by Mr. McGinley, seconded by Mr. Branch to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, December 16, 2003:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documents, correspondence, e-mails, and reports in regard to the 5% spending cuts announced on July 15, 2003 by the Minister of Finance, and their subsequent impact on the Department of Training and Employment Development.

Motion 49 by Mr. Targett, seconded by Mr. Brewer to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, December 16, 2003:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documents, correspondence, e-mails, reports in regard to the 5% spending cuts announced on July 15, 2003 by the Minister of Finance and their subsequent impact on the Department of Natural Resources.

Motion 50 by Mr. Burke, seconded by Mr. Lamrock to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, December 16, 2003:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documents, correspondence, e-mails, reports in regard to the 5% spending cuts announced on July 15, 2003 by the Minister of Finance and their subsequent impact on the Department of Justice.

Motion 51 by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, December 16, 2003:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documents, correspondence, e-mails, reports in regard to the 5% spending cuts announced on July 15, 2003 by the Minister of Finance and their subsequent impact on the Department of Family and Community Services.

Motion 53 by Mr. Arseneault, seconded by Mr. Paulin to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, December 16, 2003:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documents, correspondence, e-mails, reports in regard to the 5% spending cuts announced on July 15, 2003 by the Minister of Finance and their subsequent impact on the Department of the Office of Human Resources.

Motion 54 by Mr. Arseneault, seconded by Mr. Branch to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, December 16, 2003:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documents, correspondence, e-mails, reports in regard to the 5% spending cuts announced on July 15, 2003 by the Minister of Finance and their subsequent impact on the Department of Intergovernmental and International Relations.

Motion 55 by Mr. Brewer, seconded by Mr. Murphy to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, December 16, 2003:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documents, correspondence, e-mails, reports in regard to the 5% spending cuts announced on July 15, 2003 by the Minister of Finance and their subsequent impact on the Department of Supply and Services.

Motion 56 by Mr. Doucet, seconded by Mr. Branch to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, December 16, 2003:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documents, correspondence, e-mails, reports in regard to the 5% spending cuts announced on July 15, 2003 by the Minister of Finance and their subsequent impact on the Department of Energy.

Motion 58 by Mr. S. Graham, seconded by Mr. Brewer to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 18, 2003:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documents, correspondence, e-mails, reports in regard to estimates of the additional tax revenue – by tax brackets – that will be collected as a result of the income tax measure requiring an amendment to the *Income Tax Act* announced by the Department of Finance on November 11, 2003.

[Documents requested filed January 28, 2004]

Motion 62 by Mr. Lamrock, seconded by Mr. Branch to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, December 23, 2003:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documents, correspondence, e-mails, reports pertaining to all Lease Agreements and all correspondence related to renovations and cost of all renovations done to the building where the Department of Family & Community Services is housed in their Campbellton Office - 157 Water Street, 7th floor.

Motion 64 by Mr. Lamrock, seconded by Mr. Branch to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, December 23, 2003:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documents, correspondence, e-mails, reports with Transport Canada pertaining to your government's priorities for Route 11, Route 17 and the third crossing to be constructed at the Canada - United States border at St. Stephen.

Motion 78 by Mr. Arseneault, seconded by Mr. Boudreau to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, April 13, 2004:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all names and remuneration received by any individual, who have been employed on a full time, part time or contract or who have been appointed to a government board or commission since June 10, 2003.

Motion 82 by Mr. Allaby, seconded by Mr. Boudreau to propose the following resolution on Thursday, April 22, 2004:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House a description of the changes to snow clearing routes to take effect with the closure of snow sheds included with the Department of Transportation budget for 2004-2005 including snow plow assignments before the

changes and plow assignments after the changes.

Motion 87 by Mr. Boudreau, seconded by Mr. Paulin to propose the following resolution on Thursday, April 29, 2004:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documents relating to the literacy specialists in both the Anglophone and Francophone school systems, including the policy and all correspondence, memoranda, e-mails, faxes, letters, reports, analyses, advice, recommendations, notes, minutes of meetings since the announcement of the Premier's Quality Learning Agenda to the present.

[Documents requested filed May 14, 2004]

Motion 88 by Mr. Boudreau, seconded by Mr. Paulin to propose the following resolution on Thursday, April 29, 2004:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documents concerning the provincial education Review (school evaluation system) in both the Francophone and Anglophone school systems including all correspondence, memoranda, e-mails, faxes, letters, reports, analyses, advice, recommendations, notes, minutes from its inception to the present.

[Documents requested filed June 22, 2004]

Motion 89 by Mr. MacIntyre, seconded by Mr. Lamrock to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, May 11, 2004:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House a list of all positions eliminated in the Department of Health & Wellness and a description of those positions since April 1, 2004.

[Documents requested filed May 28, 2004]

Motion 91 by Mr. Arseneault, seconded by Mr. Lamrock to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, May 11, 2004:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House a list of any positions that were vacant in Part I of the Civil Service as of April 1, 2004.

[Documents requested filed June 8, 2004]

Motion 93 by Mr. Branch, seconded by Mrs. Robichaud to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, May 18, 2004:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documents pertaining to the Order in Council 2004-121 dealing with the withdrawal of lands from prospecting and staking out

for minerals except coal and potash in the Bathurst mining camp and dealing with the authorization of the working, prospecting and mineral exploration of the lands in the Bathurst mining camp withdrawn from prospecting and staking out by Noranda Inc. and Slam Exploration Ltd., including all correspondence, letters, memorandums, e-mails, faxes, reports, analyses, researches, advice, recommendations and exploration fees and any other fees from January 1st, 2003 to May 13th, 2004.

[Documents requested filed June 10, 2004]

Motion 95 by Mr. Allaby, seconded by Mr. MacIntyre to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, May 25, 2004:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House a copy of the Accountability Framework established under Section 7 of the *Regional Health Authorities Act*.

[Documents requested filed June 15, 2004]

Motion 96 by Mr. Doucet, seconded by Mr. Foran to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, May 25, 2004:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all contracts, agreements, Memorandums of Understanding, and leases between the Province and Enbridge Gas pertaining to the marketing and the distribution of natural gas in New Brunswick from July 1st, 1999 to May 18th, 2004.

[Documents requested filed May 25, 2004]

Motion 97 by Mr. Arseneault, seconded by Mr. Boudreau to propose the following resolution on Thursday, May 27, 2004:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all names and remuneration received by any individuals, who have been employed on a full time, part time or contract basis or who have been appointed to a government board or commission since June 10, 2003.

Motion 98 by Mr. MacIntyre, seconded by Mr. Brewer to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, June 1, 2004:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all correspondence including letters, e-mails etc. between Region 7 Miramichi Regional Health Authority and the Department of Health & Wellness regarding the cancellation of the planned methadone clinic for the Miramichi Regional Health Authority since May 1, 2004.

[Documents requested filed June 18, 2004]

Motion 99 by Mr. Arseneault, seconded by Mr. Brewer to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, June 1, 2004:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House a copy of the most recent Actuarial Review on the status of the Teachers' Pension Fund and the Civil Service Pension Fund.

[Documents requested filed June 4, 2004]

Motion 100 by Mr. S. Graham, seconded by Mr. Lamrock to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, June 1, 2004:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all letters, e-mails, documents and/or reports between Mira Properties Inc. and the Department of the Environment and Local Government, the Department of Health Wellness, the Department of Natural Resources and Energy and the Culture and Sport Secretariat from March 1, 1999 to present.

Motion 101 by Mr. S. Graham, seconded by Mr. Lamrock to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, June 1, 2004:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all letters, e-mails, documents and/or reports between Les Entreprises Mapoma Ltée and the Department of the Environment and Local Government, the Department of Health and Wellness, the Department of Natural Resources and Energy and the Culture and Sport Secretariat from March 1, 1999 to present.

Motion 102 by Mr. Arseneault, seconded by Mr. Paulin to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, June 8, 2004:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documentation, memorandums, emails, faxes, letters, etc. between this government and Atlantic Advantage Promotions Inc. between April 1, 2003 and March 31, 2004.

[Documents requested filed June 9, 2004]

Motion 103 by Mr. Arseneault, seconded by Mr. Albert to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, June 8, 2004:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House a compilation of all monies paid to Bristol Group, and any of its subsidiaries, by all government departments since June 21, 1999.

Motion 104 by Mr. S. Graham, seconded by Mr. McGinley to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, June 1, 2004:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House a copy of the amount paid to the Chipman ambulance service and Minto ambulance service for the years 2001-2002, 2002-2003 and 2003-2004 and details on services provided.

[Documents requested filed June 18, 2004]

Motion 105 by Mr. S. Graham, seconded by Mr. Murphy to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, June 15, 2004:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documents pertaining to any employees who were terminated in Part I of the Department of Health and Wellness who have subsequently been hired on contract by Part III in any of the Regional Health Authorities.

Motion 106 by Mr. Albert, seconded by Mr. Kenny to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, June 15, 2004:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documents in regard to action taken by your department to create a compensation fund for the eradication of infectious salmon anemia (ISA), including correspondence, faxes, memos, e-mails, reports, proposals, briefing notes, analyses, research, advice, recommendations, and minutes of meetings for the period between July 1, 2001, and June 8, 2004.

Motion 107 by Mr. Albert, seconded by Mr. Kenny to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, June 15, 2004:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documents in regard to action taken by your department to create a financial compensation program and insurance for the aquaculture industry, including correspondence, faxes, memos, e-mails, reports, proposals, briefing notes, analyses, research, advice, recommendations, and minutes of meetings, for the period between July 1, 1999, and June 8, 2004.

Motion 108 by Mr. Doucet, seconded by Mr. Boudreau to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, June 15, 2004:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House from the departments of Finance, Energy and Supply & Services all documentation, correspondence, memorandums, letters, emails, faxes, reports, analysis, recommendations, advice, agreements, request for proposals, memorandums of understanding, contracts pertaining to consultant services to investigate renewable energy possibilities or to study the impact of renewable energy projects on power rates from January 31st, 2003 to June 8th, 2004.

Motion 109 by Mr. Doucet, seconded by Mr. Haché to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, June 15, 2004:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all addendums to the NB Power document entitled *Business Plan and Financial Projection* dated March 2001.

Motion 110 by Mr. Boudreau, seconded by Mrs. Robichaud to propose the following resolution on Thursday, June 17, 2004:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all correspondence, including minutes of meetings, letters, e-mails, memoranda, briefing notes, hand-written notes, reports, analysis and research between November 2002 and June 9, 2004 pertaining to decisions, recommendations and advice made by District Education Council (DEC) #17.

Motion 111 by Mr. Boudreau, seconded by Mrs. Robichaud to propose the following resolution on Thursday, June 17, 2004:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all correspondence, including minutes of meetings, letters, e-mails, memoranda, briefing notes, hand-written notes, reports, analysis and research between November 2002 and June 9, 2004 pertaining to advice received and decisions made by the Minister of Education pertaining to (DEC) # 17.

Motion 112 by Mr. MacIntyre, seconded by Mr. Arseneault to propose the following resolution on Thursday, June 17, 2004:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all correspondence, including minutes of meetings, letters, e-mails, memoranda, briefing notes, hand-written notes, reports, analysis and research pertaining to the decision to eliminate 298 beds in New Brunswick hospitals and the decisions regarding which facilities would have beds eliminated.

Motion 113 by Mr. MacIntyre, seconded by Mr. S. Graham to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, June 22, 2004:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all correspondence, letters, e-mails, memoranda, briefing notes, handwritten notes, reports and analyses between John McGarry and the Department of Health and Wellness regarding Mr. McGarry's report on support services within the provincial health care system.

Motion 114 by Mr. MacIntyre, seconded by Mr. S. Graham to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, June 22, 2004:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all correspondence, letters, e-mails, memoranda, briefing notes, handwritten notes, reports and analyses between Mr. Jim Wolstenholme and the Department of Health and Wellness regarding Mr. Wolstenholme's report on the population health and its impact on the provincial health care system.

Motion 115 by Mr. MacIntyre, seconded by Mr. S. Graham to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, June 22, 2004:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that

he cause to be laid upon the table of the House copies including electronic copies of the Hay Benchmarking Study prepared in conjunction with CIHI for Miramichi Regional Health Authority, Southeast Regional Health Authority, Beauséjour Regional Health Authority and Atlantic Health Sciences Corporation for 2002-2003 and 2003-2004.

Motion 116 by Mr. MacIntyre, seconded by Mr. S. Graham to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, June 22, 2004:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all correspondence, letters, e-mails, memoranda, briefing notes, handwritten notes, reports and analyses between Mr. Édouard Hendriks and the Department of Health and Wellness regarding Mr. Hendriks' report on the sustainability of clinical services within the provincial health care system.

Motion 117 by Mr. Burke, seconded by Mr. Murphy to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, June 22, 2004:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House a compilation of how many court appointed lawyers have been paid by Government and what this has cost, since March 1, 2004.

Motion 118 by Mr. MacIntyre, seconded by Mr. S. Graham to propose the following resolution on Thursday, June 24, 2004:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all invoices, correspondence, letters, e-mails, memoranda, briefing notes, handwritten notes, reports and analyses between Deloitte and Touche and the Department of Health and Wellness pertaining to the production of the draft Provincial Health Plan between January 2002 and June 9, 2004.

Motion 119 by Mr. Boudreau, seconded by Mrs. Robichaud to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, June 29, 2004:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documentation, memorandums, e-mails, faxes, letters, etc. between this government and District Education Councils with respect to any cuts in hours or positions of teachers' aides and school library staff since April 1, 2004

Motion 120 by Mr. Jamieson, seconded by Mr. Burke to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, June 29, 2004:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House The Remediation Plan(s) submitted to the Department of Environment and Local Government and all related e-mails, faxes, documentation, memorandums, letters, etc. with respect to the coastal development that

has been undertaken by Gilles and/or Michel LeBlanc on Euclide-Leger Road in Cap-Brûlé.

CONCLUDED

Motion 3 by Mr. S. Graham. Carried as amended, April 20, 2004.
Motion 4 by Mr. S. Graham. Defeated May 4, 2004.
Motion 5 by Mr. S. Graham. Defeated May 6, 2004.
Motion 6 by Mr. S. Graham. Carried as amended, May 11, 2004.
Motion 7 by Mr. S. Graham. Carried as amended May 18, 2004.
Motion 8 by Mr. S. Graham. Carried as amended May 20, 2004.
Motion 9 by Mr. S. Graham. Carried as amended May 27, 2004.
Motion 13 by Mr. Carr. Carried April 22, 2004.
Motion 15 by Mr. Williams. Carried as amended May 13, 2004.
Motion 18 by Mr. Stiles. Carried May 25, 2004.
Motion 31 by Mr. S. Graham. Defeated August 7, 2003.
Motion 84 by Mr. S. Graham. Defeated April 15, 2004.

WITHDRAWN

Motions 1, 2, 11, 12, 16, 17, 28, 32, 57, 63 and 67 (withdrawn April 8, 2004)
Motions 10, 14, 52, 60, 73, 75, 76, 79, 80, 81, 83, 85, 86 and 90
(withdrawn May 13, 2004)
Motion 70 (withdrawn May 27, 2004)

PETITIONS

Petition No. 1 by Mr. S. Graham presented July 30, 2003.
(Response filed August 8, 2003)
Petition No. 2 by Mr. Allaby presented July 30, 2003.
(Response filed August 15, 2003)
Petition No. 3 by Mr. Doucet presented July 30, 2003.
Petition No. 4 by Mr. Murphy presented July 30, 2003.
(Response filed August 13, 2003)
Petition No. 5 by Mr. S. Graham presented August 1, 2003.
(Response filed August 14, 2003)
Petition No. 6 by Mr. Branch presented August 5, 2003.
(Response filed August 15, 2003)

- Petition No. 7 by Mr. Branch presented August 5, 2003.
(Response filed August 15, 2003)
- Petition No. 8 by Mr. Branch presented August 5, 2003.
(Response filed August 18, 2003)
- Petition No. 9 by Mr. Jamieson presented August 7, 2003.
(Response filed August 22, 2003)
- Petition No. 10 by Ms. Weir presented December 11, 2003.
(Response filed January 6, 2004)
- Petition No. 11 by Ms. Weir presented December 11, 2003.
- Petition No. 12 by Mr. Boudreau presented December 11, 2003
- Petition No. 13 by Mr. Albert presented December 11, 2003.
- Petition No. 14 by Mr. Burke presented December 12, 2003.
(Response filed January 6, 2004)
- Petition No. 15 by Mr. Boudreau presented December 16, 2003.
(Response filed February 4, 2004)
- Petition No. 16 by Mr. Boudreau presented December 16, 2003.
(Response filed February 4, 2004)
- Petition No. 17 by Mr. Arseneault presented December 18, 2003.
(Response filed January 13, 2004)
- Petition No. 18 by Mr. Burke presented December 18, 2003.
(Response filed January 13, 2004)
- Petition No. 19 by Mr. S. Graham presented December 19, 2003.
(Response filed January 13, 2004)
- Petition No. 20 by Mr. Allaby presented December 19, 2003.
(Response filed January 13, 2004)
- Petition No. 21 by Mr. Allaby presented December 19, 2003.
(Response filed January 6, 2004)
- Petition No. 22 by Mr. Foran presented March 31, 2004.
(Response filed April 14, 2004)
- Petition No. 23 by Mr. Stiles presented April 2, 2004.
(Response filed April 15, 2004)
- Petition No. 24 by Mr. Stiles presented April 2, 2004.
(Response filed April 15, 2004)
- Petition No. 25 by Hon. Mr. E. Robichaud presented April 2, 2004.
(Response filed April 23, 2004)
- Petition No. 26 by Mr. Paulin presented April 2, 2004.
(Response filed April 23, 2004)
- Petition No. 27 by Mr. S. Graham presented April 6, 2004.
(Response filed April 21, 2004)
- Petition No. 28 by Mr. Brewer presented April 7, 2004.
(Response filed May 3, 2004)
- Petition No. 29 by Mr. S. Graham presented April 21, 2004.
(Response filed May 4, 2004)

- Petition No. 30 by Mrs. Robichaud presented April 22, 2004.
(Response filed May 7, 2004)
- Petition No. 31 by Mr. Betts presented May 4, 2004.
(Response filed May 21, 2004)
- Petition No. 32 by Mr. Kenny presented May 4, 2004.
(Response filed May 21, 2004)
- Petition No. 33 by Mr. Paulin presented May 4, 2004.
(Response filed May 19, 2004)
- Petition No. 34 by by Hon. Ms. Dubé presented May 7, 2004.
(Response filed May 20, 2004)
- Petition No. 35 by Mr. Haché presented May 18, 2004.
(Response filed June 2, 2004)
- Petition No. 36 by Mr. Malley presented May 19, 2004.
(Response filed June 18, 2004)
- Petition No. 37 by Mr. Foran presented May 19, 2004.
(Response filed June 18, 2004)
- Petition No. 38 by Mrs. Robichaud presented May 19, 2004.
(Response filed June 18, 2004)
- Petition No. 39 by Mr. Brewer presented May 19, 2004.
(Response filed June 18, 2004)
- Petition No. 40 by Mr. Jamieson presented May 27, 2004.
- Petition No. 41 by Mr. MacIntyre presented June 9, 2004.
- Petition No. 42 by Mr. Foran presented June 10, 2004.
- Petition No. 43 by Mr. S. Graham presented June 15, 2004.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- First Report of the Standing Committee on Procedure presented December 9, 2003.
- Final Report of the Select Committee on Public Automobile Insurance presented April 2, 2004.
- First Report of the Standing Committee on Private Bills presented May 7, 2004.
- Second Report of the Standing Committee on Private Bills presented May 20, 2004.
- Third Report of the Standing Committee on Private Bills presented June 9, 2004.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS (see Appendix "A")

Loredana Catalli Sonier
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

APPENDIX "A"

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

Question No. 1 by Mr. Ronald Ouellette	(Response filed August 13, 2003)
Question No. 2 by Mr. Shawn Graham	(Response filed January 21, 2004)
Question No. 3 by Mr. Shawn Graham	(Response filed January 21, 2004)
Question No. 4 by Mr. Shawn Graham	(Response filed January 21, 2004)
Question No. 5 by Mrs. Carmel Robichaud, MLA	(Response filed January 15, 2004)
Question No. 6 by Mr. Michael Murphy, MLA	(Response filed June 11, 2004)
Question No. 7 by Mr. Rick Doucet, MLA	(Response filed May 18, 2004)
Question No. 8 by Mr. Ronald Ouellette, MLA	(Response filed June 21, 2004)
Question No. 9 by Mr. Roland MacIntyre, MLA	(Response filed June 18, 2004)

Question No. 10 by Mr. Eric Allaby, MLA

Directed to: Hon. Paul Robichaud
Minister of Transportation

1. What is the breakout of the Department of Transportation's budget by program, component and activities including year over year (2003-04 and 2004-05) estimates and revised estimates for 2003-04.
1. What is the breakdown of the 2004-2005 budget for each activity within the Department by the estimates for:
 - Wage: The number of permanent and casual FTEs and payrolls
 - Price: Annual rate of inflation
 - Volume: Number of units, loans, clients, etc. (if applicable)
2. Which specific activities or components within the Department have been impacted by the 5% budget reduction announced in

July 2003?

3. Which specific activities or components within the Department have been reviewed by the Resource Maximization Committee? What decisions were made for each of the activities or components reviewed?
4. If the 2004-05 estimate for a specific activity or component within the Department has been reduced from the 2003-04 estimate, what are the wage, price, volume implications for that activity or component, and what was the rationale for the decision regarding each activity or component.

Question No. 11 by Mr. Roy Boudreau, MLA

Directed to: Hon. Madeleine Dubé
Minister of Education

1. What is the breakout of the Education Department's budget by program, component and activities including year over year (2003-04 and 2004-05) estimates and revised estimates for 2003-04.
2. What is the breakdown of the 2004-2005 budget for each activity of the Department by the estimates for:
 - Wage: The number of permanent and casual FTEs and payrolls
 - Price: Annual rate of inflation
 - Volume: Number of units, loans, clients, etc. (if applicable)
3. Which specific activities or components of the Department have been impacted by the 5% budget reduction announced in July 2003?
4. Which specific activities or components of the Department have been reviewed by the Resource Maximization Committee? What decisions were made for each of the activities or components reviewed?
5. If the 2004-05 estimate for a specific activity or component within the Department has been reduced from the 2003-04 estimate, what are the wage, price, volume implications for that activity or component, and what was the rationale for the decision regarding each activity or component.

Question No. 12 by Mr. Rick Doucet, MLA

Directed to: Hon. Bruce Fitch
Minister of Energy

1. What is the breakout of the Department of Energy's budget by program, component and activities including year over year (2003-04 and 2004-05) estimates and revised estimates for 2003-04.
2. What is the breakdown of the 2004-2005 budget for each activity of the Department by the estimates for:
 - Wage: The number of permanent and casual FTEs and payrolls
 - Price: Annual rate of inflation
 - Volume: Number of units, loans, clients, etc. (if applicable)
3. Which specific activities or components of the Department have been impacted by the 5% budget reduction announced in July 2003?
4. Which specific activities or components of the Department have been reviewed by the Resource Maximization Committee? What decisions were made for each of the activities or components reviewed?
5. If the 2004-05 estimate for a specific activity or component within the Department has been reduced from the 2003-04 estimate, what are the wage, price, volume implications for that activity or component, and what was the rationale for the decision regarding each activity or component.

Question No. 13 by Mr. Mike Murphy, MLA

Directed to: Hon. Tony Huntjens
Minister of Family and Community Services

1. What is the breakout of the Department of Family and Community Services' budget by program, component and activities including year over year (2003-04 and 2004-05) estimates and revised estimates for 2003-04.
2. What is the breakdown of the 2004-2005 budget for each activity of the Department by the estimates for:
 - Wage: The number of permanent and casual FTEs and payrolls
 - Price: Annual rate of inflation
 - Volume: Number of units, loans, clients, etc. (if applicable)
3. Which specific activities or components of the Department have been impacted by the 5% budget reduction announced in July 2003?
4. Which specific activities or components within the Department have been reviewed by the Resource Maximization Committee? What decisions were made for each of the activities or components reviewed?
5. If the 2004-05 estimate for a specific activity or component within the Department has been reduced from the 2003-04 estimate, what are the wage, price, volume implications for that activity or component, and what was the rationale for the decision regarding each activity or component.

Question No. 14 by Mr. T.J. Burke, MLA

Directed to: Hon. Brad Green, Q.C.
Minister of Justice

1. What is the breakout of the Department of Justice's budget by program, component and activities including year over year (2003-04 and 2004-05) estimates and revised estimates for 2003-04.
2. What is the breakdown of the 2004-2005 budget for each activity of the Department by the estimates for:
 - Wage: The number of permanent and casual FTEs and payrolls
 - Price: Annual rate of inflation

- Volume: Number of units, loans, clients, etc. (if applicable)
- 3. Which specific activities or components within the Department have been impacted by the 5% budget reduction announced in July 2003?
- 4. Which specific activities or components within the Department have been reviewed by the Resource Maximization Committee? What decisions were made for each of the activities or components reviewed?
- 5. If the 2004-05 estimate for a specific activity or component within the Department has been reduced from the 2003-04 estimate, what are the wage, price, volume implications for that activity or component, and what was the rationale for the decision regarding each activity or component.

Question No. 15 by Mr. Frank Branch, MLA

Directed to: Hon. Keith Ashfield
Minister of Natural Resource

1. What is the breakout of the Department of Natural Resource's budget for Mines by program, component and activities including year over year (2003-04 and 2004-05) estimates and revised estimates for 2003-04.
2. What is the breakdown of the 2004-2005 budget for each activity related to Mines by the estimates for:
 - Wage: The number of permanent and casual FTEs and payrolls
 - Price: Annual rate of inflation
 - Volume: Number of units, loans, clients, etc. (if applicable)
3. Which specific activities or components related to Mines have been impacted by the 5% budget reduction announced in July 2003?
4. Which specific activities or components related to Mines have been reviewed by the Resource Maximization Committee? What decisions were made for each of the activities or components reviewed?
5. If the 2004-05 estimate for a specific activity or component related to Mines has been reduced from the 2003-04 estimate, what are the wage, price, volume implications for that activity or component, and what was the rationale for the decision regarding each activity or component.

Question No. 16 by Mr. Eugene McGinley, MLA

Directed to: Hon. Margaret-Ann Blaney
Minister of Training and Employment Development

1. What is the breakout of the Department of Training and Employment Development's budget by program, component and activities including year over year (2003-04 and 2004-05) estimates and revised estimates for 2003-04.
2. What is the breakdown of the 2004-2005 budget for each activity within the Department by the estimates for:
 - Wage: The number of permanent and casual FTEs and payrolls
 - Price: Annual rate of inflation
 - Volume: Number of units, loans, clients, etc. (if applicable)
3. Which specific activities or components within the Department have been impacted by the 5% budget reduction announced in July 2003?
4. Which specific activities or components within the Department have been reviewed by the Resource Maximization Committee? What decisions were made for each of the activities or components reviewed?
5. If the 2004-05 estimate for a specific activity or component within the Department has been reduced from the 2003-04 estimate, what are the wage, price, volume implications for that activity or component, and what was the rationale for the decision regarding each activity or component.

Question No. 17 by Mr. T.J. Burke, MLA

Directed to: Hon. Brad Green, Q.C.
Minister of Justice

1. What is the breakout of the budget of the Aboriginal Affairs Secretariat by program, component and activities including year over year (2003-04 and 2004-05) estimates and revised estimates for 2003-04.
2. What is the breakdown of the 2004-2005 budget for each activity within the Secretariat by the estimates for:
 - Wage: The number of permanent and casual FTEs and payrolls
 - Price: Annual rate of inflation
 - Volume: Number of units, loans, clients, etc. (if applicable)
3. Which specific activities or components of the Secretariat have been impacted by the 5% budget reduction announced in July 2003?
4. Which specific activities or components of the Secretariat have been reviewed by the Resource Maximization Committee? What decisions were made for each of the activities or components reviewed?
5. If the 2004-05 estimate for a specific activity or component of the Secretariat has been reduced from the 2003-04 estimate, what are the wage, price, volume implications for that activity or component, and what was the rationale for the decision regarding each activity or component.

Question No. 18 by Mr. Hédard Albert, MLA

Directed to: Hon. David Alward
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Aquaculture

1. What is the breakout of the budget of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Aquaculture's budget by program, component and activities including year over year (2003-04 and 2004-05) estimates and revised estimates for 2003-04.
2. What is the breakdown of the 2004-2005 budget for each activity within the Department by the estimates for:
 - Wage: The number of permanent and casual FTEs and payrolls

- Price: Annual rate of inflation
 - Volume: Number of units, loans, clients, etc. (if applicable)
3. Which specific activities or components of the Department have been impacted by the 5% budget reduction announced in July 2003?
 4. Which specific activities or components of the Department have been reviewed by the Resource Maximization Committee? What decisions were made for each of the activities or components reviewed?
 5. If the 2004-05 estimate for a specific activity or component of the Department has been reduced from the 2003-04 estimate, what are the wage, price, volume implications for that activity or component, and what was the rationale for the decision regarding each activity or component.

Question No. 19 by Mr. Burt Paulin, MLA

Directed to: Hon. Keith Ashfield
Minister of Natural Resources

1. What is the breakout of the budget of the Department of Natural Resource's budget for Parks by program, component and activities including year over year (2003-04 and 2004-05) estimates and revised estimates for 2003-04.
2. What is the breakdown of the 2004-2005 budget for each activity related to Parks by the estimates for:
 - Wage: The number of permanent and casual FTEs and payrolls
 - Price: Annual rate of inflation
 - Volume: Number of units, loans, clients, etc. (if applicable)
3. Which specific activities or components of the budget for Parks have been impacted by the 5% budget reduction announced in July 2003?
4. Which specific activities or components of the budget for Parks have been reviewed by the Resource Maximization Committee? What decisions were made for each of the activities or components reviewed?
5. If the 2004-05 estimate for a specific activity or component related to Parks has been reduced from the 2003-04 estimate, what are the wage, price, volume implications for that activity or component, and what was the rationale for the decision regarding each activity or component.

Question No. 20 by Mr. John Foran, MLA

Directed to: Hon. Wayne Steeves
Minister of Public Safety

1. What is the breakout of the budget of the Department of Public Safety's budget by program, component and activities including year over year (2003-04 and 2004-05) estimates and revised estimates for 2003-04.
2. What is the breakdown of the 2004-2005 budget for each activity within the Department by the estimates for:
 - Wage: The number of permanent and casual FTEs and payrolls
 - Price: Annual rate of inflation
 - Volume: Number of units, loans, clients, etc. (if applicable)
3. Which specific activities or components within the Department have been impacted by the 5% budget reduction announced in July 2003?
4. Which specific activities or components within the Department have been reviewed by the Resource Maximization Committee? What decisions were made for each of the activities or components reviewed?
5. If the 2004-05 estimate for a specific activity or component within the Department has been reduced from the 2003-04 estimate, what are the wage, price, volume implications for that activity or component, and what was the rationale for the decision regarding each activity or component.

Question No. 21 by Dr. Larry Kennedy, MLA

Directed to: Hon. Peter Mesheau
Minister of Business New Brunswick

1. What is the breakout of the Service New Brunswick budget by program, component and activities including year over year (2003-04 and 2004-05) estimates and revised estimates for 2003-04.
2. What is the breakdown of the 2004-2005 budget for each activity within the Department by the estimates for:
 - Wage: The number of permanent and casual FTEs and payrolls
 - Price: Annual rate of inflation
 - Volume: Number of units, loans, clients, etc. (if applicable)
3. Which specific activities or components within the Department have been impacted by the 5% budget reduction announced in July 2003?
4. Which specific activities or components within the Department have been reviewed by the Resource Maximization Committee? What decisions were made for each of the activities or components reviewed?
5. If the 2004-05 estimate for a specific activity or component within the Department has been reduced from the 2003-04 estimate, what are the wage, price, volume implications for that activity or component, and what was the rationale for the decision regarding each activity or component.

Question No. 22 by Mr. Denis Landry, MLA

(Response filed June 22, 2004)

Question No. 23 by Mr. Roy Boudreau, MLA

Directed to: Hon. Madeleine Dubé
Minister of Education

1. The planned changes for the elementary and middle schools within the town of Oromocto were prepared by a project team that was charged to examine the issue of declining enrolments.
 - a) given that the report and recommendations do nothing to address declining enrolments, could the Minister explain how, why and when this team's mission was changed?
 - b) how did a problem of declining enrolments evolve into a complete re-structuring of the delivery of education within the town of Oromocto?
 - c) if the project team's mandate was changed, why was this not reflected by a corresponding title change away from "Catchment Area Review" to something that clearly states the task and why was the public not informed of this change?
2. If declining enrolments are expected to be an on-going trend within District 17 over the next ten years, how does this plan address that issue?
3. The plan seems only to redistribute the same number of students over the same number of schools. If fewer students translate into less money in the District budget, where will the savings be made through this plan?
4. The issue of vacant seats on the District 17 DEC when a crucial vote involving major restructuring to the delivery of education in the Oromocto area was taken is of serious concern. When the vote occurred, there were three empty seats on the council. Each one of those seats represented, in their entirety, individuals and families living within the town of Oromocto.
 - a) does the Minister believe that a vote on an issue so fundamentally affecting the delivery of education within a community, should be taken when the community in question is not fully represented?
 - b) does the Minister believe that the citizens are appropriately represented when they do not have elected representatives involved in the discussions?
5. It appears that different District Education Councils use different rules of procedure and that each is able to make and amend at will council policies and procedures. With this lack of uniformity, what mechanisms are in place to enable the Minister determine that all DEC's and superintendents operate within the bounds of their authority?
6. Is there any way of overturning decisions that are made by a DEC?
7. What appeal process is in place in the event of poor decisions?
8. The DEC minutes of March 17, 2004 state that there is insufficient demand to offer French Immersion in three elementary schools but that by spreading it over fewer grade levels in four different schools it will be viable.
 - a) how will spreading French immersion resources over four schools rather than three at the elementary level and expanding immersion from one to two middle schools be more financially prudent?
 - b) will this not dilute the capacity of the programs?
9. With respect to vacant seats on the DEC, identify what is considered a reasonable period of time to fill a seat?
 - a) Is the Minister required to leave a DEC seat vacant between election periods if it is not possible to put three names forward for appointment?
 - b) Is the Minister able to fill a vacant DEC seat between election periods if only one person comes forward willing to serve on the council?
10. Strong public schools are a direct result of dedicated teachers, administrators, students, supporting family members and communities. In general (services and business). It would appear that decisions were taken without input from all segments and all communities
 - a) were other plans considered prior to deciding on the reconfiguration of elementary schools in Oromocto?
 - b) what were those plans?
 - c) why were they discarded and why, based upon the initial mandate of the project team was this plan chosen?
 - d) is the Minister satisfied that all avenues were explored before recommendations were made to her?
11. On Friday, June 4, 2004, a meeting was held in District 17 with District office personnel and school principals from throughout the district to address the problem of a significant shortfall in the 2004-2005 budget. The result of this was cuts to at least library and secretarial support within schools for next year, in some cases by as much as one third. Does the Minister support money being spent on the changes to the Oromocto schools when money is not available for such essential services?

Question No. 24 by Mr. Roy Boudreau, MLA

Directed to: Hon. Madeleine Dubé
Minister of Education

1. Can the minister confirm that, on May 12, 2004, there were in fact 25 to 30 pallets of French language books, worth approximately \$900 000, in the warehouse?
2. If not, where were they?
3. If so, have the books since been distributed, and how?