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However, they indicated that the department's monitoring stations remain below levels which could cause a significant health risk to the city residents and the sulphur dioxide that could affect human health isn't a concern. These were the results that we received from health officials. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you. Supplementary, Mr. Lewis.

**Supplementary To Question 215-12(6): Investigation Of Stack Emissions At Royal Oak Mine**

**MR. LEWIS:** It is my understanding, Madam Speaker, that the mine agreed to negotiate with the government on this issue, in an attempt to reduce emissions, even though they weren't at a critical level. What form is that negotiation taking?

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you. Minister of Renewable Resources, Mr. Arngna'naaq.

**Further Return To Question 215-12(6): Investigation Of Stack Emissions At Royal Oak Mine**

**HON. SILAS ARNGNA'NAAQ:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, there have been initial discussions by the department and Royal Oak Mine. The joint work which has been initiated with mine officials to examine options available to reduce the sulphur dioxide levels in Yellowknife is presently going on at this point. However, I would like to bring together community leaders -- namely, the two chiefs in the area of Yellowknife, the Metis Nation, the Yellowknife MLAs, the new mayor of Yellowknife, representatives of the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs, Environment Canada and a mine representative -- to try to come to an agreeable solution to the problems we have with the mine. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you. Item 6, oral questions. The honourable Member for Natilikmiot, Mr. Ningark.

**Question 216-12(6): Funding Available For Training Of By-Law Officers**

**MR. NINGARK:** (Translation) Thank you, Madam Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of MACA. In the communities, there are by-laws officers. They are usually in the smaller and larger communities. They have to take some kind of training. Do they train the by-law officers under the departments funding? Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs, Ms. Mike.

**Return To Question 216-12(6): Funding Available For Training Of By-Law Officers**

**HON. REBECCA MIKE:** (Translation) Thank you, Madam Speaker. At this time, there is no funding for training for by-laws officers. During 1995-96, we will be trying to come up with funding for that particular area. Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you. Item 6, oral questions. The honourable Member for Yellowknife North, Mr. Ballantyne.

**Question 217-12(6): Revenue Generated By NWTPC At Snare**

**MR. BALLANTYNE:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I thank you for your ruling. I totally respect the jurisdiction of the Public Utilities Board. My line of questioning is the owners' responsibility in that decision-making. So my question today is to the Minister of Finance. It seems from the Premier, that Cabinet isn't involved in the decision. The Premier is only peripherally involved in the decision. So the owners are really out of the equation. Surely the Minister of Finance would get financial advice.

My understanding is between 1989 and this summer, the water levels were much higher than the 30-year historic average. The 30-year historic average is 152 gigawatt hours. The levels were higher over that period of time and that generated an extra \$7 million to go into the overall system. Was the Minister informed that there was an extra \$7 million generated by the Snare system during this period of time?

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you. Minister of Finance, Mr. Pollard.

**Return To Question 217-12(6): Revenue Generated By NWTPC At Snare**

**HON. JOHN POLLARD:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, it was drawn to my attention some two weeks ago, that there may have been, shall we say, above-average water in the system in previous years, and that might have generated a bonus. It was drawn to my attention, but I have seen no figures or details. I didn't get that from the Power Corporation. It came up in discussion with our lawyers who are representing us, as customers, and other people of the Northwest Territories at the PUB hearings. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you. Supplementary, Mr. Ballantyne.

**Supplementary To Question 217-12(6): Revenue Generated By NWTPC At Snare**

**MR. BALLANTYNE:** Supplementary to the Minister of Finance. It would seem to me that the Minister of Finance, because we are the owner of the Power Corporation, has certain financial responsibilities in this