

Adjournment Debate

One of the problems at this point is that to spend money in housing does not in fact provide the local benefit that we would like to see and we think possible. However, I think it is important to recognize that DIAND's responsibility for housing on reserve has led to a commitment that has increased by 34 per cent in the last five years, from \$102.7 million to \$137.8 million. This fiscal year alone, the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development has budgeted \$300 million in direct contributions to First Nations governments. He will also provide about \$127 million in guarantees for on reserve housing and CMHC will invest \$100 million this year in on reserve housing as well.

Ninety-one per cent of the housing on reserve has brought adequate water service. Seventy per cent of the

current housing stock on reserve has been constructed or renovated in the last 10 years.

As we have discussed and we agree, there was much to be done. One of the things that the department has undertaken is a major study of the housing need itself. There has been a broad consultation with First Nations. The government has spent about \$2.5 million on that consultation and held over 250 meetings with a variety of First Nations and their representatives.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Pursuant to Standing Order 38(5), the motion to adjourn the House is now deemed to have been adopted. Accordingly, this House stands adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock a.m. pursuant to Standing Order 24(1).

The House adjourned at 6.31 p.m.