

Mr. HARRISON: Well we have acquired a very large branch in the department, the water resources branch, which does a lot of field survey work and travel work.

Mr. HALES: I think that will show under the Department of Northern Affairs.

Mr. HARRISON: It is now under our department, sir. It is a new expense to this department; it was not here last year.

Mr. HALES: Well, all right, that is sufficient.

The other point; your 1964-65 estimates were \$55 million for the department. Have you a record there of what you actually spent?

Mr. PACK: No, I have not the final here with me this morning.

Mr. HALES: The estimates of 1964-65 were \$55 million. What did you actually spend as against that? You estimated you would spend \$55 million; what did you spend?

Mr. PACK: I do not have that information here this morning.

Mr. HALES: Well what I am leading up to is this. All departments are asked to estimate their expenses for the year. Do you always spend the total amount of money that you estimate you will spend, or do you spend less than what you estimate? If you spend more there would be supplementaries.

Mr. PACK: Yes, there would be. But, we do not spend the last cent; I think it is a matter of record that we have one of the best lapsing records of any government department, usually working in the area of around 2 per cent.

Mr. FULTON: How do you define "best"?

Mr. PACK: Best in terms of—

Mr. HALES: Could you supply me for each of the last five years how much lapsed? It is in the records and it would save me looking it up.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Hales, how much longer will you need for questioning.

Mr. HALES: I have to go; I have another meeting.

The CHAIRMAN: The point is that there may be some other members who have questions on this point. You mentioned that you would not be here on Thursday. If at all, we will just get a start on the statement of Dr. Harrison regarding water policy, and I should imagine that on Thursday we will be in that area completely. So, this general matter of administration probably will not come up for a couple of meetings.

Mr. HALES: Let me know when it comes up; I have a few more questions to ask.

The CHAIRMAN: I will let you know, Mr. Hales. I did not mean to interrupt you but I felt that if this line of questioning was going to continue there may be some other members waiting to ask questions. Another committee wants this room at eleven o'clock and would not want to hold it up.

If it is your wish, we do have almost ten minutes left and perhaps it might be expeditious at this point to hear from Dr. Harrison.