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**Iqaluit, Nunavut**  
**Thursday, October 21, 1999**

**Members Present**

Mr. Ovide Alakannuark, Mr. Olayuk Akesuk, Honourable Jack Anawak, Honourable James Arvaluk, Honourable Levi Barnabas, Honourable Donald Haviyok, Mr. David Iqaqrialu, Mr. Enoki Irqittuq, Mr. Peter Kattuk, Honourable Peter Kilabuk, Mr. Glen McLean, Honourable Kelvin Ng, Mr. Jobie Nutarak, Mr. Kevin O'Brien, Honourable Paul Okalik, Honourable Edward Picco, Mr. Uriash Puqiqnak, Honourable Manito Thompson, Mr. Hunter Tootoo.

**Item 1: Opening Prayer**

**Speaker** (interpretation): At this time I would like to ask Mr. Puqiqnak to say the opening prayer.

>>*Opening Prayer*

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Puqiqnak for saying the opening prayer. Going to the Orders of the Day, Item 2 Ministers' Statements. Mr. Premier.

**Item 2: Ministers' Statements****Minister's Statement 01 - 1(3): GN Vision and Priorities**

**Hon. Paul Okalik** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Later today I will be tabling a copy of the Bathurst Mandate setting out the vision and priorities of this government for the next five years. This document has been six months in the making and I am pleased to describe to members and visitors to this House the development of the mandate and how we plan to move from vision to action.

This document began in Kimmirut during the first cabinet retreat. It was discussed with members of this Assembly during standing committee presentations in May and the long term vision part of Nunavut was made part of our work at the Baker Lake caucus retreat in June.

A revised version, clarified by the Baker Lake discussions, was distributed to MLAs in July and their comments solicited. Cabinet did a detailed review of the text and principles on which it is based.

In September the document was revised in Bathurst Inlet by cabinet and the text was sent to every MLA in their home community. In addition, the appropriate portions were discussed with Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. and the Association of Municipalities.

The vision and priorities truly reflect the consensus nature of this government. I also believe that it truly reflects the beliefs, goals and wishes of the people of Nunavut in all parts of our territory. The document is separated into four sections, Inuuqatigiittiarniq - Healthy Communities, Pijarnirnirqsat Katujjiqatiriittiarnirlu - Simplify and Unify and also Nammini q Makitajunarniq - Self-Reliance and Ilippalli anginnarniq - Learning.

Throughout we have articulated the principles that will guide our government in its operations and decision making and provided a vision of Nunavut in the year 2020 and detailed a five year action plan of concrete things we are going to do to make this vision a reality. The actions we have identified are sometimes specific and sometimes general. They are designed to provide direction to our departments to help them find the priorities in their work and develop a long-term vision in everything we do. Year by year we will develop these goals and build on our successes, supporting and prodding as required.

Mr. Speaker the path that we have set for ourselves is a challenging one but it is one that we have all chosen. I am confident that in the footprints of the founders of Nunavut, as we work together, we can achieve the goals that we have set for ourselves.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Premier, Mr. Okalik. Minister Anawak.

### **Minister's Statement 02 - 1(3): Appointment of Chief Coroner**

**Hon. Jack Anawak** (interpretation): Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to inform members and the people of Nunavut that we have recently appointed Elizabeth Copeland of Whale Cove as Chief Coroner. Ms. Copeland was selected through a competitive process. One of Ms. Copeland's strongest attributes is her community background and her experience as a community coroner, a fact that will serve her well in her new position.

This is an important function and for the first time it is being filled by an Inuk. As well, in keeping with the principles of Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit, Ms. Copeland will continue to operate out of her home community. One of her important tasks will be to give support through training and advice to others working in the field.

We are planning to hire an Administrative Coroner in the near future. This person will work together with our Chief Coroner, Ms. Copeland. Ms. Copeland deserves the congratulations of this Legislature in her appointment as Chief Coroner for Nunavut. Thank you.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you Minister Anawak. Ministers' Statements, Ms. Thompson.



**Minister's Statement: 03 - 1(3) Minister's Task Force on Housing**

**Hon. Manitoq Thompson** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I rise today to inform members of our progress to date in housing issues. As you all know I recently established a Ministerial Task Force on Housing. The lack of access to a range of affordable housing is causing many health and social problems due to overcrowding issues.

(interpretation ends) The creation of a strategy to address this issue will be through the Task Force on Housing. This Task Force consists of four MLAs and three housing experts from across Nunavut. The Task Force role will be central in making recommendations to me to find a lasting solution to the housing problem in Nunavut.

Mr. Speaker I have given the task force the freedom to decide for itself the specific housing issues it will address and discuss but the task force will issue reports to me. The first report, which I expect on December 1<sup>st</sup>, will assist in deciding how and where public housing units will be built this summer.

(interpretation) The second and final report from the task force, which I expect on March 31, will make recommendations to solve the many housing problems and will address issues with the future decline of funding from the Federal Government, from the Canada Mortgage & Housing Corporation, the rent scale, seasonal workers and housing, the local economic impacts of housing, but also utilities and the relationship between housing and income assistance and housing and the Hamlets among other issues.

(interpretation ends) The task force will be consulting with all members of the Legislative Assembly, members of the public, community representatives and others. I have also offered the members of the Standing Committee on Community Empowerment and Sustainable Development an opportunity to discuss housing matters with the task force and I look forward to the support of all the members in this endeavour.

Mr. Speaker, as minister responsible for Housing, I am committed to finding solutions to housing issues in Nunavut. Mr. Speaker, this is one of the top two priorities of our government and in partnership with the task force and members, I am confident that we will find and implement solutions. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you Ms. Thompson. Ministers' Statements. Mr. Picco.

**Minister's Statement 04 - 1(3): Nunavut's Electrical Energy Strategy**

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to update this Assembly on the activities I have initiated under my portfolio for the Northwest Territories Power Corporation in Nunavut. Since April, a tremendous amount of time and effort has been dedicated to assessing Nunavut's electrical energy situation. This is because our government and the Government of the NWT have only six months left, Mr. Speaker, to make a serious decision about the joint supply and delivery of power to Nunavummiut.

This time limit is set out in the transition agreement that was signed between the GNWT and the Office of the Interim Commissioner before division. The agreement states that if there is no agreement on the future operation of NTPC by March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2000, then NTPC will be divided between the two territories. NTPC operations would continue for one more year Mr. Speaker, until March 31<sup>st</sup> 2001, to allow the Nunavut Power Corporation to become operational.

Mr. Speaker, it is my responsibility to ensure that we fully address Nunavut's options for the supply and delivery of power. This government must make informed decisions about what course Nunavut should take to meet our electrical power needs after March 31, 2001. To do that, we need to fully research and analyze information related to the Power Corporation and its operations and costs, as well as the needs of our communities.

To accomplish this goal, I assembled a special team this summer called the Ikuma Working Group. Their tasks were to identify, analyze and develop options for safe, reliable and cost efficient power supply and delivery in Nunavut. Mr. Speaker, they have worked extremely hard and I am pleased to tell you that they will be presenting me with their findings and recommendations at the end of this month.

Mr. Speaker, as you know, we also recently issued a Request for Expressions of Interest to seven utility companies from across Canada. There were two reasons for this. First, to assist the Ikuma Group in determining the full costs of potential options by soliciting and negotiating bids with utility companies for headquarter type services. Second, to begin the search for a potential supplier of these types of services for Nunavut in case, Mr. Speaker, in case we decide to pursue a separate Nunavut Power Corporation

I want to ensure that Nunavummiut are well informed of our activities and of this government's commitment to ensure safe and reliable power. Therefore I am launching an information campaign for the public in the very near future.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the staff and members of the Ikuma Working group for their dedication – they have done an extraordinary job. And last, but definitely not least, my deepest thanks to all of the NTPC staff in our communities. We are very fortunate to have such loyal and talented people looking after our electrical power needs – it is my hope that we will be able to benefit from their expertise for a long period to come.

Qujannamiik, Uqaqti.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Picco. Ministers' Statements. Mr. Arvaluk.

### **Minister's Statement 05 - 1(3): Inuglak School Create - a - Book Award**

**Hon. James Arvaluk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I am happy to report that 15 young Nunavut authors from grades 4, 5, 6 and 7 were honoured

at a book awards ceremony in Whale Cove on September 9. The fifteen students worked co-operatively to write and illustrate an original picture book entitled the "Lonely Inukshuk".

Their creation won the grand prize in the Scholastic Create-A-Book competition. The Inuglak School students book was chosen from over 150 entries from all across Canada. Each student also received a medallion, a copy of their published book and a Create-a-Book T-shirt.

(interpretation ends) The Inuglak School also received a commemorative plaque and a cheque for 1,000 dollars from Scholastic Book Fairs. I had an opportunity to congratulate the students and teachers involved when I attended an awards ceremony in Tikirarjuak, with the Hon. Manito Thompson and Jack Anawak.

This book award is a concrete example of the excellence that quality literacy programs can achieve. The student authors in Inuglak School were Mona Panika, Tina Kaurayok, Lazarus Teenar, Samuel Igviksaq, Peter Scottie, Malaiya Enuapik, Delores Muktar, Florentine Voisey, Michelle Nattak, Rachel Misheralak, Germaine Ekualaaq, Karlene Napayok, Alanna Copland, Lisa-Grace Sheetoga, and Laura Udlualuak.

The project leaders were Sue Callard, Ken Jacobie and Michael Montcombroux. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, let's have a round of applause for the students that won that award. Thank you, Mr. Arvaluk. Ministers' Statements. Ministers' Statements. Going back to the orders of the day. Item 3, Members' Statements. Members' Statements, Mr. Puqiqnak.

### **Item 3: Members' Statements**

#### **Member's Statement 01 - 1(3): Problems with Project Surname and Census**

**Mr. Puqiqnak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to make some comments. In the 1970's the Government of the NWT signed an agreement to do a census. Our names were put in there and were recognized with our last names, especially by Revenue Canada. But the way our last names were written, they were misspelled. Also the birth dates are wrong in Project Surname.

Mr. Speaker, naming people is very important in any way of life. The writing of names should be done properly. Our ancestors had names with meanings. When a loved one dies they name their children after them so they can remain close to the memory of their loved ones.

For that reason Mr. Speaker, in the beginning of our government, we should correct this situation and have the proper surnames written down and that is what I would like to see.

I will use myself as an example, Mr. Speaker. My name is misspelled, my mom had named me Puqiqnak, puqik meaning the back leg of a caribou. When project surname was there, my name was changed to Pokirk, and that work doesn't mean anything. So it puts me down as an Inuk person, because my name is misspelled.

Mr. Speaker, our names have meaning, and they have to be written down properly. I rise today so that our names can be spelled correctly in Nunavut and so that the birth dates can be corrected.

An example of the problems with the census, I have a sister who is older than I am by two years, but in our birth dates it says that we have the same birth date on the same year. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Puqiqnak. Just a reminder on Members' Statements, you have 2 and a half minutes, let's try to abide by the guidelines. I let the Member go well beyond 2 and a half minutes. Next time I will stop you if you go beyond and you will have to ask for unanimous consent from the House to see if you can go beyond your time limit. Mr. Irqittuq, Member's Statement.

#### **Member's Statement 02 - 1(3): Congratulations on New Legislature**

**Mr. Irqittuq** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am happy to rise today to say that I am very happy to be in this new building. During our campaign, most of us did not think we would have a nice facility so I would like first today to extend my congratulations to the builders for completing this building.

Mr. Speaker, I don't just want to talk about that, I am also very happy that now our summer is over and we are in a beautiful House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Irqittuq. Just another reminder on Members' Statements, you can only talk about one issue during members statements. I know that we are all new so we are just learning. Members' Statements. Mr. Kattuk.

#### **Member's Statement 03 - 1(3): Sanikiluaq Left out of Decorative Map**

**Mr. Kattuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to talk about the decorations for this House. This House is decorated by Nunavut arts and crafts and it reflects Nunavut. Mr. Speaker I am very appreciative and proud of all the gifts that we have received from the other Canadian jurisdictions and provinces. But the gift from the Federal Government, the map, I must say that the decorative map does not reflect all of Nunavut.

For example, the Ungava Bay, Hudson Bay islands are not included in that gift. Sanikiluaq is not included in that gift Mr. Speaker, so I would like this to be rectified sometime very soon in the near future. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Kattuk. We will deal with this as soon as we can. Thank you for reminding us about that. Mr. O'Brien member's statement.

#### **Member's Statement 04 - 1(3): Need for Houses**

**Mr. O'Brien:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I too, like my colleague, am honoured and humbled to be in this chamber, this brand new beautiful building. Mr. Speaker I only hope that in the years and months to come we can dedicate the same amount of money, time, effort to providing a home for the rest of the people of Nunavut, that are in need, that are in overcrowded houses and so on. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. O'Brien. Members' Statements. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

#### **Member's Statement 05 - 1(3): Size of Legislature**

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I would like to say again that the business we have done within the last six months has been related to the people of Nunavut. I think the public has heard we would be building another legislature for Nunavut, but that is not the case.

I think we have to start considering whether we have enough money to build a new Assembly. We did not state how long this House would be used, perhaps for fifteen or twenty years and after that we could make a decision over whether we should build a new home for the Legislative Assembly. We should do so according to the population growth and I want the public to understand that. I know we are all aware that everything we want will cost money and due to the lack of funds we have run into some problems with this House.

This House is a bit small, we know when we say that this Assembly belongs to Nunavut residents, Iqaluit residents, Inuit, not all of them can come into the Gallery because it gets filled to its' capacity right away. We want the public to be aware that we would like to welcome each and every one of the people from Nunavut. We should be able to welcome any Inuit people or any Nunavut residents to come and view the proceedings of the House. But it is impossible due to the lack of space.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Iqaqrialu, for your wise words. Members' Statements. Mr. McLean.

#### **Member's Statement 06 - 1(3): Irene Avaalaqiaq receives Honorary Doctorate**

**Mr. McLean:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The attentiveness of a young woman to the stories her grandmother told her of the ways of her people led to a historic moment this March. That's when the Senate of Ontario's University of Guelph announced Baker Lake's Irene Avaalaqiaq has become the first aboriginal Canadian to be awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws Degree from that University.

>>Applause

Avaalaqiaq was awarded the Degree in recognition of the outstanding contribution that she has made to the development of Inuit Art and the leadership role that she has played through her work in wall hangings, drawings and sculptures. Born at Princess Mary Lake in 1940 she has lived in Baker Lake ever since. She started creating her art in 1969 when she decided she wanted to do something to preserve her grandmother Anashujuaq's tales of how Inuit life used to be.

This honorary degree will be presented this week to Avaalaqiaq, and I would like to take this time with my colleagues to congratulate her and remember this is a very proud moment for Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. McLean. Members' Statements, Mr. Tootoo.

### **Member's Statement 07 - 1(3): Issues to be Dealt with in New Legislature**

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Speaker I will try and get this done in 2 and ½ minutes.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is an honour for me to make my first statement of this session in our new chamber. I would like to echo the Speakers' comments of yesterday, and acknowledge and salute the tremendous skill and dedication of those artists and individuals who have made this place the thing of beauty that it is.

This is the people's house. It is the arena in which the issues affecting Nunavut are discussed; and the forum for the elected representatives of Nunavummiut to stand up in support of the concerns and aspirations of the constituents we serve. I encourage all residents of Iqaluit to take the opportunity to observe the proceedings of this House from the Gallery.

It was good to listen to Commissioner Maksagak's speech from the throne yesterday. The speech was a clear articulation of the priorities and challenges that face this government.

Its focus on housing and education as the top two priorities of this government reflect the concerns that I and other regular members of the Assembly have expressed, and at the same time not forgetting other vital services such as health care.

Mr. Speaker, I do not believe that I am alone when I say that it is now time to get down to the hard work that will make the vision a reality. We are in our new House. The appropriate ceremonies have concluded. Ministers and Members are familiar with their portfolios and roles. The senior management of the bureaucracy is in place.

We have held our priority-setting retreats, and reached a broad consensus on where we want to go. The political direction to departments is clear, and now it is time to start delivering.

Mr. Speaker, I fully recognize that Rome, nor Jerusalem nor even Iqaluit can be built in a day and I appreciate that we as MLAs and the government as a whole are under tremendous pressure to meet the expectations of the people of Nunavut.

To expect immediate solutions to every challenge is not realistic. At the same time, however, most of the fundamental challenges facing Nunavut are not new, they are issues that have been with us for years - and there are people in our communities whose ideas and experience we need to draw upon for solutions.

Mr. Speaker, I look forward throughout this session of the Legislative Assembly to speak out on the issues that my constituents have raised...

**Speaker:** Excuse me Mr. Tootoo. Your time is up, you will have to ask for unanimous consent to conclude your statement. Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to conclude my member's statement.

**Speaker:** Mr. Tootoo is seeking unanimous consent to conclude his statement. Are there any nays. There are no nays. Mr. Tootoo, you have unanimous consent.

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I was just about done. The issues such as the homelessness crisis in Iqaluit and other housing related issues. Child care for working families, providing fair opportunities for northern businesses to compete, ensuring that the government lives up to its obligations under the Nunavut Land Claim Agreement. Looking for innovative approaches to improving our schools, and rewarding excellence and a fair deal for the members of the Nunavut public service.

Mr. Speaker, our vision as a government is clear. The language in the throne speech was inspiring. Let's make those words reality. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Tootoo. Members' Statements, Minister Anawak.

### **Member's Statement 08 - 1(3): Appreciation of Support during Boating Trip**

**Hon. Jack Anawak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just this past summer, my colleague right beside me, James Arvaluk and I came over here by boat from Rankin Inlet. It was an excellent challenge and very enjoyable. We had motor breakdowns a few times and I think that we have to thank a lot of people.

First I would like to thank a person from Repulse Bay, George Qaviuputulik. I would like to extend my gratitude to that person in Repulse Bay and from Coral Harbour, we also received help from Cape Dorset. I apologize if I don't say their surnames. Timoon Toonoo, who is the SAO from the Hamlet, and also Qimmiata Nungusuitok, who towed our boat and the Cape Dorset search and rescue team that we would like to say thank you to.

Of course, our staff from here, Mr. Mike Ferris, David Akeeagok, Mr. Methuselah Kunuk and also Kenn Borek staff member Joanne, I apologize for not saying the last name because I don't remember. Also in Kimmirut, Sandy Akavak, and also the Mayor of Kimmirut, Mickey Akavak and also, the people of Kimmirut who helped us tremendously, we even left our boat there and it was taken care of by the residents of Kimmirut.

Also Simeonie Natsiq from Repulse Bay, my children Robin and Amanda, and also Peter Inriq and his son. From Coral Harbour, who accompanied us also and who was in James' boat, Solomon Awa, his little brother, James Arvaluk Kattaluk and Erin.

I would like to say thank you to all these people and for the hospitality that was shown in Coral Harbour, Repulse Bay, Cape Dorset and Kimmirut and Iqaluit. Simon Awa and some of his colleagues also helped us when we were coming here to Iqaluit. It was a good trip but very challenging and I would like to say thank you to all those people. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Mr. Picco.

### **Member's Statement 09 - 1(3): Nunavut Capital Commission**

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, during the recent elections one of my promises was to commission a study to examine the pros and cons of a Nunavut Capital Commission. Mr. Speaker, I have forwarded copies of the report to the Mayor and Council of Iqaluit as well as to member Tootoo and Premier Paul Okalik. An advance copy was also provided to the Minister for Community Government, the Honourable Jack Anawak.

This was a report commissioned for me as the MLA for Iqaluit East and Mr. Speaker, it has not been formally endorsed by the Nunavut Government. Most provincial, territorial and international capitals have a capital commission in place to help the locally elected body deal with development and planning issues.

The Nunavut Capital Commission would function in a parallel fashion to these other similar commissions, but would also be flexible to deal with the different aspects of a northern capital. It would also have representatives, Mr. Speaker, from other Nunavut communities appointed as Commissioners. The designation of Iqaluit as Capital of Nunavut is a result of a vigorous territorial campaign and plebiscite in 1995. As part of that team I travelled with local residents, Mr. Gordon Rennie, Leah Inutiq, and Jerry Ell



to Rankin and Arviat promoting Iqaluit as our capital and, as our campaign slogan said, "Iqaluit for all of Nunavut".

The Capital Commission Report, if adopted, would follow up on that commitment and that promise. Mr. Speaker, some of the exciting recommendations of the report include a proposal to set aside a reserve of 200 acres of land for the future Legislative Assembly and a possible museum site. This follows along with the seat of government in the west where Yellowknife has designated the area near Frame Lake as the capital site. It contains walking trails, benches, open spaces and interpretative displays.

The two hundred acre proposed Iqaluit reserve runs parallel to the Apex road and takes in the historic Apex Beach area and the old HBC buildings. Mr. Speaker I think that the Capital Commission Report is proactive and it is an idea whose time has come. I now await the recommendations of the Iqaluit Town Council on their review of this report.

Later today I will table the report in this House so that it will be made available to the public in both English and Inuktitut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Picco. Members' Statements. Members' Statements. Return to the Orders of the Day, item number 5, Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Premier, Mr. Okalik.

#### **Item 5: Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery**

**Hon. Paul Okalik** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today I would like to recognize some members who are here from the Qikiqtani Inuit Association youth organization, they are having their meeting here in Iqaluit. Anna Qaunaq, from Arctic Bay, if you would stand up please, welcome. Chris Pudlat, from Cape Dorset, Eric Nutariariak, from Igloolik, welcome. Lizzie Akulukjuk from Pangnirtung, welcome. Rhoda Nutaraq from Pond Inlet, welcome. Mr. Henderson working here in Iqaluit, and also Kayak Ellsworth, who is also here. Welcome all and have an enjoyable meeting. Thank you.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Okalik. Recognition of visitors in the gallery. Mr. Picco.

**Hon. Ed Picco**: Ii, Qujannamiik Uqaqti. Mr. Speaker, it is a great pleasure today to recognize in the gallery a very respected Iqaluit elder and family friend, and I guess who by the way I should mention has the warmest qammak in Iqaluit, Mittuk Nowdlak. Thank you.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Picco. Welcome to our Gallery. Recognition of visitors in the gallery. Mr. Akesuk.

**Mr. Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize students that are here in Iqaluit. They are from my home community and they're here for

Inuit Studies, Hannah Olayuk and also the youth chairperson Chris Pudlat, who is from Cape Dorset.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Akesuk. Recognition of visitors in the gallery. Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. At this time I'd like to acknowledge the presence of an individual in the Gallery who is a constituent and also a member of the Municipal Council of Iqaluit. I'd like to recognize John Mathews.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Tootoo. (Interpretation) Recognition of visitors in the gallery. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I believe it was in 1971 that I was here in Iqaluit for the whole year. I would like to recognize Mittuq Nowlak who was like a mother to me. In the 1970s she used to take good care of me and that's one of the reasons why I feel I've got two mothers. That's why I would like to recognize Mittuq for that and also to welcome the youth. I believe there would be a lot more people here if there was room here. Thank you very much and welcome all. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Iqaqrialu. Welcome to the Gallery. Recognition of visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Puqiqnak.

**Mr. Puqiqnak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yesterday I recognized some people and today I would like to recognize them again. Yesterday we had our elder Mr. Qitsualik from Uqsuqtuq. I'd like to give you a brief profile of Mr. Qitsualik whom I recognized yesterday.

When we started setting up the Hamlet Council in Uqsuqtuq he was elected. He is still a member of different boards and agencies in our home community. I think he knows all the inside workings of Uqsuqtuq. I grew up without a father and he was the one who taught me the traditional skills of hunting. I know he's very capable and I haven't learned as much as I can yet. I would like him to be recognized and I believe he's very well respected not only in Uqsuqtuq but all the Nunavut communities. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Puqiqnak. Welcome to the gallery. Recognition of visitors in the gallery. Recognition of visitors in the gallery. Item 6, Oral questions. (interpretation) Oral questions, number 6 on the orders of the day. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

### **Item 6: Oral Questions**

#### **Question 01 - 1(3): Outboard Motor Propellers**

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister of Transportation. I have been a hunter from the time that I was a child. With the outboard motors that we use today the propellers are sold separately.

For the hunters this creates a problem. They might buy the whole outboard motor but the propeller is sold separately and because of that the hunters lose out on income that they might be earning because they're waiting for the propellers. I believe that outboard motors or any equipment should come whole because it's very hard to buy parts in our communities.

I think that you are very well aware that if we need parts we have to order them and it takes a while so I'm suggesting that the Minister of Transportation write a letter to those retail outlets or to the manufacturers and tell them that they should send us whole motors instead of having to buy parts separately.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Iqaqrialu. Mr. Anawak, if you'd like to respond, you could do so.

**Hon. Jack Anawak** (interpretation): Anguti, we call them anguti, I don't quite know how to respond to your question but I do know exactly where you're coming from because I bought an outboard motor this summer. Yes, we could write a letter to the retail outlets and to the manufacturers, but they're the ones who manufacture this equipment. We could only urge the retail outlets to meet the needs of the consumer.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Anawak. Oral questions. Going back to the orders of the day. Mr. Tootoo.

### **Question 02 - 1(3): Differences between Public Tenders and RFPs**

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker my question is for the Minister responsible for Public Works, Telecommunications and Technical Services and I believe, Housing. I would just like to ask the minister if she could indicate the difference between a public tender and a request for proposals. I just wonder if I could get an explanation of the difference. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Tootoo. Minister of Public Works, Telecommunications and Technical Services, Ms. Thompson.

**Hon. Manitok Thompson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will take that as notice.

**Speaker:** Thank you Ms. Thompson. Taken as notice. Oral questions. Mr. O'Brien.

### **Question 03 - 1(3): Terms of Reference for Task Force on Housing**

**Mr. O'Brien:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the minister responsible for Housing for Nunavut. Mr. Speaker, in reference to the statement the minister made earlier today regarding the task force, I note that it looks to me like the task force has not been given any direction as to terms of reference. Can the minister explain in more detail as to what direction she has given the task force. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. O'Brien. Minister of Housing, Ms. Thompson.

**Hon. Maniok Thompson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There are a lot of issues in housing that have to be addressed and they require policy changes, for example the rent scale and to address the overcrowding situation in Nunavut. The task force will be getting together and that's their first step, to come up with their terms of reference.

My direction to the task force is that I want a report of their recommendations the first week of December for the urgent needs of social housing and also another report in March. The task force will come up with their terms of reference. We have a problem with social housing, housing shortages, overcrowding, rent scales. I think this government is quite aware that we need to do something in housing and that's why we are doing something to solve this problem. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you Ms. Thompson. Oral questions. Mr. O'Brien.

**Mr. O'Brien:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the Standing Committee on Housing made a number of recommendations for the immediate and long term, regarding the crisis that we have with housing in Nunavut. I would like the minister to explain to me or this House as to why she did not include some of the recommendations that the Standing Committee on Housing made to her and her department when she provided direction to the task force to review and to study what the problems are and to find solutions.

I find it somewhat difficult to comprehend that we have a Standing Committee that's been elected by the members of this House who are elected by the people of Nunavut. When they come forth with recommendations as to some immediate and long term solutions, why were these recommendations not passed on to the Task Force. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. O'Brien. Minister responsible for Housing, Ms. Thompson.

**Hon. Maniok Thompson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As Minister of Housing, I have the authority to set up a task force so I can include the expertise of different people out in the field that are not elected, just to concentrate on housing. The task force has not met yet. The recommendations are going to the task force. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you Ms. Thompson. Third supplementary, Mr. O'Brien.

**Mr. O'Brien:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you minister for clearing up that point. I'm glad to hear that the recommendations that were made by the Standing Committee on Housing are going to the task force. Mr. Speaker I'd like to ask the minister in her thought process I guess, what she considers short term solutions, immediate solutions to the problems that we have with housing and what she considers long term solutions. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. O'Brien. Minister Responsible for Housing, Ms. Thompson.

**Hon. Manitok Thompson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I said to the standing committee already, when the task force meets some time this week I'm hoping they will come up with their terms of reference. What I have said is that whatever happens in the task force will go to the standing committees so that they can have a part in the decisions that are being made.

This is not a secretive task force, I'm trying to involve everybody. The people have different opinions and at this time as a consensus government, I have to form a plan by gathering different people's opinions, so that's my answer. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you Ms. Thompson. Final supplementary. Mr. O'Brien.

**Mr. O'Brien:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't think I made my question clear to the minister and that's my fault. Mr. Speaker does the minister believe that the results of the task force, that they will be available so that we can use these results when we're doing the analysis of the budget debate for the next fiscal year?

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. O'Brien. Minister responsible for Housing, Ms. Thompson.

**Hon. Manitok Thompson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes.

**Speaker:** Thank you Ms. Thompson. Oral questions. Mr. McLean.

#### **Question 04 - 1(3): Decentralization**

**Mr. McLean:** Ma'na Uqaqtii. Mr. Speaker I have a question for the Minister responsible for Decentralization. In June, Cabinet had a meeting in Apex. One of the topics was decentralization.

After the Apex meeting, I was informed that 30 decentralized positions were taken away from Baker Lake and along with that were a lot of hopes for people in my community about employment opportunities. Could the minister responsible explain to me why this happened. Ma'na.

**Speaker:** Mr. McLean, just before you respond, I'd like to remind the members again you have to have a preamble and four questions after that. Mr. Premier.

**Hon. Paul Okalik:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I stated during my consultations with the members effected, and the following day I also wrote a letter to the Mayor and copied the Honourable Member, we did not take away jobs from Baker Lake, I wish to make that clear at the outset that we could not, we did not have control over some of the positions as I had stated, mainly the Worker's Compensation Board.

It is beyond our control as I stated before. There are some health positions that we could not locate in Baker Lake. Accordingly, I undertook along with my Cabinet colleagues, to review any upcoming institutions and provide Baker Lake with an opportunity to take on those opportunities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Premier. Oral questions. Mr. McLean.

**Mr. McLean:** Ma'na Uqaqti. I'm happy to hear that but could the Minister assure me that these positions will be replaced, and when and by who? Ma'na.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. McLean. There are three questions. Mr. Premier.

**Hon. Paul Okalik:** Okay. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As my colleague for NTPC mentioned in his statement, he's currently doing a review of our priority needs and that's one of the institutions that we'll be looking at if we have an opportunity but that is also being reviewed and it will take time. I cannot say at this point how long it might take but as I said, we made a commitment to the Mayor of Baker Lake, we will do whatever we can to replace those positions. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Premier. Oral questions. Oral questions. Mr. Akesuk.

#### **Question 05 - 1(3): Kimmirut Social Worker Shortage**

**Mr. Akesuk:** Nakurmiik Uqaqtii. I have a question for the Minister of Health and Social Services. When we were in our second session I asked a question to the Minister of Health and Social Services. I haven't had a response to date in regards to the shortage of social workers in Kimmirut. It's been nine months now since we've had our shortage. Can you give me an update on what's happening with the issue of a social worker in Kimmirut.

**Speaker:** Minister responsible for Health and Social Services, Mr. Picco.

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the member has been very proactive in his lobbying efforts on behalf of the community of Kimmirut. Indeed, I met with the member last week to discuss the situation with the social worker position in Kimmirut and I've had an opportunity to talk to the Mayor of Kimmirut on both these situations.

The problem that we have with staffing in the community is the lack of housing. I think this is going to be addressed over the coming weeks and then moved forward in putting a person in that position. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Picco. Oral questions. Oral questions. Mr. O'Brien.

**Question 06 - 1(3): Mental Health Worker for Arviat**

**Mr. O'Brien:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, this weekend past in my community, unfortunately there was a young lady that tragically lost her life, a 21 year old lady that committed suicide. Mr. Speaker, for the last three or four years, I've hammered away and hammered away at the need for a mental specialist in social services and the lack of such in our communities and especially in mine.

Mr. Speaker, my question to the minister is; at this point in time what is the status of having a full time mental health care worker in the community of Arviat. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. O'Brien. Minister responsible for Health and Social Services. Mr. Picco.

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, first of all I should say I send my condolences along with this House to the people of Arviat on your loss. I guess we should also point out I guess this is the first time that the member has come forward to this minister about the need for a psychiatric care or mental health worker in the community of Arviat.

What the Department of Health has done Mr. Speaker, and I think it's been very proactive, is we have brought on a Suicide Specialist within the department who has been working on training manuals in the last several months to help us deliver proactive courses in communities on suicide prevention. And that's the key here Mr. Speaker, it has to happen at the community level and it has to happen at the family level. That's what the Nunavut Government is trying to do. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Picco. Oral questions. Mr. O'Brien.

**Mr. O'Brien:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Speaker, I beg to differ with the minister. I believe I did, I stand to be corrected, I did bring up this issue some time ago before we were placed in our new home here. Can the minister tell me whether or not there is a Mental Health Specialist located in Arviat as of this date.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. O'Brien. Minister of Health and Social Services, Mr. Picco.

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I don't have an org. chart with me or a staffing list to tell me if there's a Mental Health Specialist per se in the community of Arviat. We have 26 communities in Nunavut.

What I can say to the member is if there is a specific need brought forward by the member, in writing, if there's a specific need, brought forward by the community of Arviat, or there's a specific need brought forward by the Keewatin Regional Health Board, the Social Services Board, then we'll be proactive and try to help fill that need. Like we have done in other communities in Nunavut.

In some cases for example, when we have a shortage of nurses, what we try to do is identify what nursing positions are needed in the community. In some cases it may be a psychiatric nurse as opposed to a general practitioner, per se. Those types of proactive solutions can be found at the community level. So, if a specific request comes forward, then we can look at it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Picco. Third supplementary. Mr. O'Brien.

**Mr. O'Brien:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I remember many many times, my colleagues speaking of the need for suicide prevention and professionals in the field to help guide individuals that are troubled. So this isn't new, this is an old story. I find it difficult to believe that the minister is not aware that each community should have a Mental Health Specialist.

This is not a new topic, it's been around for a long time. I think that the minister should make it his business to find out whether each community has a mental health worker. Mr. Speaker, my question again to the minister is if he does not know whether there is a Mental Health Specialist, or somebody with those skills in the community, if he would endeavour to find out and if not, to make sure that in the time to come down the road, that there is somebody put into place to deal with these problems. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. O'Brien. Minister of Health and Social Services, Mr. Picco.

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I should be very clear here that the role as a Minister of Health and Social Services is to look at all aspects of health at the community and at the territorial level. And I take the role very responsibly and seriously and I don't like the indication that I'm not taking it seriously.

As I just said, if the member would bring forward a request and he has now in the House, and we will address that request, but before we place someone in a community, let's make sure that we're placing the right person in the community. I gave the example where in another community there was a request for a nurse. It wasn't just a request for a nurse, we put in a psychiatric nurse.

But we've got to find those professionals. We've got to compete against other jurisdictions to find those professionals. So the commitment that I can make right now to the member is that the Government of Nunavut, the Department of Health and Social Services of Nunavut will look into the request just now made by the member in this House and follow up with it with the member and with the staff that we have actually at the local level in Arviat and again at the regional level out of our Rankin office. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Picco. Oral questions. Oral questions. Mr. Tootoo.



**Question 07 - 1(3): Task Force on Housing Issues**

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister responsible for Housing. In her Minister's Statement she indicated that she's formed a task force, which I think is good. We need to develop a task force and she indicated that the mandate of the task force was to find solutions to the housing problems in Nunavut.

One concern I have that she made in her statement however, was the fact that she was expecting the task force to provide her with information on where and what kind of public housing would be built. My question to the minister is, does the department not have that information available at this time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Tootoo. Minister Responsible for Housing, Ms. Thompson.

**Hon. Manitok Thompson:** Qujannamiik Uqaqti. (interpretation) I would also like to thank the member for Iqaluit centre, as he's one of the members who will be sitting on the Task Force on Housing. I'm pleased to make that announcement. I believe we all know this and I also made statements on radio and TV.

The numbers that were given to us are not quite accurate in regards to the number of people that are on the waiting list. There are a lot of people out there who took their names out and therefore we don't have a true representation of the people who are on the waiting list for housing.

There's an overcrowding situation, there are three or four nuclear families living under one roof and there are some young people who are still living with their parents. So they should qualify to live in their own housing.

We have to create a task force and I would like to have a close working relationship with them and also members and housing staff to find some solutions. They're compiling new numbers that are more reflective of the real housing shortage out there. There are 26 communities in the Nunavut area and I believe that we have to treat every one equal. We can't know exactly where these houses are going to be built with numbers that aren't accurate. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you, Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the minister indicated that new numbers are being compiled and I'm just wondering if she has any indication of when that information will be ready to be reviewed. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Tootoo. Minister responsible for Housing, Ms. Thompson.

**Hon. Manitok Thompson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, the new numbers are going to be ready pretty soon. I can't tell you the exact date of when they'll be ready but they will be available very soon.

**Speaker:** Thank you Ms. Thompson. Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the old numbers that were used that weren't accurate, I believe were from the 1996 needs survey. I'd like to ask the minister why it's taken this long in order for new information to be sought. I think, like she indicated in her statement, that these aren't new issues. I'd just like to ask the minister why some of these things weren't addressed earlier on instead of waiting until now to be looked at. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Tootoo. Minister Responsible for Housing, Ms. Thompson.

**Hon. Manitoq Thompson** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Of course there's a lot of challenging things that we have to deal with as a new government. We're presently working on government staffing, government offices and a lot of other issues that we have to deal with and there are people who want it right away. Because of all this back log, I'm sorry that we cannot come up with the numbers right away, but they will be coming up. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you Ms. Thompson. Oral questions. Mr. McLean.

#### **Question 08 - 1(3): Location of Power Corporation Headquarters**

**Mr. McLean:** My question is to the Minister responsible for the power corporation. Where does the Minister of the power corporation plan to set up the new headquarters and office in Nunavut? Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. McLean. Minister responsible for the power corporation, Mr. Picco.

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The minister for the power corporation doesn't plan to set up the office of the new Nunavut Power Corporation anywhere because the Government of Nunavut hasn't decided yet as to what role the power corporation, the present NTPC will have or indeed if we'll be having our own stand alone power corporation in the future.

That's part of the work of the Ikuma Working Group that's happening right now and we haven't made a decision one way or another as a cabinet and indeed haven't discussed it with the regular members, with the caucus, on what direction this government should go in.

I can say, as has just been echoed by the Premier, that one of the options under the requests for expressions of interest that we put out to seven southern based utility companies, and that I mentioned earlier today in my statement, was to look at Baker Lake as a possible headquarters. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Picco. Second supplementary, Mr. McLean.

**Mr. McLean:** Ma'na Uqaqti. Can the minister advise the House when he's going to have his final recommendation and final plan. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank Mr. McLean. Minister responsible for the power corporation, Mr. Picco.

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, as I said in my statement earlier today, we're hoping to have the analysis done and presented to me, to give me an idea as the minister responsible for the Nunavut Power Corporation, by the end of this month. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Picco. Oral questions. Oral questions. Mr. O'Brien.

**Question 09 - 1(3): Decentralization of Arctic College Positions to Arviat Schedule**

**Mr. O'Brien:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the minister responsible for education. I wonder if the minister can give me an update as to what the timing is, or the timeframe, for the transfer of decentralized jobs to my home community of Arviat as they relate to Arctic College. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. O'Brien. Minister responsible for education. Mr. Arvaluk.

**Hon. James Arvaluk:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. July 1, 2000.

**Speaker:** Qujannamiik Mr. Arvaluk. Oral Questions. Mr. O'Brien.

**Mr. O'Brien:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, this may be a detailed question but maybe the minister can answer it. Can the minister tell me the actual number of positions that will be transferred or will be located in my community? Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. O'Brien. Minister of Education, Mr. Arvaluk.

**Hon. James Arvaluk:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Eleven.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Arvaluk.

>>Applause.

**Speaker:** Oral questions, Mr. O'Brien, third supplementary.

**Mr. O'Brien:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, thank you minister.

>>Laughter.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. O'Brien. Oral questions. Mr. Akasuk.

**Question 10 - 1(3): Decentralization of Housing Positions to Cape Dorset**

**Mr. Akasuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask the minister responsible for housing, in regards to decentralization, the portfolio was held by Mr. Anawak previously but it's now being held by Ms. Thompson. In regards to the jobs that were going to Cape Dorset, have these been changed. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Akasuk. I'll direct that to the Premier. Mr. Okalik.

**Hon. Paul Okalik** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We will just go ahead with our decentralization planning. If we make changes it will have to go through the cabinet. At this point in time, I can advise you that there were no changes with jobs going to Cape Dorset but we took away a couple of jobs. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Premier. Oral questions. Oral questions. Mr. O'Brien.

**Question 11 - 1(3): Status of Governments Budget**

**Mr. O'Brien:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the minister responsible for finance, the Hon. Kelvin Ng. We're probably past the half way mark of the year and I would like to ask the minister if he could tell the House when we could expect to find out what type of a surplus we may or may not have. When those numbers will be available. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. O'Brien. Minister of Finance Mr. Kelvin Ng.

**Hon. Kelvin Ng:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for the question. Mr. Speaker, as it stands now the Department of Finance is awaiting three departments' fiscal updates to consolidate all the numbers that we have. From a government perspective, we are anticipating all those figures some time in the middle of next week. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Ng, Minister of Finance. Second supplementary, Mr. O'Brien.

**Mr. O'Brien:** Thank you again Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, we've talked about the needs and the critical situation we have with housing. Would the minister be able to commit that if there is a surplus, I know this may come across as hypothetical, but we're assuming that there is. Will some of these funds be put towards the housing crisis? Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. O'Brien. Minister of Finance, Mr. Ng.

**Hon. Kelvin Ng:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, it isn't hypothetical, we know there are some unexpended funds within the departments and government as a whole. I can't commit to anything right now.

It has to go out to the Financial Management Board, any recommendations on wherever excess funds would be expended. I think one has to recognize that we have some issues to deal with. Specifically the health board situation and their financial status as that stands now.

There are some over expenditures in the information technology work that's being undertaken by this government. We have the collective agreement process under way right now with Federation of Nunavut Teachers that may have some financial implications.

We also have the Supreme Court ruling on the pay equity dispute with the Federal Government that will have some impact on our government as a result of some of our employees being affected by the GNWT pay equity dispute with the unions. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you Minister of Finance, Mr. Ng. Oral questions. Mr. O'Brien.

**Mr. O'Brien:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I'll take my question a step further. I realize that there may be some unexpected expenditures that we're aware of now and the minister alluded to. Having said that, once these commitments are made, are looked after, would it be fair to say that if housing is the number 1 priority that, what is left over would go toward the housing problem. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. O'Brien. Minister of Finance, Mr. Ng.

**Hon. Kelvin Ng:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I think we all recognize the seriousness and the needs in respect to housing all across Nunavut and again, I wouldn't try to pre-judge or predetermine what the Financial Management Board or my colleagues would say, but I certainly would think it would be one of the top priorities for any potential reinvestment, if we were to have that flexibility. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Ng. Oral questions. Oral questions. Mr. McLean.

### **Question 12 - 1(3): Day-care Funding**

**Mr. McLean:** Ma'na Uqaqti. Mr. Speaker, over the last several months, quite a few day cares in our region have been experiencing financial difficulty. The Government of Nunavut has earmarked 1.4 million for day care for all of Nunavut. There's millions of dollars in third party funding out there that sometimes is very hard for these organizations to access. We all know that day care is a very important issue in Nunavut and we have a large number of young kids that attend these day cares.

My question to the minister, is he going to try and seek an increase in day care funding for Nunavut and has he taken any steps to talk to his federal counterparts about it. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. McLean. Two questions, minister responsible for day cares. Mr. Arvaluk. Oh, sorry, there are two questions in there and I think there's two departments that are involved here. Minister of Health and Minister of Education. Mr. Arvaluk, would you like to respond to the question?

**Hon. James Arvaluk:** Mr. Speaker is the question are we talking with our federal counterparts in respect to increasing day-care funding. Is that what the question is?

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Arvaluk. I will allow you to ask the question again Mr. McLean.

**Mr. McLean:** Ma'na Uqaqti. I'll try to rephrase the question, I'm sorry I confused the minister. Yes Mr. Minister, are you negotiating any increase from your federal counterparts to increase day care funding for Nunavut. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. McLean. Minister of Education, Mr. Arvaluk

**Hon. James Arvaluk:** Mr. Speaker, I think if I add some preamble to this it will be clearer. We have expended the funding for most of the communities. In fact 19 centres across Nunavut with approximately over 500 children occupying these centres, that was beyond our expectations, it was spent really fast and is coming to the point where the funding is inadequate to fund all of the centres, short of increasing the premium that the parents pay.

Yes, we are already concerned about this and we will be relaying this message to our federal counterparts because it allows the parents to be able to work rather than being on income support. That in turn is a good investment so we will continue to relay that message. But I'd like to add to the question that is how and when, how fast we'll be able to get that, I don't know yet.

**Speaker:** Qujannamiik Mr. Arvaluk. Oral questions. Oral questions. Mr. Tootoo.

### **Question 13 - 1(3): Status of New Hospital for Iqaluit**

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I believe that my question is going to be directed to the Minister of Finance who is responsible for P3 projects. I'd like to ask the minister if he could provide me with the status of the new hospital project here in Iqaluit. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Tootoo. Minister of Finance, Mr. Ng.

**Hon. Kelvin Ng:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The four P3 projects, that came over from the GNWT, as I believe I have indicated in the past, there is a review of the functional programs being undertaken by a consultant on behalf of the Department of Health and the Department of Education with the four facilities. As it stands now we're waiting for the final report from the consultant, and I believe it is due in the middle of next week.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Ng. More questions Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I would like to ask the minister if that is indeed the same report that last spring, when I asked for the status of the same project, it was indicated to me that the functional review report was supposed to be done by the Department of Health. It was at that time supposed to be provided within 30 days. Thank you, Mr. Speaker

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Tootoo. Minister of Finance.

**Hon. Kelvin Ng:** There were some difficulties getting the request for proposals out and clarifying the roles and responsibilities of who actually would undertake hiring the consultant to carry out the work, and that was part of the reason for the delay. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Ng. Your third supplementary Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The minister indicated that there was some confusion over whose responsibility it was to undertake the task to do the functional review of the department. At the time, last spring in the last session, it was indicated that it was going to be the responsibility of the Department of Health and Social Services. And now I guess I'm finding out that it's the Department of Finance that's doing that functional review. I just wanted to ask for some clarification as to what caused that confusion and what finally resulted. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Tootoo. Finance minister Mr. Ng.

**Hon. Kelvin Ng:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, that was the problem, because of the fact that Health had a majority of three of the four projects and they indicated that they would have difficulty, based on their capacity, in carrying out and having the expertise available to carry out a functional review. So they asked the Department of Finance to undertake that on their behalf.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Ng. More questions? Mr. Puqiqnak.

#### **Question 14 - 1(3): Construction Behind Schedule in Gjoa Haven**

**Mr. Puqiqnak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question will be directed to the Public Works minister. In my community the contractors under the Department of Public Works are way behind. Mr. Speaker I have written the appropriate minister for that and I would like to know what your position is in regards to my constituency. Thank you.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Puqiqnak. Public Works Minister Thompson.

**Ms. Thompson** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Which letter are you referring to? Are we talking about the money?

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you Ms. Thompson. I'll let that question go ahead. Mr. Puqiqnak.

**Mr. Puqiqnak** (interpretation): Thank you. The Uqsuqtuq Development Corporation, I believe the money comes in from the Department of Public Works and it takes a long time to reach our community. Could you give us an update on what's happening? The reason why I'm asking this question is it takes a long time for the money to come into the Development Corporation.

**Ms. Thompson** (interpretation): Thank you for the clarification. This is in reference to a letter that was written by the member to myself. This is also being dealt with by different departments. We gave this request to the Department of Finance and asked them why it takes a long time for the money to come in to the communities. I'm still waiting for a response from the Department of Finance and I'll inform the member once I receive that response. Thank you.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you Ms. Thompson. Supplementary question Mr. Puqiqnak.

**Mr. Puqiqnak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A lot of the communities get contracts from the government and it takes a long time for the money to come in and because of that some of the community companies go through financial stress. I would like to ask the Nunavut Government to be expedient in sending money to the communities so that the businesses will be more viable. I also know, because of the long wait for their money, some of their employees are moving onto other jobs, because they haven't been paid for a long time. I would like to urge the government departments to be more expedient in sending out money to the communities. Thank you.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Puqiqnak. I don't hear a question but if you would like to make a response Ms. Thompson.

**Ms. Thompson** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. That was a very clear outline of the concerns in the communities and we hope to see a better, smoother operation. I'll work on his responses as soon as I can and I'll inform the member. Thank you.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you Ms. Thompson. More questions Mr. O'Brien.

### **Question 15 - 1(3): Status of the Three Hospitals**

**Mr. O'Brien**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question is to follow up on some questions asked earlier by my colleague in reference to the hospitals, the three hospitals that are being planned for Nunavut. Mr. Speaker, I don't want to throw cold



water on this but I need some clarification here. Am I to understand that these three hospitals are approved to be constructed? And the question would be to Mr. Ng.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. O'Brien. Minister of Finance, Mr. Ng.

**Hon. Kelvin Ng:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, as you know the Government of Nunavut has accepted in principle the concept of P3 and supported that concept in trying to finance some of our facility needs.

As I indicated in my response to the honourable member Mr. Tootoo, the Government of Nunavut Financial Management Board recommended that there be a functional review of the programs that were approved by the GNWT to make sure that those three health facilities fit the needs of the Government of Nunavut Department of Health.

Once the report on the results of that analysis comes back, the functional programs are one aspect, the business case for the three facilities is the other aspect, there'll be recommendations made at that time that would go back to the Financial Management Board for a decision on what steps to take next. If there are some deficiencies, what steps to take next, or if it's recommended to go forward. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Ng, Minister of Finance. Another question Mr. O'Brien.

**Mr. O'Brien:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, can the minister tell me who is picking up the cost for all this planning and design work. I understand just from an article in the paper yesterday that the design work for these facilities is already completed and there was an article in the newspaper about it. Who is actually paying for this? Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. O'Brien. Minister of Finance, Mr. Ng.

**Hon. Kelvin Ng:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, there has been an agreement between the GNWT and the three birthright development corporations prior to April 1, 1999, in which the preliminary design work for the three facilities was undertaken by the three birthright development corporations with an agreement that if the facilities were not to go ahead for construction for whatever reasons or as a result of the decisions of a future government, the Nunavut Government that came into existence, they would be reimbursed for those costs.

So, that's the work that's been undertaken to date. What will happen now as I indicated, after the functional program and business case review takes place, a decision will be made on whether to proceed or not proceed and what steps need to take place prior to those facilities proceeding. At that time, as I indicated, there'll be decisions made through the Financial Management Board on what avenues to pursue to make these projects proceed or not to proceed. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Ng. Third supplementary, Mr. O'Brien.

**Mr. O'Brien:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you minister for that clarification. The question to the minister would be, once this work is completed will it go through and be passed with the Standing Committee on Health for review? The second point, the functional review that you are speaking of and the preliminary design, will this work come through the Standing Committee on Health so they can review this? And this functional review does it take into account the difficulty in trying to recruit nurses and doctors and specialists to Nunavut. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. O'Brien. Two questions, final questions, Minister of Finance, Mr. Ng.

**Hon. Kelvin Ng:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, if a decision is made we would undertake consultations with the appropriate committees. In respect to the question about the staffing recruitment levels, that's kind of a separate issue. In respect to the functional review, which has to do with what programs are going to be delivered out of the facilities, the staffing issues surrounding that, although they are related, they are more appropriately answered by the Minister of Health. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Ng. Oral questions, Mr. McLean.

#### **Question 16 - 1(3): Mineral Accord**

**Mr. McLean:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the minister responsible for the mineral accord. As we know, mining is on a bubble right now in Nunavut. In the throne speech it said things in regards to having to attain self-reliance and self-sufficiency. To this date I don't know where this government stands with the mineral accord. Can the minister responsible advise this House if they're in any kind of stages of negotiating the mineral accord with their federal counterparts and when we can expect to see this accord before we start losing royalties to the federal government.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. McLean. Minister responsible for Sustainable Development, sorry, I think this is deferred to Minister of Finance, Mr. Ng.

**Hon. Kelvin Ng:** That's what happens when you answer one question, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, we have done just very preliminary discussions at the officials level and at the political level. I have had some initial discussions with Minister Martin when I had an opportunity to first meet him and there are some plans right now as well for some discussions with other ministers and particularly, Minister Nault, the Minister of DIAND, who has a significant role in the whole devolution issue. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Ng. Oral questions, Mr. McLean.

**Mr. McLean:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The minister answered the first part of my question but is there going to be a timeline on when we can probably see this mineral accord and when it can be signed, because I think we all recognize that the sooner we

sign it the more benefits are going to stay in our territory once the mining industry is in the stages of development and producing. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. McLean. Minister of Finance, Mr. Ng.

**Hon. Kelvin Ng:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, obviously the sooner the better, I would say but realistically intergovernmental agreements, particularly for transfers, I mean we're realistic, we're probably looking at anywhere from two to three years, I would say. But certainly it would be the goal of this government as soon as possible and before the end of our mandate. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Ng. Mr. McLean.

**Mr. McLean:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't like to feel like I'm pressuring the minister on this mineral accord, but it would certainly appeal to me and probably to other members of the House if this accord could be signed off or could be finished before the mandate of the federal government is over which might not be too long from now. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. McLean. I didn't hear a question. Mr. Ng if you would like to respond.

**Hon. Kelvin Ng:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the comments and the advice from the honourable member and I would think that once the current mandate of the Liberal government expires that it would be renewed to have another mandate. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Laughter and Applause*

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Ng. More questions? Mr. O'Brien.

### **Question 17 - 1(3): Staffing for Medical Facilities**

**Mr. O'Brien:** Thank you Mr Speaker. Mr. Speaker this is a question that was posed by Mr. Ng for Mr. Picco. My question is directed to the Minister of Health. Mr. Picco, have you been involved with your department in looking at the staffing needs for these new facilities that we are speaking of that are in pre-design now and discussions, as to the difficulty that there may be in attracting professionals like doctors and specialists and medical staff? I ask that question in relationship to the fact that we have so much difficulty in even recruiting nurses and keeping them and also social services workers. Have you been involved with discussions in reference to this particular issue?

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. O'Brien. Before I ask Mr. Picco to respond, I would like to advise the members not to mention the names of the ministers. It has to go through the Speaker. Mr. Picco, Minister of Health.

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker that was a good ruling. Mr. Speaker, no we haven't looked at the actual staffing needs because the program functional review hasn't been completed. As Mr. Ng stated earlier, the program functional review will look at what programs and services will be delivered out of the buildings. After that is done then you can look at the staffing complement that would suit that building or that piece of infrastructure that we'll have on the ground. So, Mr. Speaker I guess the short answer is no we haven't reviewed it because the program functional review hasn't been completed. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Picco. More questions. Second supplementary Mr. O'Brien.

**Mr. O'Brien:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question is again directed to the minister responsible for health. Given our past experience in recruiting and maintaining our medical staff, does the minister anticipate any problem in trying to recruit staff? For example, to operate the proposed new hospital for Iqaluit. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. O'Brien. Minister of Health, Mr. Picco.

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, that's indeed an excellent question because as the member knows, the health facility, the hospital for Iqaluit, we're looking at maybe three, four, five years down the road by the time we move through the program functional review, get the architectural design, the drawings, do the site work, and so on.

At that time Mr. Speaker, we'll be graduating our first Nunavut nurses, the first Nunavut Nursing Program on the ground in Nunavut, and I think the members of this House ought to pat themselves on the back for their support of education and health in delivering that program. It's hard for me, Mr. Speaker, to look into the future and say what the requirements and staffing needs are going to be and am I going to have difficulty, the economic situation changes as I just said and we are going to be bringing on our own Nunavut nurses. So all these issues, all these points, and all these circumstances, all these logistics will be in place and it's difficult for me at this time to answer the question by saying that we may or may not have a problem four years down the road in recruitment and retention for a new facility. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Picco. Please try and ask appropriate questions, you can try and ask questions that relate to the scenario. No other questions. If you would like to ask your final question Mr. O'Brien.

**Mr. O'Brien:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question of course, again, is for the minister responsible for health. You spoke of the hospital in Iqaluit being four or five years down the road, assuming that it is approved and funded. What is the timing on the smaller centres that are being proposed, the smaller hospitals. And if the minister could address the problem with the recruitment and retention of staff. If these potential hospitals are only a year or so down the road or is that too far into the future for the minister to try and predict. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. O'Brien. Minister responsible for health, Mr. Picco.

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I heard two questions in there, no, three was it, and I'm more than happy to try and answer those questions.

One, there's some really exciting news that the members will be getting briefed on this afternoon after the House sits, in the Health and Social Services Department up-date on recruitment and retention issues. I think that a lot of the information the member is asking for now will be provided at that time.

Suffice it to say Mr. Speaker, we can't look at when and where, it's hypothetical to say what the problems are going to be, if there's going to be a problem two years down the road for recruitment. We don't know what program functional plans will be in place for those facilities. Indeed the government hasn't yet decided if it's going to move forward and the government hasn't even completed the program functional review. So, how can I hypothetically say if it's going to be a problem to staff something that hasn't even been approved or constructed or is even in place? So, I tried explaining that.

Two, on recruitment and retention Mr. Speaker, I'd love to sit here and answer questions on recruitment and retention. We've got a person who is dedicated right now to recruitment and retention, we have created within the department an internal working group on recruitment and retention issues working with our colleague Mr. Ng and other issues surrounding pay and benefits. The Nunavut Employee's Union is moving towards a collective agreement process with our government now that may address some of the concerns that we have in salaries and salary dollars. If the member would allow, later on this afternoon with the full caucus, in the briefing on Health and Social Services we could get into more detail on recruitment and retention issues. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Picco. I would like to make another ruling. The second time Mr. O'Brien, you asked two questions on your final supplementary. In respect to your colleagues, I would like to keep the rules of the House in order and I will not allow five questions in our next sitting.

>>Applause

**Speaker:** Question Period is over. (interpretation) Going back to the Orders of the Day. Item 7, Written questions. Written questions. Item 8, Returns to Written Questions. Returns to Written Questions. Item 9, Replies to Opening Address. Replies to Opening Address. Item 10, Petitions. Petitions. Item 11, Standing and Special Committees. Reports of Standing and Special Committees. Item 12, Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills. Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills. Item 13, Tabling of Documents.

### **Item 13: Tabling of Documents**

#### **Tabled Document 01 - 1(3): Report of the Chief Electoral Officer**

**Speaker** (interpretation): Today I would like to table, according to section 164(2), the publication of the First Nunavut Legislature Election. (interpretation ends) The Report of the Chief Electoral Officer, entitled, "The Election of the First Nunavut Legislative Assembly 1999". This document is published in Inuktitut, English and French and covers all the aspects of the election process. Thank you.

Tabling of Documents. Mr. Ng.

#### **Tabled Document 02 - 1(3): Annual Report of the Worker's Compensation Board**

**Hon. Kelvin Ng:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is my pleasure to table in this Assembly today the Annual Report of the Worker's Compensation Board for 1998.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Ng. Mr. Picco.

#### **Tabled Document 03 - 1(3): Nunavut Capital Commission Report**

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It gives me great pleasure today to table in this House the "Nunavut Capital Commission Report". Mr. Speaker this paper has been prompted by a desire to find a vehicle beyond everyday community evolution to guide and provide vision for capital development here in Iqaluit. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Picco. Tabling of Documents. Tabling of Documents. Thank you. Item 14, Notice of Motions. Mr. McLean.

### **Item 14: Notice of Motions**

**Mr. McLean:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice today that on October 25<sup>th</sup>, I will move the following motion. I move seconded by the honourable member for Cambridge Bay that tabled document 1 – 1 (3), the report of the Chief Electoral Officer, titled, "Election of the First Legislative Assembly of Nunavut, 1999, A New Beginning", will be referred to the Standing Committee of Ajauqtiit for detailed consideration, and further, that the standing committee report its findings and recommendations to the Legislative Assembly during its spring sitting of next year. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. McLean. Notices of Motion. Notices of Motion. Thank you. Number 15, Notices of Motions for First Readings of Bills. Notices of Motions for First Readings of Bills. Item 16, sorry. Sorry Mr. Ng, Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Mr. Ng.

**Item 16: Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills**

**Hon. Kelvin Ng:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I request consent of this Assembly to waive the two day notice requirement for first reading of Bill 1, Loan Authorization Act, 1999/2000.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Ng. Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills. Mr. Anawak. Sorry, I apologize. Mr. Ng is asking for unanimous consent to waive 48 hour notice so that Bill 1 can be read for the first time on Friday, October 22, 1999. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Mr. Minister you have consent to have the first reading of Bill 1 for tomorrow, Friday, October the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mr. Ng.

**Bill 1 - Loan Authorization Act 99/2000 - Notice**

**Hon. Kelvin Ng:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker for that. With that consent I give notice that on Friday October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1999, I shall move that Bill 1 – Loan Authorization Act 99/2000 be read for the first time. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Ng. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Mr. Ng.

**Hon. Kelvin Ng:** Mr. Speaker, I request consent once again of this Assembly to waive the two day notice requirement for the first reading of Bill 2 – An Act to Amend the Worker's Compensation Act. Thank you.

**Speaker:** The minister is seeking unanimous consent to waive 48 hours notice for Bill 2, so it can be read for the first time on Friday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Mr. Minister you have consent for first reading of Bill 2, for tomorrow, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1999. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Mr. Ng.

**Bill 2 – An Act to Amend the Worker's Compensation Act - Notice**

**Hon. Kelvin Ng:** Mr. Speaker with this consent I give notice that on Friday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1999, I will ask that Bill 2 – An Act to Amend the Worker's Compensation Act be read for the first time. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Ng. Notice of Motion for First Reading of Bills. Mr. Anawak.

**Hon. Jack Anawak:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I request the consent of this Assembly to waive the two day notice requirement for first reading of Bill 3 – An Act to Amend the Interpretation Act.

**Speaker (interpretation):** Thank you Mr. Anawak. Mr. Anawak is requesting unanimous consent to waive 48 hour notice to read Bill 3 for the first time on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Are there any nays? There are no nays, Mr. Anawak, you have consent. Mr. Anawak.

**Bill 3 – An Act to Amend the Interpretation Act - Notice**

**Hon. Jack Anawak:** With this consent I give notice that on Friday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1999, I shall move that Bill 3 – An Act to Amend the Interpretation Act be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Anawak. Notice of Motion for First Reading of Bills. Mr. Anawak.

**Hon. Jack Anawak:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I request consent of this Assembly to waive the two day notice requirement for first reading of Bill 4 – An Act to Amend the Legal Services Act.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Mr. Anawak has asked for unanimous consent to waive the 48 hours notice requirement for first reading of Bill 4 on October 22, 1999. Are there any nays? There are no nays, Mr. Anawak you have consent.

**Bill 4 – An Act to Amend the Legal Services Act - Notice**

**Hon. Jack Anawak:** With this consent I give notice that on Friday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1999 I shall move that Bill 4 – An Act to Amend the Legal Services Act be read for the first time. Thank you.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Anawak. Item 16, Motions. Mr. Ng.

**Hon. Kelvin Ng:** Mr. Speaker, still under item 15. I request the consent of this Assembly to waive the two day notice requirement for first reading of Bill 5 – Supplementary Appropriation Act for 1999/2000. Thank you.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Ng. Mr. Ng is requesting consent to waive the 48 hour ruling for Bill 5. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Mr. Ng, you have consent. Mr. Ng.

**Bill 5 – Supplementary Appropriation Act No. 1, 1999/2000 - Notice**

**Hon. Kelvin Ng:** With this consent I give notice that on Friday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1999, I shall move that Bill 5 – Supplementary Appropriation Act No. 1, 1999/2000 be read for the first time. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Item 16, Motions. Mr. Premier.

**Hon. Paul Okalik:** Mr. Speaker I seek unanimous consent to move back to Item 13, Tabled Documents. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.



**Speaker:** The Premier is asking unanimous consent to go back to Item 13, Tabling of Documents. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Mr. Premier you have consent.

### **Item 13: Tabling of Documents**

#### **Tabled Document 04 - 1(3): Bathurst Mandate Document**

**Hon. Paul Okalik:** Mr. Speaker, I would like to table the Bathurst Inlet Cabinet document that I mentioned earlier in my Minister's Statement. Thank you.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Premier. Going back to the Orders of the Day. Number 14, Notices of Motion. Item 15, Notice of Motion for First Reading of Bills. Item 16, Motions. Motions. Item 17, First Reading of Bills. First Reading of Bills. Item 18, Second Reading of Bills. Second Reading of Bills. Item 19, Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters. Item 20, Report of the Committee of the Whole. Item 21, Third Reading of Bills. Item 22, Orders of the Day. Mr. Clerk.

### **Items 22: Orders of the Day**

**Mr. Quirke:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Meeting of all members in committee board room Nanuq, for a presentation by Hon. Ed Picco, at 4 o'clock. Tomorrow morning at half past 8 in committee board room Nanuq, a meeting with elders, all members are invited to attend. Orders of the Day for Friday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1999.

Item 1, Prayer.

Item 2, Ministers' Statements.

Item 3, Members' Statements.

Item 4, Returns to Oral Questions.

Item 5, Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery.

Item 6, Oral Questions.

Item 7, Written Questions.

Item 8, Returns to Written Questions.

Item 9, Replies to Opening Address.

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Item 11, Reports of Standing and Special Committees.

Item 12, Reports of Committees on Review of Bills.

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Item 16, Motions.

Item 17, First Reading of Bills.

Bill 1 – Loan Authorization Act

Bill 2 – An Act to Amend the WCB Act

Bill 3 – An Act to Amend the Interpretation Act

Bill 4 – An Act to Amend the Legal Services Act

Bill 5 – Supplementary Appropriations Act, No. 1, 1999/00

Item 18, Second Reading of Bills.

Item 19, Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters.

Item 20, Report of the Committee of the Whole.

Item 21, Third Reading of Bills.

Item 22, Orders of the Day.

Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Clerk (interpretation) the House stands adjourned until Friday October 22, at 10 o'clock in the morning. Sergeant-at-Arms

>> *House adjourned at 3.35 p.m*



