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Tuesday, March 28, 2000

Members Present

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

Item 1: Opening Prayer

Speaker (Mr. Puqiqnak) (interpretation): I would like to ask Mr. Iqaqrialu to say the opening prayer.

>>*Prayer*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Iqaqrialu. Good afternoon, welcome to everyone and welcome back Mr. Barnabas. We will go right into orders of the day. Ministers' Statements. Item 2 on your agenda. Item 2. Ministers' Statements. Minister Ng.

Item 2: Ministers' Statements

Minister's Statement 86 - 1(3): Minister's Absence

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Mr. Speaker I rise today to say Hon. Paul Okalik will be absent from the House today Tuesday, March 28th to attend the 25th signing of the James Bay Final Agreement. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Ng. Item 2. Ministers' Statements. Mr. Anawak.

Minister's Statement 87 - 1(3): New Nunavut Drivers Licences

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I would like to announce to the members that the Motor Vehicles Division of the Department of Community Government and Transportation will be replacing the Northwest Territories drivers' licence's with the new Nunavut drivers licence.

Beginning on April 3rd, Nunavummiut with NWT licences can hand them in within 30 days before their birthday and receive the new Nunavut licence. People whose NWT licences not due to expire until after of March of next year will receive their new Nunavut licence free of charge.

Officials in my department have been working with the RCMP to ensure a smooth transition. Public announcements will be made to ensure that Nunavummiut are informed about how, where, and when to obtain their new Nunavut drivers licence. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Anawak. Item 2 Ministers' Statements. Item 3 Members' Statements. Mr. Barnabas.

Item 3: Members' Statements

Member's Statement 214 - 1(3): Resignation as Speaker

Mr. Barnabas (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. It is with regret and sorrow that I make my member's statement today. Honourable members of the House are aware about the recent events of my personal life have put me in the position where I feel obliged to formally resign as Speaker.

After deep personal reflection and consultations with my family, my constituents and my colleagues I have come to a conclusion that the Legislative Assembly's dignity and integrity will be best assured by having a new Speaker elected by his or her peers.

Mr. Speaker, I want to humbly apologize to you, this House, my constituents and all the people of Nunavut for allowing myself to be in position where the reputation of the Legislative Assembly has been damaged. Mr. Speaker, I want to do what is best for the House and for the people we serve. I can assure my constituents and the communities that I will continue to represent their interests and aspirations as a regular member of the Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to conclude my statement by saying that it has been a privilege and honour serving as a Speaker and I pledge to you and all the members that I will support the new Speaker in the days and weeks to come as the responsibilities of the office are assumed. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Barnabas. Mr. Picco, Member for Iqaluit East.

Member's Statement 215 - 1(3): Youth Drop-In Centre for Iqaluit

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you Mr Speaker I have had pleasure and the honour of representing Iqaluit, now going on my 5th year. Over the years many things have been accomplished and there is much more to do.

Mr. Speaker to date the greatest disappointments as a MLA continues to frustrate me. Mr. Speaker I'm referring to an organized Youth Centre for our community. In 1996-1997, a dedicated group of young people, high school students, Raurri Ellsworth from QIA, Councillor Lynda Gunn and myself and many more thought we had the problem solved.

Alas the building we had secured fell through, all our planning fell by the way side. We then struck another working group to review the issue and try and make some headway. Mr. Speaker we all agree to the concept of a youth centre that is not only a safe centre where youth could go to hang out but also a place that would offer counselling as needed. Recreational activities and access to computers and the Internet, etc.

Many businesses in Town were contacted and all were all supportive. At one stage a local contractor drew a floor plan for us and we had volunteer labour to continue to work. Again the building availability fell through.

Uqaqti today we have reformed a working group to continue the work of opening a dedicated youth drop in centre. The largest stumbling block is to find a building or lot that would be large enough as well as be in a neighbourhood that would be conducive for our youth drop in centre. In the meantime, a local business, the Grind and Brew offers a location for youth to meet. The John Howard group does also.

But, with the estimated youth population of over 1000 Mr. Speaker, a dedicated larger centre is needed. There is some good news Mr. Speaker, I believe an opportunity now does present itself to move forward and bring successful completion to this file.

The Arctic Winter Games Host committee has recently moved forward on a proposal for a multi-purpose facility that will complement and enhance local infrastructure. After the 2 week games event have been concluded, the facility will revert back to a community resource that could be accessed as a convention centre, community recreational centre, and yes, Mr. Speaker as permanent youth drop in centre.

Mr. Speaker I have spoken to the Chairperson of the Host Society and will be throwing my support behind this excellent initiative. Maybe now Mr. Speaker, the youth of Iqaluit will finally have their own dedicated place. Mr. Speaker, I will be attending the meeting tonight to endorse this proposal. Qujannami Uqaqti.

>>Applause

Speaker (Interpretation): Thank you Mr. Picco. Members' Statements. Members' Statements. Mr. Anawak.

Member's Statement 216 - 1(3): Monica and Thomas Ugjuk

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. We hold great respect for our elders. Our elders have worked very hard even though many still live in hardship. There is a couple in Rankin Inlet who I would like to honour today.

Their names are Monica and Thomas Ugjuk. They have worked very hard all their lives. Mr. Ugjuk, who is partially handicapped, still enjoys going out on the land hunting and fishing. Monica Ugjuk is still very active even though she doesn't have many resources.

She does counselling with people who have lost relatives and works with people to work out problems in their social lives even though she doesn't have enough resources or doesn't get much support. I would like to honour Mr and Mrs. Ugjuk today of Rankin Inlet. I believe there's a lot of people out there who also believe that they should be honoured.

I believe we don't give enough recognition to the elders. We just see them and we have often missed out in honouring our elders when they are still alive. They have contributed so much. They could contribute even more with our support and I believe we should honour them while they are still able to help us with their wisdom. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Anawak for those wise comments. Members' Statements. Member for South Baffin Mr. Akasuk.

Member's Statement 217 - 1(3): Cape Dorset Figure Skating Club

Mr. Akasuk (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr Speaker, I rise today to recognize the members of the Cape Dorset figure skating club that first started in 1995. I'm not sure how to say it in Inuktitut so I'll just say that they dance on the ice with their skates on.

Many children wanted to participate in figure skating but due to the shortage and to the high price of skates, it was not possible for some families to participate. The Cape Dorset figure skating club contacted the Stephenville figure skating club and asked them to donate youth skates. Which they receive and in return they would receive Inuit Art that they use for fund raising for their club.

Since that time they have become sister clubs and have exchanged approximately 60 skates, shirts and outfits.

(interpretation ends) The two clubs talked about doing some travel together. This dream became a reality in the fall of 1999. Stephenville was in the process of opening a brand new arena. The skaters from Cape Dorset were invited to perform the opening show.

(interpretation)The eight figure skaters are Sylaqi Petaulasie, Helena Workman, Joe Salamonie, Tommy Kinguasiak, Josie Tauki, Tauki Tauki, Jeannie Mathewsie, and Cathy Curley made up the Sikumiut skaters, a synchronised team with their coach Cindy Parsons. They travelled March 8 to Stephenville, Newfoundland to perform in the grand opening of the Stephenville dome that was scheduled for opening on Saturday March 11, 1999. Proud parents Oloosie Workman, Kanayuk Salamonie, Muati Mathewsie and Elisapie Curley accompanied them.

Mr. Speaker I would like to ask for unanimous consent to complete my comments.

Speaker (Interpretation): Thank you Mr. Akesuk. The Member for Rankin South, Ms. Thompson. I apologize I was moving on to another subject. I thought Mr. Akesuk was done. Mr. Akesuk would like unanimous consent from the members to complete his statement. Are there any nays. Since there is none go ahead Mr. Akesuk.

Mr. Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you. The opening skaters included 1998 Olympic silver medallist Brian Orser, the 2000 Canadian pair champions Jamie Shar and David Pallister and the Newfoundland pair team Joshua and Rebecca Babe. The Cape Dorset skaters had time to spend time with these skaters after the show to meet and get autographs and get their pictures taken with them.

(interpretation) While in Newfoundland the skaters were interviewed by CBC Radio and received television coverage that was aired on CBCs Here and Now, North Beat and Newsworld. And addition they were seen on the Aboriginal Peoples Television Network.

Helena Workman and Joe Saw Salomonie presented a flag of Nunavut and a Sport Nunavut flag at the opening ceremonies to MHA Kevin Elwood. Josie Taukie, Taukie, and Kanayuk Salomonie throat sang at the ceremonies. The skaters from Cape Dorset Nunavut stole the show and did Nunavut proud. Mr. Speaker I want to share this with all the members. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Akesuk. Members' Statements. Ms. Thompson.

Member's Statement 218 - 1(3): Iqaluit/Nuuk Arctic Winter Games

Hon. Manitok Thompson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Thank you Mr. Speaker today I would like to make a member's statement about the upcoming Iqaluit/Nuuk Arctic Winter Games.

I have been told by the people of Rankin Inlet and some other people that attended the Arctic Winter Games in Whitehorse. The next games are going to be in Iqaluit and Nuuk. The people of Nunavut realize that our athlete's from Nunavut are not as accomplished as the other athletes that go to the Arctic Winter Games are.

I think they should be practising a lot more just like the other athletes from other jurisdictions. I was given this suggestion by Robert Tatty from Rankin Inlet that I would like to relay this to the house.

All Hamlets have recreational officers, perhaps when the Arctic Winter Games are going to be hosted here and in Nuuk, that the athletes should get more practice before they go to the games because it is not to far away in the future. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Ms. Thompson. Member for Amittuq, Mr. Iqittuq.

Member's Statement 219 - 1(3): Change of Nunavut Day

Mr. Irqittuq (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I heard over the radio this morning about Nunavut day being proposed to be changed. The Nunavut government started on April 1st.

I feel that April 1st is not as appropriate but July the 9th is. The first Monday in August was being proposed by some people. I know that everybody realises that the first Monday of August is a holiday and perhaps for the people that are working they don't want this changed. But, for members of the public that are not working, they don't really care about a holiday whether it's a holiday or not, because they don't have a job to go on a holiday from.

Everybody that is employed is more inclined to keep the August 1 holiday. They go out hunting on holidays for the people that are working. The hunters usually go out hunting because they are going out for food and they are out hunting for living.

I just wanted to make a statement about the August the first being a holiday and to give people the information as to the reason why we want to have Nunavut Day changed.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Iqaqrialu. Members' Statements. Mr. Kattuk.

Member's Statement 220 - 1(3): Sanikiluaq Women's Hockey Team

Mr. Kattuk (interpretation): Today I rise to recognize a group of my constituents, the women hockey players of Sanikiluaq that was invited to a Nunavik community and also a first nations community to play hockey.

There were seven communities that participated in the women's hockey tournament. The women invited were Annie Ammituq captain, Martha Cookie assistant captain, Alice Takatak, Mary Inuktaluk, Mary Appaqaq, Alice Nayalik, Mary Mikiyuk, Lucy Meeko goalie, Nellie Ippak, Meena Ippak, and Mary Ningeochiak.

Those are the Sanikiluaq women's hockey team that I would like to recognize today especially because as I had stated before Sanikiluaq does not have a proper arena and it takes a special effort for them to be able to play hockey in other communities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Kattuk. Members' Statements. Member for Baker Lake, Mr. McLean.

Member's Statement 221 - 1(3): First Anniversary for Nunavut

Mr. McLean: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to day because April 1st is fast approaching. This is the first anniversary of our swearing in of the first Nunavut MLAs and the Nunavut Legislature. The year has gone by so fast it feels like weeks. But we as

members have been preoccupied with the task in front of us and for our constituents' well being. As we strive to make life a little better for all of Nunavummiut. As our new logo describes and means, look forward but look back.

Today Mr. Speaker I would like to look back who had the vision to help build Nunavut. The list is long and sometimes we forget the personal sacrifices that these individuals paid for being away from their families and their communities negotiating with the federal government for months and years to establish this great territory of Nunavut. Without their hard work and dedication we would not be here today.

I'm sure that everyone in this building knows of someone that is not with us today and the person that comes to mind to me today is a person who had great influence on me. I will always remember Michael Amarak as a Nunavut builder. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. McLean. Members' Statements. Member for Arviat, Mr. O'Brien.

Member's Statement 222 - 1(3): New Co-op in Arviat

Mr. O'Brien: Mr. Speaker I would like to congratulate the local co-op board for their efforts in constructing a brand new co-op in my home community. Mr. Speaker our community is growing at a pace of approximately eighty babies per year and the population will be approaching 2 thousand in two years.

With the rapid growth, my community welcomes its new 18 thousand square foot store and we also welcome the Eskimo Point Lumber Store, which is a corner stone business operating for the past twenty-five years. Mr. Speaker in addition to these facility expansions, the community of Arviat will see the construction of a new 25 thousand square foot Northern Store this summer.

Mr. Speaker these are exciting times in my community and these facility expansions are only some of the improvements taking place in order to be ready for the decentralized jobs that will be coming to my community in the future. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. O'Brien. Members' Statements. Back to our agenda. Item 4. Returns to Oral Questions. Mr. Arvaluk.

Item 4: Returns to Oral Questions

Return to OQ 295 - 1(3): Francophone School

Hon. James Arvaluk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a return to an oral question asked by Mr. Kattuk on March 27, 2000, yesterday, he asked how many students were expected in the French school should it be built in this fiscal year. I indicated that I

took notice of that question. At this time we have absolutely no data as to the numbers. Prior to the actual staffing of the positions, although they are estimated to be around thirty-five. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Returns to oral questions. Orders of the day Item 5, Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Irqittuq.

Item 5: Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery

Mr. Irqittuq (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. In case Mr. Picco overrides me again this time because he knows some of my constituents I would like to recognize student Martha Gibbons and also from my constituency of Igloodik Mr. Tapardjuk and Lazerie Uttak. Also a daughter of my good friend Peter Kanayuk from Pangnirtung is here as well but I'm sorry I forgot her name, if you would stand up please. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Kattuk. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Irqittuq.

Mr. Irqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I would like to recognize from my community Daniel Jaypoody. Also there is Iga Etuangat and Josie Enuarak. There seems to be a good number of people from my constituency here today for a change.

Speaker (interpretation): Welcome to the gallery. Recognition of visitors in the gallery. Mr. Barnabas.

Mr. Barnabas (interpretation): I would like to recognize members from my constituency who live in the highest area of Grise Fiord, Levi Killiktee SAO who is here for educational purposes and my old friend Jose Enuarak. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Barnabas. Welcome to our house. Item number 5 recognition of visitors in the gallery. Ms. Thompson.

Hon. Manitok Thompson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker I would like to recognize some people and also people that work for my department in Rankin. The two ladies over there, the first is Julia Fequet and the second is Mary Graham who both work for Public Works and would they both stand up.

You all know Peter Itinnuar who is sitting over there. Roy Green, who everybody is aware of, from the questions and answers on fuel pricing. Susan Mukpah who is in charge of PPD Nunavut. Also I have quite a few relatives in the Baffin and I'm pleased to recognize my cousin Martha Gibbons. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Ms. Thompson. Welcome to the House. Recognition of visitors in the gallery. Mr. Akasuk.

Mr. Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker I would like to recognize my two friends that I used to work with. From Igloolik, Lazarus Uttak and from Taloyoak Michael Tuktoo. Thank you.

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

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When you have more than one riding in a community like Iqaluit or Rankin Inlet it becomes difficult as to which one MLA represents them. I would like to recognize constituent Susan Makpak who is relative of mine. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Anawak. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. O'Brien.

Mr. O'Brien: I would like to recognize a friend of mine originally from Rankin Inlet, Peter Itinnuar who is also the new assistant deputy minister of Sustainable Development. Although Mr. Itinnuar is living in Iqaluit he is still a Keewatin boy.

Speaker (interpretation): Recognition of visitors in the gallery. Mr. Picco.

Mr. Picco: Officially I would like to recognize students from the Nunavut Arctic College in the Management Studies and Community Development Program. Mr. Speaker they are from all over Nunavut and at least one of them was a former student of mine so I would like to take this opportunity to welcome them. From Pond Inlet Nimon Killiktee, from Clyde River Daniel Jaypoody, from Grise Fiord Levi Killiktee and an old friend of mine who used to work for me for several years, Lazarie Uttak from Igloolik.

An old student of mine Martha Gibbons from Hall Beach. Junior Tapardjuk from Igloolik Mona Dialla from Pangnirtung Marlene Arnakak from Pangnirtung, Ross Benette from Iqaluit and another person from Iqaluit who used to work in the Northern Store Paul Atagoyuk, Michael Tuktoo from Taloyoak. The instructor is Dr. Steven. I don't see Madeline D'Argencourt from Kimmirut and Guy D'Argencourt from Iqaluit and Lelania Flaherty from Kimmirut.

Mr. Speaker at time I would like to take the time to welcome someone who is well known throughout Nunavut as an entertainer and he performed for in Rankin Inlet, our answer to Elvis Presly and a good friend of mine Mr. Jimmy Echo. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you and welcome to the house. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery, Mr. Havioyak.

Hon. Donald Havioyak (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker I would like to recognize a constituent from Kugluktuk Mary Jane Anulak.

Speaker (interpretation): Welcome to the house. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Alakannuark.

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker I didn't get a chance to get some visitors from my constituency and so I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Interpreters Henry and James Paniuyak from Cambridge Bay here in our legislature. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Alakannuark. Please feel welcome to our legislature. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Speaker with all these recognition's I would feel left out if I didn't add my name to the list. So I would also like to recognise in the interpreters booth who are both from Cambridge Bay, Inuinnaqtun translators Henry Ohokannoak and James Paniuyak. I would also like to recognize my executive secretary Susie Alainga and also on behalf of Mr. Anawak who has already done his recognition's, his executive secretary Mina Nashalik.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Ng. Welcome to the gallery and the Legislature of Nunavut. Recognition of visitors in the gallery. Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There is nobody for me to have recognized so I would like to recognize members that aren't actually here. These Qamutiks were made by a craftsman from Pond Inlet Mr. Sianak Attagutak. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Nutarak. I think that everyone is done with this item and there is someone that I want to recognize someone from constituency Michael Tucktoo. Please stand. At this time we will return to the orders of the day, Oral Questions. Member for Uqqumiut, Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Item 5: Oral Questions

Question 301 - 1(3): Icebreaker Testing

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct this question to the Minister responsible for Transportation. Near my community is a place we call Arvaatuuk, we are told that there is going to be an icebreaker going through there. I don't know how that is going to be conducted, but it is a test to see how much pressure the ship can withhold when going through ice packs. My question is, will the government be held responsible if anything should happen. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Iqaqrialu. Minister for Community Government and Transportation. Mr. Anawak.

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): This is an American Icebreaker named Haley that will be going through the Davis Straight area. There will be dialogue with the Department of Transportation and the Coast Guard when the ship is going through. The people of Broughton Island and Clyde River will be asked if they could select a hunter that will help this icebreaker while it is on its voyage so there is no environmental impact of the two communities.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Anawak. Oral Questions. Member for Tunnunig, Mr. Nutarak.

Question 302 - 1(3): Luggage for Medical Escorts

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Health and Social Services. There was an individual that was escorted down here and of course, when they stay in the community for a long time they tend to accumulate materials. This person has accumulated quite a lot of materials. My question is what kind of help could this person have financially if he or she would like to transport her stuff back home. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Nutarak. Minister of Health & Social Services, Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, under the present policy when someone is sent to the south or in this case, to Iqaluit for hospital services, they are provided with accommodations and the ticket is usually encompassing that you are allowed two pieces of luggage of course and I think up to eighty pounds.

If there is anything extra that the person has purchased, under the current policy of the government we don't pay to move those things with the person who came here or for example from the south with material goods that they had purchased. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Picco. Oral Questions. Oral Questions. Member for Quttiktuq, Mr. Barnabas.

Question 303 - 1(3): Benefits for Smaller Communities

Mr. Barnabas (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, yesterday during question period I was listening to the proceedings and there was one question that I didn't quite get. For clarification I would like to direct my question to the Deputy Premier. This question was asked by Mr. Alakannuark about what kind of support or benefits the smaller communities that are not receiving decentralized positions would get.

Having read the documents, there are smaller communities where they have put in one position for a one year term only. What kind of support or what kind of programs will come up in these smaller communities in Nunavut. What kind of support, or how will the smaller communities benefit from the decentralization plan. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Barnabas. Deputy Premier, Mr. Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I can't speak specifically under the decentralization plans, as you know that is the responsibility of the Premier. I can say from a broader government perspective, from all programs and services that we provide throughout the distribution of the budgets and for all departments, all communities will benefit.

From a capital perspective again, from a longer range perspective in trying to balance out the capital requirements over the course of our term in developing and finalizing a five year capital plan we will try and identify and address some of the needs of all the communities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Deputy Premier, Mr. Ng. Oral Questions. Member for Baffin South, Mr. Akasuk.

Question 304 - 1(3): Day Care Review

Mr. Akasuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I asked this question yesterday. There are a lot of things that we will have to review as we are a new government. There are a lot of things that the government had stated they would have to do a review first before anything gets done. There is also the issue of day cares. Are we going to be looking at the results or is there going to be anything done after the review process is completed. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Akasuk. Mr. Deputy Premier, Mr. Ng. I believe that question was directed to the Deputy Premier.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, there is a review being undertaken by the Department of Education who has the responsibility for that area. I will ask the Honourable James Arvaluk to respond to that in more detail. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Ng. Mr. Akasuk.

Mr. Akasuk (interpretation): I apologize maybe I wasn't clear enough. All the departments I believe have policies. My question is, are you going to be reviewing all the policies of each of the departments. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Mr. Deputy Premier.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I think I understand the question a bit better and he can correct me if I'm wrong. In respect to work that had been undertaken by the GNWT, the programs and some reviews of policies. This government as you know will undertake and has indicated that we are going to undertake reviews and are in the process of undertaking some reviews as well of different programs and policies.

Obviously some of the work that had been done by other jurisdictions, there was some substantive input from whether it is Nunavut Municipalities or organizations, depending on what the policies were. Those will be taken into consideration as we develop our new programs and policies and obviously there would be another round of consultation by our government officials and our representatives as we try to work towards finalizing some of these policies and programs. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Deputy Premier. To the orders of the day. Oral Questions. Member for Akulliq, Mr. Alakannuark.

Question 305 - 1(3): Improved Programs for Elders

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Culture, Language, Elders & Youth. My question is what improved programs or services are you going to provide to the elders. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Alakannuark. Minister of Culture, Language, Elders & Youth, Mr. Havioyak.

Hon. Donald Havioyak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for your question Mr. Alakannuark, I will try and answer. The programs that we are going to bring out for elders and youth are not only coming from my department but from other departments as well. The kind of programs that we are going to be putting out for the elders, the first priority we are looking at right now is the program that we have been working on for the youth in regards to the language issues.

As of today we are still working on the policies that we could use for the elders and youth. The policies that we are working on right now are just about in their final stages. Once we get the policies together, we will put them into one document and then later on we will start figuring out what kinds of programs that we will be putting out in order to serve the elders and youth in each community, Nunavut-wide.

Then we are going to be asking the Government of Nunavut for their assistance and as soon as we get all this put together then we will be attending a meeting in Ottawa on behalf of our department. We are in the final stages of finishing off some of the policies that we are working on. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Havioyak. Mr. Alakannuark.

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When are these policies and guidelines that you are producing going to be done. Specifically to the policies that will be used for the elders and youth. That's my question, thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Alakannuark. Minister of Culture, Language, Elders & Youth, Mr. Havioyak.

Hon. Donald Havioyak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I speak the department has been putting together these policies. My staff are reviewing the policies and these documents will be put forward for the members and the public to see. As we speak we are into the consultations to work towards the elders and youth. I hope I answered your question. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Havioyak. Mr. Alakannuark.

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My last question. Again to the Minister of Culture, Language, Elders & Youth. Regarding Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit, what are you doing in regards to this. There is survival and also the making of Inuit clothing. What types of programs, or what have you done to enhance the Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Alakannuark. Minister of Culture, Language, Elders & Youth, Mr. Havioyak.

Hon. Donald Havioyak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just the other day I rose to speak about the elders' and youth initiatives. Our goal is to finish and have funding put in place to assist the communities deal with elders' and youth initiatives through Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit. The funding is there for that purpose. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Havioyak. Item 6, Oral Questions. Member for Amittuq, Mr. Iqittuq.

Question 306 - 1(3): Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit in Schools

Mr. Iqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Education. I think it was around December we went visiting communities in Nunavut. During our visits there was a concern about Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit being included in the school curriculum. Has that been done by the Minister and his staff. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Iqittuq. Minister of Education, Mr. Arvaluk.

Hon. James Arvaluk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, it would be a lengthy response. So Mr. Speaker, if you want me to respond just to the curriculum, I would be able to do so.

In Arviat they have a plan for the curriculum and the curriculum will be implemented in Arviat schools from kindergarten to grade 12. As well we are doing the directives and doing the planning in this regard and it will be coming in conjunction with Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit. Whenever we do planning for curriculum or for directives, or even when teaching the Teacher Education Program, we always try to make sure that Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit is there to guide us.

I expect that Culture, Language, Elders & Youth will be able to work with us on this. If he is asking questions directly related to elders, I could also respond to him in a different way, because there are four people, four elders that have taken training and they will be making curriculum for the schools. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Arvaluk. Mr. Irqittuq.

Mr. Irqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just to make it clear that they have the same plan as well because we have asked a lot of questions of the Department of Culture, Language, Elders & Youth because it relates to their mandate. Another question that I have is, the elders in our communities will they be utilized and will they be trained in regards to this.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Irqittuq. Minister of Education, Mr. Arvaluk.

Hon. James Arvaluk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, we will be utilizing elders and the elders will be trained. With the GNWT this was not done before and the elders will be used to develop curriculum to be used in schools. As well we are also planning that we will be using the elders again, although they will not be using Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit we will be using their knowledge in the communities to develop curriculum. For the adults to be able to go to the schools and be able to teach their knowledge to the students.

The Baffin Divisional Board of Education use to develop curriculum at that time. I also mentioned that there are quite a few curriculum that have already been developed for the elders to be able to produce curriculum to be used in the schools as well. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Arvaluk. Mr. Irqittuq.

Mr. Irqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The minister stated that this is in the planning stages. I just wondered whether there will be a teacher hired in every community who is unilingual. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Irqittuq. Minister of Education, Mr. Arvaluk.

Hon. James Arvaluk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like the member to know, and I realize that he knows that the schools from kindergarten to grade 12, there

is a Teacher Education Program being taught right now and those teachers can be taught from kindergarten to grade 12 in both Inuktitut and English.

Whenever we have teachers in the schools, some cannot really teach other subjects. If we are going to get a teacher for high schools that individual has to be trained in teaching the high school students. As well we have to hire teachers that are qualified to teach different grades because all teachers are not knowledgeable in teaching all levels of grades. So if we are going to get elders as teachers, they will have to be able to teach their own knowledge, just like we have shop teachers that know how to build igloos and kamotiks, and they know how to teach that area.

We cannot just ask somebody to teach a certain subject that they don't know how to teach. So we are going to have to do those kinds of plans, we just can't hire somebody to teach those kinds of things. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Minister. Last question by Mr. Iqittuq.

Mr. Iqittuq (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Yes, I understand that Mr. Speaker. But we have wanted to find out what is happening from the department and we know that we will have to get Inuit teachers, males and females. Like the women can teach the students how to make clothing and the male teacher will teach hunting and going out on the land. But the question that I have is that because we have elders that can teach many subjects can we utilize them more than we do today.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Iqittuq Mr. Arvaluk.

Hon. James Arvaluk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I said before that we had elders that are learning to teach in Arviat. But for the elders that's not the limit of their knowledge to do teaching in making qamutik and igloos and sewing. They can do a lot more but what we are talking about is, Mr. Iqittuq is talking about the elders to be able to teach children about their knowledge in a traditional way.

To teach about family relationships and other types of knowledge known by elders. That's what he is talking about. To be able to make clothing and to make qamutiks and igloos, those are the things that we are dealing with right now in Arviat. As soon as we right down what the elders need to know to become teachers, then they will start teaching them. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Arvaluk. Oral Questions. Mr. Tootoo.

Question 307 - 1(3): Housing Corporation Tender

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister responsible for the Housing Corporation. Mr. Speaker, I was looking in the paper the other day and noticed an invitation to tender in there for the Nunavut Housing Corporation. I would like to ask the Minister why the reference in that tender is to be

done through the NWT Housing Corporation and not the Nunavut Housing Corporation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr Tootoo. Minister responsible for the Housing Corporation, Ms. Thompson.

Hon. Maniok Thompson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The question by the member is perhaps there is a typo or mistake in the tender. I'm not really sure exactly which tender he is talking about so perhaps I will have to look to it and find exactly what the mistake was. So I will get back to the member.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, the Minister has taken the question as notice. Item 6, oral questions. Member for Baker Lake, Mr. McLean.

Question 308 - 1(3): O&M Funding for Youth Centres

Mr. McLean: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Minister for Culture, Language, Elders & Youth has identified in his budget 500 thousand for youth centres and 500 thousand dollars for heritage centres. Has the minister identified some O & M money in his O&M budget to run the existing centres in Nunavut now. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. McLean. Minister for Culture, Language, Elders & Youth, Mr. Haviyak

Hon. Donald Haviyak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Under that capital identified for youth facilities, in that is for example for renovations there is going to be some O&M budgeted for that specific project. Right now while we're doing that, as soon as we have a better figure to work with, it will be put forward to the cabinet for review, how much funding will be required for each facilities in different communities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Member for Baker Lake, Mr McLean.

Mr. McLean: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. That is good news to hear again, that the minister is looking to funding O&M for heritage centres and youth drop in centres that we all know we need very much. When can the Minister have this policy in place because I'm sure there is every community in Nunavut looking at O&M money for their drop in and heritage centres in Nunavut. Thank you

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr McLean. Minister for Culture Language Elders and Youth, Mr. Haviyak.

Hon. Donald Haviyak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We now have the consultations done and the reports in from the meetings that they had, as I told you last time when we were in Rankin Inlet. As we speak now the policy has been drafted, having some input from those conferences, and incorporating them into the policies. Again as we speak, the

policy is being drafted. As soon as they're done, for your review or for consultation, you will get a copy. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr Havioyak. Supplementary, Mr McLean.

Mr. McLean: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Like I say that is great news to my ears and I'm sure to the rest of the members in here, because we hear that this is a priority. It is a much needed thing – youth centres. But can the Minister be more direct on when we will know when this funding will become available for these heritage and drop in centres, so we can start preparing our communities to apply for this funding. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr McLean. Minister for Culture Language Elders and Youth, Mr. Havioyak.

Hon. Donald Havioyak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For the project and also for the projects going under the youth facilities, and some policies we are working on, we want to make sure we know the exact figure, or at least an estimate how much it will cost to fund or to put O&M into each facility. Again as soon as we get all those numbers together we will hear that. And also to the policy, there is again consultation on these and we will be incorporating all those. Hopefully that will assist us to better help our youth that need the facilities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr Havioyak. Back to our orders of the day. Oral questions. Member for Uqqumiut, Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Question 309 - 1(3): Nunavut Power Corporation Plans

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Prior to my question, members of the Qikiqtarjuaq Youth group are in the building. Please welcome them. Mr Speaker, my question is to the Minister of the Nunavut Power Corporation. I found out that the operations information is now going to be available. What is the plan for the Nunavut Power Corporation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Iqaqrialu. Minister responsible for the Nunavut Power Corporation, Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr Speaker, I would like to thank the member, as always, for questions on the Power Corporation. The member asked about what plans are there for the Power Corporation. Hopefully, over the next two weeks, Mr Speaker, we will be announcing the name of the person that has been selected as the new President of the Nunavut Power Corporation. Once that person is in place, there is a line item in the budget, which the members know, that will help us set up the Secretariat, to start implementing the report that we debated in Rankin Inlet which outlines the next processes and steps for the Power Corporation.

The first step will be, Mr Speaker, will be to have that person in place and then we will be looking at the President, who will be hiring staff. As Mr McLean said, looking at Baker Lake as the headquarters and hopefully looking at a timeline and a time frame to start staffing positions there. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr Picco, Minister responsible for the Nunavut Power Corporation. Member for Uqqumiut, Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for the answer to my question. If they will be staffing Baker Lake, then I don't foresee a major problem with that but, in the community of Clyde River we will be having an issue with this as to why the staff were placed into that community. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Iqaqrialu. Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, as the member knows I went to Clyde River last summer, met with the Mayor and the Council and indeed with the member, we discussed the opportunities and that presented themselves with the new Power Corporation being set up. A commitment was made to Baker Lake after decentralization numbers came out last June in Apex. Mr Speaker, the community of Baker Lake has the necessary infrastructure, have the logistics, have the administrative capacity. We think Mr Speaker, that they have the ability to staff those positions directly from Baker Lake.

Mr Speaker, after saying that, there is an opportunity, as the Premier has indicated, as the Deputy Premier talked about today, how we can bring jobs to our smaller communities. Mr Speaker, there is no one in this Government forgetting about the smaller communities. We are looking at that and trying to move forward, Mr Speaker.

Clyde River was not selected as the Power Corporation headquarters, because we are replacing the jobs of decentralized communities. In that case, Mr Speaker, it was Baker Lake. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Picco. Member for Uqqumiut, Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I understand very well their response. Clyde River was not selected. That is what I understand. Is Clyde River always going to be a deficit situation. Are we just going to be wasting money for energy costs. Is that going to contribute to your expenditures. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Minister for Nunavut Power Corporation, Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I never forget about Clyde River, as the member and the members of this house know, my wife is from there, my father in law, and all my family in laws are there, and I hear about Clyde River every day. Indeed Mr

Speaker, I lived at Clyde River and I looked at it as my 2nd or 3rd home, probably after Hall Beach, where I spent a lot of time.

What I can say to the members and the people of Clyde River and to this house, is that the Government of Nunavut is not forgetting about the smaller communities. We are trying to work in a co-ordinated approach to bring other opportunities to those communities that we talked about earlier. Mr Speaker, the community of Clyde River is in the position right now of getting a new power plant, and we discussed that in house before. And I want to assure the people of Clyde River that this Minister and this Government understands the complexities of the rate increases, and the other concerns of Clyde River and we will move aggressively to help people of Clyde River. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Minister. Mr. Iqaqrialu, supplementary.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Final supplementary to my question. As you indicated, we don't have enough infrastructure to accommodate the relocating of staff. Can you provide for new infrastructure for our community. That would be the only way that we become able to accommodate new staff members in our community. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Iqaqrialu. Mr. Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr Speaker, as I said earlier, the Nunavut Government is try to look at opportunities for other jobs. I'll give an example, Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, we have a lot of patients right now, in the south being taken care of in different jurisdictions. Mr Speaker, this government and Department of Health and Social Services, we've been looking at opportunities where we can repatriate citizens of Nunavut that are in rehabilitation centres and so on in the south. Maybe there are some opportunities there to bring those types of infrastructures to Nunavut. But that's just one aspect of different things that the Nunavut government is trying to look at.

I can't commit right now, Mr Speaker, to putting infrastructure or particular jobs in the community of Clyde River, under the mandate of Health and Social Services. But I can commit to the member, as I said earlier, we know ministers of this House have spoken of this before. Members in this House, ministers of this House represent smaller communities. The Government of Nunavut is trying to look at opportunities and ways that we can build on capacity in our smaller communities. Mr. Speaker, that's one of the things that myself as minister am trying to do. Hopefully with the standing committee of this House, we can discuss some opportunities, maybe during the budget session, when we debate the Health Department's budget; which is the only department I can speak for, Mr Speaker, because there may be an option of moving things forward. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Oral questions: Item 6. Mr. Barnabas.

Question 310 - 1(3): Housing Subsidies

Mr. Barnabas (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question will be directed to the Minister of the Housing Corporation. As for my preamble, I'd like to indicate there is an issue concerning access programs, which were initiated by the Government in order for lower income families to afford their own housing. There is a problem in that the ceiling limit was changed and it was accessible to people with higher income levels.

But now recently I've found that due to the higher gas and oil costs, people are reviewing the home access programs and the allowed incomes. I understand that it has been raised from 235 dollars to 517 dollars. This has been increased by 100%, Mr Speaker and we are already paying extremely high costs in the high Arctic area for our food, our gas and other necessities. I am wondering if there is some kind of subsidy provided from the Housing Corporation in order for people to access these programs. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr Barnabas. Minister for the Nunavut Housing Corporation, Ms. Thompson.

Hon. Manitok Thompson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to thank the member for raising this issue. As it is after the price increase of gas, it became difficult for many people to stay on top of these price levels. Even as the price of groceries increases, whether it is for maintenance of housing costs it's difficult for us to keep up with the inflation rates. That being the case, Mr. Speaker, the housing staff would be encouraged to speak with the clients to discuss their mortgage options, and to see if there might be some kinds of provisions or rebates that they can come to terms with through negotiations. They can also look at the possibility of options whereby they can apply for a mortgage and we can subsidise them on a temporary basis.

I understand this difficulty, but under my budgets for my departments which you will be seeing shortly, we have been mandated to build a certain number of houses within the communities. So, either we build houses in communities or we don't. And since we have been mandated to provide construction of houses we have to consider it as a priority. However Mr Speaker, I can tell you that anyone who is having a financial difficulty keeping up with payments has the opportunity to come and negotiate with our staff members and come to terms, come to some sort of an agreement. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Ms. Thompson. Member for Quttiktuq, Mr Barnabas

Mr. Barnabas (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I know that the Government employees receive a subsidy, once they have their own housing. They are still given housing allowances on top of their salary. But even through negotiations with Housing Corporations prices will continue to increase. Will you be providing housing allowance

for people if this is not changed to accommodate the lower income people. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Barnabas. Minister for Nunavut Housing Corporation, Ms. Thompson.

Hon. Manitok Thompson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think we are all aware, Mr. Speaker, that income support is being reviewed by the minister as he indicated earlier. He said that they are doing an income support program review all across the board and they can access some assistance but we can look into this particular question that the member is referring to as to how we can provide for some sort of subsidy.

But when we receive correspondence concerning mortgages, we go into depth about their individual cases and we try to negotiate their original terms of agreement upon the purchase of their house, Mr. Speaker, but I will be able to get back to you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Ms. Thompson. Orders of the day. Item 6, oral questions. Oral questions. Member for Iqaluit Centre, Mr. Tootoo.

Question 311 - 1(3): Youth Facility Funding Policies

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is in regards to youth facilities in Nunavut, Mr. Speaker, in light of that commitment last year Mr. Speaker, I was wondering, hasn't the Minister of the department developed a policy to administer those funds. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Tootoo. Minister of Culture, Language and Youth Mr. Haviyok.

Hon. Donald Haviyok (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker, in regard to the policy that I have been talking about, we are in the stage of implementing the policies and as I have stated we are a new department in the government.

We are still working on the policy to make them more effective. We were working on the policies to accommodate the facilities for the youth. Like I said earlier our department is new in the Government of Nunavut. We have to review and implement these policies we have. We have to have a public consultation with the communities as well.

So, like I said earlier we have to have input from other communities as well. So, our youth workers and staff are working very hard. Which programs that we could use that would be more suitable to our youth.

While we're working on these policies, we're working on the funding as well that we could use. If we don't have any funding to get off the ground, we have to have a good policy to work with first before we can go on. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Havioyak. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: I believe what the minister implied with his answer there, that they had not developed a policy last year to administer funds that were supposedly committed for youth facilities last year. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (Interpretation): Thank you Mr. Tootoo. Mr. Havioyak.

Hon. Donald Havioyak: Thank you Mr. Speaker. For the member's clarification on the question, I am not sure if it was on the facilities from last year. Is that what you are saying from last year. On the other hand, is it on the operations & maintenance. Could I get clarification on the question. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Please clarify your question Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: I believe last year when the minister's department was at the Committee of the Whole I received as we all did a commitment from the department to provide some funding towards the running of youth facilities. It was indicated last year again as Mr. Picco has pointed out in his statement earlier today that there were cases that facilities were available but there was no access operations & maintenance dollars to maintain them or program dollars to maintain those. I was pretty sure I had that commitment last year. I was just wondering did the minister develop a policy to administer those funds last year. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Tootoo. Minister of Culture, Language, Elders & Youth Mr. Havioyak.

Hon. Donald Havioyak: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I will try to answer your question. Last year, when we first became a department. We started working on policies that we could work with. In order to be more effective to the youth and see what type of facilities that we could come up with in our communities. That is what I stated last year. Last year when we first started, we didn't have any funding that we could use.

That is why we didn't come up the new facilities yet. As of today we are still working on some funding we could use for the youth facilities and some drop in centres. We did not have all this last year. We didn't have a capital plan last year. We are still in the stages of reviewing our new policy that we are working on and see what kind of policies were going to have today and tomorrow and our future.

This is not an overnight thing that we could put together. We have to work on these in due time. It's too bad we didn't have this funding last year when we first started. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Havioyak. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I'm not sure if the minister understands the question. I'm not talking about any capital funding. I'm talking about operations & maintenance funding that there was a commitment for last year and the Finance Minister said that there would be money there for these types of programmes.

I was asking the Minister, after they made that commitment of having that funds available, did they have a policy to administer it.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Tootoo. Minister of Culture, Language, Elders & Youth Mr. Havioyak.

Hon. Donald Havioyak (interpretation): We are still working through these policies. These operations & maintenance dollars have to be put in place for the facilities that we are going to put it in place for the youth. We can't do it without these operations & maintenance. Right now I can't really answer you in terms of how much funding. So that we can have an idea how much operations & maintenance we can use. Thank you Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Havioyak. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, again I'm not asking how much money. Mr. Speaker, I'm asking did the minister and his department develop a policy to administer the funds that they committed to use for these types of programmes last year. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Tootoo. Minister of Culture, Language, Elders & Youth, Mr. Havioyak.

Hon. Donald Havioyak (interpretation): I will answer you again. The policy that we are still working on today as it we don't have it today. Thank you Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Havioyak. Going back to the orders of the day, Oral Questions. Mr. Kattuk.

Mr. Kattuk (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Since I don't have much time left possibly it will be better to ask my question tomorrow. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Kattuk. Question period is over. We will take a 15 minute break. Mr. Sergeant-At-Arms.

>>House recessed at 3:16 pm and resumed at 3:43 pm

Speaker (interpretation): Item 7 on Orders of the Day, Written Questions. Item 8. Returns to Written Questions. Item 9. Replies to Opening Address. Item 10 Replies to Budget Address. Item 11 Petitions. Item 12 Reports on Standing and Special Committees. Item 13 Reports on Committee on Review of Bills. Item 14 Tabling of Documents. Mr. Barnabas.

Item 14: Tabling of Documents

Tabled Document 49 - 1(3): Arctic Bay Concerns regarding Nunavut Day

Mr. Barnabas (interpretation): I wish to table the following letter from concerned citizens of Arctic Bay concerning Nunavut Day and the following holiday in August. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Barnabas. Item 14. Tabling of documents. Item 15. Notices of Motions. Item 16. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Item 17. Motions. Item 18. First Reading of Bills. Item 19. Second Reading of Bills.

Item 20. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters. Minister's statement 50-1 (3). Tabled documents 27 1(3) Bill 10, Bill 13, tabled documents 41 -1(3), Bill 14, with the authority invested in me by motion 3.1(3) the Committee of the Whole will stay in session until a report itself out with Mr. Irqittuq as the Chairperson. Sargent-At-Arms.

Item 20: Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters

Chairperson Mr. Irqittuq (interpretation): The committee will come to order. Continuing from Minister's Statement 15 1(3), we also have Tabled Document 27-1(3) Bill 10. We will continue with the business that we were dealing with yesterday. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairperson. The item that we dealt with yesterday. I would like to continue again and we will be making motions to that affect. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): All in favour. Everybody in agreement. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Committee Motion 47 - 1(3): Support for NNI

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairperson. Mr. Chairperson, I move that the committee expresses support for the Government of Nunavut's Nunavummi Nangminiqaatunik Ikajuuti policy. Mr. Chairperson, I move that this committee recommend that the department responsible for implementation of the Nunavummi Nangminiqatunuk Ikajuuti policy works to ensure that the comprehensive information and assistance is provided in both Inuktitut.

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Iqaqrialu, the first motion that you made have to be voted on by the committee.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairperson. I'm sorry.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Iqaqrialu. Mr. Iqaqrialu moves the motion. The members would like to have copies of the motion. The copies of the motion have been passed on to the members. Any comments or questions on the motion. Questions. If there are no questions. All in favour of the motion. All opposed. Motion is carried. Mr. Iqaqrialu can you go ahead with the other motions.

Committee Motion 48 - 1(3): Information on NNI

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairperson. I move that this committee recommends that the department responsible for the implementation of the Nunavummi Nangminiqagtunik Ikajuuti policy works to ensure that comprehensive information as assistance is provided in both Inuktitut and English to any firm or individual in Nunavut who request it. In addition, that business in smaller communities receive adequate training to adapt to their activities to the new policy.

Chairperson (interpretation): Questions on the motion. Comments. All in favour of the motion. Against. Motion is carried. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): I will pass on this motion to Mr. Tootoo.

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Tootoo.

Committee Motion 49 - 1(3): NNI Policies

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you Mr Chairperson. I move that this committee recommend that the department responsible for the implementation of the Nunavummi Nangminiqagtunik Ikajuuti policy develops clear, consistent, and enforceable monitoring and enforcement procedures that will apply to the contract authorities. Moreover, that the responsible department co-operate fully with any internal audit and evaluation bodies to government may deem appropriate. Thank you Mr. Chairperson.

Chairperson (interpretation): Are any questions to the motion. Are there any comments to the motion. All in favour of the motion. Against. Abstentions. Carried. Mr. Tootoo.

Committee Motion 50 - 1(3): Reporting on NNI Policy Operations

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you Mr Chairperson. I move that this committee recommends that the contracting policy review committee's report on the operations of the first year of NNIs operations be tabled in the Legislative Assembly. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. The motion is in order. Comments on the motion. All in favour of the motion. Against. Abstentions. The motion is carried. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Committee Motion 51 - 1(3): Bid Security System Reform

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Motion 5. Mr. Chairman, I move that this committee recommends that responsible department continue to reform the bid security system to increase the contracting opportunities for smaller Nunavut firms.

Chairperson (interpretation): Any questions or comments on the motion. All in favour. Opposed. Abstentions. The motion is carried. Are there any more comments on the motion. Mr. Akesuk.

Mr. Akesuk (interpretation): Mr. Chairman, the NNI policy has been completed and I would like to move on to Bill 10.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Akesuk. I was suppose to ask the committee if Ministers Statement 50-1(3) and Tabled Document 27 - 1(3) are concluded. Does the committee agree that these items are concluded.

Some Members: Agreed

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. That took a long time. Mr. Akesuk.

Mr. Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I wish to deal with Bill 10 dealing with The Dissolution of Boards of Management Act.

Chairperson (interpretation): Are we agreed that we will proceed with Bill 10. Mr. Picco you can go to the witness table with your witnesses or do you prefer to handle this on your own. Thank you Mr. Picco please indicate who your witnesses will be. Mr. Picco.

Bill 10 - An Act to Amend the Boards of Management Dissolution Act

Hon. Ed Picco: Mr. Chairman with me today for Bill 10, Dissolution of Boards of Management Act, is Mr. Armstrong who provides legal counsel. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Minister Picco. You can begin with your opening remarks.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman the Bill we have here today is an amendment to the Social Services Dissolution Act, which passed in this house in June 1999. That act was 1 page long and confirmed the governments decision to integrate the operations of the 3 health and social services boards with the department, which reports

to the minister of Health and Social Services. Mr. Chairman the act that was passed last June did not spell out any administrative details that will arise from the integration of the three regional boards into the department.

Bill 10, in front of you today, addresses those details and will eliminate administrative confusion as this transition is achieved. Mr. Chairman this Bill has benefited from the thorough review it has received from the Standing Committee on Education, Culture and Health. I would sincerely say we appreciate the constructive debate we engaged in during my appearance in front of the committee. Because of those discussions, the standing committee recommended two amendments to Bill number 10, which were accepted. Accordingly, the reprinted Bill you have in front of you today incorporates the amendments of the standing committee.

Mr. Chairman, speaking generally about the Bill number 10 that you have in front of you, it addresses seven kinds of issues.

First, of all the assets and liabilities of the board will become assets and liabilities of the Nunavut Government after April 1. If a board owes anyone money they need not worry that they will not be paid. The Government of Nunavut will assume that liability. If anyone doubts who owns physical assets of the board now they will belong to the Government of Nunavut. If anyone was going to initiate an action against the board about the way they were treated before April 1, 2000 this act makes it clear that all though the boards will be gone people can seek a remedy from the Government of Nunavut.

Second, all contracts and obligations with which the boards are involved which extend beyond March 31, 2000 will become contracts and obligations of the Government of Nunavut. No one Mr. Chairman will be left with an invalid contract. If someone has entered into an agreement with the board beyond March 31, 2000 then that agreement will have the same force before March 31, 2000, but that agreement will be with the government of Nunavut and not the board.

Third, all employees of the board will become employees of the Government of Nunavut. This amendment makes absolutely clear Mr. Chairman that no one's employment status is affected. This provision carries with it the effect that no employee can claim that they have been dismissed just because the reporting relationship of the name on their pay cheque has changed.

Fourth, whatever employee benefits may have with a board if they conflict with the employee benefits of a government position the provisions for the government position shall prevail. This is a safety clause Mr. Chairman in the event it turns out that some small differences with benefits with individual employees.

Fifth, whatever a board is obliged or empowered to do today the minister will be empowered or obliged to do after April 1, 2000. The intent of that clause Mr. Chairman is

to ensure whatever the situation it will always be clear who can act and in some cases who must act.

Sixth, the boards have authorised certain things such as medical reviews and privileges through bylaws. Ministers, Mr. Chairman, don't make bylaws so we have a provision making it clear that the minister or his designate, the deputy minister or executive director in a region, can provide the same type of authority through ministerial directives or guidelines. As an example the way clinical practices of medical professionals in a hospital are overseen and the rights of doctors to practice with that hospital facility or the granting of medical privileges are regulated by bylaw.

Finally Mr. Chairman, the Standing Committee has expressed their commitment to establish a direct relationship between the communities and this department. My cabinet colleges and I agree wholeheartedly, that the theme of simplicity and unity links initiatives like this integration with open, responsive and accountable government and the encouragement of public participation. Mr. Chairman the amendment recommended by the standing committee clarifies the minister's ability to enter into agreements with communities.

Having offered this overview, I am pleased to appear in front of the committee of the whole today to discuss Bill 10, An Act to Amend the Boards of Management Dissolution Act. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Minister Picco. Mr. Nutarak your opening remarks on Bill 10, coming from the Standing Committee on Culture, Education and Health.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Mr. Chairman I thank you for the opportunity to speak on Bill 10, An Act to Amend the Boards of Management Dissolution Act. As Chairman of the Standing Committee on Culture, Education and Health, I would like to thank the minister for his participation with the standing committee's review process on this Bill, and his willingness to accommodate our concerns.

The standing committee held a number of briefing sessions and meetings with the minister on Bill 10 over the past few months. In particular I would like to note for the benefit for all members of the house that our standing committee sought amendments on two different issues. These were accepted by the minister.

First, this was stated when the government first proposed abolishing the regional boards of management. The government hoped by bringing the functions of the regional health boards into the Department of Health and Social Services this would help ensure there was more accountability and transparency in government services and provide for more Nunavut wide programs and services. The standing committee supports these objectives however the standing committee has, in two different reports, stressed the importance of also continuing to develop the local capacity to participate in health and social services matters.

We are very supportive of the creation and support existing local community health committees. We believe that the involvement of local communities and local organizations will be essential if we are to deal with many of the health and social problems and needs of Nunavummiut. We applaud the minister's recent initiatives to work with hamlets in this regard and encourage his efforts to do more in the future.

However, the standing committee wanted to be certain that the new legislation would in fact insure the minister could enter into agreements with hamlets or with organizations with that are designated by hamlets on health and social services, and we requested an amendment to this effect. Although the new clause is very permissive and does not require agreements, the minister has stated his commitment to work with hamlets in establishing these relationships on health and social service matters.

Secondly, in order to ensure open and transparent government, a core principal in the Bathurst Mandate, we requested that the clause stating the Statutory Instruments Act would not apply to guidelines or policies be deleted. The standing committee has advised that the Statutory Instruments Act requires the government publish certain instruments in the gazette including regulations and appointments and certain directives.

This ensures that the public will have access to this information. The regional boards of management were not required to follow the Statutory Instruments Act. However, the minister and his department are bound by it. The standing committee felt it was very important to ensure that the status quo would change. To the extent that directives and instruments that should fall under the Statutory Instruments Act now that the responsibilities are under the department, they should in fact do so.

However, since the Statutory Instruments Act does not apply to guidelines or policies in any event, the clause in the original Bill was not necessary as a legal matter and was redundant. The committee did not want to be any confusion as to whether the Statutory Instruments Act should apply in other respects. The standing committee is grateful to the minister for withdrawing that particular clause from the Bill and it is not in the reprinted Bill. Those are my comments Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Nutarak. Do we have any more comments. Thank you. Are there any questions. The floor is open for comments and questions on Bill 10. Mr. O'Brien.

Mr. O'Brien: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I would just like to say again that the committee is grateful that you did withdraw the Statutory Instruments Act issue. We spent many weeks discussing with yourself and your legal counsel. We did have concern over it and we appreciate the fact that you realised our concern and withdrew it. Having said that, this legislation is permissive.

The bottom line is that gives a great deal of authority to yourself as a minister, which we understand you should have. I guess you have dealt with it but once more for the record,

if you could explain to the committee what efforts will you undertake to ensure that hamlets are dealt with first when changes are contemplated. I know you have the authority and the mandate to enter into agreements with third parties. So, just of reassurance sake to make it clear to the members of the house and the hamlets, that you will indeed be speaking to the hamlets first and foremost to going out and making arrangements to third party groups. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. O'Brien. Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman first of all a very sincere thanks to the committee and to the chair for his kind words in the opening. The chairman was correct that we did have some good discussion and debate on the Bill itself. In respect to Mr. O'Brien's question, I can commit to the House and this committee, as I have over the last several months and the standing committee review, that the Department of Health and Social Services has moved aggressively to deal in a co-operative approach with the hamlets. That is why Mr. Chairman, we have held several conference calls and indeed I have made changes to ensure a level of comfort to the committee and to the members of the House. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson: Mr. O'Brien.

Mr. O'Brien: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Once again Mr. Minister we thank you for your revision I guess reflecting our concerns in regards to this act. The minister indicated that he had spoken to 23 of the communities in Nunavut. Can the minister confirm as to when these various Hamlets will actually have a functioning body to look after this particular issue. Thank you.

Chairperson: Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, that is up to each of the individual Hamlets when they set up their Standing Committee of the Hamlet. But there are exciting stories and good news stories happening right now. Just this week, I received a letter from Repulse Bay for example, where they have already set up their committee, they're working proactively they have their members in place and so on.

So, that is happening. We feel that probably by the 15th of May most communities in Nunavut will have the standing committees up and running. We are in the process right now of putting together the package, the orientation package for each of the committees that we will be delivering in their communities. It deals with advocacy issues, issues of confidentiality and those types of issues that I have spoken with the Mayors about during the meetings that I have held with them over the past several months. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Picco. Mr. O'Brien.

Mr. O'Brien: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I have another question for the minister. In the rare case that a community does not set up a functioning body to deliver these services, what would happen then in that case. How would the minister deal with that.

Chairperson: Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, that is a good point. As I said before, I think fully 95% or 90% of the communities that we have spoken to have committed to setting up these small standing committees on health in their communities. I have committed to 5 thousand dollars to help with the administration, logistics of these committees. I have already committed to the Mayors with the Premier during the Baffin Leaders' Summit to review that amount to see if there is a possibility of more money. As you know Mr. Chairman, you were at that meeting.

Mr. Chairman what we would do in the case of there being no standing committee on health, we'll be looking at dealing directly with the Hamlet, elected people at the Hamlet level to bring any concerns or issues forward. We also have the opportunity to use our elected officials, our elected members of this House and the other avenues of logistics and advocacy issues being brought forward by other organizations. For example, NTI could be a local organization.

So, there are several different avenues that we could use to bring forward at the community level. But the optimum Mr. Chairman, would be having the standing committees of health set up so that communities themselves can direct those types of issues and community concerns at the local level. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson: Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. First of all, in the first clause, under number five, the members of each board of management shall be deemed to have resigned. I understand that this is what is written and it is effective on March 31, 2000. It doesn't indicate as to whom will be deemed to have resigned. I am uncomfortable with the wording because it would include Hamlet subcommittees or the steering committees. This seems to me that it could also apply to the other committees because the Boards of Management aren't made clear as to which committee it refers to under the management wording.

Maybe Mr. Picco you can explain this clause as to who or which body it refers to specifically.

Chairperson: Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Mr. Chairman, in clause 5 in English it states that the Boards of Management shall be deemed to have resigned as quoted by the member. What that is specifically dealing with is the health boards that we have in the three regions. It has nothing to do with the Hamlets or any other committee or ex-officio committee at the

community level or in the member's community or anyone else's community. It deals specifically with the Boards of Management as outlined in Bill 10, which is before us today. So I think the member's concerns have been brought forward but in this case they are negated by the fact that Bill 10 only deals with the health boards themselves. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson: Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Okay that would be much clearer now. Also, I wanted to get to this item. Mr. Chairman, this measly sum of 5 thousand dollars is going to be used for a full year of operations, it's practically useless. Maybe when there is a Mayor's summit in Hall Beach there was a motion to that effect but I was never in support of that idea even up to today.

These health committees are going to be given huge responsibilities in representing their communities, once they actually start their work. This sum of 5 thousand is going to be way too small for their operation and maintenance and administration functions. I would consider something more in the area to 20 thousand dollars as a grant or contribution to the committees. We should change the figure from 5 thousand dollars because these committees need to be functioning and able to run properly. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Iqaqrialu. Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco (interpretation): Yes that measly sum of money that you claim is not so small. It is a small amount but this amount of 5 thousand dollars is all that there is.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Chairman, I said that I would try to put money on the table. I have committed with every Mayor that I have met with and there has been some good discussion. When I met with the Mayors in the Baffin, there was a discussion about putting seven or 8 thousand dollars on the table. Mr. Chairman, I didn't have that luxury at that time and I don't have that luxury at this time. However, what I did say, Mr. Chairman, and I say it to this House, to the member, that I would review it. We would review it as a department, the 5 thousand dollars to see the sustainability and to see what avenues proactively we could take as a government to use that money.

Now after saying that Mr. Chairman, I think it should be pointed out that in some of the communities, some of the Mayors have stated that they will not use that 5 thousand dollars to pay honorariums they would use that to help enhance the committee. That is fully at the discretion of the individual Hamlets. So I do say to the member, I thank him for his comments, that I will try to increase that amount after an evaluation of one year of the committees running. After having an opportunity after one year to review with the Mayors, the sustainability and indeed, if that amount of money is acceptable and sustainable, I promise and I commit to the House that we would do that. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson: Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Thank you very much for your appropriate response and I believe that you are going to do all you can to review that figure and I do know that is going to go ahead. That 5 thousand has never been used to date, this is the first time that we have heard about that figure and I am sure that once we go through a year it will be too small. I would like to see the Minister of Health and Social Services do his best to rectify that matter. So, those are my two questions Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Iqaqrialu. Last person Mr. Alakannuark.

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. I would like to ask a question of the Minister of Health & Social Services and I would also like to take this opportunity to thank him for meeting with our Standing Committee. If we are going to be setting up, you said that you would be using the health committees at the community level. How much authority and how much power do these committees have. Thank you.

Chairperson: Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I thank the member for his question and I should say that the member has brought forward some good questions during the debate over the last couple of months at the community level. The member makes a good point and this has come up in the past, it came up with the Mayors, and the Standing Committee, what types of power would the Standing Committee of Health have.

Mr. Chairman, I say to you that the standing committees on health in each individual Hamlet will have the power that the Hamlet gives it. If the Hamlet decides that the committee will be limited to advocacy issues for example, then that's what they would be doing. If the Hamlet decided that they should be dealing with complaints or issues of confidentiality, looking at health promotion, looking at building healthy communities, looking at programs under Health & Social Services at the community level, then they would be allowed to do that.

What we are trying to say, Mr. Chairman, is that we are willing to go further into this devolution of programs and services maybe moving into the committees taking on more responsibility. But at the present time we look at them as a community resource dealing with health and social issues right at the community level. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson: Thank you. Mr. Alakannuark.

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Thank you for your response Mr. Minister. My next question is in regards again to the community health committees. Once they are given those responsibilities and authority, who will be making the decisions on health and social issues. Would it be the committee or the Hamlet and who is going to be recruiting the health professionals and nurses. Thank you.

Chairperson: Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, unlike the health boards that were in place before that looked after Bills, invoicing, payment of salaries and so on and so forth. All those responsibilities now will be done with the Department of Health and that is what we talked about earlier with the cost savings issues. The committee at the local level, for example in the Keewatin region, some of the committees that are in place actually get involved in the hiring of staff. For example, we would have some of the members of the health committee in situations where they would be interviewing nurses, social workers, and so on. The committee would not actually be doing the hiring themselves it would be the Department of Health & Social Services at the local region, but I see the committee playing a role in deciding who will be working in their community, for example in local hires, with CHR's and so on. That could be done directly with and in co-operation with the health committee.

We see the health committees focusing on promotion. For example, if teenage pregnancies, Mr. Chairman, were a problem or a concern in a given community then that's where the health committee might say look we have to deal with this issue. Then they would go to the member or me as the minister and ask us for resources to help deal with that issue at the community level.

That would be an example of what the health committee could be doing. They could be cessation of tobacco or it could be other issues. Sorry about that. You want me to slow down there, or keep going Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I think I have finished my response to the member and I am available for any other responses. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): The minister has finished. General comments or questions. Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Just a comment and to respond to Mr. Alakannuark's question. Looking at the proposed Bill here we tried to put something in there where the local governments would have more authority now should this Bill go through. Then they would be able to take on more responsibility and take on programs, like the suicide prevention programs for example. But the Hamlets at the community level could start up such programs, that is just an example and a supplementary to the answer that was given to Mr. Alakannuark. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Questions, comments. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. On item number 4, it talks here about hospital insurance. Could you elaborate further on the types of insurance that we are talking about here. I am asking this question for clarification.

Chairperson (interpretation): You can't reprimand me, Mr. Iqaqrialu. Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, is the member referring to (4) on page 2. Thank you Mr. Chairman. Okay, thank you Mr. Chairman, we have found it. In response to the member, under that section under medical practitioners, it is just pointing out that doctors under the Hospital Insurance and Health & Social Services Act, are not deemed to be public servants or public employees, under the Public Service Act, I believe. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson: Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Possibly, I could elaborate on this question further. Doctors and prescription drugs, different types of prescription drugs, I would assume that prescription drugs are included in the hospital insurance, what about the prescription drugs.

Chairperson: Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Mr. Chairman, the member, like I said under this Act, the medical practitioners under (4), I am just pointing out for greater clarity, that doctors are not considered public employees. The issue of prescription drugs and so on is outside the scope of the Bill that we are discussing today. It falls under the Non-Insured Health Benefits, that are provided by the Federal Government. The member is correct those items for Inuit, under that agreement that we have with the Federal Government, are provided free of charge. That is outside the scope of this Bill. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): General comments or questions. Is there anything further. Would you like to go clause by clause then. Bill 10, page 1. An Act to Amend the Boards of Management Dissolution Act. Clause 1, agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Clause 2. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Clause 3. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Clause number 4. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Bill 10 – An Act to Amend the Boards of Management Dissolution Act. As a whole. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Bill 10 is now ready for third reading. Thank you Mr. Picco and your staff member for appearing before the House. Thank you very much members for keeping this as brief as possible. We will take a ten-minute break and decide what we are going to be doing when we get back. Ten minute break.

>> *Committee recessed at 4.36 p.m. and resumed at 4.55 p.m.*

Bill 14 - Interim Appropriation Act

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you for coming back. We are ready to proceed with Bill 14. If the minister would come to the witness table with the witnesses unless you want to make your opening remarks first. Minister of Finance Mr. Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I have some brief opening comments. This Bill authorises the government to make operations & maintenance expenditures and capital expenditures for the 2000-2001 fiscal year from April 1 2000 to May 31 2000. It will allow the government to function until the Legislative Assembly has finished debate of the appropriation act. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Minister Ng. Perhaps you can go to the witness table. Mr. Ng has presented his opening remarks. If he can be seated with his witnesses. Welcome. Thank you for coming before the committee. Mr. Minister if you can introduce you witnesses for the record.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you Mr. Chairman. To my right is Bob Vardy, the deputy minister. To my left is Mr. Roger Perchard Director of Expenditure management. Both are with the department of Finance and Administration. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Minister Ng. I would also like to recognize our legal counsel who is on hand as we need his advice. Welcome. At this time we can proceed with general comments or questions to the Bill. Do we have any comments or questions from the members. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman I believe in previous discussions with the minister that he indicated that the Bill would come to the committee of the whole with the detail by department and what the expenditures are for. I am just wondering if we can go through it item by item and do it like that. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Tootoo. Do we have any general comments. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Do we go directly to Bill 14 for consideration of the clauses of this Bill. That's my question, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Proceed, Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you. On page 1 under section 2. This clause reads this act applies to the period of April 1 to May 31, 2000 within the fiscal year ending on March 31, 2001.

This is the way it reads. It seems to end May 31 and then it ends again on March 31, 2001. I think there has to be a correction under that wording. If so I would like to get this corrected. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman the clause is correct. What we are requesting is authority to spend money for the Government from April 1 to May 31 of 2000. Within the operating year of April 1, 2000 to May 31, 2001. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. I'm going to rephrase my question further. In the fiscal year 99-2000, I am wondering if we are going to get that money from that fiscal year. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Mr. Chairman, I'm not sure about honourable member's question. He referred to the current fiscal year, I believe 99-2000. If that is the case, if there are any unspent funds from this year and it would carry over into the next year. If that was his question. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. I apologize, Mr. Chairman. Within the fiscal year 2000-2001. He was talking about appropriations. Is that coming from that fiscal year's money. That's my question.

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Minister.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Yes, the member is correct. I thank him for clarifying that. It's correct yes.

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. I wonder if the briefing was done yet concerning the money that we are finished dealing with. We haven't gone to the main estimates and I see there is going to be a substantial amount already removed for April and May. I am wondering if our budget for the new fiscal year is going to be short

because we're going to take this money out of that budget to be. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Hon. Kelvin Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman if you look at clause 6 of this Bill, once the regular main estimates that haven't been debated yet, when the main estimates and the capital estimates are approved the spending authority of this Bill is wiped out. This is just an interim measure to allow the government to operate until the budget is passed. The main budget. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Ng. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Our budget then the appropriation is for 121 million dollars for the 2 months. Just within that 2 months is that my correct understanding. If we don't spend that same amount are we just going to lose that money that is allocated under the appropriations. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Minister Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you Mr. Chairman. No. If we don't use the money it becomes part of the budget of each of the departments. As I indicated once the main estimates that we have to review yet are finalized and are approved then the budget will supersede anything on this appropriation act. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): I have no names on my list. We had a name but he removed his name from the list. General comments or questions. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman again this is just for the record. The minister indicated in earlier meetings that something that's identified or started off by this Act whether it is on the program side or capital side, in the event that it didn't get approved through the main estimates it would be dropped. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman I did indicate that during a standing committee review. That is the case. Yes. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman if we could go through each clause I wouldn't mind if we go through each item by item on page 2. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Are we agreed clause by clause. Thank you. Thank you I was given glasses I forget from whom. Mr. Kattuk. Section 1 on Bill 14. Interim Appropriation Act. April 1 to May 31 2000. Clause 1 agreed. Clause 2, Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Item by item, I thought we were going to go through the numbers on page 2. Item by item. Not the clauses. Okay all the clauses on the front and no use to go through the numbers on the back.. I thought we were going through the numbers first. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Do you agree with Mr. Tootoo's suggestion. The amounts appropriated for the period April 1 to May 31 2000. Vote 1, operations & maintenance. Items 1 to 12, operations & maintenance. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman on that vote 1 operations & maintenance dollars. I just was wondering if I could ask the Minister of Finance to go through each department and explain what those dollars are going to be used for. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman if I may, maybe I can do all 12 of them and answer questions afterwards. If that is okay with the committee.

For the first three, Legislative Assembly, Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs, Finance and Administration, basically it is two twelfths of spending. April and May in other words, two months pro-rated or 16.7% give or take a half a percentage point. So, it's pretty straightforward.

Item 4, Mr. Chairman is Human Resources and that one is a bit lower than the 16.7%. It's actually 13.5% of their yearly appropriation for operations & maintenance. The reason for that Mr. Chairman is because there is no need for relocation costs early on in the year. The bulk of hiring will be later during the summer type of thing when families generally finished school and prepare to make such moves.

For Justice, Item 5, Item 6 Public Works, those 2 amounts again are roughly the 2 twelfths of their yearly appropriations. Item 7, Community Government and Transportation is a bit higher, roughly 20% of their appropriations requested, Mr. Chairman. Primarily it is because of contributions to Municipalities that they have to do quarterly versus monthly. So there is some additional up front needs there.

Mr. Chairman, Item 8 Culture, Language, Elders & Youth is at 15 %, Item 9 for Education it's a bit higher than the 2 twelfths. They are roughly at 22%, 30 million dollars. Again, this is primarily because of quarterly contributions to Divisional Boards of Education that they give out in advance.

Item 10, Health and Social Services is pretty well at the 16% mark.. Sustainable Development is one that is about 25 % of their appropriation. Again, it would be in respect to some contributions in advance.

Item 12, the Housing Corporation falls right into the 17% range. Mr. Chairman. That's basically the break up percentage wise for each of the funded departments and corporations and it's for salaries and benefits and operating expenses for the first 2 months of operation. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): General comments. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman I think most of it is pretty straightforward. Just on number 12 on the Housing Corporation. In the Minister's budget address he talked about some leasing of new units. I am just wondering if any funds for those leases are included in this interim amount. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Ng. Which one you will respond.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman I don't have that specific detail for each request as I indicated, I gave each department. We put together the information. I don't know if the minister has the specifics either. Whether or not there are specific amounts for that. I have specifics for the capital appropriations. I knew that there was more of an interest there. So, for the operations & maintenance end of things, given generally the 16% or the 2 twelfths budget, we didn't get into too much detail. We didn't ask for too much detail, quite frankly from each of the departments on that. I know there was more interest as I indicated on the capital end of things. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman I guess I was worried about the leases for projects that may not be approved. I can see it's assuming continual leases. I guess my concern is that they will be new leases signed before the whole program itself being approved in the House. I know it would be pretty tough once those leases are signed to get out of them. So, I just would want to ensure that they are not signed before the departmental budget being approved. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Ng

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman I can assure the member that that would not be the case. As I indicated in earlier discussions before the standing committee, we don't anticipate any award of any leases. The capital projects wouldn't take place before this House rising once the final main appropriations are completed.

As we all know we're targeting a date just before Easter. April 20th roughly four weeks away. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Questions. If we don't have any more, final item. Operations and maintenance appropriation. One hundred and 6 million dollars and 63 thousand, agreed?

Some Members: Agreed

Chairperson (interpretation): Under part 2. Vote 2 Capital. Capital items. Capital appropriations. Eighteen million 447 thousand. Minister Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, if I may address the capital needs I think the members are bringing forward about the detail on some of the capital that's being requested. I could read each department and then answer your questions.

For Public Works 3.9 million dollars. I'll list each project and the amounts for that, Mr. Chairman. Cape Dorset, for fuel tank increases, capacity code upgrade, 805 thousand dollars.

Baker Lake increased capacity, code upgrade 980 thousand dollars. Various Kivalliq install temperature compensation meters, 63 thousand dollars. Kugluktuk increased capacity, code upgrades 952 thousand dollars. Taloyoak inspect and repair the resupply pipeline 160 thousand dollars. Finally, Mr. Chairman, various Kitikmeot, install temperature compensating meters, 90 thousand dollars. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): We have two members who raised their hands. Member for Tunnunig, Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): I thought the other fellow over here was the eldest. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. To public works, I know I have the detail concerning capital appropriations. Under that detail is also included for the Nunavut Housing Corporation the amount of 3 million dollars as an appropriation. Can he indicate to me what this details. Does this include housing projects, just what projects does this encompass. Thank you.

Chairperson: Minister Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you Mr. Chairman. The member brings up a good point, the Housing Corporation is at the end. I was going by order, what I was trying to do was go by each department and answer questions as I go. However, if members want me to read it all off for them, it is up to them how they want to do it. I was proposing that we go by department. I think it is more manageable that way, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

Chairperson: Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Community Government and Transportation. Under number 14, 582 thousand. My friend beside me keeps interrupting me. I will just wait until we get to those items then. I am sorry.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. We are reading public works. Do we have comments on the public works details under that item. Mr. Ng, maybe you can continue with Community Government & Transportation. Item 14, Mr. Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you Mr. Chairman. If you may, given that this is the biggest capital plan appropriation requested. There are 25 items so please bear with me. Okay Mr. Chairman, Arctic Bay sewage disposal improvements, 170 thousand dollars. Grise Fiord water supply improvements 1 million 100 thousand dollars. Hall Beach water reservoir 5 thousand dollars. Iqaluit sewage treatment plant 3 million 320 thousand dollars.

Kimmirut arena 900 thousand dollars. Pangnirtung sewage lagoon, 800 thousand dollars. Pond Inlet sanitation site 185 thousand dollars. Various Baffin block funding, 63 thousand dollars. Resolute Bay rehab of the airport taxiway, 300 thousand dollars.

Kugluktuk water line replacement, 250 thousand dollars. Taloyoak increase water storage capacity 20 thousand dollars. Various Kitikmeot, fire alarm systems, 20 thousand dollars. Various Kitikmeot regional block funding, 45 thousand dollars.

Arviat, community hall 550 thousand dollars. Arviat water reservoir, 5 thousand dollars. Baker Lake, snow fence, 30 thousand dollars. Chesterfield, snow fence, 25 thousand dollars. Rankin Inlet, snow fence, 15 thousand dollars. Rankin Inlet Nuvuk subdivision, 550 thousand dollars. Rankin Inlet sewage upgrade, 45 thousand dollars. Rankin Inlet, fire truck, 220 thousand dollars. Repulse Bay garbage truck, 57 thousand dollars. Whale Cove garbage truck, 57 thousand dollars. Various Kivalliq block funding, 60 thousand dollars. Finally, various Kivalliq, community plans, 8 thousand dollars. Total 8 million 800 thousand. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Comments or questions from the floor. Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. In regards to Pond Inlet, I didn't really write it down, I should have written it down. I just wondered if you could repeat that.

Chairperson: Mr. Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Mr. Chairman, Pond Inlet sanitation site, 185 thousand dollars. Thank you.

Chairperson: Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Also in regards to the arena, in Pond Inlet we requested a renovation for the arena, it's just a little siding on the inside, it's very small, and it's very cold in the wintertime. We wanted a renovation for the arena in Pond Inlet. It is not in this capital funding. Will they be doing some renovations in this summer.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I am only speaking to the interim appropriation capital requirements for each department. For the specifics on other projects that are not in here it will be in the departmental business plans that come before the committee during the debate on the 2000/2001 Estimates, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

Chairperson: Mr. Anawak.

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Yes, it's not in the capital interim amounts but we are going to be doing the planning on the Pond Inlet renovation of the arena.

Chairperson: Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. These appropriations will be contracted and they have to be able to get the materials delivered by ship, that's the reason why I asked about the Pond Inlet renovation on the arena. That was my question, thank you.

Chairperson: Mr. Anawak.

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): Yes, I am not really sure exactly what we are going to do with the arena in Pond Inlet, but I am not really sure whether my staff have dealt with this but I will look into it and I will talk with Mr. Nutarak. Thank you.

Chairperson: Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Also, the garbage site that is to be dealt with by this appropriation here. I just want to find out from the Community Government & Transportation minister whether there was going to be more. I thought the funding would be more to renovate or to restore the garbage dump. It was closed down because of health reasons, it had to be about 400 metres away from the community. The environmental health officer had to have it moved away from the community.

The Hamlet I think we are going to need a little bit more money than that. Therefore, because of the environmental health officer's request to move the garbage site away from the community I feel that the money is not enough. We would like to be able to get some lots opened up after we fix up the foundation from where the garbage site was.

Chairperson: Mr. Anawak.

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. The money is just for the planning I think and some of the money would be for the clean up of the site. We would be asking the Department of Health to make sure that the site that was restored after the dump was restored, whether there could be lots designated for building houses.

We would have to find out from the health department and we would have to talk with the Housing Corporation to find out whether that would be appropriate and with the health department to see whether it was in a safe place.

(interpretation ends) We have to ask for a waiver once we have done the project for the completion of the work for that sanitation site. Then for the rest we would ask for a waiver from the department of health.

Chairperson (interpretation): Is that it. Mr. Akasuk. Mr. Tootoo. Mr. Minister, you could go ahead with your next detail. Item 15, Mr. Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Next is for Culture, Language, Elders & Youth. The interim appropriation is 167 thousand dollars for their heritage centres capital. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Do you have a question, Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Heritage centres, where in which communities.

Chairperson: Mr. Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I don't believe this is for designated communities, it is based on their capital contribution policy for distribution to any place that merits...no, sorry maybe I will ask the minister to respond to it. Thank you.

Chairperson: Mr. Havioyak.

Hon. Donald Havioyak: Thank you Mr. Chairman. This is for the material that is going to be shipped to Cambridge Bay so that they could do some ordering ahead. It is for the shipment of the material for the Heritage Centre once it is approved, they will be ready to order the materials. This is for shipping. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Havioyak. Is that part of the Heritage centre in the school.

Hon. Donald Havioyak: Yes that is part of the school. The heritage centre will be part of the school in Cambridge.

Chairperson (interpretation): Please recognize the Chair when you want to speak. If there are no more questions on this item, Mr. Ng, please continue. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I will wait until the Education one comes up. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you Mr. Chairman. ...*audio unavailable*... an additional 550 thousand dollars. Cambridge Bay new high school, 500 thousand dollars. Pelly Bay Kugaruuk School addition, 300 thousand dollars. By the way Mr. Chairman, last but not least, Baker Lake, Jonah Amitnaaq school 100 thousand dollars. Totalling 1 million 500 thousand. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Questions or general comments. Questions. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I am not sure, maybe the Finance Minister can correct me or not. This shows here in the Cambridge Bay high school total capital of 7.9 million dollars. We just heard from the Minister responsible for Culture, Language, Elders & Youth that there is another half a million dollars going into that project. That would bring the total up to 8.4. I don't know if this is the place to ask if there is any more money going in there. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson: Mr. Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I don't know exactly how much of a total Culture, Language, Elders & Youth are asking for, maybe the minister can answer that. I don't believe it is a total 500 thousand, but other than this, Mr. Chairman, I don't know if there are any other contributions from other departments, but I don't believe that's the case. Otherwise, it would be listed in the capital appropriations, unless it is specific to grants and contributions programs that are funded outside of that. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Any more. General comments or questions. If there are no more general comments or questions, Mr. Ng. Go ahead.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you Mr. Chairman. For Health & Social Services. Baker Lake hospital, minor renovations, 70 thousand dollars. Baker Lake children's group home, 125 thousand dollars. Repulse Bay, health centre, 36 thousand dollars. Various Kitikmeot, equipment and vehicles, 105 thousand. Totalling 336 thousand. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Questions. If there are no general comments or questions. Mr. Ng, go ahead.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Sustainable Development. Various Nunavut training centres, 50 thousand dollars. Nunavut promotional exhibit, 100 thousand dollars. Iqaluit Sylvia Grinnell Park, 50 thousand dollars. Unikkaarvik Centre, 50 thousand dollars. Pelly Bay office garage, 5 thousand dollars. Various Nunavut, equipment replacement, 20 thousand. Equipment replacement, 25 thousand. Mobile equipment, 25 thousand. Mobile equipment parks, 15 thousand. Various Baffin, mobile equipment 60 thousand.

Baker Lake, again. Mobile equipment, 37 thousand. Various Kivalliq, mobile equipment, 40 thousand. Kugluktuk, mobile equipment 40 thousand. Various Kitikmeot, mobile equipment, 40 thousand. Total 577 thousand. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): General comments or questions. If there are no general comments or questions, the last item. Mr. Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Nunavut Housing Corporation, various Nunavut, mobile equipment, 66 thousand. Fire damage, 100 thousand. Public housing construction, 3 million 668 thousand. Modernisation and improvements, 166 thousand. Finally, expanded down payment assistance program, 166 thousand. Total 3 million 166 or 67 thousand rounding. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): General comments or questions. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I would just ask the minister I didn't catch if there were any M&I dollars projects listed in that. I know those are the types of projects that materials need to be ordered to be done throughout the rest of the season. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson: Mr. Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Modernisation and improvements, 166 thousand. Thank you.

Chairperson: Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, was there any note of dollars being allocated in there for retrofit programs where materials would also need to be ordered. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson: Mr. Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I conveyed the items that were in the Housing Corporation's interim appropriation request. There is nothing that says retrofit now. Thank you.

Chairperson: Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Under Nunavut Housing Corporation, I mentioned the lots for Pond Inlet. This is just a comment. I would like to go clause by clause now, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Kattuk.

Mr. Kattuk (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. I would like to ask the Minister of Finance if we agreed to this interim appropriation act, I just wondered whether there is any money left. Is there any way that I could put more money into the arena icemaker for Sanikiluaq.

Chairperson (interpretation): Who is going to be responding to his question. Mr. Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: I would say that when the capital estimates are reviewed in committee of the whole if there is general support for looking at a new initiative or a new program that this government doesn't currently finance or any programs and services, then a recommendation could be made and the government will seriously consider that. Thank you.

Chairperson: Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): My last question. For the Minister of Education. There is 1 million 500 thousand there. What is that going to be used for. Bringing the material for the items that you mentioned or is that for shipping costs to bring the materials for the Baker Lake school for example. The reason why I am asking that is because the school in Pond Inlet is way too small and we have to order some materials. Are we not going to order materials for the Pond Inlet School. If you can understand me Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

Chairperson: Mr. Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you Mr. Chairman. These funds obviously wouldn't be for any substantial construction materials. It's to allow the tendering process to continue or to actively initiate it and get the ball rolling on some of these projects, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Is that it. Mr. McLean.

Mr. McLean: Ma'na Itsivauta. I know Baker Lake has been brought up quite a bit today in capital. But if we look at a percentage, I only have 100 thousand dollars for the design of the school where Clyde River got 550 thousand. It looks like there is an uneven distribution of funding and when I go through and look at what the Baffin region got and what the Kitikmeot region got, and the difference between what the Kivalliq region got, the distribution of dollars is not even across the board.

It looks like the Kivalliq is short-changed compared to the Baffin and the Kitikmeot. That is my only comment today. I will get into this more about the distribution of dollars into the Baffin region in the committee of the whole. Thank you.

Chairperson: Mr. Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, all members obviously have the full opportunity to debate any department's budget and I would ask to recognize that over the course of a year we try to make as much balance as we can. But recognizing the differences, like in the case of Cambridge Bay, one major school project will throw a small capital budget, the percentages out of whack temporarily. It has to be recognized that much as we would like to you don't have a budget like this every single year in every community.

So again, it goes back to what I said in the budget address and during questions before the House. You have to look at it over the longer term scale, a five year scale in trying to develop a plan and trying to address the needs and balance those needs fairly and equitably in distribution, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

Chairperson: Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. I agree with the members here, we are just looking at interim amounts for two months. I would like to suggest that we go clause by clause, and also of course every community wants something and I see quite a fair distribution here and every community will get an opportunity to get what they want.

Chairperson: Just a comment. Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): I would like to ask a short question to the Minister of Finance. I believe he was talking about Cambridge Bay and that they are not going to make be getting these huge amounts every year. Does that mean that they will be getting a smaller amount next year. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson: Mr. Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Well again, time will tell, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): If there are no further comments. I don't believe there are any further comments. Mr. Arvaluk.

Hon. James Arvaluk: Thank you Mr. Chairman. If I could clarify a little bit to Mr. McLean, in comparison to Clyde River. We had to order materials for this summer immediately, and that's why we have to do the project design right way because it is in very bad shape. But in Baker Lake 100 thousand will be just to consult the community, talk to the community about what kind of school they want before we actually go into design of the school. We want to talk to the community first and this is what we will do first, because it is a three year plan, so it will not be as urgent as the Clyde River one for the repairs this summer. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): That was just for further clarification. Capital appropriation 18 million 447 thousand. Total appropriation 124 million 510 thousand. Bill 14 Interim Appropriation Act, April 1 to March 31, 2000. Number 1 do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Clause two. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Clause three. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Four.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Five.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Clause 6.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Bill 14, Interim Appropriation Act, April 1 to May 31, 2000, the Bill as a whole. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Bill 14 is ready for third reading. Thank you Mr. Ng, and your staff. Also our legal advisor. Thank you very much. What is the committees' wish at this point. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. I would like to report progress.

Chairperson (interpretation): There is a motion on the floor to report progress. All in favour. Motion is carried. We will ask the Speaker to return to the chair. Sergeant-At-Arms.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Going to the orders of the day. Item 21. Report of the Committee of the Whole. Mr. Irqittuq.

Item 21: Report of the Committee of the Whole

Mr. Irqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker your committee has been considering Member's Statement 50 – 1(3), Tabled Document 27 – 1(3), and Tabled Document 41 – 1(3) and Bills 10, 13 and 14 and would like to report that Minister's

Statement 50 – 1(3) and Tabled Document 27 – 1(3) are concluded. Also, that Bills 10 and 14 are ready for third reading. Mr. Speaker, I move that the report of the committee of the whole be concurred with. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Irqittuq. The motion is in order. All in favour. Opposed. The motion is carried. Item 22, Third Reading of Bills. Mr. Picco.

Item 22: Third Reading of Bills

Bill 10 – An Act to Amend the Boards of Management Dissolution Act - Third Reading

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move seconded by the Honourable Member for Cambridge Bay that Bill 10 – An Act to Amend the Boards of Management Dissolution Act be read for the third time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Picco. Orders of the day. Mr. Clerk. Sorry, the motion is in order. All those in favour. Opposed. Abstentions. The motion is carried. Bill 10 has had third reading. Unanimous. Item 22, third reading of Bills. Mr. Ng.

Bill 14 – Interim Appropriations Act, April 1st to May 31st, 2000 - Third Reading

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Kugluktuk that Bill 14 – Interim Appropriation Act, April 1 to May 31, 2000 be read for the third time. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Ng. The motion is in order. All those in favour. Opposed. The motion is carried. Bill 14 has had third reading. Item 22, third reading of Bills. Third Reading of Bills. Going back to the orders of the day, item 22. Orders of the Day. Mr. Clerk.

Item 23: Orders of the Day

Clerk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Wednesday, March 29, a meeting of all members at 10 o'clock in the morning in the Chambers for the selection of Speaker.

Orders of the Day, Wednesday, March 29

1. Prayer
2. Ministers' Statements
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 - Bill 13
 - Tabled document 41 - 1(3)
21. Report of the Committee of the Whole
22. Third Reading of Bills
23. Orders of the Day.

Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Clerk. Before we adjourn and while we have the opportunity, I would like to thank the four pages that have been with us for the past five days during the proceedings. They are from the Inukshuk High School in Iqaluit. Their names, Fauna Kingdon, Naunuq Kusugak, Peter Gilhuly, Katie Tufts, Pascal McLellan. Thank you very much for your assistance.

>>*Applause*

This House stands adjourned until Wednesday, March 29, 2000 at 1:30 p.m.

Sergeant-At-Arms.

>>*House adjourned at 6:00 p.m.*

