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Members Present

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

Item 1: Opening Prayer

Speaker (Mr. O'Brien): I would like to ask Mr. Puqiqnak to say the opening prayer.

>>*Prayer*

Speaker: Good afternoon members. Ublukkut. We are getting off to a late start today. We'll be moving right into Ministers' Statements and attempting to conclude at 6 o'clock if that's the member's wish. Item 2. Ministers' Statements. Hon. Paul Okalik.

Item 2: Ministers' Statements**Minister's Statement 92 - 1(3): Minister's Absence**

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker I wish to advise the members of the House that Honourable Ed Picco will be absent today Thursday March 30, 2000 and Friday March 31, 2000 to attend FPT Ministers of Health meeting. Thank you Mr. Speaker

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Premier. Item 2. Ministers' Statements. Mr. Okalik.

Minister's Statement 93 - 1(3): Appreciation of Donald Havioyak's Contribution

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker Mr. Speaker on behalf of my cabinet colleagues, I want to take this opportunity to thank Donald Havioyak for his contribution during the past year.

(interpretation ends) I know his decision to step down from cabinet was not an easy one. I respect that decision and I understand he feels it's the best way he can represent his community and the people looking to him for leadership and guidance.

(interpretation) Mr. Havioyak will be certainly missed at the cabinet table. I look forward to working with him as a regular member. I am also sure that he will continue to promote his culture and language within this Assembly.

As he did as a member of the Cabinet. I want to wish Mr. Havioyak and his family all the best again I want to thank Mr. Havioyak for his contribution to the development of the government within the first year of the Nunavut Government, and I look forward to many discussions with him in the future. Thank you very much Mr. Speaker

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Premier. Ministers' Statements. Ministers' Statements. Moving on to item 3. Members' Statements. Mr. Barnabas.

Item 3: Members' Statements

Member's Statement 230 - 1(3): Senior Assignment Program Graduates

Mr. Barnabas (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker last night I was honoured to be apart of the graduation ceremonies held for the Nunavut Senior Management participants. The turn out at the ceremony was great.

(interpretation ends) Almost all of my colleagues were there to pay their tribute to these hard working graduates. Seeing them last night made me so proud and made me realize that all of our Nunavummiut are devoted to their future. I realize that the Honourable Kelvin Ng recognized the participants yesterday during his statement. However, I would like to mention all of them today for a job very well done.

The participants are: Siobhan Arnatsiaq-Barnes, Nute Arnauyumayuk, Phoebe Hainnu, Sandra Inutiq, Shaun Ittinuar-Edwards, Peter Ivalu, Paul Kowmageak, Helen Larocque, Paul Nuyalia, Paul Pemik, Jacqueline Shouldice, and Andrew Tagak Jr.

I would like to recognize one particular person I am who I truly thought of today. Mr. Nutarajuk Arnauyumayuk. He comes from my constituency of Arctic Bay. He was very dedicated and I want to be able to share with you today my great pride on him for a job well done Training takes a lot of hard work and dedication. For these people who have worked so hard to achieve their goals to be beneficial as part of Nunavut, I would like to commend them. Thank you Mr. Speaker

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Barnabas. Members' Statements. Mr. Alakannuark.

Member's Statement 231 - 1(3): Passing of Beatrice Qaunarq

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker I will be speaking in my Nattilik dialect. A few days ago in my constituency of Repulse Bay, Beatrice Qaunarq passed away. First of all, I send my regrets and condolences to the family and friends.

Beatrice was the mother of Mr. Anawak's adopted daughter Amanda. They both attended the funeral, Mr. Anawak has been very supportive of his family in Repulse Bay, and I would like to thank him very much for that. When your dear family members do pass away, it is very nice to get a visit from a family member and get support from them while they are grieving.

On behalf of my constituents, I give my sincere appreciation to our Government Leader Paul Okalik, and Mr. Anawak for supporting friends and family of Beatrice Qurnaqa. Thank you Mr. Speaker

>>Applause

Speaker: Member's statements. Mr. Nutarak.

Member's Statement 232 - 1(3): Appreciation to Minister Peter Kilabuk

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you Speaker: Mr. Speaker I would like to thank on of my colleagues, the Minister of Sustainable Development who just arrived back from Ottawa this morning who attended the Territorial and Provincial, Federal meetings.

My father-in-law had gone down to Ottawa for medical reasons and I would like to thank the Minister for escorting him back up North. Thank you Mr. Speaker

>>Applause

Speaker: Member's Statements. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Member's Statement 233 - 1(3): Project Surname and Disc Numbers

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker Mr. Speaker I will be making my statement coming from my knowledge and nothing is going to be written. I will be talking about my childhood.

When I was a child we were given names or treaty numbers or E numbers. We were given this kind of disc E-5 numbers. We had E-5 and E-6 numbers depending upon what region you were from. The numbers correlate to the region and I'm very proud of that. I know that this has been our identification for a long time.

After that there was a visit to all the communities by Abe Okpik with the Surname Project. They were putting last names to each individual and he had written down where we came from at that time.

We appreciate him for the work he did. Because we had been identified and after our identification disc we were given surnames. At that time we starting to use the written form and I'm very happy and thankful.

And I would like to say Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporation, NTI has been successful with the land claims and today they use this kind of enrolment identification card to identify you as a beneficiary to the land claim. I would like to say I am very proud to say that we will be using this identification card for the rest of our lives. So I am very proud and happy to use that. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Members statements. Mr. Tootoo.

Member's Statement 234 - 1(3): Openness and Transparency in Budget Process

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you Mr. Speaker my member's statement today is on the budget and the need for openness and transparencies in government. Mr. Speaker before we start the examination of the detail of the 2000-2001 budget I want to express some concerns.

This week it has been apparent that the information in the budget may not necessary be presented in a totally open and transparent way. Mr. Speaker all of us ran as candidates for Legislative Assembly on platforms of openness and transparencies and accountability.

I remember listening to the Minister's speeches last year during the Nunavut Leadership forum and expressing those same ideas. Mr. Speaker some of the events this week should give us a pause for concern.

What is written seems not to be the same as what is said in the House. We should be concerned. What it appears that not communities are treated fairly and consistently we should be concerned. When evaluations, standards and criteria are not clear at best. We should be concerned. Mr. Speaker, it is vital the information presented to this House gives the whole picture not just pieces of the puzzle.

If this Assembly is to make sound decisions, all members must have the information with which to base their decisions on behalf of the public. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Members statements. Mr. Akesuk.

Member's Statement 235 - 1(3): Unilingual Patients

Mr. Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker I have concerns of patients especially elders who are unilingual speaking people who are sent down south for medical reasons.

Sometimes they do not even have escorts and more than once I have met people, elderly people who have been sent down south for medical reasons without escorts. Any they are very concerned about not having escorts going down to Ottawa.

We were going down south to Montreal for medical reasons and elders were sent down to Montreal with no escorts because there was a person meeting them at the airport. Now that we are using the Ottawa medical services the elders are going down by themselves and nobody is meeting them at the airport.

So therefore, I would like to get see this rectified sometime in the future. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Members statements. Mr. Anawak.

Member's Statement 236 - 1(3): Recognition of Mike Panika

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker Sometime ago in the early seventies, negotiations began for self-government and land claims. It seems we have forgotten the importance of those times. We do not seem to honour all the work that was done in those days. They never thought they see the realisation of Nunavut. That we would be actually be in Nunavut with the working government for the people. This was one of the endeavours, this is what they strive for in the days. This was the main reason for the initiative. We do recognise the odd worker of those days.

Today I would like to recognise Mike Panika, who is living in Rankin Inlet now originally from Coral Harbour. This man was not afraid to speak on our behalf and he is not afraid to speak to his member of the Legislature. He was involved in the initial negotiations under the Inuit Tapirisat of Canada to pursue a land claims agreement.

He envisioned a more open government, a more accountable government, and a government closer to the people. I think he can see this as a reality. When he watches the Nunavut government operate he is not afraid to talk to us. My fellow colleagues Ms. Thompson and I met with him in Rankin Inlet.

I think we have to recognise some of the early workers of the time. I know there are many other people that did a lot of work in those days. Sometimes we will be recognising them, but they have probably never seen the open government before this government.

They can see us in operation. So I honour that man today. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Anawak. Members' Statements. Mr. Okalik.

Member's Statement 237 - 1(3): Function in Memory of Inusiq Akavak

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you Speaker: I was at a dinner function last night in memory of Inusiq Akavak who was murdered this year. You have probably seen Inusiq wherever you may be working in Iqaluit.

She always had a smile on her face, as she would sell her carvings to you. Sometimes she sold brooches as well. She was a happy person. I was happy to see many people in attendance at her memorial; her relatives were there too.

We had a dinner in remembrance of Inusiq at one of the hotels and while trying to raise funds for the Women's Shelter here in Iqaluit.

I was happy to see the member for Iqaluit Centre also in attendance, and of course, he beat me in the bidding.

I want to express my gratitude for those who arranged the remembrance dinner. Let us try to remember how we can help other people more. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Premier. Members' Statements. Mr. Puqignak.

Member's Statement 238 - 1(3): Health Care

Mr. Puqignak (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker All the communities in the Kitikmeot have to travel elsewhere to go to hospital. A lot of them require interpreters during their stay at the hospital.

Once the necessary visit is over with and they are escorted to the airport, often the news received at the airport is that there is no room for them to travel back to their communities.

Sometimes they have to wait as long as two days to return to their community. I am wondering why this is always the case. This situation has been in existence for hospital patients for as long as I can remember.

People who work in the government, civil servants always have space on airplanes. It seems to me that we do not give enough consideration to the average patient who has to travel to hospitals out of their community.

We should really take a good look at this and do a review. Also briefly Mr. Speaker, in dealing with the handicapped persons, for instance for people who have hearing and seeing problems or have disabilities, it is something to be very proud of about the things these people can do.

I have a daughter who is considered handicapped. She just fine it is just that she can not hear properly. I can see the happiness in her life. Although she can not keep up with regular students, we were told last winter. Mr. Speaker I seek unanimous consent to conclude my member's statement. May I have concurrence Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: The member is seeking unanimous consent to continue with his statement. Are there any nays. Mr. Puqiqnak you can continue.

Mr. Puqiqnak: Thank you Mr. Speaker. This is just an example that I am using. They were mining representatives in the Jherico mines that were in our community. Who came to do some reports to the people of Kitikmeot. They gave us details on their staffing requirements. Like I said earlier, my eldest daughter is handicapped, and she asked me to find employment for her although she has a hearing problem.

She was not allowed to take any jobs but she was still smiling in spite of all. Little things like that I really notice. So when I see people that are blind or people with other handicaps or people who otherwise cannot keep up with the average students, I always notice that they seem to be happy.

With this in mind, we as a Nunavut Government are we going to keep putting obstacles for their future endeavours. We have to start making plans to accommodate them. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Puqiqnak. Members' Statements. Members' Statements. Mr. McLean.

Member's Statement 239 - 1(3): Recognition of Hugh Ungungai

Mr. McLean: Ma'na Uqaqti. Uqaqti I want to reiterate what my honourable colleague Jack Anawak's statement about Nunavut builders. I rise today to talk again of the coming of April 1, the first anniversary of our swearing in as Nunavut MLAs.

I want to talk about a Nunavut builder again, another person who is no longer with us but in my opinion was a part of building this Territory. He was one of the founding members of the Inuit Tapirisat of Canada, a recipient of the Order of Canada and one of the first Inuit businessmen in Nunavut.

He was also a champion dog musher, an excellent man on the land and a local politician. I would like to recognise a Nunavut builder, Hugh Ungungai. Ma'na Uqaqti.

>>Applause

Speaker: Well said Mr. McLean. Members' Statements. Members' Statements. Item 4. Returns to oral questions. Item 5. Recognition of Visitors of the Gallery. Mr. Havioyak.

Item 5: Recognition of Visitors of the Gallery.

Mr. Havioyak (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker I would like to recognise the residence of Kugluktuk. There are a few people here. Would you please stand when I mention your name. Gordon Buldack, councillor in Kugluktuk, and the other person from the Hamlet council Mayor of Kugluktuk John Tautooinie. Thank you.

Speaker: Recognition of visitors of the gallery. Mr. Akesuk.

Mr. Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker I would like to recognise members from my other riding from the Aqqigiq school in Kimmirut, grade nine students. Also here are assistant Mina Lyta, Elisapee Ikkidluak, teacher Phil Flynn, and Billy Akavak.

Students, Jeremiah Ikkidluak, Takpaungi Pudlat, Mialia Tikivik, Cynthia Pitseolak, Qarpik Ikkidluak, Leeveena Saggiatok, Susie Onalik, Anawak Korgak, Qarpik Josephie, Jamesie Akpik, Mosesee Akpik and Angie Timilak. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Welcome to the Legislature. Recognition of visitors of the gallery. Mr. Barnabas.

Mr. Barnabas (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker I too would like to recognise members from my community, or who used to live in my community but are now living in Iqaluit. A student and page in the House, Teevi MacKay who is in high school in Grade 10 in Iqaluit. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Recognition of visitors on the Gallery. Item 6 Oral questions Mr. McLean.

Item 6: Oral questions

Mr. McLean: (*microphone inoperable*)

Speaker: Mr. McLean if you speak fast you would. We will go to Mr. Barnabas and go back to Mr. McLean once his mike is fixed. Mr. Barnabas.

[Ed. Note: Interpretation audio was unavailable for Oral Questions and responses to 338 and 339 - 1(3). Editorial staff have provided interpretation which may vary slightly from the interpretation provided in the chamber]

Question 336 - 1(3): Inuit Qaujimaqatungit Funding

Mr. Barnabas (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Finance. Since we created Nunavut, we have been talking about our culture and our language, youth and elders because it is important to us, but the funding has not matched our concerns.

The previous minister talked about plans but it still has only one percent of the budget. The capital items for projects are only 2 percent of the budget. I want to know why it is like that when it is so important. Why is there not enough money. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Mr. Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you Mr. Speaker. One has to recognize that the Department of Culture, Language, Elders & Youth we all recognize it as an important department in trying to co-ordinate some of the policies around some of the Inuit traditional knowledge and practices. I think it is also important to recognize that it is not just their responsibility for acknowledging and incorporating that same knowledge and past practices.

It is the responsibility of all government departments whether it is through the Education program, whether it is through similar development programs, through health programs, through justice programs. All departments of government have a responsibility to incorporate traditional practices and knowledge within the framework and delivery of their program and within the framework of trying to reform some of the programs so as to recognize within them the same practices and knowledge Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

Speaker: Mr. Barnabas. Supplementary.

Mr. Barnabas (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Although regular members keep asking and requesting that the previous minister be given more money, it was not working for some reason. So I want to ask, knowing the importance of other departments I want to ask why this important issue of youth and elders was not funded properly. Will it be funded more in the future.

Speaker: Mr. Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you Mr. Speaker. As I indicated earlier it is the responsibility of all government departments under the leadership of their ministers and co-ordinated by cabinet as a whole in trying to deliver programs that recognize traditional practice and knowledge from across Nunavut. So if there are specific needs that are identified, specific monetary needs, if it is felt that any department for whatever purpose in their area isn't receiving adequate funding, then it is an issue that we will address collectively as a cabinet and as a Financial Management Board. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Ng. Oral Questions. Oral Questions. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Question 337 - 1(3): Medical Escorts for Elders

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Since this morning I have been receiving calls from my two communities, Clyde River and Qikiqtarjuaq regarding two elders that are going to a hospital down south. They are not escorted and both are unilingual and both are ill. This has been very upsetting to me. The Minister of Health & Social Services said that he was working on escort issues and I want to know what has been done about this. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Our minister of health is at a national health ministers' meeting and this is one of the issues he is going to be dealing

with. I personally told him to emphasize this issue. The transportation of patients down south is a very expensive program for this government and our unique situation should be recognized. We need more funding in this area. Mr. Picco will be strongly speaking on this issue. We in Nunavut do not have roads and if patients need to go to a hospital they have no choice but to fly. We are working on the issue and asking for more money from the federal government. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Premier. Supplementary. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. The two elders are enroute right now. Can the government ensure that they travel safely and can this be done immediately. One patient requires surgery and the other has shortness of breath. I am very upset about this, if anything can be done I will be very grateful. Once again, this is an urgent issue. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Yes, I will direct my staff to check into this immediately. The government is taking over health issues from the regional boards in a few days and we as a government expect these types of things to be dealt with in a better way. We as a government will be in charge. Improvements are expected in the immediate future. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Premier. Before we go on with Mr. McLean who I know is just biting at the bit to get his question in. We do have a brief technical problem. We would like to have the members stay in their seats and we will have the technicians make the changes. Please be seated and the technician will exchange the microphone equipment.

Okay we will proceed to oral questions, Mr. McLean.

Question 338 - 1(3): DSD Regional Superintendent Position

Mr. McLean: Ma'na Uqaqti. Last week I made a statement about polarised sunglasses and snow goggles and old technology seemed to beat out the new technology and maybe we should just start yelling at each other without this technology but it could escalate. Mr Speaker, I would like to welcome the Minister for Sustainable Development back, he was out on the West Coast there where I have lots of family and friends.

They were talking about the green house effects, global warming and things like that. Coming from one of the coldest communities in Nunavut, I know many other members don't want to hear this, but I don't really miss forty-five below anymore. We are only getting forty below so I hate to complain about global warming but I'll take a few degrees while I'm living up here.

My question today Mr. Speaker, is to the Minister responsible for Sustainable Development. Recently there was a job opening in Rankin Inlet, the regional

superintendent of Sustainable Development I was wondering if the minister could update me on when this position will be filled. Thank you.

Speaker: Mr. Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and thank you Mr. McLean. Yes, I'm just coming back from a trip as the member indicated from Vancouver and I can only respond to his question by saying we will fill this position once a successful candidate has been identified. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you. Mr. McLean.

Mr. McLean: Ma'na Uqaqti. That is good news to hear because in the Kivalliq that is one of the most important positions that we have over there. I wonder if the minister, when considering filling this position, will have a representative from the business community or the Keewatin Chamber of Commerce involved in the selection committee. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. McLean. Mr. Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. At this time and looking at the schedule I cannot identify who will be on the interview team or whether those organizations that you mentioned will be involved. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Mr. McLean. Supplementary.

McLean: Ma'na Uqaqti. I have to emphasise that the business community in the Kivalliq is very concerned and they have to work closely with the individual who is hired to fill this position. I wonder if the minister can assure me that if he can't have somebody from the business community involved in the selection process could he have one of the MLAs from Rankin Inlet in the selection process. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Ma'na Mr. McLean. Mr. Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am not familiar with the individuals concerned. Whoever is concerned with this position can direct their concerns to my department and to the people are responsible for hiring this person. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Mr. McLean.

McLean: Ma'na Uqaqti. It just seems not to be my day with this instrument of modern technology, but I would like to keep pressing the minister because this is a very important issue for the Kivalliq and I have to emphasise that he should maybe have somebody from the business community involved. If he would consider that I could probably call

somebody over there to send them a letter to say they are concerned about being involved in the staffing of this position. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I lost my microphone but to answer your question if they want to be involved in the selection process I would like to see something in writing so we can make a decision. I will wait for that letter then. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral questions. Mr. Tootoo.

Question 339 - 1(3): Housing Corporation Tender Update

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr Speaker my question is for the minister responsible for Nunavut Housing Corporation. It was earlier last week that I asked the minister about a tender and she had indicated at that time she was going to check into it. I would just like to ask the minister if she has made any progress on that issue. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Responsible for Housing. Ms. Thompson.

Hon. Manitok Thompson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I looked into it right away on the very day that the question was asked. He was also concerned about the NWT Housing Corporation being involved in the tendering process. I looked into it and it has to do with a shortage of employees or under-capacity in the Nunavut Housing Corporation so we have the NWT Housing Corporation doing some of the work..

The problem is we do not have enough employees yet. The deputy minister of Public Works made an agreement with the NWT Housing Corporation and we are working together on technical services. At the present moment we are using the NWT Housing Corporation to work on these issues. Thank you.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the minister providing me with that information and I'm surprised that it hadn't been looked into already with me having to ask the question on that. As the minister indicated this is a service that has been contracted back to the NWT Housing Corporation, could the minister provide us with a list of what other services are contracted back to the NWT Housing Corporation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Ms Thompson.

Hon. Manitok Thompson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We did that because we didn't have enough staff and we didn't have the technical services people. If there is anything else that is contracted back I will disclose it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Supplementary Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Following the minister's response I would ask her, as she has indicated a change in services over the year leading through this past year and going into the new year, are the same level of services being contracted back or has the department been able to assume some of those responsibilities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Manitok Thompson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker I'll let the member know. The Housing Corporation is now an entity on its own. Once we fill the positions and have our own technical staff this will become a better situation.

Perhaps it will be easier by way of replying to you in written form. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you Ms. Thompson. The question has been taken as notice and there will be no further questions on this. Oral questions, Mr. Barnabas.

Question 340 - 1(3): Climate Change Conference Information

Mr. Barnabas: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I have been watching the media and my colleague, the Minister for Sustainable Development attending a meeting down south.

In my constituency in the High Arctic scientists are always doing studies on ice and glaciers. They have done scientific studies on global warming and therefore I would like to ask the minister if he could update us on the results of his meeting. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Mr. Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, the meeting that I attended in Vancouver to deal with this issue, all the Canadian Ministers of the Environment and Energy attended that meeting to deal with global warming issues. At this point we are at the planning stages and the north is going to be greatly impacted from global warming. At this point we are now working together to get a memorandum of understanding in regards to this subject.

The results from the scientific study have to be made public and once we have accumulated and collected all the information I'll be able to table the information to the House once it is completed. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Minister. Mr. Barnabas.

Mr. Barnabas (interpretation): Thank you for your response Mr. Kilabuk. I just wanted to confirm that the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans has said that he will not be allocating

funds for global warming research in the high arctic. What is your department doing about that. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Barnabas. Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): We met in Vancouver to strategize and do some planning on how to deal with this issue. This was just in the planing stages and once we have a strategy, in October all the provinces and territories will hold a conference this coming fall.

This meeting was just the planning stages so there was no concrete strategy that was agreed upon. We will be strategizing in the next meeting. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Minister. Oral Questions. Mr. Kattuk.

Question 341 - 1(3): Medical Escorts

Mr. Kattuk (interpretation): I would like to ask a question that is the same concern as my colleague. I will use myself as an example. I have travelled through rough waters where I got scared in the past. My colleague's concern with patients going down south for medical purposes and being scared is comparable.

Two of his constituents going down south were not sure if they would be taken care of. As we speak I'm sure the staff of the Minister for Health and Social Services is watching this proceeding through television so my question is are they are working on this problem as we speak. I know that is hard on these two elders. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): I did not hear a question but I think your question is whether we are working on this as we speak. I think that is what my colleague asked.

We are looking into it and as the minister stated in this house they are looking into the issue of patients travelling down south, whether they are being escorted or not. I will say they are looking into it right now and if we are told which elders have been mistreated in their travels down south then we can look into these problems. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Mr. Kattuk.

Mr. Kattuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I apologise because I know you didn't quite understand me. I am talking about the two individuals going to the hospital and they are travelling on the jet right now as we speak. My colleague is concerned if someone will be meeting them at the airport. As we speak I'm sure the minister's office is watching the proceedings right now and are they doing something about it now.

Speaker: Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I can tell you that when patients travel to Ottawa there is always an escort to meet them at the airport upon arrival. We have heard of the mishaps and most of the problems are eliminated concerning trips and people picking them up at the airport. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Premier. Mr. Puqiqnak.

Question 342 - 1(3): Gjoa Haven Soccer Team

Mr. Puqiqnak (interpretation): For a while I thought I would not be recognized. Thank you. I had some questions from my community and I will direct them to the minister responsible for community government and transportation. Mr. Speaker, my question is the soccer team from Gjoa Haven is hoping to go to a soccer tournament in Yellowknife from May 4 to 7, 2000.

However, they have to pay the registration fee by April 17, 2000. They will need funding support to pay for their transportation, accommodation and registration. They have sought funding from the Nunavut Soccer Association and from the Hamlet but there is none available. Can the minister please advise which organizations have the mandate to provide support for team travel. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Mr. Anawak.

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Now I am copying that fellow across from me. Yes there are a number of sports teams that require funding and we will let them know right away. For all those teams that are interested in obtaining funding from any of the communities and not just the ones the member mentioned. There will be a discussion on where they can go to get information for assistance to find funding.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Anawak. Mr. Puqiqnak.

Mr. Puqiqnak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Supplementary. I understand the response from the Minister. However, although he indicates when they plan to make decisions or in this information as to how much funding will be made available to the soccer teams, can he find out prior to April 17, 2000 to see if they can receive financial support. Can he provide that information soon. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Mr. Anawak.

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes we will do that. I'll find out the information, find out what the staff have done to now and we'll make the information available as soon as possible whether it be through in-house or to the soccer teams themselves. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Mr. Kattuk.

Mr. Puqignak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So that they can be ready for the Arctic Winter Games in 2002, we need to be supporting our local teams so that they can compete with other communities and learn new skills. Is there funding put aside in the interim appropriation Bill which we voted on this week to pay sport team travel in April of 2000.

Mr. Speaker, I know that the Minister is very involved in this concern but these games are considered very important by our communities. Although they want to participate they cannot do so unless they come up with their own funding from within their own communities. At the same time since we are the Nunavut Government we have to be providing for these organizations. We should provide some sort of funding to offset their expenditures. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: If you could please keep your preamble short. Mr. Anawak.

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I agree that our young people should receive our full support to do their optimum in their endeavours to participate in the Arctic Winter Games and to ensure that they come home with the gold medals when the games are played in Nuuk. We are seriously encouraging this assistance and this is under the management of the Sport North foundation.

I will be detailing these and making the information available to the House as well as to the Gjoa Haven soccer team. Also we will inform them whether they can be given the funding before April 17. We will try to let them know well in advance in case we might encounter some difficulties or whereby they might have to find alternative funding. This will relieve some of the pressure so we will ensure that we give this information out well in advance of that date. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Anawak. Oral questions. Mr. Irgittuq.

Question 343 – 1(3): Allocation of Surplus Funds

Mr. Irgittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think our Minister for Finance is falling asleep so he has to wake up a bit. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Finance regarding regional budget allocation and the details. First I want to ask him concerning the surplus monies. Did you put together your surplus from all the departments into one pot. That is my question first. Thank you.

Speaker: Minister of Finance.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker the surplus is a result of all government expenditures from all government departments. Thank you.

Speaker: Oral questions. Mr. Irgittuq.

Mr. Irqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I wonder if the Minister can indicate how many different functions they have within the departments. I wonder if he has details as to the regional budget allocations. Can he indicate to me how much was surplused in the regions. For example, how much surplus was from Sustainable Development Department how much was surplused from Department of Health. I wonder if he can provide that information or does he have the details as to the surplus numbers from each department. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister of Finance.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker as I indicated yesterday in answer I believe, to Mr. Tootoo, I said that we would provide all that information. It is broken out by departments from what we anticipate the projected surpluses will be. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral questions. Mr. Irqittuq.

Mr. Irqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would really like to see those details in from of me. I wonder if he can make those available to me. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister of Finance.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I said that we would provide them as soon as possible, in fact the staff are probably preparing it as we speak. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Ng. Oral questions. Mr. Alakannuark.

Question 344 – 1(3): Term of Decentralized Positions

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am going to address this question to our Premier regarding decentralization. I did not quite understand from my question earlier his response regarding decentralization to the smaller communities. I understand that there are going to be some positions in Repulse Bay but how long will these positions be in those communities. I am wondering about the duration of the jobs because some of the communities are not going to get jobs. Have we considered the smaller communities for decentralization. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, regarding decentralization only some of the communities will actually be getting jobs. We have already known that all along and this was already in place, they were already planned even before our own government took effect. This is an on-going review process.

For those communities that we don't plan to provide decentralized jobs into them we plan to create other opportunities as I have mentioned earlier. For example, we are going to support the creation of a park close to Repulse Bay and in that way the park would have to open an office in Repulse Bay which would create employment. I would really like to pursue this capital project because it will be of benefit to the community residents and that was how I was trying to respond to him. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral questions. Mr. Alakannuark.

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I understand his response very well and I thank him. For those smaller communities I keep saying they have no government staff housing and I'm wondering if you could consider this further remembering that there are not very many government offices or staff housing in those small communities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I cannot answer that definitely as to just where the government staff houses will be. We have to review this once we find out the budget allocation and once the budget is approved in the House then we could probably provide more housing in the communities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Premier. Oral questions. Mr. Tootoo.

Question 345 – 1(3): Surplus Funds for Housing

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker my question again is for the Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation. Mr. Speaker in the 1999/2000 supplementary appropriation Bill that was introduced by the Minister of Finance yesterday, number 3, I would venture to guess this is probably the last supplementary that we will see this year as it ends tomorrow.

Mr. Speaker, I know that since before last fall, members of this House and I believe there's even a motion in this House coming from the regular members and committee of the whole I'm not sure, were asking that if there were any surplus dollars to have them allocated towards housing.

Mr. Speaker, it is my understanding that the supplementary appropriation Bill would be approved by the Financial Management Board based on proposals submitted by departments. I would like to ask the Minister responsible for Housing if her department prepared any proposals to use any of these surplus funds for housing. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister responsible for Housing, Ms. Thompson.

[Ed. Note: Minister Thompson's response has been re-interpreted based on the floor recording]

Hon. Maniok Thompson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Nunavut Housing Corporation was in a complex situation in the beginning because it was been amalgamated from two separate entities.

That being the case our work that we had to carry out was quite difficult although I can tell you this, the funding was something that we didn't know the numbers about until the Minister indicated how much of a surplus he was estimating. Before that we had no information as to what the surplus numbers would be.

I can tell you that the Housing Corporation had a very difficult job to do and they had a lot of numbers and figures to work with. There was a lot of information we had to provide to the committee and this compounded the problem. I think we all know that should there be any surplus we were planning to try to obtain some of that funding.

As I had stated earlier we were still understaffed.

I can tell you that if there is to be any extra money made available we are going to put in a proposal along with the other departments. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker so if I understand the Minister correctly she indicated that the department was too complicated therefore no proposals were prepared. Mr. Speaker I still, did the Minister ask, it was quite evident and hinted from last fall by the members of this House that we would like to see and would support some type of a supplementary if it were to come forward to utilize some surplus funds for housing.

Mr. Speaker, I know the target is a moving target but given in the fall we were told there would be a ten million dollar surplus and it turns out that at the end of the year there is a 34 million dollar surplus, I'm sure there would have been a little bit of room there to develop some type of proposal to even use a fraction of that amount.

I would guess to say that it would have been safe to develop some type of a policy or proposal to use even a fraction of that amount in housing this year. So did the Deputy Minister and the Minister understand that the department didn't bring anything forward. Did she instruct her staff to develop, look at developing, any type of proposal. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Maniok Thompson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am very proud to be speaking in Inuktitut and some times it doesn't come across as well when it goes

through the interpreter. I didn't say that it was too complicated. That's not what I said in Inuktitut, I didn't say that. There was a mistake there.

What I said was the Housing Corporation has been moved to several locations and we just finished the relocation. They were in Community Government & Transportation for a while, then they went to Public Works right afterwards, and now it's a stand-alone organization. If there is going to be any surplus we will be making a request to get some of that funding and I could use an example where the houses that are too old will have to be renovated. There are various things that we have to get and I am very glad that there is going to be a surplus and we will be making a request for some of those surplus dollars. I believe that is quite clear. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I know that this fiscal year ends this weekend and the surplus is then carried over to the next year's budget. So just after this weekend it's somewhat late to be putting forward a sup for a surplus to use this year's funds it's already been lapsed into next year, Mr. Speaker. That's my understanding of it Mr. Speaker.

In her statement Mr. Speaker, the Minister indicated part of the problem for not developing something is she had indicated that she received some inadequate information from the LHO's. I was wondering if the minister could further elaborate on that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Ms. Thompson.

Hon. Maniok Thompson (interpretation): I am sorry you did not understand. I do want to use my own language and I have to use the interpreter. What I said, I could use an example, in Rankin Inlet Mr. Tootoo said that the 1996 figures were too old that were used for the review by the Housing Corporation. Those were what I was talking about. We have to update the information and that is going to be a lot of work.

We don't have enough staff, and I'm talking about staff capacity here and I didn't say anything about the communities, what I said just as an example, we all know that in my budget the standing committee knows that we were recommended to build public housing. These dollars that we are going to be using to build the houses, of course, if it is approved because of course, if it is not approved we will not be building those houses.

Anyway, the task force recommended that we build those houses and we do know that there have to be renovations done on the older units. I think that's clear enough and if there are dollars available we will be renovating the older units. We will be making a request for the surplus dollars to renovate the older units. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Mr. Tootoo.

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

Speaker: Final supplementary.

Mr. Tootoo: You caught me. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess I would just like to get some clarification from the Minister. She has indicated they will be asking or developing a proposal to use surplus funds. In that case, I'm pretty sure of my understanding that after this weekend there are no more surpluses, they're already gone. So is she going to be developing a proposal that will be trying to obtain some of the funds that are in the contingency reserve, that's the 15 million dollar contingency reserve that is being carried over to next year or is that what she means. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister responsible for Housing, Ms. Thompson.

Hon. Manitok Thompson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker what I'm saying is that if there's any shortage then the Housing Corporation, we are going to work on that. We've been doing the best we can. If we know that there is a shortage of funds, we do know that there are too many houses that are dilapidated, the older units that need renovation and of course we want everything to be perfect because of course we have a new government.

There are many people out there that want to have everything new and everything perfect. But it is not possible to have everything done all at the same time. What I'm saying is that if we need further funds I will work on it to get additional funds because that's my job as the Housing Minister. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: As I indicated yesterday, I am trying to select the members that haven't had a question yet or that have only had one question. So next on the list for oral questions is Mr. Nutarak.

Question 346 – 1(3): Pond Inlet Arena Renovations

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think that I should ask this question during another item. It's for Community Government & Transportation. I was talking about the arena, which I was concerned about in this House and the Minister responsible for that department said that he would meet with me. After the session I went there to ask him when he could meet with us and he said he did not have any time so I thought the best way I could ask this question now is in the House.

My question to the Minister is, can I have a meeting with you to talk about the issue I brought up earlier.

Speaker: Mr. Anawak.

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): Yes, we want to get all the appropriate information before we deal with any issues at hand. The Community Government employees, I have

not had an opportunity to meet with my employees on this issue. But we will be meeting with the Deputy Minister possibly today or tomorrow and right after that meeting and once I have the relevant information I will let you know. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Anawak. Oral questions. Mr. Akesuk.

Question 347 – 1(3): Adequacy of Fire Trucks in Communities

Mr. Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Community Government & Transportation. Some of the communities have fire trucks and one of our communities had a concern in regards to a fire truck. Three of us regular members went down I would like to ask the Minister if we do have adequate fire truck services in all the communities that can keep up to the emergency standards. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Mr. Anawak.

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There are two types, I believe you are talking about the fire trucks and then there's the extinguishers that have the same name in Inuktitut. If you are talking about fire trucks we want them in top maintenance so that they will be readily available should there be a fire. We do know that if you have a fire truck or if there's a fire truck in any community that's not so serviceable we will work very hard to get it up to standards or serviceable I just want to tell the member that.

You could let our department know or let us know which community's fire trucks need servicing or needs to meet the standards. We work very hard to have all equipment in top condition. Of course our dollars are limited, but I can tell the Member that we will work hard because it's a life saving device and if we..*audio unavailable*...

Speaker: Mr. Irqittuq.

Question 348 – 1(3): Staff Housing in Decentralized Communities

Mr. Irqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Finance and Administration, Mr. Ng. This issue is in regards to decentralization. The staff housing that will be built, are all of them completed now. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Irqittuq. Minister.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, there are office buildings and there is housing. I believe federal Public Works are undertaking the final inspections on the units and the majority of them are ready to be turned over to the Government of Nunavut and I expect that it may happen any day now. Thank you.

Speaker: Mr. Iqittuq.

Mr. Iqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Do the number of units built match the number of employees that are going to the communities.

Speaker: Mr. Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I don't think when the Nunavut Implementation Commission made their recommendations and the program undertaken to provide staff with office buildings was fully co-ordinated in respect of total numbers. Having said that I would also like to recognize that since this government took office we had an opportunity to review the decentralization plans and make some adjustments accordingly to try and address some of the deficiencies and address some of the needs in balancing that out.

As a result of that, not everything matches perfectly in respect of office space and housing to the employees. But, having said that, there is enough in the majority of communities to allow for some decentralization to take place and that is part of the ongoing process of trying to implement it fully, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Ng. Question period is up. I will ask the members if they would wish to take a fifteen-minute break. We do have some technical problems that have to be addressed and if we can break for fifteen minutes, hopefully they will be repaired or replaced by the time we return. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Speaker: Sergeant At Arms.

>>House recessed from 4.36 p.m. and resumed at 5.00 p.m.

Speaker: Back to the orders of the day. Item 7. Written Questions. Item 8. Returns to Written Questions. Item 9. Replies to Opening Address. Item 10, Replies to Budget Address. I am sure that is better. Replies to the Budget Address. Item 11, Petitions. Item 12. Reports of Standing and Special Committees. Item 13, Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills. Item 14, Tabling of Documents. Mr. Iqittuq.

Item 14: Tabling of Documents

Tabled Document 56 – 1(3): Letters Regarding Contract Negotiations

Mr. Iqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I am tabling six letters from my constituency. They are from the communities of Igloolik and Hall Beach. These documents are letters regarding Contract Negotiations

Speaker: Item 11, Petitions. Item 14, Tabling of Documents. Item 15, Notices of Motions. Item 16, Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Mr. Anawak.

Item 16: Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills

Bill 16 – An Act to Amend the Property Assessment and Taxation Act - Notice

Hon. Jack Anawak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Monday, April 3, 2000 I will move that Bill 16, An Act to Amend the Property and Taxation Act be read for the first time. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Anawak. 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. Bill 13, Appropriation Act. Bill 15, Tabled Documents 41 – 1(3), Tabled Documents 51 – 1(3), with Mr. Iqaqrialu in the Chair.

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

Bill 15 – Supplementary Appropriations Act, No. 3, 1999/2000

Chairperson (interpretation): There is a motion to deal with Bill 15. All in favour. Thank you. I have not seen you from this position for a while. Bill 15, there was a motion to start with Bill 15, Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 3, 1999/2000. This part of No. 3, I believe we will have to start with Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 3.

Under number 6...*audio unavailable*...260 thousand was approved... *audio unavailable*...Any questions. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): I believe we are in agreement. 260 thousand. Agreed? Bracket, 8, end bracket and underneath, Community Government, 247 thousand. Comments. All in favour.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Community Government in total. 247 thousand negative. Any comments. The information is here in these binders. Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Where are you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Second to last. 240 thousand. We said that these were unexpended. I guess a better way to say it is that they were not approved. Those are the ones that we are dealing with at this point. Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): I was not quite finished yet. The 260 thousand you said was not approved. Underneath there is 100 thousand down at the bottom. There are three of them. There is 57 thousand, 97 thousand and 100 thousand down at the bottom. Is that part of the 260 thousand.

Chairperson (interpretation): I apologize that is different. You are talking about something totally different. It's page 6. Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Number 3, when I look at page 6, I believe that is what we are talking about here. It is 260 thousand, up at the top I guess it wasn't approved. We agreed to that and right underneath there is 247 thousand, which was not approved. Down at the bottom there are three different numbers. In my Inuktitut anyway, if you are reading the Inuktitut. The top is 260 thousand and you said that it would be used for described positions and then there is the 100 thousand that would be used for these purposes.

My question is, is that part of the 260 thousand.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Nutarak. That was my mistake. I believe the Minister can respond if you would like. Minister of Finance.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, the 260 thousand dollars negative, you have to add on that 100 thousand dollars because it is from a different category in Community Government. So the total of the 260 from the directorate plus the 100 thousand as part of the Community Government negative is the total project for Kugluktuk. If you add on the 97 thousand dollars from the Town of Iqaluit and the 50 thousand from Cape Dorset, then you have the total figure of 570 thousand dollars negative from these spending categories and it shows up again on page 9 for the capital. So it all balances out. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Minister of Finance. Mr. Barnabas.

Mr. Barnabas (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. I don't agree to the 260 thousand figure because I know that we have made repeated requests to have them changed in regards to Resolute Bay, which is never funded, and Kugluktuk is given funds. We have been making repeated requests and we never got the funds or cannot agree.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Barnabas. Minister of Finance.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I can't speak to what has or hasn't happened in Resolute Bay. I believe that there were problems, I don't know if the member is referring to the freeze up of the water mains, but in this particular circumstance, there was a freeze up of the water main, and the Department of Community Government & Transportation had to provide funding to restore that. That is so the community could have water. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Minister Ng. Any further comments. Mr. Barnabas. Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. I seem to have an elastic that keeps putting my hand up. The minister I believe said Kugluktuk, maybe I have old copies but it is Cambridge Bay in my book, in the Inuktitut. The Minister of Finance said, Kugluktuk but in my Inuktitut book it says Cambridge Bay and down at the bottom the 100 thousand again is for Cambridge Bay, in Inuktitut. So maybe I got old copies. Maybe I made inappropriate changes or maybe the names were changed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Nutarak. There are differences between the English and Inuktitut. Minister of Finance, which ones are accurate.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, it is Kugluktuk, just to clarify that. If there is an error in the Inuktitut and it says Cambridge Bay, I apologize for that error. The English version is correct. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Minister Ng. I realize now that it is going to Kugluktuk, but the Inuktitut version will have to be corrected so that we will have current information in the Inuktitut syllabics. So it will be correct in both English and Inuktitut. Minister of Finance.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, for the record I am correcting it here. For the record it is Kugluktuk. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Minister. Are there any other comments. Mr. Puqiqnak.

Mr. Puqiqnak (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. In 1999, last winter for example, in one of my constituencies, Mr. Chairman, our water reservoir was getting really bad and there are no funds allocated for that purpose. The Hamlet Council in that community had been paying to correct the problem at the water reservoir.

Mr. Chairman, I know that it is very important, the problem is a serious problem, and the water pipes will have to be fixed also. In the plans here I do not see any plans or funds allotted for the Gjoa Haven water reservoir and water pipes. Do you have any funds set aside for that purpose. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Puqiqnak. Mr. Minister, if you would like to respond.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, there are no funds for Gjoa Haven or any other project in this supplementary appropriation. It is my understanding that the Gjoa Haven situation with their water supply was remedied. Having said that, there is still the upcoming current fiscal year to deal with any ongoing problem and more

permanent arrangements for that situation. Thank you Mr. Chairman. The Minister of Community Government & Transportation may have something he may want to add to that. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Minister. Mr. Anawak.

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): Thank you. I know that the problem was corrected. There were quite a few problems that occurred with the Gjoa Haven water. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Anawak. Are you finished. Any other comments for the supplementary appropriations. Total Community Government & Transportation 240 thousand. Mr. McLean.

Mr. McLean: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I just have to make a few brief comments and I have a few brief questions. The transfer of funding of 97 thousand capital appropriations to provide a contribution to the Town of Iqaluit for a comprehensive solid waste management study. There is no secret that this community has a solid waste problem. Anybody just has to drive out to the dump here and see the disaster out there and I don't think it is going to be any small job cleaning that up if you are talking about relocating.

My question on this is, how much did the Town contribute to this study, if anything. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. McLean. Either one of the Ministers can respond. Perhaps the Minister of Finance, go ahead.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I don't have that information with me. I am not sure if the Minister of Community Government has that. I can find out and report on that Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Minister of Finance. Mr. McLean.

Mr. McLean: Ma'na Itsivauta. On that. A tax-based community raises taxes through property taxes and other such taxes. What is going to be the total cost of this solid waste management study when all is said and done. I know you will probably give me the information later, but how much is the Municipality, that is one of the few tax-based municipalities in Nunavut, going to contribute to this study. Because I think the Municipality here has to take a little bit more responsibility for their solid waste problems in this community because being in non tax-based communities, we don't get a lot to take care of our dumps short words for them.

So what is this study going to cost and is this going to be the end of this study or is this going to be a long-term plan. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. McLean. Minister of Finance.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you Mr. Chairman. The member is correct, I don't have that information, and I will commit to trying to provide that as soon as possible. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Minister. Since the question was posed, he wanted to get information, one of my colleagues wanted to get information and since the minister had stated that he will look into this as soon as possible, with that in mind I will just go ahead to deal with the appropriation act. Is that okay with the members if I go ahead with the rest of the appropriation act. Okay then.

Community Government total, not previously authorized, 247 thousand. Are there any other comments. All those in favour. Agreed.

Total Department. 507 thousand. The total is in brackets. Any comments. If not, are you agreed. Turn the page to page 7. Education, operations and maintenance not previously authorized. Early Childhood Education and School Services, 800 thousand in brackets. Are there any comments. Not previously authorized. Agreed.

Also for Early Childhood and School Services, not previously authorized, 300 thousand, also in brackets. Total. Any comments to the total. Agreed. Total Department, not previously authorized, 300 thousand and it is in brackets, the very last one in brackets. Any comments. Agreed? Going on to page 8. Health and Social Services, operations and maintenance, not previously authorized. Primary and acute care program, 8 million 900 thousand. It has no brackets. Any comments. Agreed?

Total primary and acute care programs, not previously authorized, 8 million 900 thousand. Any comments. Agreed? Total department not previously authorized, 8 million 900 thousand. Any comments. Agreed?

Thank you. Going on to page 9, at the bottom of the page, Community Government and Transportation, capital, not previously authorized for the directorate, 507 thousand. Any comments. It has no brackets. Mr. Barnabas.

Mr. Barnabas (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Nutarak had asked this question and I just want to clarify this question a bit more. Mr. Nutarak had asked that this 100 thousand dollars and 260 thousand dollars if they are together. In here it states that they are together 360 thousand to provide emergency replacement of the frozen water main in Kugluktuk.

Is it true that this 100 thousand is to be combined. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Barnabas. Mr. Finance Minister.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Yes, Mr. Chairman, that is correct. Thank you.

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

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. This 360 thousand says Iqaluktutsiaq, but what does it say in English. The Inuktitut says Iqaluktutsiaq.

Chairperson (interpretation): In English and in Inuktitut versions they are not the same. It is not the same community any more. Could you elaborate on that, Mr. Anawak.

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): The frozen water main is in Kugluktuk. We did not have any work done on frozen water mains in Iqaluktutsiaq, Cambridge Bay.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Anawak. Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): I would like to ask the Minister of Finance, as he stated that this is recorded and for the record he stated Kugluktuk, so I just wanted him to verbally say Kugluktuk again. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Finance Minister could you verbally say Kugluktuk again.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: He must like the way I say Kugluktuk. I said that, yes Mr. Chairman, that is correct. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Minister of Finance. I just want everyone to be aware that although he stated it for the record, in the translations it needs corrections and we need to have a correction in our Inuktitut version. I want everybody to be aware of that. Mr. Barnabas.

Mr. Barnabas (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Perhaps I can make a motion to clarify this matter so that the English and the Inuktitut can correlate together because they are not the same. So I would like to make a motion, perhaps change the name or move the Kugluktuk fund to Uqsuqtuq, Gjoa Haven. Re-profile the funds. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Barnabas. Minister of Finance.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Well, thank you Mr. Chairman. I don't think this is a laughing matter quite frankly. I take offence at the member's comments. This is a serious exercise that we are undergoing here. The water mains froze up in the community of Kugluktuk. The money has been appropriated to repair it and now we are asking for approval to have that take place. I don't think it is a joking matter. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Finance Minister. Mr. Barnabas.

Mr. Barnabas: Thank you Mr. Chairman. It is not a joking matter when other communities are having problems. I had a problem in a riding. It was serious too and there was no funding for it. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Barnabas. I think Mr. Anawak would like to make a comment.

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. I do not think it requires a motion. We can make an amended version that states Kugluktuk. I think all of us understand Kugluktuk. So I don't mind replacing the community name in Inuktitut to Kugluktuk.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Anawak. I wish I could be somewhere else right now. We were discussing the directorate, capital of 507 thousand, not previously authorized, under page 9. There will be an adjustment in the name of the community in Inuktitut. Not previously authorized items. Do we have any more general comments. Agreed? Total directorate, 507 thousand. General comments. Agreed? Total department, 507 thousand. Agreed?

I apologize to the interpreters. If you turn to page 10. Department of Education, subject capital, not previously authorized. Policy and planning, 300 thousand without brackets. Do we have general comments. Agreed?

Total policy and planning, not previously authorized, 300 thousand. Are we agreed? Total department, 300 thousand. Agreed? This Bill has been dealt with. Under Bill 15, Supplementary Appropriations act, No. 3, 1999/2000. Do you all have the paper in front of you. I think there were some mistakes as to which document we were referring to and to which Bill.

It should be in your Legislation binders. Turning to Bill 15, if you look at your yellow tabs in your binder. Bill 15. These Bills are divided by the yellow tabs according to the Bill numbers. If you look under tab 15. Front cover under page 1, Bill 15 was approved concerning the supplementary appropriations. We should go clause by clause. Are we agreed. Clause number 1. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Clause number 2. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Clause number 3. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Clause number 4. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Clause number 5. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Clause number 6. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Clause number 7. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Also under page 3 schedule, supplementary amounts appropriated for the fiscal year ending March 31 2000. Part 1. Go to 1. I'm sorry part 1 go to Operations & maintenance. Total operations & maintenance 8 million 93 thousand. Do we have general comments. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Part 2. Vote 2. Capital. Total capital 807 thousand. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Total supplementary appropriations in parts 1 and 2. 8 million 900 thousand.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Before I had a chance to say anything you were already in agreement. Back to the cover. Bill 15, Supplementary Appropriation Act No. 3, 1999-2000. Are we agreed. Are we agreed that Bill 15 is ready for third reading.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Everybody agrees. Bill number 15 is ready for third reading. That concludes our business on the Bill. What is the wish of the committee. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo (interpretation): Thank you, thank you, thank you very much Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman I would like to move to report progress.

Chairperson (interpretation): There is a motion on the floor to report progress. This is not debatable. All those in favour. I'm sorry. There is motion on the floor to report progress. Are you agreed. Our Speaker can now return to his seat. I appreciate your timeliness in dealing with these matters.

Speaker: Item 21, Report of the Committee of the Whole. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Item 21: Report of the Committee of the Whole

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you Speaker: Your committee has been considering Bill 13 and 15 and tabled documents 41 and 51 and would like to report that Bill 15 is ready for third reading and Mr. Speaker I move that the report of the Committee of the Whole be concurred with. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Iqaqrialu. There is a motion on the floor. Do we have a seconder. Mr. Akasuk. All those in favour. Contrary, motions carried. Item number 22 Orders of the Day. Mr. Clerk. Sorry third reading of Bills. Mr. Ng.

>> *Laughter*

Item 22: Third Reading of Bills

Bill 15 – Supplementary Appropriations Act No. 3, 1999/2000 - Third Reading

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable member for Nanulik that Bill 15, Supplementary Appropriation Act No. 3 1999/2000 be read for the third time.

Speaker: All those in agreement. All those opposed. Motion is carried. Bill 15 has been read for the third time. Thank you. Mr. Clerk, item 23. Orders of the Day.

Item 23: Orders of the Day

Clerk: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, meeting of the regular caucus tomorrow morning half past eight.

Orders of the Day for March 31.

1. Prayer
2. Ministers' Statements
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5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery
6. Oral Questions
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8. Returns to Written Questions
9. Replies to Opening Address
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11. Petitions
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13. Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills

14. Tabling of Documents
15. Notices of Motions
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17. Motions
18. First Reading of Bills
19. Second Reading of Bills
20. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters
 - Bill 13
 - Tabled document 41 - 1(3)
 - Tabled document 51 - 1(3)
21. Report of the Committee of the Whole
22. Third Reading of Bills
23. Orders of the Day.

Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Clerk. This House stands adjourned until Friday March 31, 2000 at 10.00 a.m. Sergeant At Arms.

>>*Applause*

>>*House adjourned at 5.51 p.m.*

