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Item 1: Opening Prayer

Speaker (Hon. Kevin O'Brien): I would like to ask Mr. Akesuk to say the prayer.

>>*Prayer*

Speakers Opening Remarks

Speaker: Ullukkut. Good afternoon and welcome back members, Mr. Premier. Before we get on to the orders of the day, I would like to draw your attention to some of the changes that have been made in the Chamber. Firstly, directly above my head, you'll notice a Coat of Arms carved of yellow birch. This piece was done by Mr. Chan Chung of Alberta as a gift from the Legislative Assembly of Alberta. I hope it is well anchored up there, as it weighs 80 pounds.

>>*Laughter*

Also, in the Chamber you will note on the left hand side adjacent to the interpreters' booths are five new tapestries on the wall. These tapestries were done by the Centre for Arts and Crafts in Pangnirtung. These tapestries are being displayed as part of a new plan to showcase art from across Nunavut by displaying it in the Assembly building. You will also notice in the foyer a gift from the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick. A picture taken of the coast of Ellesmere Island by photographer Freeman Paterson from New Brunswick.

I would like to also welcome our new Deputy Clerk Leona Aglukkaq who is joining us for the first time and will be working hard to take on the challenges while carrying out her responsibilities as Deputy Clerk.

I would like to note the passing of one of Nunavut's brightest lights, Sam Pitseolak of Kimmirut who died in a plane crash earlier this summer and extend our deepest condolences to the family. Also, I would like to acknowledge the passing of Pete Fraser in the NWT. He was an MLA for a number of years and also a Deputy Speaker and known to be a good friend of the Inuit people.

Moving on to the orders of the day. Item 2. Ministers' statements. Ms. Manitok Thompson.

Item 2: Ministers' Statements

Minister's Statement 133 – 1(3): Building New Pan Canadian Housing Partnerships

Hon. Manitok Thompson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am very happy to be back in the chambers and wish to welcome the members back as well. I look forward to working with our new Deputy Clerk, Leona Aglukkaq.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to tell the members about the travelling I have done, and the housing partnerships we have made and renewed, over the summer months.

Mr. Speaker, on September 18-19th, 2000, I attended the Federal/ Provincial/ Territorial meeting of Ministers Responsible for Housing in Fredericton, New Brunswick. Mr. Speaker, in addition to it being my first time in that beautiful province, it was also the first time in over five years that the Federal Government was at the table with us as an equal partner.

It is a very encouraging step forward to have the Honourable Alfonso Gagliano, MP, Minister Responsible for the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation participate in our housing forum and to come away from those meeting with a renewed commitment from the Federal Government to work with the Provinces and Territories to begin to address housing challenges in Canada using a partnership approach.

Mr. Speaker, these are not just empty words. We left those meetings with clear directions to our senior officials to create two specific working groups to tackle the two most important challenges facing housing in Canada today. Particularly, rural and remote housing and for southern Canada affordable market housing.

(interpretation ends) Rest assured, Mr. Speaker, that senior officials of the Nunavut Housing Corporation are front and centre on the rural and remote housing working group and will ensure Nunavummiut's needs are fully and completely represented and addressed.

Mr. Speaker, this meeting was not an isolated case or a one-time thing. All ministers are excited about the opportunities this forum presents and have agreed to meet again. But, as positive as these results are I felt this was still not enough to adequately express our current housing situation in Nunavut. So, while in Fredericton, I arranged with Minister Gagliano to meet with him and senior CMHC officials in Ottawa.

Mr. Speaker, the private meeting took place on October 5, 2000. At the meeting we agreed in addition to all other initiatives, senior officials of the Nunavut Housing Corporation and CMHC will work together to ensure and address the specific housing needs of Nunavummiut in a one-on-one setting.

To sum up, Mr. Speaker, the Federal/Provincial/Territorial Ministers responsible for housing are committed to a continuing dialogue and meeting schedule. Their senior officials are committed to action on housing through their working groups and we in housing in Nunavut are following a separate agenda with our Federal partners.

Mr. Speaker, I look forward to rising again soon in this House to report on the progress we are making on housing for Nunavummiut on the Federal and pan-Canadian scene. Thank you, Mr. Speaker

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you Ms. Thompson. Ministers' Statements. Mr. Anawak.

Minister's Statement 134 – 1(3): FPT Ministers of Justice Meeting.

Honorable Jack Anawak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am very pleased to advise the Legislative Assembly that on September 10, 11, 12, I hosted the Federal-Provincial-Territorial Ministers of Justice here in Iqaluit.

This is an annual meeting that provides Ministers of Justice with the opportunity to discuss significant questions of mutual concern and also to plan strategies for dealing with emerging issues.

On September 10, I chaired a meeting of territorial and provincial ministers where we discussed common issues in preparation for the meetings with the Federal Minister of Justice and the Federal Solicitor General on September 11 and 12. I co-chaired the full Federal-Provincial-Territorial meetings with Anne McLellan, the federal Minister of Justice.

Twenty-one issues were covered on the agenda, including several that were of particular interest to Nunavut. The significant topics for us were family law, victims of crime, domestic violence, the renewal of the federal youth justice strategy and legal aid. I believe that progress was made in each of these areas. In some cases, the progress amounted to ministers clearly stating the concerns of their jurisdictions. In other cases next steps were identified so that we can continue on a joint Federal, Provincial and Territorial basis.

The News Release following the meetings was issued for the first time in Inuktitut, as well as English and French. This is an important step because it increases the accessibility of Nunavummiut to the results of this important set of meetings. For your information the News Release is available on the Internet at the web site of the Canadian Intergovernmental Conference Secretariat. We can provide you with the Internet address for this site if you so wish.

(interpretation ends) We also hosted two social evenings for our guests, who numbered about 110. These events as well as the meetings themselves were very successful, in large part due to the efforts of individuals in the Department of Justice. I want to acknowledge with thanks all the hard work that Nunavut Justice employees put into the three days. As well, Mr. Speaker, I want to thank you for allowing us to use the Legislature building to host the ministers and their staff for one of the social evenings.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to report that the follow-up messages we have received from participants at the meetings say that these FPT Minister of Justice meetings were the best ever—because they were held in Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Anawak. Ministers' statements. Mr. Premier.

Minister's Statement 135 – 1(3): Uqausiit Tukungit Dictionary

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Mr. Speaker, I am very happy to be back here as well and I welcome the public in the chambers. I am also very happy to welcome back all my colleagues. I know we went through a difficult time during the past summer in Nunavut, not only us personally but the families that we represent out there.

Mr. Speaker, I am very proud to stand in our Legislative Assembly today to announce the publication of Uqausiit Tukungit in the Tunnuniq dialect. The dictionary was compiled by a group of elders from Pond Inlet over a seven-year period and completed by Elisapee Ootoova, a Teaching and Learning Centre consultant with Qikiqtani School Services. The dictionary will be distributed to all schools in Qikiqtani region and to other Nunavut schools at their request.

The dictionary is 630 pages long and has approximately 15,000 entries. A celebration is taking place today and I would like to commend the elders for the extraordinary work they have done. At the appropriate time I will be tabling this document. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Okalik. Ministers' statements. Ministers' statements. Moving on to Item 3. Members' statements. Mr. McLean.

Item 3: Members' Statements

Member's Statement 417 – 1(3): Success of Power Corporation Decentralization

Mr. McLean: Ma'na Uqaqti. Uqaqti, before I start my member's statement I would like to thank Maniok Thompson for her kind remarks about the province of New Brunswick.

It used to be my home 30 years ago but Nunavut is now my home. It was great to hear somebody talk about the province of New Brunswick.

Uqaqti, today I speak with pride about what is happening in Baker Lake. Uqaqti, earlier this month a historic first ever meeting of the Nunavut Power Corporation occurred in Baker Lake. The directors approved the first ever budget for the Nunavut Power Corporation of over 40 million dollars. Uqaqti, the establishment of the Power Corporation is a real success story for the community, residents of Nunavut, and for this government's decentralization plan.

Uqaqti, members know very well that I am not at all hesitant about speaking up when I think this government heads in the wrong direction. But I want to sincerely acknowledge the hard work and dedication of Minister Picco, in ensuring that the set up of the Power Corporation headquarters has proceeded in a well-organized, community sensitive fashion, and also Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the Premier for keeping his promise to the people of Baker Lake.

Uqaqti, 15 trainees, all of them residents of Baker Lake, have been hired by the Corporation. These much needed jobs are an investment in the skills development of our local work force and is an important step toward greater self-reliance in our community and also reflects the Bathurst mandate.

Decentralization has not been an easy road. The government has come under fire from a number of quarters, especially from the print media here, for its attempt to provide opportunities to our smaller communities.

Uqaqti, what's happening in Baker Lake for the Power Corporation is a lesson for us all. Make the tough decisions, provide training opportunities for our residents, follow through with adequate support and resources.

Uqaqti, I urge this government to take the lessons it has learned with this success story and apply them across all of Nunavut. Thank you.

>>*Applause*

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

Member's Statement 418 – 1(3): Gjoa Haven Water Update

Mr. Puqiqnak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all I would like to say hello to my constituents in Uqsuqtuq and Taloyoak and to my family that I have left behind, especially my grandchild, Eetuk.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to bring back to the attention of all members the Gjoa Haven water situation. We have been discussing this water situation in Gjoa Haven

and we have raised it, as members know, a number of times over the past year by the Mayor and Hamlet Council as well as others.

I would like to thank the Ministers of Health and CGT for all the work they have done for my constituency on this issue.

Now that we are back in session I plan to ask more questions on this matter. Later today I will be tabling a document entitled "Gjoa Haven 2000 Water Study." Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Alakannuark. Members' statements. Mr. Tootoo.

Member's Statement 419 – 1(3): Open and Accountable Government

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to welcome back my colleagues and fellow Members of the Legislative Assembly. I'm sure everyone has returned refreshed and energised from this summer. It's been a busy time for many of us, out on the land, out on the water, spending quality time with our families as well as spending some busy days, usually the nicest ones of the year in summer, in committee meeting rooms.

We have a great many challenges before us, but we've also had a year and a half of solid experience behind us. We have made mistakes and we have learned from them.

The people of Nunavut expect to see an open and accountable government and I believe that we have made a commitment to meet that expectation. Mr. Speaker I look forward to a productive session. I welcome the opportunity to continue raising issues, seeking clarification and reaching solutions, all in the spirit of consensus government. Our work lies ahead of us and with strong will and determination, I know that we will continue to serve the people of Nunavut well. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you. Members' statements. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Member's Statement 420 – 1(3): Finding Solutions for Suicide Problems

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker and colleagues, it is nice to be back in session again and I would like to say hello to my relatives.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to indicate how I think the suicide issue is very important in Nunavut. It is very emotional for us and it effects us all. We all have ideas on how the government should be responding to this kind of crisis. We have to look for solutions for this serious problem.

Mr. Speaker, a lot of our people don't know what they are supposed to be doing in their lives. This government, the Nunavut Government, should be addressing these crises and I will be raising questions in regards to that because it effects all of us and effects all of the people of Nunavut.

We know we have to start dealing with that because it still exists today. While this effects us it also effects people in other parts of the country. We all know now that this is a very important and serious issue. For the Inuit our culture, even though we might not be able to go back to our original ways, we have to scratch the surface about how to start finding solutions for this urgent problem. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you. Members' statements. Mr. Arvaluk.

Member's Statement 421 – 1(3): Coral Harbour Bowhead Whale Hunt

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Welcome Ms. Aglukkaq to the Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, last summer there was a Bowhead hunt in Coral Harbour and we were very proud of the way it was handled. It didn't take them very long to make the kill because they were prepared very far in advance.

So on behalf of my constituents I would like to recognize the captain Mikijuk Bruce and co-captain, Johnny Nakoolak. We are very proud of their accomplishments because they were able to handle it very well and they were very well prepared.

Mr. Speaker, for generations we could not hunt Bowhead whales but our people told stories about how our ancestors used to go on these hunts, a lot of times they were emotional because they were thinking about their ancestors. We were happy to see that we were able to pass this knowledge along to the younger generation so it will go into the future.

We would like to thank the Coral Harbour residents from all Nunavummiut and I hope the people that wanted the muktuk of the Bowhead received some. For the next Bowhead whale hunt, if it is possible, we would like to see them prepared well in advance as well, so this kind of hunt will be able to go on in Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Havioyak.

Member's Statement 422 - 1(3): Time Zone Change Process

Mr. Havioyak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am very happy to be here and to see the rest of my colleagues. I would like to thank and say hello to the people of Kugluktuk, who are watching today.

I rise today on behalf of my constituents in Kugluktuk. Mr. Speaker, for almost a year now, we have been trying as MLAs to deal with the single time zone issue.

Mr. Speaker, we have been working as MLAs to encourage unity across all parts of Nunavut. This single time zone was an attempt to encourage this.

But, Mr. Speaker, the experience of the past year has been a painful one. We found that the Baffin was clearly unhappy with the change. The unhappiness that this decision caused was felt throughout Nunavut.

Mr. Speaker, I can tell the house that the government's announcement earlier this month may have solved one problem, but it has created another. Mr. Speaker, my constituents in Kugluktuk feel that the time zone problem has been dumped onto the Kitikmeot. They do not feel that this new change will benefit them at all. Later today I will be tabling letters received from the people of Kugluktuk on this issue, and I will be asking questions to the appropriate minister.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I also want to speak out on the process that led to the government's recent announcement. I cannot speak for all of my colleagues, but I certainly do not believe I was adequately involved in the decision to make this change. In fact, I was only advised of the change a couple of hours before it was announced. That is not real consultation.

Speaker: I would like to remind members, I know it has been a fair bit of time, it is our first day back. But for members themselves and the members that sit alongside them, if they could also try to remind them when their time is up, so that everybody gets a chance to speak. Mr. Havioyak.

Mr. Havioyak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to add a little bit more. If the members agree I would like unanimous consent to conclude my member's statement.

Speaker: The member is asking for unanimous consent to conclude his statement. Agreed. Mr. Havioyak.

Mr. Havioyak (interpretation): Thank you, all of you. Mr. Speaker, the government showed that it was willing to listen to the concerns of the people of the Baffin. It heard their concerns, and it acted. I would like to see the government listen in the coming months to the people of my region, and to commit to reviewing this issue again. Thank you.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you. Members' statements. Mr. Picco.

Member's Statement 423 – 1(3): Iqaluit Town Council Elections

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Welcome back to Iqaluit to the members and also just to add, a special welcome to our new Deputy Clerk, Leona Aglukkaq.

Mr. Speaker, on Monday a new council and Mayor were elected for the Town of Iqaluit. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mayor Kilabuk, Deputy Mayor Ben Ell, and the members who served on council over the past term. They were elected and served through a term of tremendous growth, change and development in our community.

Changes in the senior administration at the town also compounded some of the issues that they had to deal with. Mr. Speaker, Mayor Kilabuk and his council have laid some good ground work for town development and now it is time to move forward with our new council on these issues.

This new council will be ably led by Mayor-elect John Matthews. Mr. Speaker, I have known John for the past 16 years and I know that John is hard-working, honest and a team builder. With a mix of old and new faces the council will need to address the thorny issues of, yes Mr. Speaker, pavement as well as development, increased population and the pressures of a growing community.

I will be again formally requesting that the Town Council review and adopt the Nunavut Capital Commission Report. This report tabled by myself here in this Assembly this past spring has not been adopted by the council and I sincerely believe that it does give the Town Council good suggestions and ideas on setting up a Capital Commission as well as a development plan for heritage and historic areas for our community.

Mr. Speaker, I do look forward to working with the Mayor-elect Matthews and our new council and hopefully with our two other colleagues Mr. Speaker, Mr. Tootoo and Mr. Okalik, sitting down over the coming weeks with our new council to address these and other issues and I would ask you and this House to join me in congratulating Mayor-elect Matthews and the new council. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Picco. Members' statements. Mr. Akesuk.

Member's Statement 424 – 1(3): High Arctic Constituency Concerns

Mr. Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, as you know the people of Arctic Bay, Grise Fiord and Resolute do not currently have representation in

this House. I rise today to tell the people of those communities that as members of this Assembly we would like to assist them while they do not have an MLA to represent them.

Should they have any concerns or questions that they want to see raised in the Legislative Assembly during this session by members, they can fax us, to any members, they can be assisted by any of the members. They can send letters to us by fax at 867-975-5190.

Public notices will also be posted in the Hamlet offices of those communities with the fax numbers and contact information, if they wish to voice their concerns to any of the members. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you. Members' statements. Mr. Anawak.

Member's Statement 425 – 1(3): Kivalliq Boating Tragedy

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, eighteen years ago my son Robin was born this day and I wanted to wish him happy birthday in Rankin Inlet. We love him.

Mr. Speaker, I just want to mention the loss of the loved ones either through accidents or through suicide. All of us felt the effects of the tragedy that happened in Kivalliq. I think everybody in Nunavut was effected by this tragedy.

Larry Ussak, David Kadjuk, Sandy Sateana and Louis Pilakapsi unfortunately lost their lives in this accident. In memory of those lost loved ones I want to extend my condolences to Jane Ussak, Sarah Kadjuk, Wendy Kusugak and Kathy Pilakapsi and all of the other affected people. They have lost someone that was their partner, their confidant and we feel that loss with them.

I think everybody here knows who Louis Pilakapsi was because he has been one of the significant leaders here in Nunavut. Some of us have felt this loss a great deal.

Louis Pilakapsi was one of the noted leaders and negotiators for Nunavut land claims. He was very much involved with land claims negotiations. I just wanted them to be recognized for all the work they did in helping with land claims negotiations and with Inuit organizations such as KIA. One of the persons who died was a member of KIA and was a former mayor of Rankin Inlet. This loss will be felt by all of us in Nunavut.

Again, we want to extend our condolences to the families that were left behind. Mr. Speaker, we have striven hard to comfort these people, despite these tragedies life goes on. We can only offer our support to those who lost their loved ones by extending our condolences and by being there for them. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Anawak. Members' statements. Mr. Iqittuq.

Member's Statement 426 – 1(3): Passing of Rosie Oolooyuk

Mr. Irqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am glad to be back here with my colleagues and welcome Leona Aglukkaq to the Assembly.

We had a really good spring and summer. We were with our loved ones and now summer is over and we have to move on again. Like Mr. Anawak said we had a relatively difficult summer, there were many tragedies that occurred. Some of those people whose lives were lost were noted leaders.

In Hall Beach we have lost loved ones as well and I wanted to mention one of the leaders who passed away. Rosie Oolooyuk was close to 100 years old. She led a very good life and was very pleasant. I wanted to extend my condolences to the family that she left behind. There were many tragic occurrences that effected the lives of people in Nunavut. I regret those tragic occurrences happened, but despite these losses life does go on and we as Inuit all know that we can only continue to move forward. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you. Member's statements. Mr. Kattuk.

Member's Statement 427 – 1(3): Role as New Minister

Hon. Peter Kattuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to start by saying hello to my relatives in Sanikiluaq first, my father, my siblings. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to say that it is good to be back here with all my colleagues. This past spring I was appointed as a minister, before spring I was not a minister, but today I can stand as a minister and you are all aware that if you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to ask me. If I can respond correctly to your questions then I will.

The ministers are accountable for all the programs run by our department and Mr. Speaker, the members here will be asking questions towards the ministers in the coming week. I look forward to hearing your questions and hope to respond in compliance with your questions. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Kattuk. Members' statements. Our respected elder member and my good friend, Mr. Alakannuark.

Member's Statement 428 – 1(3): Improved Roads for Kugaaruk

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am glad to be here today and I look forward to working with all the other members here again. I am sure we will have fun as well. It is good to be here and I want to welcome Leona Aglukkaq to the Assembly as well.

I want to share some good news. The road development in Kugaaruk is going ahead as was planned. We needed new roads in Kugaaruk and it is good to see these roads being built. This has been a concern for quite some time. These roads will now improve all the

municipal services in the community and those who came to visit us in our community, Premier Okalik and Mr. Anawak, I want to thank you for visiting our community. Your visit meant a great deal. It showed that we are working closely together.

While they were visiting we went on a fishing trip with them. We had fun there and perhaps when they come into our community again and go out on an all-terrain vehicle, they will have a much smoother ride this time around. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you. Members' statements. Mr. Nutarak.

Member's Statement 429 – 1(3): Inuktitut Language Dictionary

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank the elders of Pond Inlet who produced a very good dictionary that was mentioned earlier by the Premier in his minister's statement. I am sure they had a difficult time in trying to compile the terminology in Inuktitut. I wish to extend my gratitude to the Minister of Education who was able to assist us while producing this dictionary that will be useful to all Nunavummiut. There will be a lot of old Inuktitut words in the dictionary.

Mr. Speaker, in addition I also wish to say hello to my grandchildren who might be watching me on TV today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Applause*

Speaker: Thank you. Members' statements. Mr. Kilabuk.

Member's Statement 430 – 1(3): Visit to Pangnirtung

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and the Premier, my colleagues and staff. I was in Ottawa earlier this morning and despite bad weather I was able to make it here and I am happy to be back in Iqaluit, back to this snow covered land of ours.

I was attending the Federal Ministers of the Environment meeting in Ottawa. Once I got off the plane our weather was quite bad, but I was able to make it on time to this session.

I just wish to indicate that we had a very busy summer and I wish to thank all my fellow colleagues and especially my constituents of Pangnirtung. I will be travelling to Pangnirtung this weekend. I was not able to make it last weekend due to weather, however I intend to make my visit to Pangnirtung this weekend.

I also wish to thank all the people who have assisted us in our department and I am sure that we will be working well together again. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you. Members' statements. Members' statements. If I could beg your indulgence, I would just like to make a comment in reference to Mr. Anawak's statement about the tragic loss of the men in a boating accident outside of Arviat.

I think it should be noted that many thanks should be given to the many people that worked very hard to try to save these men. The search went on for many days and weeks and there were some key people that played a very important role in the search from various communities, including my own of Arviat and Rankin Inlet and others.

Just to note a few, Mr. Joe Kaludjak from Rankin, Shawn Maley who co-ordinated parts of the search, Mayor David Alagalak from my home community. Mr. Flynn, Mr. James Tagalik and many others that worked in vain to try to locate these men and save their lives. I think it should be noted that these people did try as hard as they did and I am sure that all the people of Nunavut and members of this Assembly will keep the memories of these men that were lost in their thoughts. Thank you.

Item 4. Returns to oral questions. Returns to oral questions. Item 5. Recognition of visitors in the gallery.

Item 5: Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery

Speaker: If I may members, I would like to recognize a former member of my community from Arviat, Mr. Illniq in the gallery here. Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, first of all, I'd like to welcome to the gallery a well known libertarian, as opposed to librarian, an environmentalist, an activist, and a web master, Mr. Marcel Mason.

I'd also like to welcome to the gallery, from News North, our intrepid media reporter, Kerry McCluskey, and I'd like to apologise to Kerry for missing our meeting yesterday. We went in caucus I believe till 8 o'clock last night after we finished the Financial Management Board and Cabinet, and Kerry was waiting yesterday afternoon to meet with me. So Kerry if you would meet with me today, after break, that would be great, I'll make time.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to welcome to the gallery, an old family friend, I've known him for 17 years, and his family. He was re-elected on Monday with the highest number of votes in Iqaluit, I believe he will be our Deputy Mayor, he's our former Sergeant-At-Arms, Mr. Simon Nattaq. Welcome to the Assembly.

>> *Applause*

Mr. Speaker, I'd also like to welcome to the assembly, the new Deputy Minister of Health and Social Services, Mr. Andy Johnson. Andy comes to us, via England, Alberta, Ontario, and I believe next door to me.

Also there Mr. Speaker is Mr. Errol Fletcher. Errol is well known as a singer, and he also can tell a mean story and a good joke. Welcome to the Assembly. I believe also behind me, I forget the first name, I should remember Mr. Speaker, a new reporter from Nunatsiaq News, coming to Nunavut via Alaska. Welcome to the Assembly. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Picco. Recognition of visitors in the gallery. Mr. Irqittuq.

Mr. Irqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I wish to recognize a person from Igloolik who is well known. Back in the days before we had TVNC, he was an employee of IBC. Since TVNC is no longer showing his programs this particular person has been in movies, in Nunavummiut movies. He is also a producer of Isuma Productions and I wish to welcome Pauloosie Quliktallik to the gallery. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Recognition of visitors in the gallery. Mr. Havioyak.

Mr. Havioyak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to welcome some people from Kugluktuk, they are our hard working interpreters and I would like them to be recognized. Agnes Allen and Ida Ayalik McWilliams. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Havioyak. Mr. Puqiqnak.

Mr. Puqiqnak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to recognize one of my constituents. I have two communities in my constituency, which are Gjoa Haven and Taloyoak. We will have a new Sergeant-at-Arms who is from Taloyoak. He will take on the responsibilities and duties of Sergeant-at-Arms. He has held various jobs in my community of Taloyoak, including as a by-law officer and I am very pleased to have one of my constituents, James Saittuq to be Sergeant-at-Arms. Thank you.

>> *Applause*

Speaker. Recognition of visitors in the gallery. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As usual I wish to recognize all of Nunavummiut. At times I am sure we will go through difficult times in dealing with major issues in the House. Sometimes we will have differing opinions. However, we will have to use the interpreters for communications. I wish to recognize the interpreters who will be in the House during our proceedings and I am sure they will do a good job for us as usual. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Recognition of visitors in the gallery. Mr. Kattuk.

Hon. Peter Kattuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to recognize also the Department of Culture, Language, Elders & Youth's staff members, Mr. Mark Thompson and Kathy Hanson. Welcome to the gallery.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Recognition of visitors in the gallery. Ms. Thompson.

Hon. Manitok Thompson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also wish to recognize and welcome my team staff members who are sitting right across from me Sheila and Cole Winter who are staff of Public Works in the Policy and Planning section. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Recognition of visitors in the gallery. I wish to recognize all the people that have been not recognized and Mr. Ed Picco mentioned the members of the press, and also the other people that are here from the press, especially Mr. Lamb from CBC, he is back to his old colourful self, welcome.

Item 6. Oral questions. Mr. Puqiqnak I will recognize you first because you are on my blind side. It is difficult to see you most of the time.

Item 6: Oral Questions

Question 593 - 1(3): Purchase of Art Program

Mr. Puqiqnak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for recognizing me first. Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Sustainable Development. Recently the government issued a press release announcing that the Department of Sustainable Development will allocate 175 thousand dollars to promote the art economy in part to purchase art for the Nunavut Art bank. In my riding artists are suffering as the only buyers of carvings are the co-ops. The co-ops are reluctant to buy any carvings and their reasoning is that their warehouses are full.

Can the minister assure the Assembly that these funds will be distributed to our artists all across Nunavut particularly to those people who have difficulty in selling their carvings. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister of Sustainable Development, Mr. Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for asking this question. We have announced our commitment to help the artists of Nunavut, to promote their art and to try and purchase them through a Nunavut Art Bank to assist all

carvers and artists in Nunavut. The money that they receive from their carving is their livelihood for food, shelter and clothing.

Having all that in mind we will try to assist them with the money. As the member indicated we have recently announced the allocation of 175 thousand dollars to assist the artists, as today it is hard for some Nunavut artists to sell their work. For that purpose we have committed to allocating some money to provide this needed assistance. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Supplementary. Mr. Puqiqnak.

Mr. Puqiqnak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Mr. Minister. On behalf of the artists I thank you. I know this will be very good for the artists. Mr. Speaker, my supplementary question to the minister is, we are aware that the funding will be available now, but will there be future funding to assist artists.

I know that there is an association of artists. But they do come across difficulties in processing the required paperwork as they only have volunteer members on the board. Somehow they have difficulty time trying to get administrative paperwork done. Particularly the jewellers and artists who need to build their skills in accounting. This is the kind of assistance that is required if we are going to be helping the artists as much as we can. Can the Minister of Sustainable Development answer my question. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Mr. Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I can only say if the community wishes to find out where they can sell their art work I am sure they can give a proposal to Sustainable Development and those communities can try that way to promote carving and other art in Nunavut especially when they have to go outside of Nunavut. So the question he raised was if we can make funding available. I can only say that he can give a proposal to our department and we will consider it. Thank you Mr. Speaker

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Kilabuk. Supplementary, Mr. Puqiqnak.

Mr. Puqiqnak (interpretation): Thank you minister for that response. But I would like more information, on behalf of Nunavummiut, especially the artists. They have an association which is called Nunavut Arts and Crafts Association.

I think we also have to take advantage of groups like the Canada Arts Council and the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs. Is there any working relationship between the Nunavut Government and the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs for federal programs. Do they give funding to the Nunavut Government for art. Do you work closely with the Federal Departments on this. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Puqiqnak . Mr. Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Nunavut Arts and Crafts Association receives assistance from the Department of Sustainable Development. I can say to the member that we are very supportive of the Nunavut Arts and Crafts Association. We try and get assistance from the Federal Programs, but it has been very difficult to deal with them. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 594 - 1(3): Five Year Capital Plan Consultations

Mr. Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to Minister of Finance regarding the 5 year capital plans for the communities. I wonder if the hamlets have been consulted regarding the status of these plans. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister of Finance.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. No not to date. As members know, right now the Department is trying to co-ordinate the finalization of draft 5 year capital plans, so that we can present it to Members of the Legislature in our upcoming November review of business plans, including those draft 5 year capital plans. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Supplementary.

Mr. Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. He said that they were still trying to finalize the information, I would like to know if the communities will be consulted before it's presented to the Assembly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you Mr. Speaker. If that's what members want that certainly can be done. But I thought the first priority for us would be to present it to members of this legislature and give them the opportunity for some input and at the same time they would work on the process of how we would manage providing the information to the municipalities and the stakeholders throughout Nunavut. That is still the plan as it stands now for the government to finalize the draft plan to provide it to the Standing Committees for their input and review, and develop a mechanism for additional public input subsequent to that Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

Speaker: Supplementary. Oral questions. Mr. Iqittuq.

Question 595 – 1(3): Paying Workers for Relocating Graves

Mr. Iqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Justice. I have been questioning the minister since we became members in

regards to the cemetery relocation. I have raised this question before to the Minister of Justice. I gave him the names of the people who transported the bodies to the new grave sites. I have provided him with information. I wonder what the minister has done about this. Thank you.

Speaker: Mr. Anawak.

Honorable Jack Anawak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I remember this issue and I thought this was going to be dealt with by another minister. I apologize that maybe the other department did not work on it but I will consult with the other minister. I thought they would be working with the Health & Social Services. I apologise that they did not and I will get more information and I will get back to the member. Thank you.

Speaker: Oral questions. Mr. Havioyak.

Question 596 – 1(3): Request to Review Time Zones

Mr. Havioyak: Koana Uqaqti. I will be directing my question to the Minister of Community Government and Transportation and Justice, Mr. Jack Anawak. (interpretation) Earlier I talked about the time zone. I will be talking about the concerns of Kugluktuk and Cambridge Bay because on October 29 the time zone change will come into effect. Is the minister aware that this is going to be a problem in my constituency and parts of the Kitikmeot. Will he be looking at the concerns that we have raised regarding the changes in time zones that will change every six months to a year. Will they be looking at the problems that this is creating. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Mr. Anawak.

Honorable Jack Anawak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When we changed the time zone we had an indication that not everybody would approve. We were going to give it a year and test it. There was also a survey done about how Nunavummiut think of having one time zone. The majority of them favoured one time zone. So we have been using that. During the discussions on how we can make improvements and during one of our meetings it was clear after consulting with Nunavummiut the majority of them wanted the same time zone.

So for that reason we tried to fix it where it would be most appropriate to most people. Because in some cases if we do not make a change in springtime there would be more problems with the other regions especially in the Kitikmeot. But a majority of the people wanted the same time zone so that is why we were using that all year. Thank you.

Speaker: Supplementary.

Mr. Havioyak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Also as you know, in Nunavut all the Nunavummiut people, they wanted one time zone because they were going to help

each other. For one year we have tried that and now it is finished. As you all know it is a problem in the Kitikmeot.

As you indicated before, you said that you surveyed the people and I want to see the responses. Because when we start going to Yellowknife we will have problems from Kugluktuk. In Holman just next door to us, it is going to be a two hour difference.

I would like you to review that because in Kugluktuk and in Cambridge Bay they have that problem. As you know, here in the Baffin, they had problems with the time zone and you fixed it. It is still a problem because it is like you just moved the problem onto the Kitikmeot region. I want you to review it within six months to a year. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Mr. Minister.

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): Thank you. When we were consulting with the Inuit we asked 472 residents all across Nunavut and they were in favour of the single time zone, about 70% of them. Of 26 thousand, five hundred were asked. We are aware that this will create problems but we have to think about that the Nunavut government is trying to move forward. We are trying to improve transportation through airlines from Winnipeg to Yellowknife, Yellowknife for Ottawa, we are trying to make improvements in the transportation and we are trying to improve it within Nunavut.

We feel once we have made improvements to the transportation we feel, and we know, we will have objections, but I think it will get better once we know more of the transportation strategy, once its policies are in place. I believe that it will take a while for it to improve. We have to support the regions, the headquarters in some regions, in Kugluktuk, Cambridge Bay, Baker Lake, Arviat, Pangnirtung, Cape Dorset, Igloolik, and Pond Inlet. They will all have government offices, government departments.

They will all have government offices. Even if there is a 1 hour difference, we will lose about 3 hours from our employees. What we are saying is that we are trying to come up with the most appropriate way. We are not trying it for a certain length of time so we will not review it. It is for efficiency purposes and it will improve.

Speaker: Thank you Minister. Supplementary. Mr. Havioyak.

Mr. Havioyak: Koana Uqaqti. I'll ask my question again. Do you have plans to review this. Thank you.

Speaker: Mr. Minister.

Honorable Jack Anawak: As I said at the very end of my response, at this point the government does not have any plans to review it because at this time as I said earlier, in view of the transportation strategy and putting my other hat on as Minister of Community Government and Transportation, we are looking at maybe changing some of the

transportation routes in Nunavut. Hopefully if there are changes within the transportation routes and the way transportation is handled in Nunavut, then that might alleviate some of the concerns that the people in the Kitikmeot have from October 29 to the end of April.

As well, the Baffin sometimes has problems from April to October. One thing people have to understand and I heard it on the radio this morning is that we are staying on this time. It is not a question of Eastern Standard Time for October 29 and then reverting to Central Time on April 29. That is not the case. That is automatic. The time will just remain as it is and the outside thinks that we are changing time. Nevertheless, at this point we do not have any plans to review this. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, minister. Final supplementary. Mr. Havioyak.

Mr. Havioyak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess it caused great problems in the Baffin and now that you have reviewed it, you know there were problems. I think the problem is still there for the Kitikmeot. Therefore, if you could review it before, in fact you can review it for our region. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Minister.

Honorable Jack Anawak: Mr. Speaker, we did not review it for the Baffin. The review was done for all of Nunavut because there were concerns from across Nunavut about the time zone. I pointed out when the review was done 70 percent of the people across Nunavut in that review were for keeping a single time zone.

Now the problem comes into being when a single time zone is staying the way it is and I understand that my colleague has a problem with it. As I pointed out, when the transportation strategy is released hopefully during this session, and that transportation strategy is acted on in some cases, I think we might see an alleviation of the problems that the Honourable Member is speaking about. Qujannaami.

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

Question 597 – 1(3): Staffing Targets & Capacity

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker my question today is to the Minister of Human Resources. Mr. Speaker, I know in every session that we have had, I am sure members on both sides of the floor have been frustrated by hearing the term any time questions are not being able to be answered, it is because of the capacity problems that the departments have.

Mr. Speaker my question I would like to ask is, I know last March the government departments were 55% staffed. I would like to ask the minister how far they have come since then in achieving the staffing target. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, first of all recognizing the importance of this issue, we were in the process of finalizing the statements, for the House. I do have the information here. I can say that right now, government wide, we are at 76 and one half percent in staffing capacity. Thank you.

Speaker: Supplementary, Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you Mr Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the minister indicated 76% government wide. I am wondering if that includes all the boards and agencies that are staffed with public servants. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Mr. Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker it includes the Government of Nunavut departments, the Nunavut Housing Corporation, all the Divisional Education Councils, and the Nunavut Arctic College. Thank you.

Speaker: Supplementary, Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the 55% that I was referring to last March I know is a level that dealt just with the government departments alone. The number government wide last March was 77% of staffing levels including, if you take into account, all those boards and agencies, that the minister mentioned. I ask the minister that if we are at 76% now, are we losing staff and why we seem to have gone down 1% in staffing levels. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Mr. Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you Mr. Speaker. The member is correct. The fact is that with turnover and vacancies that there has been a 0.2% net loss overall from 77% to 76.5% and again I would say that, once I have more detailed information I will be able to speak to that, once that statement is delivered. Thank you.

Speaker: Final supplementary, Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I appreciate the minister's response. I look forward to getting more information on that. Mr. Speaker, I am wondering if the minister could identify some of the areas of problems that they are having in being able to retain and attract staff for the Government of Nunavut. Thank you Mr Speaker.

Speaker: Minister.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, right now we are finding that there is a demand from other organizations, we have primarily the federal government, as you know, if you recognize the headquarters here in Iqaluit, it's trying to staff up their

operations. We have the aboriginal organizations of course, that have historically been expanding their operations, the private sector itself because of the economic situation that we are in, these are all factors, in trying to compete with other groups, and in trying to hire, recruit, and retain individuals. There is a whole multitude of reasons. Like I said I will have a more, as much detailed information as possible, once we bring forward the report early next week, in the next session. Thank you.

Speaker: Oral questions. Mr. McLean.

Question 598 – 1(3): Initiatives to Assist Carvers

Mr. McLean: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I will have to bring my yellow shirt tomorrow. Mr. Speaker, first I would like to congratulate the Minister of Sustainable Development for his recent success in renegotiating the turbot quota for Nunavut. I think it was a historic moment and the quota should bring more much needed outside dollars and I always seem to say that a lot, that we need outside dollars to better the territory. I would also like to comment on the tapestries on the back. I come from a community in which there is a high unemployment rate and a lot of people make things with their hands. Carving, wall hangings, prints, and various other things. The traditional economy in my community, as I say all the time, creates a lot of income for people in that community.

My question today Mr. Speaker is, can the Minister responsible for Sustainable Development tell the Assembly what initiatives have been done over the past 6 months to help carvers and all the other fledging artists in Nunavut. Thank you

Speaker: Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In regards to all carvers in Nunavut we have allocated more funding to provide assistance to the carvers and small business owners, and we're also trying to assist the bigger businesses so that they can expand. However this will be the first time that we have such funds to provide to Nunavut Artists, and we have 200 thousand allocated for the next 6 months. Under the Nunavut Development Corporation, 5 communities have indicated their interest in obtaining funding for artists.

We are trying to set up a Nunavut Art Bank, so that we could provide more help to those people who might need it, in the communities. We also have some information that would be put forth, available to the artists all across Nunavut and if there are other communities in Nunavut interested in obtaining assistance, we are more than willing to help them out, if they have the need for filling out application forms. There is also some funding provided for people who do sewing. They can go to our department for assistance as well.

We're also preparing, after having consulted with communities, to see if we can assist those people who are in movie or video production, this is the first time we have been able to provide for people in producing movies in Nunavut. We are hoping that the artists

will know that they have our Department to go through if they are in need of assistance, particularly for the funding.

I'm looking forward to working with the artists and we are hoping that we will have these programs in place in due time, so that the carvers and artists will have opportunities to sell their products. We had a meeting in Rankin Inlet just recently, we have tried to come up with ways as to how best we can provide funding for artist and carvers. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Supplementary. Mr. McLean.

Mr. McLean: That's the answer I wanted to hear, and all these programs and new initiatives and I think that these new initiatives are getting back to the carvers. There is no long term soap stone proposal, or strategy that carvers in Baker Lake especially, can access, it seems like they make an inquiry, and it is hit and miss.

Can the minister commit that with these new initiatives that he said, with the carvers, that he would look at developing some kind of long term strategy for retrieving soap stone for the communities in Nunavut that are interested, and when can I see it. Thank you.

Speaker: Minister.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. At this time we don't have a long term strategy in our department. However we will look into that further. Particularly for those communities that are having a difficult time in accessing soapstone. We are aware they are having difficulty in purchasing soapstone. I regret to say that we do not have a long term strategy. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Supplementary. Mr. McLean.

Mr. McLean: Ma'na Uqaqti. I am sure that the minister will get around to that later. On the same topic. Traditionally Baker Lake has been noted for its wall hangings and its seamstresses. He also says there is going to be help for the seamstresses. Could he elaborate a bit more on that and how people can access that funding. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Mr. Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I indicated a few programs that we will put forth for seamstresses and carvers. These are first time initiatives that were being put forth by my department. We do not have a one stop shop in our department, however, if there is any information that is required by any member which my department has access to they are welcome to request it. If there is anyone that is interested in accessing some funds my staff are readily available for those people who have difficulty in filling out an application. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Supplementary. Mr. McLean.

Mr. McLean: Ma'na Uqaqti. I am a little confused on the minister's answer. If people want to access funds for seamstresses do they apply to the headquarters or regional offices for funding. Thank you.

Speaker: Mr. Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As of today we are aware that not all communities have access to funding that is available in their region. First of all, if there is anyone that is interested in accessing some assistance there are Economic Development Officers in their community for help. If there is anything more that we can do then the EDO's can contact us for further information to try and help them out anyway we can. Thank you.

Speaker: Oral questions. Mr. Nutarak.

Question 599 - 1(3): Status of Anti-Smoking Campaign

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Health & Social Services. He stated that in the coming months we would see non-smoking campaign pamphlets. What is the status of the non-smoking campaign right now. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the member for raising the question. As we stated in the budget debate in May here at the Legislative Assembly, the target group for the department of Health & Social Services was for teenagers and young people ages 9 to 19. As we know Mr. Speaker if we can stop them from smoking, then we do not have to worry about getting them off smoking. As we know the success rate for people who are smokers to quit especially is around 40%. So Mr. Speaker the aim of the department is to focus on prevention.

After saying that Mr. Speaker, the member asked about pamphlets and posters and so on, we have had several things happen over the last few months, since the budget came out. We have a team of public health experts within the Department of Health and Social Services reviewing programs that have been offered in other communities and other jurisdictions to make sure that we do not reinvent the wheel or duplication. We had the Minister of Health from British Columbia here specifically in July, with the senior staff, and as you know Mr. Speaker, and some of the members know, the jurisdiction of British Columbia has probably the most stringent and aggressive anti-smoking and anti-tobacco legislation in the country.

They have produced several good information packages, one called Kicking the Nick 2000 aimed at young people. We have also had discussions with the province of

Newfoundland who have just come out with a program called Smoking Sucks Mr. Speaker. The Smoking Sucks campaign from the Newfoundland Government has also been very successful and receptive to audiences of young people.

Mr. Speaker, we're hoping in the next 6 to 8 weeks to bring forward the pamphlets and the posters, and other items ready for the Legislative Assembly and for our communities. At the same time Mr. Speaker, we have been working with the Department of Education, when we had the British Columbia team here, we also had some of our senior people from the Department of Education looking at outlines that we can forward at the school level and also work that we can do with our Community Health Representatives at the schools.

Mr. Speaker, I want to make sure I emphasize, and again I appreciate the member's questions, that this anti-smoking strategy is not a, thank you Mr. Irqittuq, is not a six month or a one year deal. It is a multi-year strategy. There are other components that we have had to look at, taxation, legislation, and so on.

We are only at the preliminary stages. I am hoping to be able to bring forward, to this House, and to the members, the members have been very supportive, he is on the Standing Committee of Health and bring some of that information, the promotional material to that committee and to the House, and to the people here in Nunavut. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Picco. Supplementary. Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think it was in March, that we approved a 3.7 million dollar budget for the coming years that will go towards the anti-smoking campaign. As of today, I have not seen anything set up yet in Pond Inlet, however, when I get back to my community, I will look forward to seeing some kind of assistance being provided to my community because I know we approved a budget that would be used for such programs as this one.

I think he said that he would be producing only some pamphlets for the schools, that will be used as part of their curriculum. Do you think all the funding we approved will be for pamphlets only. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I think it is safe to say, Mr. Speaker, that there is probably no one as disappointed as I am. I actually do not have a physical material to bring forward.

When we introduced for passage that budget in the Legislative Assembly, here during the budget debate, we had to lay the ground work. Not only do I have to be able to bring the material forward, and make sure that it is understandable, have it translated into Inuktitut,

have it translated in Inuinnaqtun, have it available for the different languages, but we also have to have something that is user friendly.

Now most of the members know that Pauktuutit had brought on an excellent program about breathing easier it was called a couple of years ago. That was funded by the Federal Government and is available in Inuktitut. So we are looking at that with education, that the meeting we had here in July, to see which, should we use that package, shall we use the BC package, or should we use the Newfoundland package. I said to the member that within 6 to 8 weeks that we hoped to have that material, promotional posters and so on, to bring forward. We are also working with our CHRs so that they know the issues around anti-smoking and the anti-smoking message.

We are doing that. We have been working with Pauktutiit. We got that package that they have. We have that package on what Newfoundland is using. So, we want to make sure that when we deliver a strategy it is not just a sign do not smoke. There has to be some substance to get that done and it is going to take a little bit of time. I appreciate the support of the members on bringing this forward. If we do not have it Mr. Speaker, on December the 15th or 20th I bet I will go outside and smoke a cigarette.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Picco. Final supplementary. Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The minister stated that he would be doing more work on the anti-smoking campaign to promote posters for up to 6-8 weeks. I do not know at this time if he has used that funding that we put aside. Can the minister indicate how much money has been used to date. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I do not have the actual dollar values with me right now, what we have actually spent as of today on the budget on anti-smoking. Mr. Speaker, I will bring the information to the member. Again it is a multi-year strategy so when we get to the budget debate later on and with the approval of the business plan by the Standing Committee, we will probably have more information on what we are planning for the coming year. So I do not have the information now Mr. Speaker, but I will be able to get that information and make it available to the member. Thank you.

Speaker: Final supplementary. Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the minister stated, I will wait patiently as to how much they have used up to date on the funding. I hope he will give out the information to all the members and the people of Nunavut. Thank you.

Speaker: Oral questions. Mr. Iqittuq.

Question 600 – 1(3): Expenditures on Anti-Smoking Campaign

Mr. Iqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Health & Social Services. This is a supplementary to what the member was talking about. The funding that was approved, that 3 million dollars that was geared to anti-smoking campaigns, Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the minister if that has been used at all.

Speaker: Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the actual budget amount as I remember, there was no line written anti-smoking program approved in the budget. What was approved in the budget was the item population health. As stated we hope to use it in the anti-smoking program, as well as proactive initiatives within that budget area. Money has been spent and I have already committed to the member that I will have money spent up to date made available. The total amount approved by the House for the total program of anti-smoking was discussed and the members approved it. I believe it was 2 million dollars. I do not have the figure with me. I will let you know when it is available. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Supplementary.

Mr. Iqittuq (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. He just stated that some of the funding has been used on anti smoking campaigns, maybe his department indicated as to who were contracted out to do the anti smoking campaign. Who did they give funding to work on this campaign or have there been any airfares used. Thank you Mr. Speaker

Hon. Ed Picco (interpretation): That's a good question. We have contracted an outside agency to develop promotional material ending, as I was saying earlier when the budget was approved by this House in May, what we did was looked at under the budget for what is available out there right now.

As you know Mr. Speaker no Government in the Northwest Territories, or the Government of Nunavut has ever brought in an anti-smoking program, so this would be a first for the Nunavut Government to do that. We want to be able to do that right, we don't want to re-invent the wheel. I will make it known to the member his question, specific question, how much has been expended, there were no contract dollars used for airfares, the British Columbia people came up here, Mr. Speaker on our invitation and they brought their own staff up, that was covered by the BC Government. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Picco. Supplementary, Mr. Iqittuq.

Mr. Iqittuq (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. We approved the funding to be used and we raised some question on this topic also, about the money, because our year is almost up. We're only 5 months shy of the new year and before we finish the new budget, maybe the minister can indicate as to what kind of strategic plans they have come

up with and what kind of anti smoking campaign they will be producing. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Mr. Picco

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you Mr. Speaker, that's a good question, maybe I should go back to the first and earlier question. What we're trying to do Mr. Speaker is put out a promotional campaign. Now that was the answer to the member from Pond Inlet and we're doing that. We might go out and access the private sector forces, some of the promotional company communications people, go out to do that, and the member is right.

So we're moving forward on that. On the information that has been provided so far, and members again, we've worked with education, so far, to see what's available and what we should be using. We're going to be targeting young people and that was what was announced in the budget, that's the material that we're trying to bring forward, we want to make sure that appeals to young people, and to appeal to their self worth of not starting smoking and that's what the promotional campaign is about and will be about.

Mr. Speaker the work Pauktuutit has done, as I said earlier is excellent material and we want to be able to probably develop and use some of that material also, so we were in contact with Pauktuutit, so that's an outside organization, for example, from the Government that we're also working with that the member had asked about earlier.

I'd like to say Mr. Speaker, I don't have materials available right now. We are in the process of developing stuff. We've been having workshops with our health promotion people at the community level and that was what the member for Pond Inlet was talking about. Now we need to be able to develop some of the other things. One of the recommendations from the Health committee was to look at possible visual aids, posters, videos, information packages, working with communities, working with youth councils and so on. Mr. Speaker, that's the direction we're moving towards. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you minister. Supplementary.

Mr. Irqittuq (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I understand what he is trying to say. He is only using examples like, Newfoundland and British Columbia and the workshops that have been held in Pond Inlet and he is just slightly touching upon this. My question is, when will this actually start and who will be working on it. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: As I said earlier, we expect that over the next 2 months, that on posters, on radio, local radio, with support staff at the community level and in schools, we will start the anti-smoking programs aimed at young people and that will be delivered in

conjunction, we are hoping right now, with staff and maybe outside agencies like Pauktuutit.

Probably we are hiring a private sector company, to be able to help us develop some of these commercials and videos like ITSL or Sackett and Associates or one of these companies. Mr. Speaker, we are also looking at the MLA's themselves and hopefully having packages that MLA's will be able to bring back to their home communities and the main source Mr. Speaker, of course will be the work of our community health committees that we have set up in the community.

I think they are going to be a major player in that we will be able to bring information to them. If they wanted to hold an anti-smoking fair or something like that, then that is how we would be supporting them. So Mr. Speaker the short answer is over the next 2 months, within 6 to 8 weeks, we would hope to have available for the members, for the public in Nunavut at large, promotional material for radio and for TV, advertisements in newspapers, and also stuff at the community level for hamlets and for the health committees. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Picco. I have two members that have yet to ask questions on my list, Mr. Alakannuark and Mr. Iqaqrialu. We will let the elder go first. Mr. Alakannuark.

Question 601 – 1(3): Inuit Employment Plan

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I have a question to the Minister of Human Resources. How many Inuit are working for the Nunavut Government within the last 6 months and how many...*(interpretation unavailable)*...

Speaker: Mr. Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I think we lost the last portion of the question through the translation. So maybe if the member wouldn't mind repeating that. Thank you.

Speaker: Mr. Alakannuark could you repeat your question please.

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Human Resources. How many Inuit are, how many positions were acquired by Inuit for the last 6 months in the decentralized communities and how many Inuit employed that were in the south. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Mr. Ng.

Mr. Ng: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I do not have the information on the specific decentralized communities. I can say that the statistics that I have were taken as of June 30. At that time of the 2,716 positions that we have through the government and

the boards I mentioned earlier, the Housing Corporation, Education, Boards that have now become Department of Education employees, and at Nunavut Arctic College, of the 2,716 positions, 910 of them were filled by Inuit, by beneficiaries. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Ng. Even though our clock is up we have an understanding and a practice here that when a member has started a question that we will allow the member to continue with this final supplementary.

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The decentralized communities, how many positions were directed to the communities. Thank you.

Speaker: Minister.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, again I do not have the specifics of the decentralized communities. One has to recognise for some of those communities as well that there were existing positions in addition to the incremental positions. I know the Premier has the responsibility for decentralization on behalf of our government and he is planning on reporting on the details of the process. I would imagine that information would be available at that time.

Speaker: Thank you minister. Supplementary.

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The smaller communities that were not given government jobs, will they eventually be given government jobs.

Speaker: Minister responsible for Human Resources. Mr. Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I know that this issue has come up on several occasions in the House, members with communities that have not been identified for government positions. Our government has quite frankly discussed that in detail not that long ago and one of the mechanisms we are trying to use to support those communities without targeted decentralized positions is trying to enhance the focus from the Sustainable Development side of things and economic initiatives and looking at the opportunities for stand alone institutions or government that may come up in the future into Nunavut. So those are the kinds of things that we are looking at. I am sure that the minister would be happy to speak on some of those initiatives. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you minister. As indicated by the clock question period is over. Mr. McLean.

Mr. McLean: I would like to get unanimous consent to extend question period. Thank you.

Speaker: Are there any nays for Mr. McLean's request. Oral questions. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Question 602 – 1(3): Policy & Procedures of Health & Social Services Review

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was doubtful I was going to ask a question. I have a question directed to the Minister of Health and Social Services. I heard very clearly the responses he gave in terms of the anti-smoking campaign but I have a question that is not pertaining to cigarettes. I know cigarette smoking has been an issue and that anti smoking campaign has been taken as an initiative.

Now in terms of the deaths that have occurred that is very much in my heart, right now, and this is also in the hearts of the Inuit, as well. As a Minister of Health and Social Services, and I know that Social Services has policies and procedures that they follow in their communities, those very policies and procedures are not sensitive to needs of the Inuit in the communities in terms of Inuit ways of life.

For example, being accountable when someone goes against the policy or procedure, because these procedures and policies are very easy to break. Can there be a review on policies and procedures to see if there are any improvements that can be made to deal with concerns regarding this issue. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister responsible for Health & Social Services. Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If I understand the question properly, this member brought up, interesting area, concerns on the policies and procedures of the activities of Health and Social Services. In particular, Mr. Speaker we have moved as a Department towards incorporating more Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit within Health and Social Services.

We've done that Mr. Speaker this year, for example through the business plan, inviting elders from across Nunavut from the different regions in Nunavut, to actually see and review our business plans to make sure that it has incorporated into its policies and its procedures Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit.

After saying that Mr. Speaker, as the member knows under policies and procedures, we have just introduced and it is effective starting September 1st of this year, a new travel policy that is reflective, made in Nunavut, and a Nunavut approach to the medical transport policy that we have in place. Before we used to use the Government of the Northwest Territories policy which was haphazardly used in the three different regions of Nunavut.

So the policy that was there for medical travel or escorts in the Keewatin, as an example Mr. Speaker, wasn't the same as in the Baffin. So we've taken the recommendation of the member and from the Standing committee on Health and we brought in a new travel policy. I think the members had an opportunity to review it, and it is reflective of the Nunavut dream.

Under the policies and procedures we have done a lot of work under Health and Social Services to make sure that they are Nunavut friendly, that they incorporate Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit, that they sustain that Mr. Speaker.

Like most Government Departments, I think we have a long ways to go yet, Mr. Speaker, but we have to start somewhere, and I think out of the past 14 months, the Department of Social Services has Mr. Speaker, made an honest effort and has accomplished quite a bit in regards to the policies and procedures of the department. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Supplementary, Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. What you have said is very clear and your goals and objectives are very interesting, that is what we wanted to hear, but I cannot figure out what you have accomplished so far. I want to see this and we can probably appoint a commission who will deal with reviewing the policies and procedures, instead of just putting in everything into place all at once.

It should be done because we have seen a lot of side effects of these policies and procedures, so we Members of this Legislative Assembly should be dealing with Acts that will effect the Acts of Canada.

Speaker: Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, there is something Mr. Speaker, we should say here, that is under the leadership Mr. Speaker, of our premier over a year ago, in discussions and in co-operation with the Minister of Justice, Mr. Anawak, Premier Okalik introduced a law reform commission to look at all the laws of Nunavut to make sure that they are reflective of Nunavut. To make sure that they are there to incorporate Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit into legislation. To make sure that those laws on the books of the Government of Nunavut are reflective of Nunavut.

On policies and procedures Mr. Speaker, as I said earlier, in the Department of Health and Social Services, and I can specifically speak to that, we just created a new position within the department, with Rosemary Cooper, who is our Assistant Deputy Minister of Health and Social Services, and now she is in charge of policy and procedure for the Government of Nunavut. One of the things that we are doing within the Government of Nunavut Department of Health and Social Services with Rosemary Cooper, an Inuk from here in Iqaluit from Nunavut, is to look at all policies and procedures of the department. To reflect, as the member just spoke about, incorporating some of the cultural values and also incorporating Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit within the Department of Health and Social Services. So I think in those two steps, Mr. Speaker, we are doing exactly what the member said.

I think Mr. Speaker, the problem is the government sometimes and as a department, we are not really communicating, Mr. Speaker, some people can do it better with their hands, like Mr. Ng, we are not communicating as well to the constituency at large, to the

government as a whole on what individual departments and indeed what the government has accomplished in a lot of these areas. For example, if the member had not asked that question it probably would not have come out. So I hope that helps answer the member's question. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Picco. Supplementary.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I understand that you are working on the review. I think 3 million was allocated towards anti-smoking campaigns. I have not yet seen any results of that anti-smoking campaign. Are you actually going to work now. I mean are you actually getting this going. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Mr. Iqaqrialu, I will have to rule that question out of order. It is a new question. You are only entitled to one, same subject. Oral questions. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu: It seems like my questions are not going anywhere so I will wait until tomorrow. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Iqaqrialu. Oral questions. Mr. Havioyak.

Question 603 – 1(3): Positions for Kugluktuk

Mr. Havioyak (interpretation): Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask about Health and Social Services. I would to first say thank you for coming to Kugluktuk this summer. You came to do a presentation on decentralization for the staff who moved to Kugluktuk. You had said there would be 12 or 13 positions moved over to Kugluktuk. Which positions and when, are these people or staff being moved. Thank you.

Speaker: Mr. Ng or Mr. Picco. Minister responsible for Health & Social Services. Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If you just allow me to respond to the last question that Mr. Iqaqrialu asked. That is Mr. Speaker, your staff have been doing anti-smoking since March. The CHRs are doing that work. I do not have the physical pamphlet that says anti-smoking in Nunavut.

Mr. Speaker, on Mr. Havioyak's question on decentralization. We went over to Kugluktuk following up on the commitment made by the Premier and this cabinet to decentralize to Kugluktuk. The Premier stated that we would move at least 10 positions to Kugluktuk and I went over at the end of August with my Deputy Minister and senior staff and we announced that we would be setting up an Assistant Deputy Minister position.

I am pleased to announce Mr. Speaker that the cabinet has approved the organizational chart of the Department of Health & Social Services. Dr. Keith Best will be appointed the

Assistant Deputy Minister of health and will be moving to Kugluktuk. We believe he will be there next week and will be able to start staffing those positions.

Originally we had 10 positions Mr. Speaker, we now think we should be able to put in 12-14 positions there. We expect that half of those positions will be hired from Kugluktuk. I also committed along with the Department of Education to run a job fair in Kugluktuk in November and try to use some of the experience we gained from the Power Corporation where we used the same type of program to maximize local employment. So, I think that is some good news for the Member for Kugluktuk. I would like to thank him and the Mayor of Kugluktuk who have continued to advocate for decentralization and the training plan. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Mr. Picco just to remind you and the other ministers that when a question is ruled out of order, it is not anticipated that the minister will get up and answer the question. So that's for the future.

>>Applause

Speaker: Oral questions. Oral questions. Oral questions. There are no further oral questions. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Regarding the question that I imposed earlier, I apologise for raising a question that was misunderstood. If I had elaborated a little bit more as to what my question was pertaining to, maybe the minister would have made a clear response. I apologize as I think it was a little too powerful.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Iqaqrialu. That is just a comment not a question. Oral questions. Oral questions. Oral questions. There are no further oral questions. Question period is up. Continuing on to item 7. Written questions. Mr. McLean.

Item 7: Written Questions

Written Question 17 – 1(3): Details of Community Initiatives Program Funding

Mr. McLean: Ma'na Uqaqti. My written question is based on a handout that the Minister of Sustainable Development gave to the mayors at the recent mayors' meeting in Iqaluit. Could the Minister give this House a detailed list of the community initiative program fund for each community and the person who received these funds and how much each person received. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. McLean. Item 7. Written questions. Moving on to item 8. Returns to written questions. Returns to written questions, Mr. Clerk.

Item 8: Returns to Written Questions

Return to WQ 12-1(3): Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit Review Committee

Return to WQ 14-1(3): Ministerial Portfolio Responsibilities

Return to WQ 15-1(3): Ministerial Responsibility - Income Support & P-3 Projects

Clerk (Mr. Quirke): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I wish to inform the House that Returns to Written Questions 12-1 (3), 14-1(3), 15-1(3) have been filed with the Office of the Clerk. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Clerk. Returns to written questions. Mr. Kattuk.

Hon. Peter Kattuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a return to Written Question 12 – 1(3) asked by Mr. Iqittuq.

Part one, the terms of reference have yet to be approved by cabinet. They will be released upon being approved by cabinet. Another part of the question asked by the same member for Amittuq, was what is the membership of this task force. The proposal was that the Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit task force would be composed of six members. Of the six members two members will be from NSDC and two the government of Nunavut.

Part two, there will be two positions filled by elders, both NSDC and Culture, Language, Elders & Youth, will select one elder and Culture, Language, Elders & Youth Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit co-ordinator will be in charge of administration and clerical duties of the task force.

Third part, what time frame is the task force operating under. The task force's long term time frame will be determined once it is established. The duration of the task force is contingent upon Culture, Language, Elders & Youth's annual budget allocation and that will come from the Financial Management Board.

Part four, when is the minister scheduled to report the task force findings to the House. The task force will be required to table its findings and these findings can also be shared with the House. As I indicated earlier these finding will be shared with the House.

Returning to the fifth part of the question. It was about how well the task force interacts with the interdepartmental working group on Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit which was formed following the September workshop in Apex.

This has yet to be determined. The interdepartmental working group would be a mechanism to communicate initiatives within the departments and the task force. This concern will be taken into consideration by the co-ordinator of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit as soon as the position is filled.

Part six. When is the minister scheduled to report on the September workshop in Apex on Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit to the House. The final version of the report is under review. The report has to be approved by the Cabinet and will be tabled at the next sitting of the Legislative Assembly.

Speaker: Thank you. Item 9. Replies to opening address. Replies to opening address. Petitions. Petitions. Item 11. Reports of Standing and Special Committees. Reports of Standing and Special Committees. Item 12. Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills. Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills. Item 13. Tabling of documents. Mr. Puqiqnak.

Item 13: Tabling of Documents

Tabled Document 104 – 1(3): Gjoa Haven 2000 Water Study

Mr. Puqiqnak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to table this document titled Gjoa Haven 2000 Water Study. I would like to thank this group who did the study as well. It now looks as though we are definitely getting this issue dealt with and that Gjoa Haven will be getting a new water supply. Thank you, Mr. Speaker

Speaker: Tabling of Documents. Mr. McLean.

Tabled Document 105 – 1(3): Nunatsiaq News Article, June 30 2000

Mr. McLean: Ma'na Uqaqti. I would like to table a document from Nunatsiaq News June 30th, 2000. Nunavut spurns free money from Gates Foundation. Representatives from the multi-billion dollar Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation are scratching their heads at Nunavut's inability to accept donations that could range into millions of dollars.

Speaker: Mr. Havioyak. Tabling of Documents.

Tabled Document 106 – 1(3): Letter on Time Zone Changes

Mr. Havioyak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to table a document from my constituents strongly opposing the time zone.

Speaker: Mr. Premier. Tabled documents.

Tabled Document 107 – 1(3): Inuktitut Dictionary

Hon. Paul Okalik: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to table a report regarding the Inuktitut Dictionary – Uqausiit Tukigni and I am very proud to be able to table this dictionary. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Tabling of documents. Item 13. Tabling of documents. Item 14. Notices of motions. Mr. Ng.

Item 14: Notices of Motions

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you Mr Speaker. I give notice that on Friday October 20, 2000 I will move the following motion.

Whereas there is a vacancy in the electoral district of Quttiktuq;

And Whereas the residents of Quttiktuq require representation in the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut; and

Whereas John Quirke of Iqaluit was appointed Chief Electoral Officer for Nunavut pursuant to section 22 of the Interpretation Act;

And Whereas the appointment of Chief Electoral Officers are made under section 3 of the Elections Act on the recommendation of the Legislative Assembly;

Therefore I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for South Baffin that the Legislative Assembly approve the appointment of John Quirke as Chief Electoral Officer for Nunavut.

Mr. Speaker, at the appropriate time I will be seeking unanimous consent to deal with the motion today. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Ng. Notices of motions. Item 14. Are there any further notices of motions. Item 15. Notices of motions for first reading of bills. Item 15. Notices of motions for first reading of bills. Item 16. Motions. Mr. Ng.

Item 16: Motions

Mr. Ng: Mr Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to deal with my motion today. Thank you.

Speaker: The member is seeking unanimous consent to deal with his motion today. Are there any nays. There are no nays. Please proceed Mr. Minister.

Motion 26 – 1(3): Appointment of Chief Electoral Officer

Thank you colleagues, Mr. Speaker.

Whereas there is a vacancy in the Electoral district of Quttiktuq;

And Whereas there is the residents of Quttiktuq require representation in the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut;

Whereas John Quirke of Iqaluit was appointed Chief Electoral Officer for Nunavut pursuant to Section 2 of the Interpretation Act;

And Whereas the appointment of Chief Electoral Officer is made under Section 3 of the Elections Act on the recommendation of the Legislative Assembly;

Therefore I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for South Baffin that the Legislative Assembly approve the appointment of John Quirke as Chief Electoral Officer for Nunavut. I Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker. Thank you Mr. Ng. The motion is in order. To the motion. Question. All those in favour. Contrary. Motion is passed. Motion is carried. Item 17. First reading of bills. Mr. Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to return to item five, recognition of visitors in the gallery. Thank you.

Speaker: Do we have consent members. Agreed. Mr. Ng.

Item 5: Revert to Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you honourable colleagues. It is a rare occasion that I have constituents here. Mr. Speaker, I would like to first recognize my constituency assistant Kitty Etegitik who is here, and she is accompanying two young students, Colleen Novoligak and Elsie Bellarose, who are going to be paging starting tomorrow. They were suppose to start today but weather conditions had them not departing on time, so they are right behind me here. I would like to recognize them. Thank you.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Ng. Welcome to the Assembly. Item 18. Second reading of bills. Second reading of bills. Item 19. Consideration in committee of the whole of bills and other matters. Since there are no items to discuss in Committee of the whole, I will proceed to Item 20. Agreed. Item 20. Report of Committee of the Whole. Item 21. Third reading of bills. Third reading of bills. Item 22. Orders of the Day. Mr. Clerk.

Item 22: Orders of the Day

Clerk (Mr. Quirke): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Orders of the Day;
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1. Prayer
2. Ministers' Statements
3. Members' Statements
4. Returns to Oral Questions
5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery
6. Oral Questions
7. Written Questions

8. Returns to Written Questions
9. Replies to Opening Address
10. Petitions
11. Reports of Standing and Special Committees
12. Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills
13. Tabling of Documents
14. Notices of Motions
15. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills
16. Motions
17. First Reading of Bills
18. Second Reading of Bills
19. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters
20. Report of the Committee of the Whole
21. Third Reading of Bills
22. Orders of the Day.

A reminder to all members that a meeting of the Standing Committee Ajauqtiit is to take place within 30 minutes after the conclusion of these proceedings. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: House stands adjourned until tomorrow at 1:30 pm.
Sergeant-at-Arms.

>>*House adjourned at 4.05 p.m.*

