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Iqaluit, Nunavut
Friday November 3, 2000

Members Present

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

Item 1: Opening Prayer

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

>>*Prayer*

Speaker: Ulluukkut. Good morning Mr. Premier, members. Orders of the day. Item 2. Ministers' statements. Mr. Premier.

Item 2: Ministers' Statements

Minister's Statement 035 – 1(4): Kakivak Association Update

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Before I begin I believe that today is going to be the last day for my being the Minister of Education. We will be making an announcement shortly. As this will be my last statement as Minister of Education, I would like to say that I enjoyed that portfolio during my time as minister.

>>*Applause*

(interpretation ends) I rise today to update the House on relations between the Government of Nunavut and the Kakivak Association with respect to a lawsuit initiated by the former Baffin Divisional Board of Education. As you may recall in July 1999, the Baffin Divisional Board of Education filed a lawsuit against Kakivak Association. In the lawsuit the Board alleged that Kakivak failed to honour its commitment to provide financial assistance so the Board could hire additional classroom staff.

(interpretation) Since that time through the enactment of the Divisional Education Councils Dissolution Act, the Baffin Divisional Board of Education has been dissolved. As a result of the Board's dissolution, the Government of Nunavut inherited the lawsuit.

Since assuming the portfolio of Education I have given this matter serious consideration and in an attempt to resolve this matter, I have had discussions with my cabinet colleagues as well as with the President of the Kakivak Association.

I report today that the Government of Nunavut will not pursue legal action. (interpretation ends) Not pursuing this course of action will allow the government and Kakivak to resume a positive working relationship that is in the best interests of education programming support in Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you minister. Ministers' statements. Mr. Kattuk.

Minister's Statement 036 – 1(4): Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit September Report

Hon. Peter Kattuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am envious that this is the Premier's last day holding the Education portfolio. I hold in my hand a report from the September Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit Workshop. The workshop was held in response to the interest in preserving and promoting the cultural importance of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit in Nunavut.

Government representatives and respected elders communicated their understanding of, and values for traditional knowledge. (interpretation ends) The resulting report has been accepted as a working document for policy document as the guiding principles for Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit initiatives in the Government of Nunavut. The Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit report is an integral part of Culture, Language, Elders & Youth's research and consultation process, and establishes a benchmark for the Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit Task Force. The tabling and legislative discussion of this report will continue this consultation process.

I invite comments from departments of the Government of Nunavut and encourage all Members of the Legislative Assembly to discuss this public document with their respective constituents. Response from all Nunavummiut is valued as Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit policies effect the future of our land. I am tabling this report on behalf of all Nunavummiut, so that we may take a lead from our past and carry the words, philosophy, and actions of our ancestors proudly into our future in Nunavut.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Item 2. Ministers' statements. Mr. Premier.

Minister's Statement 037 – 1(4): Decentralization Update

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I wish to inform members about our decentralization activities and to bring them up to date on our plans for continued success in this initiative.

(interpretation ends) This year 72 positions are being relocated to the communities of Cape Dorset, Pangnirtung and Pond Inlet.

>> *Applause*

A Member: Hear, hear.

Hon. Paul Okalik: In addition we have established a three year decentralization plan to develop cost efficient budgets and made significant progress in completing the infrastructure required to support decentralization.

With the success of the first year of decentralization, the Decentralization Secretariat, working together with the Department of Human Resources and the Department of Public Works and Services is in the midst of planning for phase 2 in the 2001/2002 fiscal year.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to announce that thanks to the hard work and effort of the staff at Public Works and Services, facilities in 9 of 10 impacted communities are either partially occupied or ready for occupancy. Kugluktuk will be ready by mid-November. The establishment of this infrastructure is on time and on budget.

One of the key objectives of decentralization is to provide employment and training opportunities at the community level. Of the 72 positions that were decentralized this year, very few existing employees elected to relocate.

This has increased the opportunities available to community residents, while emphasizing the benefits of the staffing and training initiatives underway. I would also like to mention that, of the employees who chose not to relocate with their positions, we have already been able to accommodate almost half to alternate Government of Nunavut positions in Iqaluit.

The government is committed to minimizing disruption to employees and programs and services. As mentioned in the Throne Speech, the Secretariat will be focusing key resources, over the next two years, on training and recruitment. I am pleased to announce that in keeping with our objective of maximizing training and employment benefits for Nunavummiut, our decentralization training budget has been increased to one million dollars.

This increase resulted from cost savings as a result of accommodating many of the existing employees here in Iqaluit. This amount is further supplemented by other Government of Nunavut training initiatives. We have created a decentralization training working group that will include representatives of the Decentralization Secretariat, the Department of Human Resources, the Department of Education, Nunavut Arctic College and other agencies. This group will focus on ensuring that Nunavummiut fully benefit from employment opportunities.

(interpretation) In the next two years 120 positions will be decentralized. As both decentralized positions and incremental positions are staffed, and as training programs are initiated, communities will continue to see the benefits of decentralization as employment and training opportunities are increased and as government is brought closer to the people.

Mr. Speaker, decentralization continues to be a priority of our government and implementation of the initiative is an ongoing challenge, however the potential benefits are great.

(interpretation ends) As we refocus our efforts on training and recruitment, we look forward to maximizing these benefits for all Nunavummiut.

Merci Monsieur President.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Premier. Ministers' statements. Ministers' statements. Item 3. Members' statements. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Item 3: Members' Statements

Member's Statement 076 – 1(4): Suicide Prevention

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, during our fourth session there have been numerous occasions when we have raised the issue of suicide because of its huge impact on the people of Nunavut. While we are on the issue of suicide, our leaders have shown their support in working on the issue.

The leaders of Nunavut because of their support, the Inuit of Nunavut will begin to work on the problems of suicide, but of course it is up to the people themselves to take the initiative. For this reason, we have to work towards improving our lives. It is important to keep in mind that when people pass away, we cannot help them any longer. The only thing we can do is remember them. All the people of Nunavut lives are precious and loved by their communities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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

Member's Statement 077 - 1(4): Natillik Constituency Concerns

Mr. Puqiqnak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to express the views of my constituents in the Kitikmeot on the issue of the single time zone, and the Nunavut Transportation Strategy.

Mr. Speaker, a number of my constituents have told me clearly it is time for us, as Members of the Legislative Assembly, to focus more attention on such issues as housing shortages, low incomes, high unemployment and the high cost of living. That we should spend less energy on the single time zone issue.

Others Mr. Speaker, have asked me to express their dissatisfaction with the government's decision on the time zone issue, that appears to respond to one region's concerns, at the expense of other regions.

Mr. Speaker, the people of my constituency follow very closely the proceedings of this Assembly. They were concerned to hear the Minister of Community Government and Transportation, speaking in October, about the government's plan to develop a new transportation strategy for Nunavut.

They are concerned, Mr. Speaker, that the communities have not been sufficiently consulted on their transportation needs, especially with respect to the issue of where people must travel for medical services.

Mr. Speaker, I urge the Government to fully involve the communities in my constituency, the people of Natillik, as you move to address things like transportation needs. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Members' Statements. Mr. McLean.

Member's Statement 078 - 1(4): November 11th Remembrance Day

Mr. McLean: Uqaqti, today I would like to take this time to recognize the veterans who fought to keep this country free and democratic. Some of them made the greatest sacrifice of all and gave their lives to protect the rights and freedoms of the people in this country as well as other nations. Canada is a great country, one of the best in the world...

>> *Applause*

...Mr. Speaker, and even though we hear comments about how hard it is today, we should always remember that at least we have the right to express those opinions. If those men and women had not sacrificed themselves, we would not have the luxury of complaining and whining today.

So Uqaqti, so I wear this poppy in recognition of those who gave their lives, so I and my fellow members and all Canadians can have those rights and freedoms. And I would like everyone in Nunavut on November 11, Remembrance Day to pause for a minute or two of silence to acknowledge the people who made the ultimate sacrifice for those of us here today. Ma'na.

>> *Applause*

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

Member's Statement 079 - 1(4): Gravel Needs

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you Mr. McLean for your statement.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker the Premier publicly made statements respecting a need to help communities not benefiting from decentralized government. He made this statement several times to this House and to the public.

Benefiting not necessarily on direct economic development but rather infrastructure development that will create economic returns and well being in the community. Mr. Speaker, I am talking about Chesterfield Inlet where there is an acute shortage of gravel to improve the airstrip surface, road improvements and housing building pads.

All of these the Minister of Transportation and the Premier knows about. Mr. Speaker, when we are talking about access to the gravel sites we are not only talking about gravel being put on the very poor surface of the airstrip and other gravel needs, but rather that there is a potential for economic benefits indirectly.

When access roads to the gravel sites are built they would also go through the camping and fishing lakes. Mr. Speaker, at the appropriate time I will be asking the minister or the premier on the status of these previous discussions and what can be considered during the capital planning process. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Member's Statement 080 - 1(4): Passing on of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to celebrate Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit. Inuit live in the north and survive because of the knowledge of their ancestors in all the seasons of the year.

There are elders that pass on their knowledge and skills as hunters and their survival skills to the younger generation. I commend the elders in my community. The group passed on their traditional knowledge and survival skills to the younger people. The names that I mentioned are teaching and passing on their hunting and survival skills to the younger people. I wanted to commend them and recognize them for the great work that they are doing. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Member's Statement 081 - 1(4): Iqaluit East Constituency Meeting

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and good morning. Mr. Speaker, last night I held a constituency meeting at the Abe Okpik hall in Apex. Mr. Speaker, we had one of the best turn outs ever in a constituency meeting. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank Alicee Joamie for opening the meeting with a prayer. Mr. Speaker, there were very serious and frank questions and discussions on housing, Town operations, roads, drug and alcohol problems, foster care problems, over crowding of our schools, time zone and other important issues.

Mr. Speaker, I was joined by two members of our council elect who were in the audience. Mayor elect John Matthews and Apex resident councillor elect Kirt Ejesiak. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank them also for attending the meeting.

Mr. Speaker, a common thread throughout the meeting was the rapid growth and population increase in Iqaluit and plans to deal with those issues. Mr. Speaker, many long term and original residents of Iqaluit feel left behind by the tremendous changes seen in our community over the past few years. As elected representatives and elected council we need to be cognisant of that fact and support and elicit ideas, views and consult more with all of our residents.

Mr. Speaker, the meeting was scheduled to go from 7 to 9 last night but went to almost 11 o'clock. I would like to take this opportunity to thank especially Mary Peter, Martha Tikivik and Alicee Joamie, and also long time Apex resident Mr. Bill Mackenzie, for their frank and serious questions.

I would also like to thank the people of Apex and Iqaluit for their ideas, suggestions, criticisms and excellent questions. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Applause*

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

Member's Statement 082 – 1(4): Rankin Inlet Craft Show

Hon. Manitok Thompson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker and good morning. I rise today to announce an upcoming event in Rankin Inlet. There will be a major craft show and gathering in Rankin Inlet and it is good to see that this event will be happening. I want to thank all those involved with setting up these events as they worked really hard to get this event going. I want to thank Therese Tungilik, Andrea Duffy and the other hard working organizers of this event.

On Friday November 7, at Maani Uluyuk School there will be an opening ceremony at 7:00 pm where drum dancers Marianne Taparti, Veronica Manilak and Marina Pisuk and Paul Pisuk will perform.

On Saturday they will be displaying their crafts at Seengitug in Rankin Inlet. The artists and craftspeople will be displaying their wares 7:00 pm on Saturday November 8, at Maani Uluyuk. There will be performances as well, singers will be performing and on November 12, the arts and crafts will continue to be displayed at Leo Ussak School along with a feast.

In the evening there will be a fashion show at Alaituk School and on Monday, November 13, the artists who work at the Matchbox Gallery will be showing their wares and in the evening there will be different styles of clothing displayed at the fashion show. Mr. Speaker, I need another 30 seconds to finish so I would like to seek unanimous consent to conclude my member's statement.

Speaker: The minister is seeking unanimous consent to conclude her statement. Are there any nays. There are no nays. Please continue Ms. Thompson.

Hon. Manitok Thompson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will make this brief. I apologize to the interpreters because I am speaking quite fast. As I stated on Monday November 13, there will be a fashion show at Alaituk school and on Tuesday the last night on November 14 there will be jewellery displays at Alaituk school as well and in the evening there will be closing ceremonies that will begin at 5 pm. There will be a prayer there as well. A person will close with a prayer and at 9 pm there will be a lot of dancing and anyone who wishes to come to Rankin Inlet to partake in these events please feel welcome. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Ms. Thompson. Members' statements. Mr. Nutarak.

Member's Statement 083 - 1(4): Compensation for Jurors

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to voice my concerns about the justice system as many of us have to go through court these days. Unfortunately these court cases accrue because of violation of acts or laws. There are people who have to serve as jurors. Now we have no choice to go when we are summoned to service as jurors.

When we are summoned we have no choice but to go. For future consideration of the Nunavut Government there are problems that arise when you are summoned as a jury member. If I was working and if I was summoned to the court room I have no choice but to be absent from my job. There are court proceeding to select jurors. The compensation given to the jurors is very low. I think we should see the juror fees raised because employees lose their wages when they have to serve as jurors. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Member's Statement 084 - 1(4): Pangnirtung Constituency

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We have been meeting for quite sometime now and the end is drawing near. I want to extend my gratitude to my constituents in Pangnirtung. I want to thank them especially for sending country food. My family is well fed because of generous contribution of my constituents.

Mr. Speaker, in Pangnirtung every week at 11:30 to 11:45 am, I have time slots in the radio station and I do this as an elected member. It is always good to hear ideas or concerns. I try and keep the lines of communication open to myself and to my constituents and that is one way of doing it.

I want to apologize to my constituents for spending so little time in Pangnirtung lately but I will be there soon. I only spent one night on Thursday but I will be returning soon and will be spending a longer time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Members' statements. Mr. Tootoo.

Member's Statement 085 - 1(4): Arctic Winter Games Iqaluit Host Society

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, late last month, I had the opportunity and privilege of attending a reception hosted by AWG Host Society welcoming the International Committee here in Iqaluit. It made me realize the effort that has gone into preparing for the AWG that is going to be hosted here in 2002, that have undergone already.

I'd like to recognize the efforts of the host society and many of the private business sector here in Iqaluit and across Nunavut. For example, the new arena that we have going up the hill is all non-government funding, so I'd really like to appreciate them. I want to recognize the efforts that they gave in achieving their tremendous goals.

As we all know in 2002, these games will be the first time they will be hosted in Nunavut, as well as the first time these games will ever be co-hosted. These games provide an opportunity for our youth from all our communities in Nunavut to participate in international sporting events.

The international eye will not only be on Iqaluit but Nunavut at this time, and I know that the host society and the private sector and the public of Nunavut is determined to ensure that these games are a resounding success.

They recognize the importance of the success of these games and I urge that this government particularly the department responsible, Community Government and Transportation as well as all the members of this House, continue to provide the support and assistance necessary to the host society to ensure that Iqaluit and Nunavut can meet

the many challenges that they face in achieving their goals, of having a successful AWG in 2002.

I believe as the many volunteers do, that not only Iqaluit, but Nunavut is ready and able to host successfully an event of this magnitude. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Tootoo. Members' statements. Moving onto Item 4. Returns to oral questions. Item 5. Recognition of visitors in the gallery. Mr. Akesuk.

Item 5: Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery

Mr. Akesuk (interpretation): Ma'na Uqaqti...

>> *Laughter*

I want to recognize someone from Cape Dorset, who is now working as the Economic Development Officer, Mr. John Curley.

>> *Applause*

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

Mr. Puqiqnak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I recognized this person before, but I want to recognize him again today, as perhaps the last day of our 4th session.

I want to recognize our Sergeant-At-Arms James Saittuq who is from Taloyoak. I think we will see him for the last time today, I want to thank him for the time he served with us and I am glad that he has stayed with us right through to the end. I would like him to be recognized for a job well done here at the Legislative Assembly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Welcome to the Assembly. Thank you member. Item 5. Recognition of visitors in the gallery. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I tend to recognize all Nunavummiut, so I wish to do so again. There is also a resident of Igloolik and as the MLA from that community is not here I would like to recognize Ike Hauilli. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Welcome to the gallery Mr. Haulli. Item 5. Recognition of visitors in the gallery. Mr. Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I believe it was a couple of days ago I was invited to a ceremony of the first ever handing over of a cheque from Attutuavik Loan Company. I have worked with this individual for many years. We have known each other since we were a bit younger. The Qikiqtaaluk Corporation President, Mr. Jerry Ell.

>> *Applause*

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

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I too would like to recognize some of the guests that we have here from the Qikiqtaaluk Corporation as well as the Kakivak Association. I spent several years working with the Kakivak Association.

First I will start off with the person representing the Qikiqtaaluk Corporation, Mr. Jerry Ell, who needs no introduction of course, and Mr. Ell thank you for attending our constituency meeting last night and asking very tough and frank questions. Seated next to Mr. Ell is Mr. Ike Haulli. Mr. Haulli is an old friend of mine going back a long time, I think I am a bit younger than Mr. Haulli, but it is the first time I have seen Ike in a long time and I know he just celebrated his sixty-seventh birthday so congratulations.

>> *Laughter*

Next to Mr. Haulli, is Brian McLeod. Again, I worked with Brian, I used to share an office with Brian when he owned Boreal Tools. Brian is a well know entrepreneur, business administrator and one of the founders of the Baffin Regional Trade Show, now the Nunavut Trade Show. Next to Brian is Mr. Ell's sister, Leonie Qaumariaq and Leonie worked with Kakivak and shared an office with me several years ago and seems to be getting younger every time I see her.

So I would like to take the opportunity to welcome those constituents and my friend from Igloolik Mr. Ike Haulli to the Legislative Assembly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Picco. Item 5. Recognition of visitors in the gallery. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, today I have the privilege of being able to recognize someone that during session usually never sees me and that is my constituency assistant, Susie Nakasuk. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Item 5. Recognition of visitors in the gallery. Item 6. Oral questions. Mr. Tootoo.

Item 6: Oral Questions

Question 083 – 1(4): Impacts of Fuel Price Increase on Government

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I believe my question is directed to the Minister of Finance if not he can direct it to the appropriate minister. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Minister of Finance how much the increase in petroleum products that was introduced on November 1st, will affect the government overall. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Mr. Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do not have the answer before me but I believe I can try to have it if we get into Committee of the Whole during debate on the Supplementary Appropriation you will probably have by this afternoon. Thank you.

Speaker: Supplementary. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I can appreciate the fact that the minister probably did not have that information readily available but I would like to know if you could also have it broken down by department and how much of an increase. The effect of this increase how much it will cost the government for those products overall. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister of Finance. Mr. Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I can not promise I will have that but if that information is readily available we will break it out. I am right now more concerned with trying to provide the overall figure first of all. It might require some time for a breakout but if it can not be provided today I will certainly provide that later. Thank you.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would also like to ask if the minister could provide an analysis of the difference between the cost of what we would have faced by not raising the price as much as we have as compared to what it is going to cost us as a result of raising the price. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Mr. Speaker, again I will try to provide that information. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Ng. Oral questions. Oral questions. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Question 084 - 1(4): Status of Committee Motion on Petroleum Products

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will direct my question to the Minister of Petroleum Products. The Committee of the Whole had made a motion to deal with this. What stage is that at right now. Thank you.

Speaker: Minister Thompson.

Hon. Maniok Thompson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Regarding the motions that were made, our staff and the finance department staff are presently reviewing the motions as to what possible options that we have. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Ms. Thompson. Supplementary, Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank her for explaining that it is under review. Will the minister advise us what the results will be even after the session. Thank you.

Speaker: Minister Thompson.

Hon. Maniok Thompson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes.

Speaker: Oral questions. Mr. Nutarak.

Question 085 - 1(4): Compensation for Jurors

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will be directing my question to the Minister of Justice about jurors. When there is a court session in the community they definitely have to appear when they are summoned and the fee that they receive is inadequate, especially for the people who are working.

Employees who go on a jury sometimes don't get paid and sometimes they lose more than double the amount that they are paid. The jurors' fee tends to be different. I wonder if the Minister of Justice can review this. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister responsible for Justice. Mr. Anawak.

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As we all know, during the court session when people are summoned to be on a jury, this is very beneficial to the people because they can witness the proceedings first hand.

What the member is saying is also felt by others. For the people summoned to appear or who are selected to appear on the jury they have to be excused by their employers. I am

not sure what the fee is but I realize that they lose money when they are on the jury. Yes, I will be able to review this. Thank you.

Speaker: Supplementary. Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There used to be talk about, I believe there were 120 Acts that have to be reviewed. There is the Law Reform Commission in place, so my question is, could they review this also. Thank you.

Speaker: Minister.

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Acts that are being reviewed to see if Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit can be incorporated, they have not been mandated to deal with funding issues. We as a department though can definitely find out more about the funding. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you Minister Anawak. Oral questions. Mr. Puqiqnak.

Question 086– 1(4): Use of Hotel Accommodations

Mr. Puqiqnak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Sustainable Development about our Development Corporation. In our communities we have problems such as, for example, in Taloyoak, the sports hunters that come up, and construction people who start in August until they complete their job, they could stay in the hotel but they find their own accommodations.

In our constituency the hotels are owned privately and they help the economy in the community by creating employment and keeping the money in the community. We would like those people who find their own accommodation outside of the hotel to use the hotel so the money will stay in the community. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Nowadays there are a lot of transients going into communities and more hotels are being built. We know that they are competing with each other which is healthy and nice to see. We try to encourage the sports hunters to come to our communities. They have the freedom to decide where they wish to stay, whether it is a hotel or in another licensed premise.

There is an increase in bed and breakfasts being built and once they have a license, it is up to the individual where they wish to stay. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you minister. Supplementary. Mr. Puqiqnak.

Mr. Puqiqnak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you minister for responding. You said that as long as they have a license, yes the hotels have licenses in

our community. The bed and breakfasts in Taloyoak don't have a license and the problem that we see is even though they don't have a licence they build their own accommodations and don't even have insurance. The reason I bring this up is because I want to know how this can be improved for the people that own the hotels in the communities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I apologize I am not laughing at you, I rose too early before the light went on. From what I understand, our staff and the people that I travel with, we make reservations in hotels with licences and I always encourage my staff and others to stay in local hotels.

As the member mentioned in one of his communities, there is no bed and breakfast place there, they are run by individuals who have no other employment or by couples. The number is increasing especially in the tourist season. So I will remind the other ministers and staff of his concern. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Supplementary. Mr. Puqiqnak.

Mr. Puqiqnak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think I understand the response that the other ministers will look into this too. Yes, if that will be the case, thank you.

The reason I brought this up is that my constituents who own smaller businesses such as hotels, have not been successful and the small businesses are not succeeding. I was asking the Department of Sustainable Development to review this so that there will be more success. We see quite a number of businesses that do not succeed. So that is one of the reasons why I said it. That was mainly a comment not a question. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral questions. Mr. Nutarak.

Question 087 - 1(4): Transfer of Social Services to Hamlet

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I did not think it was going to be my turn. To the Minister of Health & Social Services, it also slightly touches Community Government in regards to empowerment of the hamlet council. If the hamlet wishes to take over the social services would the minister have to approve. If the community wishes to be able to have social services, would that be possible.

Speaker: Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I had an opportunity to be in Pond Inlet and meet with the mayor and council and we had some discussion on the transfer of

social worker positions and a supervisory position which is not filled right now to the Hamlet. Similar to what has been done in Cape Dorset.

Mr. Speaker, under the current government, my understanding and I got a copy of the letter from the mayor Mr. Haulli. I actually read it yesterday. He points out that the arrangements have to be made through community government and we have to make sure we have a policy with decentralization of services and we have been working with the Department of CGT through Health & Social Services to look at the possible transfer.

There are other logistics that have to be worked out Mr. Speaker, including salaries, housing opportunities and so on. So we have received a letter from the mayor. We are looking at it. We also have to work with CGT which has responsibility for community empowerment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Supplementary, Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank the Minister of Health & Social Services. I think it was last year you had a meeting with the Hamlet Council and I can recall that. To date there has been no response from your department to the hamlet council and that is the main reason why I asked this particular question.

The letter that you received from the Mayor of the Hamlet, when are you going to be responding to that particular letter. Thank you.

Speaker: Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the member jogged my memory there. I remember having a public meeting early last spring in Pond when we were in the old community hall and it was quite cold and then I also met with the Mayor and Council and the member again when the cabinet was up there I believe in June.

The member is correct, the letter has arrived and I just saw it yesterday. We will be responding to the Mayor, we are looking at the issue of the transfer of positions. I can't confirm when that will occur, if it will occur, until we have more discussions with Community Government & Transportation who has the mandate for community empowerment and make sure that we have not only the logistic, but also the administrative work done before any type of transfer takes place.

But there are also other issues, like I said earlier Mr. Speaker, around housing and so on. So I would hope to respond to the Mayor's letter very shortly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 088 – 1(4): Tourism Plans

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will be directing my question to the Minister of Sustainable Development about tourism in Nunavut. What plans do you have with tourism in Nunavut and Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit or do you have any plans at all. Thank you.

Speaker: Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am very pleased to respond to the member's question. We are very proud of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit, there are a lot of people interested in learning more about Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit. With the increasing number of tourists coming into Nunavut, there is more and more curiosity about Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit.

Also looking at the parks for example, where the tourists go we would like to integrate Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and Inuit traditions and culture there. Those are the main attractions that bring tourists to Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Supplementary. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I like the response that the minister gave me. However, what I would like to know from the minister is whether he has people who know about Inuit culture and Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit that work for him in his department. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am very pleased once again to respond to the member as the Minister of Sustainable Development. There are very well versed Inuktitut speaking people that work for our department in the higher arctic. Those are long time employees that know about Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and where it should be integrated into these parks and tourism and so on.

They are part of the Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit working group and they not only work towards tourism but for the whole department. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 089 – 1(4): Chesterfield Inlet Gravel Shortage

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I said earlier in my member's statement I said that there was not much gravel in Chesterfield Inlet and I directed that question to the Minister of Community Government & Transportation. The minister said

that he would respond to my question prior to end of this session. It is about the airport and the gravel. Could I get a response please.

Speaker: Minister Anawak.

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, about the lack of gravel in Chesterfield Inlet, when I was talking to the people there we checked out the airstrip and there had been quite a lot of work done at that time.

In the spring when there is gravel, they do maintenance work, but what we are looking at now because of a lack of gravel in the community, we have not resolved the upgrading of that airstrip. The maintenance worker works on the airstrip in the spring and we are going to be making a decision on how we can resolve this particular problem of that community. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Mr. Arvaluk.

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you Mr. Minister. We both understand that there is hardly any gravel. I understand from what the minister said that he is looking at a longer term plan for the airstrip in Chesterfield Inlet. So is your department is looking at a long term plan for the maintenance or upgrading of this airstrip.

Speaker: Mr. Anawak.

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes. Because of the lack of gravel it costs a lot more to maintain any airstrip if you have to go far to get the gravel for upgrading the airport. When I was there the Mayor took me to see the airstrip and where they get their gravel. We are working on that. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you Minister. Mr. Arvaluk.

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Mr. Minister for working on plans for where they can obtain gravel. However, the people of Chesterfield Inlet know exactly where they can obtain good gravel. If they are going to rebuild the road to that gravel pit, they will be passing by lakes and so on which will not be good for camping grounds and picnic areas and so on.

So I would like to ask the minister if they are going to be making plans to find a better gravel pit. Does that mean you will be putting in more money. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Anawak.

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I apologize I didn't hear the end of your question. Yes, we do know that the people of Chesterfield Inlet know where the good gravel is because they showed me where it is. What I said was that we are

going to be looking for funds so that we can have access to that proposed gravel pit and it is going to be more cost effective in the long run for both accessing the gravel pit and the maintenance of the airstrip.

We are going to keep an eye on it. Referring back to your first question, the airport is used very much by that community and we are going to keep an eye on it so that we don't make it a safety concern for aircraft and so on. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you minister. Final supplementary. Mr. Arvaluk.

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): Already. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When you are looking for additional funds so that you could access the proposed gravel pit I am sure that it is going to be very well planned by your department and I am pretty confident that you will make a very good plan. Are we looking at a one year funding program or multiple year funding to access this gravel pit.

Speaker: Minister Anawak.

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Accessibility to gravel is very important to the communities. We are working on finding a solution for the community of Chesterfield Inlet. We are going to work very hard within my department but we do know that there will have to be some funds from the Federal government.

We are having discussions with the Federal Government so that we can access additional funds for infrastructure, airstrips and so on. We will be working on the Chesterfield Inlet problem through the Department of Community Government & Transportation because we feel it is important to have well maintained airstrips and that is hard to do when you do not have access to good gravel. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral questions. Oral questions. Mr. Tootoo.

Question 090 - 1(4): Nunavut Housing Corporation RFPs

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation. Mr. Speaker, earlier she gave a response regarding a question I asked on an expression of interest that they established. I thanked her for providing that response. In there Mr. Speaker, she indicated that a request for proposals was sent out to those people who indicated that they were interested. I would like to ask the minister if she could inform us when those were sent out and when the closing date was. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Manitok Thompson: I am sorry. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I believe that the deadline for submissions was September 8, 2000. That is the only information that I have regarding the date. I do not know what exact date they were advertized in the paper. I

could get that information. But the deadline for submissions was September 8. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Supplementary, Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, in light of the fact it is almost a month now since it closed, I would like to ask the minister how close or has her staff, the department determined any number of units. I know in the budget the minister indicated that they are hoping to achieve the leasing of 40 units. I am just wondering if that is going to be possible within the budget amount. The amount that was budgeted. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Manitok Thompson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We will be within budget. But I do not know whether there will be 40 units. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I am glad to hear the minister state that they are planning on being within budget for this amount. I am wondering if the minister could, at the appropriate time, either through a press release or a letter to the members, inform us how many units they will be able to achieve under the budgeted amount. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Thompson.

Hon. Manitok Thompson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As soon as we get the final figures I will be sending a letter to all the members. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Minister. Mr. Tootoo. Final supplementary.

Mr. Tootoo: Already.

>> *Laughter*

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I am just wondering if the minister could indicate what type of time frame we are looking at in terms of when they will have their numbers considering it has been a month already since the proposals were received. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Thompson.

Hon. Manitok Thompson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We will try to do it as soon as possible, hopefully within the month or a little bit after that. We are just finalizing everything, I know that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Ms. Thompson. Oral questions. Mr. Puqiqnak.

Question 091– 1(4): Support for Small Businesses

Mr. Puqiqnak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, a short while ago I was asking my questions and I would like to thank you for giving me another opportunity to ask more. I did not complete my question to the Department of Sustainable Development.

As I said earlier, the local businesses are not getting enough business and I would like to ask the minister how we could help these small businesses become more economically viable and who they could ask for support. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just last week if you all recall, I made a statement to the House and gave an overview of what programs are available through our department to small businesses in Nunavut.

In our department and under our mandate we have support programs that can be accessed by small businesses that need support. We have the Small Business Development Fund, that could be accessed. The economic development portion can also be accessed by these businesses. Thank you.

Speaker: Mr. Puqiqnak.

Mr. Puqiqnak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the Minister of Sustainable Development for responding to my question. However, even though that is the case Mr. Speaker, in my community I know of small businesses that try to access program funding from departments and agencies and so on but there are a lot of them that have been denied even when they make proposals to your department.

For example, using my community, the Hamlet has an Economic Development Department now, are we going to be giving that responsibility to the Hamlet Council or are you going to keep it within your department. Thank you.

Speaker: Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There are quite a few steps that you have to go through if you are going to make a proposal to our department. Just because you make a proposal doesn't mean that you are automatically accepted. There are a lot of steps that you have to go through. We are trying to help the economic development portion that is under the umbrella of the Hamlet Councils.

We have set up a training program so that the Economic Development Officers will be under the Hamlet Councils and the forms have been made simpler by our department. I believe that this will make it a little bit easier to the people that are going to be making proposals for funding through our department.

We would like them to set up work plans and we want them to have support when they are filling out their forms and developing their proposals. Some times the proposal goes back and forth because they require additional information and at times that will be one of the reasons why the person making the proposals makes the decision not to try again.

So I would like the people out there to keep trying with their proposals. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 092 – 1(4): Deadlines for CLEY Funding Applications

Mr. Havioyak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct a question to the Minister for Culture, Language, Elders & Youth. (interpretation ends) About your grants and contribution programs and services. Sorry I don't have the dates here but I just wanted to mention to you that you have some deadlines as to when you receive your applications for any of the grants and contributions that Nunavummiut can apply for.

Using my community as an example as to where they find the deadlines or how long the period is open for these applications. At times some applicants, individuals or groups submit an application and find out later that they are tabled for the following year because of lack of grants and contributions available to them or there is some information missing.

But the main thing that they are concerned about is, has the minister reviewed this deadline that you have for these grants and contributions. Can you commit to us that you will review this policy that you have in place for the deadlines for applications. Koanna Uqaqi.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Havioyak. Minister Kattuk.

Hon. Peter Kattuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In regard to the question asked by the member. Last year there was a deadline of May 19, 2000. Sometimes applicants as you said for grants and contributions do not provide the appropriate information and it can be grounds for rejection of the application.

But the deadline was May 19, 2000 and as for the request to have the policy reviewed I cannot give you detailed information as to what has been planned or what ground work has been laid down, but I will check into this for you Mr. Havioyak. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Havioyak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The one that I was just talking about. I think the minister should be reviewing that policy because it is directed to young people and elders. The minister mentioned that there is a deadline of May. Sometimes in the winter when people want to try out different things they are not noticed or recognized. If one person or a group of elders or youth are trying to access funding they are trying when there is no funding available and they give up.

May 19, as he mentioned was the deadline. There should be no deadline, that should be tried so that people in the winter, spring, summer, can put in proposals. Youth or elder groups could then try for these proposals. I would like to see this so it would be better aimed at all people. Thank you.

Speaker: Minister Kattuk.

Hon. Peter Kattuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Perhaps if I rephrased my response. The elders' societies and youth councils in communities have to be encouraged to apply for this funding. Sometimes you have to push them. The grants and contributions available, as you are aware, we don't have an awful lot of money available for all of Nunavut.

We can not always supply sufficient funds for everyone. As to your first question regarding the application process and deadlines, that will be at the beginning of February. They will be open for applications to be received in early February. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Minister. Just a reminder to the members on both sides of the House, not to turn questions into statements. Try to be concise and precise. The same for the ministers as well, they should try to get their answers out as quickly as possible. Oral questions. Supplementary. Mr. Havioyak.

Mr. Havioyak (interpretation): I didn't get an answer I don't think. However, I would like to encourage a review so that it is more directed to all the people in Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: I didn't hear a question there but Mr. Kattuk would you like to address the comments or concerns of Mr. Havioyak.

Hon. Peter Kattuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I cannot give a detailed answer at this time but I will check into the information that Mr. Havioyak is requesting. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you minister. Oral questions. Oral questions. On the list we have Mr. McLean, Mr. Iqaqrialu, Mr. Nutarak. Mr. McLean.

Question 093– 1(4): PPD / Nunavut Power Corporation Amalgamation

Mr. McLean: Ma'na Uqaqti. I will try to keep my preamble short but it is a difficult question today. My question today is directed to the Premier. Uqaqti, I want to acknowledge the great work of the Minister of the Power Corporation in keeping our power rates down with an increase of 20% in the fuel costs.

I wonder if the Premier would commit to direct his government to doing a study on Petroleum Products Division and according to the Ikuma Report one of the recommendations was for the PPD to be combined with the Power Corporation for cost savings.

My question today is, would the Premier commit to doing a study on PPD moving over to the Nunavut Power Corporation to see what cost benefits would be achieved. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. McLean. Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik: Ma'na Uqaqti. Right now we are reviewing the Public Utilities Board and what role it will have. So I think one of the considerations is to combine all of the utilities and other bodies in place right now. So I will get back to the member on further details as to if there are any further studies being considered for Petroleum Products. Ma'na Uqaqti.

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

Question 094 – 1(4): Use of Smoking Cessation Funding

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to direct my question to the Minister of Health & Social Services. Last year two million dollars was allocated towards an anti-tobacco campaign. Could he provide us with a report as to how the funds have been used in promoting this campaign. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, in an earlier question I believe last week in the House by Mr. Nutarak, we did commit to providing that information. I signed off the draft letter I believe it was yesterday so that information will be provided to the member. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I didn't get a full response. I would like a full response. Can you provide me with written data indicating, or a report stating where the money was spent. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Iqaqrialu. I believe the question was answered but if the minister would care to answer it again. Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, it is not very often I have an opportunity, or actually have an opportunity to be asked to expand on a subject or go on at length, I try to keep my answers, as you know, short and to the point. The answer to the member again Mr. Speaker, is yes, I signed off a draft letter on the information about the money that has been expended on the smoking, tobacco cessation program today. That information will be forthcoming in the next 24 hours. Maybe this afternoon. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for asking me to say more.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Picco. Oral questions. Mr. Nutarak.

Question 095 - 1(4): Response to Question on Funding

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Community Government and Transportation regarding an application for funding from my hamlet for land improvements of over 300 thousand dollars. On October 26 when I asked him a question he told me he would provide me with a response either the next day or the next week. I have not received a response yet. So I want to ask again when he can provide me with a response. This question is to the Minister of Community Government and Transportation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Nutarak. Minister Anawak.

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My apologies to the member. I forgot about this response that I intended to make. I can provide the information to Mr. Nutarak after this session as I do not have it right now. If it is okay for the member if we could sit down and talk about and I will provide him with information. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral questions. Mr. Tootoo.

Question 096 - 1(4): Support for AWG Host Society

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister responsible for Community Government and Transportation. Mr. Speaker, in my member's statement I talked about the importance of a successful 2002 Arctic Winter Games. I would like to ask the minister if he would commit to working with the host society in ensuring that these games go off with a huge success and the committee gets support from the department in achieving that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Jack Anawak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. March 2002 is going to be a very exciting event for Nunavut because this will be the first time that Nunavut will be co-hosting the Arctic Winter Games. We will be hosting part of it with Nuuk. We have an on-going discussion, on-going working relationship with the host society.

We have assured them that they have our 100% support and backing from the department and as well I assured them that in my meeting with the Minister of National Defence some time ago I got the commitment from him to utilize the FOL site because of the shortage of facilities that could well occur when the 900 and odd athletes are going to be here. I can answer the member by saying that yes they have 100% support from us.

Speaker: Thank you, minister. Oral questions. Supplementary. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I am wondering if the minister could indicate the level of support that the department has given. To date I know it has been considerable. But I would just like to ask if he could inform the House of the level of support given and the commitment outstanding yet to provide to the host society for the games. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Jack Anawak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the host society being Nunavut the government is obliged to give some assistance to them. I believe earlier a year ago in the discussion on the budget we allocated the normal amount I guess that we allocate to the Arctic Winter Games. When the games are going to occur in the territory I can't say with certainty but I believe the support we have given to the host society in terms of dollars is just about 1.1 million or thereabouts.

We want to ensure that the games are successful, we want to ensure that we can showcase to the rest of Nunavut and the other countries that we have a good community in Iqaluit and that we will do what we can to ensure that it is a huge success. Thank you.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to hear that. Mr. Speaker, the minister said that the department or the government has given the normal amount of support for communities hosting this event in the past. Mr. Speaker, given that this is the first time that this type of event is attempted to be hosted in Nunavut in a smaller community and as well co-hosted.

I am sure that as Murphy's Law kicks in that there will be certain circumstances that were not foreseen. Would the minister commit to being supportive of any new areas of concern that may come up as a result of this being the first time that something like this is happening and usually there are things that aren't thought of. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Anawak.

Hon. Jack Anawak: Thank you. I am sure that I have every confidence that the host society will do a very good job, but as I pointed out earlier, we have a very good working relationship, certainly with the host society but also with the Arctic Winter Games Committee. So if there are any discussions that need to be held, if there are any problems of course we would be willing to talk to the host society committee and the Arctic Winter Games committee.

Because as I pointed out, we want to make sure that, or I should say that this is an opportunity for Nunavut to showcase itself and we have every intention of making sure that it is a huge success. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Anawak. Question period is now over. Returning to the orders of the day. Item 7. Written questions. Mr. Tootoo.

Item 7: Written Questions

Written Question 007 - 1(4): Housing Strategy Committee Information

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I have some written questions for the Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation. The first one is;

1. Who is on the Government of Nunavut Housing Strategy committee.
2. What are the terms of reference of the committee.
3. What decisions has the committee taken to date.
4. What recommendations has the committee made to the minister.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Tootoo. Item 7. Written questions. Mr. McLean.

Written Question 008 – 1(4): Benefits from Infrastructure Canada

Mr. McLean: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My written question today is to the Minister of Community Government & Transportation. The question is;

What project is the Government of Nunavut hoping to achieve with the Federal Government Infrastructure Canada Program.

Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. McLean. Written questions. Written questions. Mr. Tootoo.

Written Question 009 – 1(4): Status of Government of Nunavut Policies

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, this written question is for the Premier, the Honourable Premier Okalik as the Minister of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs.

1. How many Government of Nunavut policies have received approval by cabinet since April 1, 1999.
2. What are these policies.
3. Do approved policies exist in a consolidated format that the public can access.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Tootoo. Written questions. Mr. McLean.

Written Question 010 – 1(4): Funding of Elder & Youth Programs

Mr. McLean: Ma'na Uqaqti. My written question today is for the Minister of Culture, Language, Elders & Youth. The question is;

How many and elder and youth programs were funded by the department over the summer. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. McLean. Written questions. Mr. Tootoo.

Written Question 011 – 1(4): Healing Programs

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my written questions are for the Minister responsible for Health and Social Services.

1. How will the minister meet his commitment to develop holistic, residency based treatment programs in the communities.
2. Would the minister consider beginning with a pilot project in one community first.
3. Which communities will be considered as candidates for residency based treatment programs.
4. How will such residency treatment programs be offered at the community level.
5. Which individuals will be responsible for providing treatments in these programs.
6. The minister indicated that substance abuse also refers to the abuse of over the counter drugs and drugs that are provided through prescription. Is the Nunavut Non Insured Health Benefits program monitored with respect to the issue and use of prescription drugs.

7. What activities or initiatives are on the way to help Nunavut health professionals identify and address issues surrounding prescription drug use or misuse.
8. What activities and initiatives are underway to address combined problems of prescription drug, alcohol and illicit drug use.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Tootoo. Item 7. Written questions. Mr. McLean.

Written Question 012 – 1(4): Accurate Unemployment Statistics

Mr. McLean: Ma'na Uqaqti. My written question is for the Premier.

What is the Nunavut Board of Statistics doing to insure that unemployment in Nunavut is accurately measured in the Statistics Canada labour force survey. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. McLean. Written questions. Mr. Havioyak.

Written Question 013 – 1(4): Statistics on Nurses

Mr. Havioyak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My written question is for the Minister of Health and Social Services.

1. How many registered nurses are currently employed in Nunavut, by communities.
2. How many communities are currently experiencing nursing shortages in Nunavut.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Item 7. Written questions. Mr. Tootoo.

Written Question 014 – 1(4): Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit Policies & Procedures

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, these questions are for the Minister of Culture, Language, Elders & Youth;

1. What is the definition of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit, as it refers to the government as a whole.
2. How will Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit be incorporated into government policy.
3. Is there an overall framework for the incorporation of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit into government procedures.
4. How is the Department of Culture, Language, Elders & Youth monitoring the development of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit definitions and policies and procedures in each of the government's various departments.

5. How is the department insuring that the appropriate personnel are involved in developing Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit policies in each department.
6. Can the minister provide at least 5 examples of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit being incorporated into this government.
7. What frameworks are used to insure that the development of legislation from legislative proposals through to the drafting of bills incorporates Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit.
8. What measures will the department of Culture, Language, Elders & Youth take to insure that the Departments do not delay in implementing Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit initiatives.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Tootoo. Item 7. Written questions. Mr. McLean.

Written Question 015 – 1(4): Solutions for Staff Housing Shortage

Mr. McLean: Ma'na Uqaqti. My written question is to the Minister of Human Resources.

What is the Government doing to address the shortage of staff housing for its employees in Nunavut. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. McLean. Item 7. Written questions. Mr. Tootoo.

Written Question 016 – 1(4): Job Competitions for Depts., Boards & Agencies

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I have here 15 questions for the Minister responsible for Human Resources.

1. How many job competitions for GN Departments, boards and agencies have been initiated in the fiscal year to date.
2. Of this number how many competitions had to be extended or re-opened.
3. How many indeterminate or contract positions with Government of Nunavut Departments, boards and agencies have been filled without competition by direct appointment in the fiscal year to date.
4. Are exit interviews with departing Government of Nunavut employees conducted by the Department of Human Resources. If so, what questions are asked.
5. If exit interviews are not being currently being conducted does the department of human resources have any plans to do so.
6. At the current rate of hiring when does the Department of Human Resources anticipate reaching full capacity in Nunavut Government departments, boards and agencies.

7. How many consultants are currently engaged by government departments, boards, and agencies. What is the average rate of compensation for consultants currently engaged by Nunavut Government departments, boards and agencies.
8. How many indeterminate employees, contract employees, or consultants engaged by the departments, board or agencies of the Nunavut Government currently receive vacation travel assistance.
9. How many indeterminate employees, contract employees, or consultants currently engaged by departments, boards, or agencies of the Nunavut Government currently receive housing subsidies outside of those specified in the collective agreement.
10. How many indeterminate employees, contract employees or consultants engaged by the departments, boards or agencies by the government currently receive per diem while on duty travel at a rate that is over and above the standard Nunavut Government duty travel rates.
11. How many indeterminate employees, contract employees or consultants engaged by the departments, boards or agencies are eligible to receive performance bonuses.
12. Of the total number eligible to receive performance bonuses, how many have been awarded performance bonuses in the fiscal year to date.
13. What are the criteria for awarding these bonuses and how is their value calculated.
14. What is the total amount expended during this fiscal year to date for performance bonuses.
15. How much has the government paid in removal cost for new hires and departing employees in the fiscal year to date.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Item 7. Written questions. Mr. Haviyok.

Written Question 017 - 1(4): Status of Women Council

Mr. Haviyok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question about the Status of Women Council. The one year term of the Status of Women Council came to end at the end of October.

What has the minister done to date in regards to a new term for the council. What support will be given to the council to carry out its mandate.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Haviyok. Item 7. Written questions. Written questions. Mr. McLean.

Written Question 018 - 1(4): Northwestel Rate Increase

Mr. McLean: Ma'na Uqaqti. My written question is to the Minister of Finance. Welcome back.

1. Has there been a response to the minister's presentation to the CRTC on Northwestel's proposal to increase local service rates by 5 dollars.
2. Will this rate increase go ahead and what will the government do if it does. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. McLean. Written questions. Item 7. Written questions. Item 8. Mr. McLean. I did not see your hand.

Written Question 019 - 1(4): Information on Community Constable Program

Mr. McLean: Ma'na Uqaqti. My written question today is to the Minister of Justice.

How many Nunavummiut are enrolled in the community constable program. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. McLean. Written questions. Mr. McLean.

Written Question 020 - 1(4): Summer Student Employment Program

Mr. McLean: Ma'na Uqaqti. My written question is to the Minister of Education.

How many students participated in the summer student employment program in the small communities this year. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. McLean. Written questions. Item 7. Written questions. Are there any further written questions. There are not.

We will now move on to Item 8. Returns to written questions. Returns to written questions. Moving on to Item 9. Replies to opening address. Replies to opening address. Item 10. Petitions. Item 10. Petitions. Item 11. Reports of standing and special committees.

Item 12. Reports of committees on the review of bills. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Item 12: Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills**004 - 1(4): Standing Committee on Government Operations & Services – Bill 2 An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act**

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I wish to report that Bill 2 – An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act, has been reviewed by the

Standing Committee on Government Operations and Services and that the bill is ready for consideration in committee of the whole.

Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to waive rule 68(5) and have Bill 2 moved into committee of the whole for today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: There is a request to waive rule 68(5) so that the standing committee report can be referred to the committee of the whole. Are there any nays. There are no nays. The bill is referred to committee of the whole. Reports of committees on the review of bills. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

005 - 1(4): Standing Committee on Government Operations & Services – Bill 8 An Act to Amend the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to report that Bill 8 – An Act to Amend the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act on change of precedents and giving of notice, has been reviewed by the Standing Committee on Government Operations and Services and that the bill is ready for consideration in committee of the whole.

Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to waive rule 68(5) and have bill 8 moved into committee of the whole for today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Iqaqrialu. There is a request to waive rule 68(5) so that the standing committee report can be referred into committee of the whole. Are there any nays. There are no nays. Bill 8 is referred to committee of the whole.

Item 12. Reports of committees on the review of bills. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

006 - 1(4): Standing Committee on Government Operations & Services – Bill 9 An Act to Facilitate the Transfer of Employees from the Northwest Territories Power Corporation to the Nunavut Power Corporation

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to report that Bill 9 An Act to Facilitate the Transfer of Employees from the Northwest Territories Power Corporation to the Nunavut Power Corporation has been reviewed by the Standing Committee on Government Operations and Services and that the bill is ready for consideration in committee of the whole.

Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to waive rule 68(5) and have bill 9 moved into committee of the whole for today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Iqaqrialu. There is a request to waive rule 68(5) so that the standing committee report can be referred into committee of the whole. Are there any nays. There are no nays. Bill 9 is referred to committee of the whole.

Item 12. Reports of committees on the review of bills. Item 13. Tabling of documents. Minister Kattuk.

Item 13: Tabling of Documents

Tabled Document 021 – 1(4): Report on Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit Workshop

Hon. Peter Kattuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to table this document entitled, A Report on the September Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit Workshop. This report is a collection of emotions, reflections and goals of Nunavummiut; Inuit and non-Inuit, elders and youth, traditional and modern. Protected within its covers is a shared understanding of, and respect for Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit. This is a working document for policy development and guiding principles for Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit initiatives in the Government of Nunavut.

This report will help guide the Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit Task Force for Nunavut. It will live as a testimonial to a time when all Nunavummiut looked at the past to plan for our future together. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, minister. Item 13. Tabling of documents. Tabling of documents. Item 14. Notices of motions. Mr. McLean.

Item 14: Notices of Motions

Mr. McLean: Ma'na Uqaqti. Appointments to committees. Uqaqti, I give notice that on Monday November 6, 2000 I will move the following motion:

Whereas, section 38 of Legislative Assembly and the Executive Council Act provides that the Legislative Assembly may establish Standing and Special committees; and

Whereas, 89 (2) of the rules of the Legislative Assembly provides for a striking committee to recommend members to fill vacancies on standing committees; and

Whereas, the Legislative Assembly has chosen to make revisions to the membership of its standing committees;

Now, therefore, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Iqaluit Centre that the following members be appointed to the Standing Committee on Government Operations and Services: James Arvaluk member from Nanulik to replace Olayuk Akesuk and the new member for Quttiktuq; and

Further, that the following member be appointed an alternate to the standing committee on Culture, Education and Health. James Arvaluk, member for Nanulik to replace Olayuk Akesuk; and

Further, that the following member be appointed an alternate to the standing committee on community empowerment and sustainable development. The new member from Quttiktuq; and

Further, that the following members be appointed to the Standing Committee Ajauqtiit; James Arvaluk, Member from Nanulik to replace Olayuk Akesuk and the new member for Quttiktuq; and

Further that the following member be appointed to the striking committee; Donald Havioyak member for Kugluktuk to replace Olayuk Akesuk; and

Further that the following member be appointed to the management and services board; Donald Havioyak member for Kugluktuk.

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

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. McLean. Item 14. Notices of motions. Notices of motions. Item 15. Notices of motions for first reading of bills. Notices of motion for first reading of bills. Notices of motions for first reading of bills. Item 16. Motions. Item 16. Mr. Tootoo.

Item 16: Motions

Motion 010 - 1(4): Appointment of Olayuk Akesuk to Executive Council

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I move this motion today;

Whereas, Section 55(1) of the Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act requires that there shall be an Executive Council of Nunavut; and

Whereas, Members of the Executive Council of Nunavut are appointed by the Commissioner on recommendation of the Legislative Assembly;

Now, therefore, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Tunnuniq, that this Assembly recommends to the Commissioner of Nunavut that Mr. Olayuk Akesuk, Member for Baffin South, be appointed to the Executive Council.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. The motion is in order. To the motion. Question has been called. All those in favour. Opposed. Motion is carried.

Congratulations member and also at the end of the sitting day we will have a swearing in ceremony for Mr. Akasuk. Moving on to Item 16. Mr. McLean.

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

Speaker: The member is seeking unanimous consent to deal with his motion today. Are there any nays. You have been granted consent. Continue with your motion Mr. McLean.

Motion 011 - 1(4): Legislative Assembly Committee Appointments

Mr. McLean: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Whereas, section 38 of Legislative Assembly and the Executive Council Act provides that the Legislative Assembly may establish standing and special committees; and

Whereas, 89 (2) of the rules of the Legislative Assembly provides for a striking committee to recommend members to fill vacancies on standing committees; and

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Further that the following member be appointed to the management and services board; Donald Havioyak member for Kugluktuk.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. McLean. The motion is in order. To the motion. Question has been called. All those in favour. All those opposed. The motion is carried. Congratulations members.

>> *Applause*

Moving on to Item 17. First reading of bills. First reading of bills. Item 18. Second reading of bills. Second reading of bills. Item 19. Consideration in committee of the whole of bills and other matters.

Bill 1, Bill 2, Bill 8, Bill 9, and also Ministers' Statements 6-1(4), 8-1(4), with Mr. Puqiqnak as the Chairperson. If members could indulge me, on a personal note. I may have to leave at short notice. I am not sure whether the House will complete today or tomorrow.

As most members know I would also like to advise my constituents that my 10 year old daughter who lives with her mom in the south will be undergoing a major operation on Monday to try to correct a sight problem. To try to regain her sight in her left eye. So it is my intention to be with her during that time.

I will be away from the House for the next few weeks. I would like to apologize to my constituents for not being home as much as I should have been. The duties in the House and also time with my daughter over the last few months have made it difficult to be home. So with that I will tell the members that there will be a short break. Mr. Clerk. The break will be in the Tuktu room.

Sergeant-At-Arms.

>> *House recessed at 12.17 and resumed at 13.05 pm*

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

Chairperson (interpretation): Good afternoon. Premier. Members. Today when we are considering Bills as a committee of the whole it is difficult to say whether we will finish dealing with these bills. Now we will proceed with the committee of the whole dealing with Ministers' Statements 6-1 (4) and 8 –1 (4), Bills 1, 9, 8, and 2. What is the wish of the committee. Mr. Arvaluk.

Mr. Arvaluk: Thank you Mr. Chairman, we want to deal with Bill 8 and then Bill 2 and lastly Bill 1. Afterwards we wish to deal with Ministers' Statements 6-1 (4) and 8 – 1 (4). Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Arvaluk. Bill 8, are there any nays. How about bills 9, 2, and 1 any nays to those bills. All Agreed. We will be dealing Bill 8. Mr. Premier, do you have any opening remarks.

Bill 8 - An Act to Amend the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act – Consideration in Committee of the Whole

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Yes, there are two parts to this.

The second part is reviewing the bill. If there are any questions regarding this bill the public can write in their questions, their concerns and in compliance with our policies, this bill is out for public scrutiny. So if there are any concerns or questions, they can be posted sent out through the post office and they will have to wait 15 days, for a response to their questions. This was recommended by the Information Commissioner to have a 15 day waiting period for a response. This bill will have an impact on all the people of Nunavut, so we want to see this bill accurately meet the needs of Nunavummiut. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Opening remarks on Bill 8. Thank you Mr. Chairman. The Standing Committee on Government Operations and Services was pleased to have had the opportunity yesterday to review this Bill with the Premier.

Mr. Chair, just over a year ago, this Legislative Assembly passed a Bill extending the period of time by one year before the provisions of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* will prevail over the provisions of any other Act. This Bill extends the period of time by another two years, until the end of 2002, so as to allow the Government to undertake a comprehensive review of its statutes to reconcile the differences in privacy and access rules between this Act and others.

Mr. Chair, the Standing Committee recognizes the need to perform this job thoroughly and carefully. It is to be hoped that no further extensions are required, and that the Government devote the necessary resources to accomplishing this task, hopefully long before this period of time expires.

Mr. Chair, I would like to note that clause 3 of the Bill responds to concerns raised by the Information and Privacy Commissioner in her first annual report to this Assembly.

Mr. Chair, the Standing Committee recommends passage of this Bill. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Iqaqrialu. I want to ask our Premier if he and his officials are prepared to go to the witness table.

Thank you, welcome, if you could introduce your witnesses.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. My witnesses are my Deputy Minister, Anne Crawford and Mary Anne Johnson who is our Policy Advisor. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Premier and your colleagues. Welcome. We will try to complete the task in front us today. I want to remind members as we stated yesterday the clauses are numbered if you can keep your questions and your comments directed to the bill. So please keep your questions and comments clear and concise so they will be easier to respond to. The floor is open for general comments. Any comments regarding Bill 8. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I will go over some questions that I had last night, just for the sake of having them repeated on record. Mr. Chairman, I am wondering if the minister and his staff could indicate why a two year time period has been chosen now instead of the one year that was there previously. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik: Thank you Mr. Chairman. As I stated last night I do not want to repeat this next year, to be safe. I want to give the department two years and provide the public a thorough opportunity to have input on the amendments. So we feel that two years will be sufficient and to give another one year extensions next year, it just won't make sense. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Premier.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I know it has been a very busy year for the government. I am just wondering how much of the work that was accomplished in this past year, looking at our laws, our Acts to ensure that they comply with the Information and Privacy Act. The minister is indicating they want two years to review. I think it is going to be a year at least to be able to look at all our legislation. I am just wondering how much has been done over the past year. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Yes, we have been staffing up as you know, I did not even have a staff member last year when I appeared before the Legislature on this issue. So we now have Maryann Johnston who has been working on this file and we now have the Access to Information Commissioner and she was consulted on this proposal. We want to provide as much opportunity for everyone to start working on it. So in the past year we have been focusing on staffing up and from now on,

on the basis of this legislation we want to start the consultations. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Premier. We are under comments and questions. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Has the Privacy Commissioner been involved in this up to now. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Yes. In regards to the bill that has been asked and answered. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. The bill will be deferred again for another two years and it was deferred for one year last year. I want to know why this is occurring. That is my other question. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Iqaqrialu. Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. As I said earlier, I do not want to have to come back next year and deal with it again. In the Northwest Territories it took them five years and we want to try and finish it in two years. Because it has an impact on everybody in the government and Nunavummiut and we want to take a very close look. If we don't complete it this year then we'll have to re-visit it again next year, which we don't want to do. So we would rather complete it and get it over with.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Premier. Comments. Any more comments. What's the wish of the committee. We will go clause by clause. I believe you all have copies. On page 1. Bill 8. I'm just going to say the clause numbers. Clause 1.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Clause 2.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Clause 3.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Bill 8. As a whole, do you agree.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Bill 8 is now ready for 3rd reading. Thank you. We'll go onto Bill 9. Thank you, for being able to come here.

When we have a lot of work to do the clock just zooms by, just like that. We'll try to complete what we have to do on Bill 9. Mr. Picco, do you have any opening remarks on Bill 9, do you want to give opening remarks or make remarks before you go to the witness table. Mr. Picco, you can give your opening remarks.

Bill 9 - An Act to Facilitate the Transfer of Employees from the Northwest Territories Power Corporation to the Nunavut Power Corporation – Consideration in Committee of the Whole

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you Mr. Chairman, good afternoon and good afternoon to the committee.

Mr. Chairman, as you know we are now less than 5 months away from the day the Nunavut Power Corporation takes over responsibility for providing power to all of our communities. In our work towards a smooth transition from NTPC to NPC, among the most valuable assets we possess are the skilled and loyal employees working in the power plants and offices throughout Nunavut.

It is our intention to ask all Nunavut based NTPC employees to transfer to NPC on April 1 2001, and it is my intention through this amendment to ensure all of the terms and conditions of their employment are protected during that process.

Basically Mr. Chairman, that sums up the rationale for bringing the proposed amendments to the Nunavut Public Utilities Act in front of you today. Specifically Mr. Chairman, these amendments are intended to provide a legal framework for the government and NPC to achieve three objectives.

Mr. Chairman, those 3 objectives are first to allow the Nunavut Power Corporation to receive the NTPC employees on April 1, 2001. Second to allow the government to receive NTPC employees as members of the Nunavut public service on April 1, 2001. And finally, Mr. Chairman, to ensure that the government and the Nunavut Power Corporation assume all the responsibilities, rights and obligations under the current collective agreement between NTPC and Nunavut Employees Union for these transferred employees.

Mr. Chairman, I enjoyed the opportunity to appear before the Standing Committee on Government Operations yesterday afternoon to hear their comments and questions. The Standing Committee made it very clear Mr. Chairman, very clear that they want assurances that there is no legal wording in the clauses of bill 9 that would give the government any authority to change the terms or content of the collective agreement which applies to the Nunavut based NTPC employees on December 31, 2001.

Mr. Chairman, I can give them and all the members of this House this assurance. The wording on Bill 9 does not and I repeat Mr. Chairman, does not give any authority to unilaterally alter the current collective agreement. On the contrary Bill 9 just ensures the government and NPC can receive all of the Nunavut based NTPC employees and will honour all the existing rights, obligation and terms and conditions of their collective agreement.

Mr. Chairman, the Standing Committee also asked what steps need to be taken for the Northwest Territories Legislature to transfer the NTPC employees to us on April 1, 2001. Mr. Chairman, it is my understanding that the NWT needs to amend their Public Utilities Act to allow them to give away the NTPC employees in Nunavut. The NWT Assembly is now sitting and I further understand that they hope to pass this legislation during this sitting. Mr. Chairman, with that I am pleased to discuss Bill 9 with the committee of the whole at this time. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

>>Applause

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

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Standing Committee on Government Operations and Services was pleased to have had the opportunity yesterday to review this Bill with the Minister responsible for the Nunavut Power Corporation, the Honourable Ed Picco.

Mr. Chair, the Standing Committee is pleased that the Government is proceeding in a deliberate fashion to ensure that the establishment of the Nunavut Power Corporation on April 1, 2001, is executed successfully and smoothly.

Mr. Chair, Members of the Standing Committee sought and received assurances from the Minister that this Bill will ensure continuity in the present terms and conditions of employment of NTPC employees who become NPC employees on April 1, 2001.

Mr. Chair, the Standing Committee was also pleased to hear that the Minister anticipates that the Legislative Assembly of the NWT will pass the necessary amendments during their current Session to ensure a smooth "hand-off" of employees to Nunavut.

That concludes the opening comments of the Standing Committee, Mr. Chairman.
Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Iqaqrialu and thank you Minister Picco. You can go to the witness table with your staff.

Thank you, Minister Picco. Welcome to you and your staff, your witnesses. Before you proceed, please introduce your witnesses for the record. Thank you.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, with me today is that very illustrious legal advisor, representing the Government of Nunavut and at this time the Nunavut Power Corporation with this legislative amendment, Mr. Ralph Armstrong, immediately to my left. Immediately to my right Mr. Chairman, is another well known person from Iqaluit, who is now the Director of the Nunavut Power Corporation Implementation Secretariat, Mr. Peter Scott. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, welcome. We are open for comments now, Mr. Arvaluk .

Mr. Arvaluk: Thank you Mr. Chairman. My question is very brief. Looking at Bill 9 and the minister's opening remarks, to ensure the continuance of the present terms and conditions of employment of NTPC. When the collective agreement is being worked on in the future will there be consideration for some of the employees, former employees of DIAND, before the NTPC was transferred to NWT and then will we be taking that responsibility under this Bill.

The employees were hired as casual operators from year to year, some of them for 20 years, thereby not benefiting from employment pensions. Are there any plans to address these very unjust practices of the Power Corporation that was inherited from the Federal Government. Nakurmiik.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Arvaluk. Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you Mr. Chairman. That's a very interesting question, raised by the member. As the member knows, back in the late 60's, the Northern Canada Power Commission was originally set up based out of Edmonton.

Subsequently they moved to Hay River, where the headquarters was set up in the mid 80's. The employees of the then NWT Power Corporation and Northern Canada Power Commission, those employees were grandfathered into the successive corporations and the corporate entities.

The point that the member brings up is outside the scope of Bill 9. As you know Mr. Chairman, this bill is simply to hand off the employees that are currently registered with the NWTPC to make them available to the Nunavut Power Corporation on April 1, 2001.

The second question or second part of the member's question concerns the collective agreement and so on, successor rights, there are other regulations and agreements in place for successor rights on collective agreements which again is outside the scope of this bill.

I can say Mr. Chairman that the current collective agreement that is in place will continue till December 1st 2001. With that Mr. Chairperson, I don't know if our legal counsel would like to add maybe a legal opinion, on how successor rights within organizations for example, terms of employment, duration of employment and how they would be effected by the transfer.

In my recollection of union matters, being a former president and negotiator, those successor rights are continued to be grandfathered. That is by convention. Specific issues on terms and conditions and terms of casual hires would have to go through the collective agreement process. With that Mr. Chairman, I will ask the legal counsel to speak to that quickly. That is my understanding. Thank you.

Chairperson: Mr. Armstrong.

Mr. Armstrong: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I honestly feel that I can not add anything to the summary that the minister has given. So, I will not say anything more.

>> *Laughter*

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you for your response. Before the member makes a comment, I would like Mr. Chandler to sit with us. The law clerk. Mr. Arvaluk.

Mr. Arvaluk: Thank you Mr. Chairman. So, I understand the, by the way my apologies that my question was apparently not in the scope of bill 9. I thought it was because of the member's statement on section 1 subsection (2) I think. Mr. Chairman, do I hear the minister saying that all the employees that are coming over to the Nunavut Power Corporation come under the collective agreement. In other words there are no more casual practices of firing in the springtime rehiring them after their holidays for the next twenty years. None of these kinds of things exists anymore throughout the whole of Nunavut. Is that how I understand it Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Arvaluk. Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, again that question is outside the scope of this bill. What the member is talking about is the hiring practices of the Power Corporation and of course those hiring practices are guaranteed under the collective agreement which is in place until December 31, 2001. I can not speak to the casual hiring or the term employment hiring at this time with the bill that is before us. But that type of question would probably be better asked if the member you could probably give me something in writing on specific issues that he is aware of that I could look into as the Minister responsible for the Nunavut Power Corporation. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. The collective agreement. The Nunavut Employees' Union, once the employees are moved to Nunavut do you believe that the transfer of employees will go smoothly. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Yes. We do.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, this piece of legislation as the minister so clearly indicated, is to allow for the transition of NTPC employees to become NPC employees. The legislation is to get rid of the "T". Can the minister indicate to what extent he has been involved with either of the unions in relation to how it may impact on them. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Tootoo. Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you Mr. Chairman. The member is correct, it is time to get rid of the "T" I guess in the NTPC. My concern at the beginning of course was that we didn't get rid of the "P". Picco.

>>*Laughter*

Mr. Chairman, after saying that, the member is correct, there is no impact on the UNW or in this case the NEU and indeed, the NEU will be assuming all the responsibilities, rights and obligations under the current collective agreement. As the member rightly pointed out it is just a handing off of those employees to the Nunavut Power Corporation on April 1, 2001, when Mr. Chairman, the Nunavut Power Corporation sets up operations. So the member is correct.

We have had consultations with, to my understanding, we have had consultations with the Nunavut Employees' Union and Mr. Scott, who is sitting directly to the right of me has had some conversations with the NEU. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Minister Picco. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Two questions. In light of the minister's comments of getting rid of the "P" in there, was there any plans that we don't know about at looking at doing that. Also, under the current collective agreement, Power Corporation employees are dealt with as their own bargaining unit, and will that still be the case after this current transition. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you Mr. Chairman. The answers to both of those questions, the first question the answer is no, and the second question the answer is yes. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Is the minister aware if the NWT is prepared to release these employees. Is he aware of that.

Chairperson (interpretation): Minister.

Hon. Ed Picco (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, that's a good question by the Member from Clyde River. Mr. Chairman, the Minister responsible for the Northwest Territories Power Corporation in Yellowknife has introduced legislation to my understanding to the session in Yellowknife and therefore and thus, would be aware of the amendments and would be aware of the legislation as he is entering complementary legislation. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Minister. If there are no further comments. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you Mr. Chairman. One final question. I believe as a result of the position we are in right now with NTPC, is that it is a shared corporation and any amendments that we make they have to make similar type amendments because our Acts have to pretty well be the same. I am just wondering does the minister anticipate any other amendments that may come forward as a result of changes on one side or the other. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Tootoo. Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you Mr. Chairman. No, Mr. Chairman, in consultation with the legal advisor, it is our belief that we are not aware of any other amendments or any other legislative change that we would have to bring forward at this time. That's to the best of my knowledge. Mr. Chairperson.

I forgot also Mr. Chairman, I neglected to introduce another staff person who is with me is sitting in the back of the House, who is our technical as well as the administrative and logistic administrator for this file and that is the incomparable Marianne Demmer. So I would just like to acknowledge that she is also participating here. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

>> *Applause*

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Welcome to the chambers. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. In section 13.1.3, I wonder how this can be changed and who has the authority to change or make amendments to the bill.

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

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, that is an excellent question on a legislative proposal on how legislation is drafted and amended. As the member knows, what we are actually doing right now is doing what the member was asking, how those various amendments and so on come forward. By consultation with the Power Corporation and by virtue of the collective agreement that is in place, which is expiring on December 31, 2001, then Mr. Chairman, it gives the genesis, the beginning as it were for new legislation to come forward. So the member is correct. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Minister Picco. I don't have any more names on my list. Would you like to go clause by clause. Bill 9, page 1. Clause 1.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Agreed. Turn the page. Page 2. Clause 2.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Bill as a whole, do you agree.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Does the committee agree that bill 9 is ready for third reading.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. I would like to thank the Minister Picco and his witnesses for appearing before the committee. Thank you. Following the items on the agenda. Bill 2, is the committee ready to deal with bill 2. Thank you. We are going to deal with bill 2. Does the minister have opening remarks. Minister Ng.

Bill 2 – An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act - Consideration in Committee of the Whole

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you Mr. Chairman. It is my pleasure as the Nunavut Minister responsible for the Workers' Compensation Board to introduce Bill 2 – An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act. This bill will amend a number of sections in the Act. First Mr. Chairman, the Years' Maximum Insurable Remuneration, also known as YMIR, will be raised to 63 thousand 350 dollars. The YMIR is a fundamental element of workers' compensation. It is used to determine the benefits payable to an injured worker which is currently set at 60 thousand dollars.

Another important part of the bill Mr. Chairman, is that it will allow dependent surviving spouses who marry or remarry to retain their compensation benefits under the Act. Furthermore, benefits will be retroactively reinstated to their surviving spouses who remarried after April 17, 1985.

Currently section 36 of the Workers' Compensation Act requires that workers compensation benefits paid to surviving spouses be terminated upon remarriage. Since the Charter of Rights and Freedoms was enacted, all Canadian jurisdictions with the exception of Nunavut have eliminated this provision from their Act.

Finally, Mr. Chairman, this bill will expand the Worker's Compensation Board appeals tribunal in order to shorten the time for an appeal to be heard. There has been a long standing concern that it takes too long for appeals to be heard. One source of the delay is that the legislation only provides for one panel to hear appeals. If this bill is adopted, a vice-chair will be created and a revised Act will allow for an appointment of additional members so that there could be two panels hearing appeals at the same time. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Ng. If you will go to the witness table. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Standing Committee on Government Operations and Services was pleased to have had the opportunity yesterday to review this Bill with the Premier and his officials.

Mr. Chair, the Standing Committee recognizes that these amendments have been introduced following the passage of similar amendments in the NWT concerning the issues of benefits for dependent surviving spouses and the composition of the appeals tribunal.

Mr. Chair, members of the Standing Committee expressed some concerns of a broader nature. So long as the Workers' Compensation Board remains shared between Nunavut and the Northwest Territories, it appears inevitable that this Assembly will frequently find itself in a position where it is passing legislation simply to catch up to initiatives originating elsewhere.

For example, the Bill that was originally introduced in the Legislative Assembly of the NWT allowed the Minister responsible for the WCB to appoint the Chair or Vice-Chair of the appeals tribunal. MLAs in the west expressed concern that this would erode the independence of the Board, and they were successful in persuading their Minister to amend the Bill to allow the tribunal itself to recommend these positions to the Minister.

Mr. Chair, regardless of the merits of this particular issue, the point is that they were debated and resolved elsewhere, and that is not desirable.

Mr. Chair, the Standing Committee was pleased to hear that the Government has embarked on a consultation process to determine the future of the WCB. The Standing Committee is of the understanding that a decision is due by the end of the year on whether to continue with a shared WCB, or to pursue the establishment of a stand-alone

Nunavut Board. Mr. Chair, members of the Standing Committee would like to be consulted prior to the final decision being taken.

Mr. Chair, a number of members believe that a stand-alone Nunavut WCB would allow for greater representation on the Board by Nunavummiut than is presently the case. It would allow our Government the opportunity to do a comprehensive review of the Act, with a view to ensuring that it meets the needs of our people. Members expressed a number of concerns surrounding the unique needs of hunters and carvers who are injured while working.

Mr. Chairman, these comments are of a broad, long-term nature. The Standing Committee recognizes the need to pass this Bill, and gives its support to do so. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Tootoo. Thank you Minister Ng for coming here. Could you introduce your colleague, so we will know who he is.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I have with me Mr. Geoff Hughes who is the Director of Revenue Management for the Department of Finance, also our lead responsible for the WCB. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Minister. We are now on comments and questions. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Before we begin the reading of the bill, I want to make some general comments. Workers' Compensation Board policies were set by the Government of Northwest Territories. There are no provisions in this Act and it is not sufficient for Nunavut, it is not geared for Nunavut.

We have to come up with an Act that will provide for workers in Nunavut. If the current Act remains the same then there will be problems with this Act in the future, because it is not geared for Nunavut. What I wanted to say is that at this time we have started thinking of our own Act for worker's compensation. I would recommend consultation and a review of this bill. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Iqaqrialu. That was a very good suggestion. Minister Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, the member raises a good point, there are plans being put together right now for an extensive review of the current Workers' Compensation Act in both Nunavut and the NWT, recognizing that it is an outdated Act and needs to be modernized. Plus the fact that the member stated that there may be some things that you need in Nunavut that we might want to take into consideration in a new Act. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Has it been recommended for the future of Nunavut that we should have our own Nunavut Act for worker's compensation. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Yes, Mr. Chairman, the member is correct.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Questions. Comments. Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. There is a provision in the Act that gives the Chairperson authority for this board. Is there a board already established or are you going to establish this type of board. Thank you. Mr. Nutarak.

Chairperson (interpretation): As we stated earlier our microphones are sensitive, if it is not clear for the Minister then Mr. Nutarak could clarify his questions. Did his question come across clear Mr. Minister.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you Mr. Chairman, I believe I did, I will try to answer to see if that suffices for the member. I think what he was getting at was whether or not there is an existing tribunal, appeals tribunals with a chairperson, vice-chairperson.

Yes, there is but the intent with the changes here would be to allow that there be a vice-chairperson with the same powers as the chairperson so that we can have in fact additional members and two tribunals which would theoretically be able to allow for more access to hearings that deal with appeals. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): The answer is clear but I wanted to clarify this. So for example, if I wanted to apply for compensation I would have to go through this tribunal or appeals board before receiving anything. Thank you.

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

Hon. Kelvin Ng: No, what would happen is if an individual felt that they were not given the adequate compensation as a result of the decision of the Workers' Compensation Board, they have the right to appeal to the Appeals Tribunal to review that decision and the Appeals Tribunal can reverse or amend the decision of the Workers' Compensation Board. Thank you.

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

Mr. Havioyak: Thank you Mr. Chairman. When an individual puts a claim in, I know in the NWT the process or the time period was so long. How long would that part take. Lets say I put in my claim today, is it acted upon right away or is there a time period that you depend on, in your process. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Minister Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you Mr. Chairman. On that particular issue which is outside the scope of the bill that we are proposing here Mr. Chairman. I would say that the Workers' Compensation Board would turn them over and make the decisions I would think as expeditiously as possible. If there are specific problems occurring that the member or others may be aware of, in slow processing of claims it is something that could be brought up to the Minister responsible for the Workers' Compensation Board and that can be passed on to them to alleviate any problems if that were the case. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Minister Ng. Any more comments. Mr. Puqiqnak.

Mr. Puqiqnak (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. While we are on Workers' Compensation Board for Nunavut, I myself know that not many Nunavummiut have benefited from having this Workers' Compensation Board. From my own experience I know that we always had to run through red tape. We have run into obstacles when we have tried to apply for workers' compensation.

For Nunavut, because accidents occur, some of us have to be compensated. There are hunters who hunt for a living because they are providing for their families. Those who are injured out on the land while hunting for food, are they entitled to these workers' compensation board benefits. Are hunters entitled to these benefits as well. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Puqiqnak.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Again Mr. Chairman, I believe the member is a bit outside of the scope of the bill but in trying to respond to provide the information to the member. The Government of Nunavut does have a harvester compensation program. We pay for claims from harvesters that may be injured while they are working in that type of activity throughout Nunavut. The Worker's Compensation Board itself administers the program on our behalf but we pay directly the claim amounts from that program. Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Ng. Let us stay focused on the bill. Let us focus our questions on the bill. Mr. Puqiqnak.

Mr. Puqiqnak (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. I do not have papers in front of me. I may be getting outside the scope of the bill. But we just want to make ourselves clear. If I am outside the scope of the bill please reprimand or remind me. Now in terms of the Workers' Compensation Board not many of us have benefited from this Workers' Compensation Board in the Northwest Territories.

Now the board because they are a board for workers' compensation, you mentioned earlier harvesters' compensation. This board is an independent board. The harvesters' compensation board, do they have a board. Is there a board for harvesters' compensation. The Worker's Compensation Board has a board of directors. Do harvesters have a board of directors. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you. Mr. Chairman, the harvester's compensation coverage program that the Government of Nunavut provides is administered by the Workers' Compensation Board. So how it works is that harvesters do not have to pay premiums unlike other employers. But if they were to be injured and as a result of the injury there are payments deemed to be required to compensate that hunter or carver in that situation, then the Government of Nunavut would be assessed an amount that we would pay to the Workers' Compensation Board for that coverage. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Puqiqnak (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, if I am outside the scope of the bill let me know. I believe we work to make a living whether we are civil servants or other, we all work to make a living and there are carvers who try to make a living from their carvings.

I am wondering if carvers are covered under this bill too. Thank you.

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

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Yes they are Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, it is my understanding that similar legislation was passed recently in the Northwest Territories. Again, that is why we are looking at doing this because it is a shared Board. Mr. Chairman, in the Northwest Territories I understand they have identified that there should be five people in the Northwest Territories that would be eligible for lump sum payments. I am just wondering if the minister has an idea of how many that would effect here in Nunavut. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you Mr. Chairman. There is one in Nunavut. Thank you.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Mr. Chairman, the setting of the rate or the maximum contribution is being changed in here. I asked last night but I want to ask again for the record, I don't expect the information right now but I would love to find out how that amount, that maximum amount is determined and what factors are taken into account in determining what that maximum amount of 63 thousand a year, where that comes from. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I have a briefing note that is a page and a half and very detailed on the method that the WCB uses to determine the YMIR. I am more than willing to provide it to the member, I don't know if the member wants me to read it out because it is quite technical. So I am prepared to provide that. Thank you.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you Mr. Chairman. That would be great if he could just get me a copy of it that would be great. I was doing some other work here before and I am not sure if it was asked before and I am sure, I would just ask the minister if he has answered it already. The make up of the Appeals Board, I understand the minister is responsible for the Workers' Compensation Board and are they consulted, has he been consulted on any of the appointments to the Appeals Tribunal. Also is he aware of who is on that Tribunal. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I take it the member is asking about the Appeals Tribunal. There is a process right now to select some additional members, but that process hasn't been finalized yet. I do work in close consultation with the minister responsible in the Northwest Territories, Mr. Handley, on this and we have discussed this actually quite a while back, predating us bringing forward this legislation to allow this expansion of the Appeals Tribunal to happen. So it is in the works now. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, since this is basically under discussion right now I wonder if the minister is going to ensure that there is some type of equal representation between the NWT and Nunavut, taking part on this board. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I wouldn't necessarily say it would be equal. But it would be proportional based on the formula that was reached in

leading up to the division of assets and liabilities between the Government of the NWT, the Office of the Interim Commissioner and NTI at that time.

I believe that the Workers' Compensation Board agreement allows for a proportional representation based on assessed revenues based on the jurisdiction of where it was. That was originally what comprised the make up the board. Members may know there are two Nunavut members and five NWT members out of seven, representing 28%, so there's two out of seven, so that is roughly 28%. Our assessment revenue is roughly 26%, so that was the basis of how they determined that make up. I think that carries on in respect to the appeals tribunal make up as well, Mr. Chair.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, maybe just a suggestion and then another question. I was wondering if it would be possible for the minister to look at having a separate appeals tribunal in Nunavut, to deal with Nunavut cases in a separate tribunal and in the NWT to deal with the NWT cases.

For the fact that anyone would probably feel awkward or uncomfortable if they were from one territory and they were appealing to people from a different territory. I was just wondering if you could look into if that's possible. I'll ask the same question that I asked earlier to Minister Picco in relation to fact that this Bill is a result of changes made in the NWT, because we are a shared board. Does the minister anticipate any other changes that may be coming forward as a result of changes on either our side or the NWT side. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you Mr. Chairman. First of all, the reason for these amendments that we're proposing, it isn't so much because the NWT legislature has changed the WCB Act, it is a reflection of the request of the Workers' Compensation Board itself which is an independent board as members know.

But as ministers' responsible, because we have the legislation that outlines how they operate, and sets for example the YMIR where it's legislated and there has to be changes. The Workers' Compensation Board approaches both the ministers on what they would like to see happening and if we were supportive of it, then we both put forward the amendment.

It just as easily could have been us putting the amendments through prior to the NWT. It just happens that they have been sitting before us, when we had agreed upon this and it was near the end of our spring session and we didn't have the necessary legislation all prepared ready to go at that time. That's why it's come later than the NWT in this case. In an ideal situation that would go forward at the same time, when both legislatures would be sitting. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Minister Ng. General comments. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Under the bill can only claimants who have been examined by a doctor get compensation. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson: Minister Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Mr. Chairman, again that probably is outside the scope of the bill that is proposed here. But generally where there is an injury and there is a long-term disability that results in compensation for the loss of income there would be medical reports required and medical assessments made of that individual. Thank you.

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

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you. This bill was from the NWT and Nunavummiut have to have a clear picture, a clear goal as to which way they want to go because there have been a lot of problems with the WCB. Maybe this will give us a very clear goal, will this bill give us a clear goal. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Mr. Chairman, I would say it is clear in what is proposed in this bill. But where the member is referring to some broader changes in respect to the Workers' Compensation Board Act, as I indicated to the member earlier, that would come in more of an extensive consultation and reviews. Because if you want to revamp or introduce a new Act that requires a lot more work and input from Nunavut. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Do you want to go clause by clause. We will go clause by clause. Bill 2. Bill 2. Page 1. You have the page. Clause 1.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Clause 2.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Clause 3.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Page number 2, clause 4.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Clause 5.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Clause 6.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Clause 7.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Clause 8.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Page 4, clause 9.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Clause 10.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Bill as a whole. Does everybody agree.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Bill 2 is now ready for third reading. Thank you Minister Ng and Geoff. I cannot pronounce his name properly. Thank you for sitting before us.

Okay, Bill 1 - Supplementary Appropriation Act. You want to start on that. I will have to ask Mr. Iqaqrialu to come up please and take the Chair.

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

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Welcome to the Chair. I was thinking that we might be spending quite some time on this bill. Maybe if we could take a break. At your own discretion.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Arvaluk. We will have a 10 minute break.

>>Committee recessed at 2.25 p.m. and resumed at 2.42 p.m.

Chairperson (interpretation): The committee will come to order. Does the committee agree we deal with Bill 1 Supplementary Appropriation Act. Bill 1. All in favour. I would like to ask Minister Ng to start with his opening remarks. Minister Ng.

Bill 1 - Supplementary Appropriation Act - Consideration in Committee of the Whole

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you Mr. Chairman. The purpose of the Supplementary Appropriation Bill is to provide additional funding for the government of Nunavut for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2000. Authority is requested for a total of 28 million 438 thousand dollars in additional appropriations made up of 17 million 210 thousand dollars for operations and maintenance and expenditures of 11 million 228 thousand for capital expenditures.

A number of transfers between departments and votes are also a part of the supplementary appropriations which do not require additional funding. These transfers include funding for centralized telephone payments to Public Works, Telecommunications & Technical Services and reallocation of funding within Community Government and Transportation to undertake various capital projects.

Also a transfer to Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs for the operational support of the Nunavut Government web site. The operations and maintenance appropriation requirements include 12 million 479 thousand dollars for the increased lease costs of commercial and residential properties.

Four million 444 thousand for the impact of the new Collective Agreement between the Nunavut Government and the Federation of Nunavut teachers. One million 742 thousand dollars to fund the requirements of the Non-Insured Health Benefits program contribution agreement with the Government of Canada. The capital appropriations requirements include 1 million 100 thousand dollars for the Kuugaaruk access road, 8 million 673 thousand dollars for the carry over of funds from 1999-2000 for various departmental projects that can not be completed in that year.

The incremental funding requirements have been funded as follows. The Non Insured Health Benefits funding of 1 million 742 thousand dollars is fully recoverable from the Government of Canada and the remainder of the 26 million 696 thousand dollars will be funded through the contingency reserve and the accumulated savings of the Government of Nunavut.

Included in this amount is a capital carry over of 8 million 673 thousand which is the equivalent to the prior year's lapses of the same amount. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Minister Ng. Now I would like to ask Minister Ng if he has any witnesses he would like to appear with in front of the committee. They could go to the witness table. Thank you for coming to the witness table. Minister Ng could you introduce your witnesses.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you Mr. Chairman. To my right is Mr. Bob Vardy the Deputy Minister and to my left Mr. Victor Tootoo, Assistant Deputy Minister of the Department of Finance and Administration. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Minister Ng. Do all the members have a copy of the Supplementary Appropriation No. 1. Bill 1. Do you have a copy of the bill. All right I would like to ask if any of the members have general comments. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, maybe instead of just having questions all over the place on the bill here it has a breakdown by department of the appropriate changes. I am just wondering if it might be better to just go page by page and if there are any questions under the detail by department starting on page six or seven. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Tootoo. We will starting off with page six. Mr. Alakannuark.

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. I don't have a copy of the Supplementary Appropriation, No. 1.

Chairperson (interpretation): Are there other members that don't have a copy. I am just turning through the pages. If you have any comments. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Actually I wanted to have one question generally before we got into the detail. I am just wondering if the minister could just give us an idea or an explanation on the special warrants and how things end up in a supplementary bill, whether it be something not previously authorized or the special warrants. Just to set the framework where these things, how they come up. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Tootoo. Minister Ng would you like to respond.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I believe we use special warrants in the situation of capital carry-overs that are outlined in this Supplementary Appropriation Bill. A special warrant can be used in emergency situations. The Financial Management Board may recommend a special warrant to the Commissioner for spending authority to allow a department to respond quickly, if there is unforeseen need that meets the criteria of an emergency defined by the Financial Administration Act.

Criteria that is used is that this expenditure is urgently required, is in the public interest and the department does not have sufficient funding for the expenditure. When a special warrant is approved the department has access to the funding immediately. So we use that in the case of the capital carry-overs because they had been approved in the previous year and the departments wanted to continue on with the projects in the current fiscal year. Thank you.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I just want to be clear that special warrants are either for the carry-over of existing projects into this current fiscal year or for emergencies. Is that what the minister indicated. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Yes. The member is correct. Normally it would be for an emergency situation. In this circumstance we used it for allowing the accessibility of the fund for the capital carry-over of those projects from the previous fiscal year. Thank you.

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

Mr. Tootoo: That was it for my general questions. I just wanted to get the framework for, the idea, and the rationale behind these things that we are looking at. Maybe if we could now start on page 6, if no one has any general comments. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. If there are no general comments. We will go to page 6. Do all the members have that document in front of them. Legislative Assembly operations & maintenance. Are there any questions. Starting on page 6. No questions.

Page 7. Any questions. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, under Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs communications policy and planning there is 120 thousand dollars transferred from finance and administration for the operational support of the Nunavut web site. My recollection even during the budget there was a considerable amount of money being spent in the IT area. I am wondering where we are at now. Do we anticipate having to see much more spending in this area or have we reached the capacity that we want to be at as far as IT. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. Minister Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, we do anticipate additional IT requirements from the government, government wide. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Ng. Any other comments. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, maybe if I can to ask the minister if he is anticipating more, are we going to be seeing those numbers worked into the budget for next year or are we going to be anticipating another amount and a supp-bill for this current year. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Kelvin Ng: We understand there are some requests coming on the operations & maintenance side for supporting information technology systems for next year. I mean right now as members may be aware, in the next several weeks, the Financial Management Board will be considering requests from all departments for new initiative funding, as part of the business planning process and in finalizing draft budgets for Standing Committee consideration and that will be one component of many initiatives Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Minister Ng. Any other questions on page 7. No questions. Page 8, are there any questions. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you Mr. Chairman. On this page here it says Finance and Administration O&M under Fiscal Policy and Expenditures management. There is 6.2 million dollars there for lease costs associated with commercial properties. I wonder what properties those cover. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Mr. Chairman, these dollars are specific to all the Nunavut Construction Corporation commercial properties, the office buildings and the staff housing primarily in decentralized communities as they came on stream and they need to finance the lease payments from those properties coming on stream. That is what this figure composes. I am sorry, I am told it is the office only. Sorry, my mistake. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Minister Ng. Any other questions. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Would it be possible to get a break down by community as to what those costs are.

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

Hon. Kelvin Ng: I don't have it with me but we can provide that information. Thank you.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, this is a considerable amount of money and I am just wondering if the government knew or anticipated that these leases would be coming on, why would they not have been in some way put or planned into the budget so that we would not be looking at supp-bills like this. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you Mr. Chairman. As you know, these Nunavut Construction Corporation contracts were negotiated with the Federal Government. It was a part of their arrangements, so once they came on stream we assumed the liabilities for the rent payments but at the same time we also received the revenue in our formula financing agreement payments to cover off those costs so basically it is an in and out charge. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Minister Ng. Any other questions on page 8. No questions. Turning to page 9. Any questions. No questions. Page 10. Any questions. Page 11. Mr. Arvaluk.

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. I just wanted a clarification on the Directorate transfer of 1.4 million and page 11 dealing with Public Works. I would like a clarification. I think I understand but when we turn the pages again there is a section in there pertaining to Public Works. The question I have is for the next page. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Arvaluk. You are asking yourself questions. I think that was just a general comment. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, here again under operations there is just over 6 million dollars there for lease costs for commercial and residential properties. I was just wondering if I could get a breakdown of what those are for. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you Mr. Chairman. It is my understanding that if the member is referring to the 6 million 231 thousand, these are additional lease costs that are non-NCC lease costs for additional commercial and residential properties. Thank you.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I am wondering if he could give a better breakdown of where and what properties those are going to cover. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Yes, Mr. Chairman we will get the appropriate information from Public Works and Services and provide that breakdown as well. Thank you.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, here it talks about leases for residential properties, I am just wondering if these are, what types of residential properties are these. Are they strictly for staff housing. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Yes they would be Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Minister Ng. We were on page 11. As there are no more questions on this page, let's turn to page 12. Mr. Arvaluk.

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Let me try again. This 800 thousand dollars that will be expended by the Department of Community Government & Transportation. Will the fuel price increase effect any of the funds going to the Hamlets out of this 800 thousand dollars. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Kelvin Ng: I don't believe so Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

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

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): Mr. Chairman, could he answer without guessing, because I would like to know. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Arvaluk. Could you give him an appropriate answer. Thank you. Minister Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: No. Definitely no. Thank you.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I beg the committees' indulgence. There is one last question to ask in relation to those lease amounts on page 11. I am just wondering as I asked on the other ones is why those leases weren't incorporated into the budget planning process so that they would already have been aware of it, or is it just something that we just all of a sudden needed extra. Why weren't they forecasted and put into the budget. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Primarily the reason Mr. Chairman, is that although there was general acknowledgement of the fact that there were leases, the amounts weren't finalized. There were some outstanding leases and there was some

uncertainty around it. Public Works wanted to put some certainty around that before they put forward a request.

So we didn't just want to plug in an arbitrary number and allowed them that leeway of putting together that information and then coming forward to the Financial Management Board for that financing. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I am just wondering then are these new leases or are they just existing leases that were there before. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman it is a combination of both. There were new leases that were entered into in addition to existing leases that might have been extended. So that's why there were some that were carried over, some that we entered longer-term arrangements. That's why they needed the time to sort out exactly, dealing with the dozens or even hundreds I guess, of leases that the department would have with different landlords. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Minister Ng. We are on page 12. Any further questions. Turning to the next page, page 13. Any questions regarding this page. Mr. Arvaluk.

Mr. Arvaluk: Thank you Mr. Chairman. This transfer from Community Government to the Transportation Division of the Community Government & Transportation, is that how I understand this very vague explanation. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, that is an internal re-allocation from the O and M side to the Capital side within Community Government & Transportation. Thank you.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you Mr. Chairman. On the projects that are listed there, I am just wondering are these all emergency related problems or are any of them carried over from previous. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Mr. Chairman, I am not sure which page the member is referring to. I was on page 13 on the 500 thousand and there's no listing for projects on that specific item. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Minister Ng. We are on page 13. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: I guess I'm behind the times Mr. Chairman, I was looking at page 12, I was wondering if I can get an explanation there on those new projects. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Tootoo. Mr. Tootoo is posing a question pertaining to page 12, let's go back to page 12. Could you respond to Mr. Tootoo's question please Minister Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Mr. Chairperson, again this is an internal re-allocation from Community Government & Transportation from O&M side to the capital. It's not a special warrant. It is just a regular internal transfer and a regular appropriation request. There is no determination if they're urgent in nature but certainly the departments felt that they have to be carried out. That's why the requests were approved and put forward, in the supplementary appropriations. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, just looking at the projects here, the mobile equipment repairs and we can understand that, the water problems they're having, the retrofit mapping project. It says a new loader for Pangnirtung, and I'm just wondering if that's a result of another one they had, that broke down or what is the rationale behind that. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Kelvin Ng: The community currently has a 1987 cat 936 loader, which was retrofitted in 1997 at a cost of 70 thousand dollars. The typical life cycle for a loader is 12 years, the intent is that the old piece of equipment would serve as a back up, and operate in conjunction with the new loader. The primary reason Mr. Chairman is the community as a decentralized community, demands on the loader have increased substantially in trying to meet the needs of expansion. So that's why this request has been put forward. Thank you.

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

Mr. Tootoo: I was just wondering if similar analysis was done for the other decentralized communities on whether if they're in the same boat or not. If not I guess I'm just wondering why. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Mr. Chairman. If there was a need Community Government and Transportation, I'm sure, would have brought forward a request for these communities. I can't say if that department undertook assessments, but it might have been specific to this community because they might have brought forward a request to the department. The department would support it and bring it forward to the Financial Management Board. Thank you.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, the minister has answered that the request came from the community, have the other decentralized communities been made aware of the possibility of making a request for such stuff. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Again I couldn't answer that because Community Government and Transportation has the lead role in working with municipalities and identifying and trying to meet their needs. Thank you.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I'd like to ask the minister if he could ask the appropriate minister to provide that information to members as soon as possible after the session. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): Thank you. We are not planning to do consultation with the communities to see whether they need heavy equipment. But the loader in Pangnirtung was having problems and it required a lot of maintenance. Because of that the mayor approached us and a heavy equipment mechanic supervisor came to us with a request because they were due for new equipment. But if we had a supplement, if there is an urgent need for something then we could use our surplus to purchase all the heavy equipment required.

The reason why we made a special case out of this was because they needed a loader for the winter. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): We are on 12. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you. If I could ask the minister, did the department take a look at other decentralized communities if they had similar type problems in their communities. If it is an issue in one community one would think that you want to make sure that it is not a problem that is going to be run into in the other decentralized communities as well. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Tootoo. Just a brief comment. The communities usually request what they want. I wonder if Minister Anawak can elaborate more on this.

Hon. Jack Anawak: The loader, as pointed out by the Minister of Finance, it was probably from 1987. Pangnirtung is particularly important in terms of snow clearing because the sewage lagoon is three kilometres away and there is not an opportunity to just go through any place if there happens to be a storm. The mayor at the time, and the foreman, felt that this was important. It had already been on their five year plan previously, but when the Government of Nunavut took over it got off. So the Mayor of Pangnirtung came to Community Government and Transportation along with his foreman and we looked at it and determined that yes, Pangnirtung should get that.

But we do not solicit from the communities instead what we do is have an ongoing consultation, ongoing working relationship with the communities so that if they do indeed need to do this then we are open to working with them. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Minister Anawak. We are on Page 12. If there are no questions, we will go on to 13. Are there questions on 13. Mr. Arvaluk.

Mr. Arvaluk: Thank you. It might be more general than specific but I will use page 14 as a reference point. Here you have a transfer of 39 thousand dollars from Culture, Language, Elders & Youth to Public Works to implement the centralization telephone expenses.

Is this just a contribution from Culture, Language, Elders & Youth to Public Works to implement centralization expenses. Is this just a contribution from Culture, Language, Elders & Youth to Public Works to look after the government telephone centralization or is it what it costs Culture, Language, Elders & Youth to participate for their own telephones to become part of the centralization.

If this is just to take away the funds from Culture, Language, Elders & Youth and this is funded very small compared to other departments, it might effect them quite substantially. Can I get an explanation from the minister, which is it, just a contribution or is it what Culture, Language, Elders & Youth needed to be part of the centralization of the telephone system. Thank you.

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

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, this is, as members know, part of the whole Mitel telephone system that has been installed for the Government of Nunavut and what it is, each department has a certain portion of their budget for telephone services and that is all being sent over to Public Works to pay on behalf of all departments.

It is all pro-rated basically based on 1 thousand dollars per employee. I believe that the deputies agreed to that as an allocation amount from each department for telephone services. So the total going to Public Works overall is 1 million 460 thousand dollars and it is made up from different departments, the bigger the department the more the contribution to Public Works. Thank you.

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

Mr. Arvaluk: Mr. Chairman, pro-rated at approximately 1 thousand dollars per employee. Do we have 39 employees in Culture, Language, Elders & Youth. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Yes, Mr. Chairman, it is based on budgeted person years for each department. They are funded for their O&M, by the same token based on their total person years within the department. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Minister Ng. We are on page 14. Any more questions. No questions. Page 15. Questions. If there are no questions, we will continue to page 16. No questions. Page 17. Questions. No questions. Page 18. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, this one here I am very delighted to see those technical positions going back to the Housing Corporation. I am just wondering how many PY's that equates to. Those technical positions that are going back and where they are going to. Is it headquarters or is it to the different regions. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, there are 11 positions, I am not exactly sure where and which part of the Housing Corporation organization they are going to but we can provide that information. Thank you.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I am just wondering if that number of positions is the same amount of technical positions that moved out of the Housing Corporation when the different amalgamations were taking place and in the same amount going back or whether there are more or less. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I believe it is roughly the same, I can't be certain if it is the exactly the same amount. Thank you.

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

Mr. Arvaluk: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Are there more PY's to be transferred to Housing Corporation from Public Works or elsewhere after this one. Thank you.

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

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Not that I am aware of. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Ng. We are on 18. Questions. On to page 19. Any questions on page 19. If there are no questions. Page 20. No questions. The next page 21. No questions. Page 22. There are no questions. Page 23. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, if I can get a breakdown of the 1.9 million dollars that was not previously approved. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you Mr. Chairman. The 35 thousand dollars is for the Gjoa Haven water supply. One point nine million dollars is for the Kugaaruk access road. Three hundred thousand dollars for legal surveys in the Kivalliq, and 465 thousand is the breakout of mobile equipment, Qikiqtarjuaq water supply, planning study Gjoa Haven, retrofit to the fire hall Kugluktuk is 90, new projects Iqaluit 50, Pangnirtung new loader 225. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Ng. We are on page 23. Any comments or questions. If there is nothing further we will move to page 24. Page 24. Questions, comments. No questions. We will then move on to page 25. Mr. Arvaluk.

Mr. Arvaluk: Thank you Mr. Chairman. The Clyde River breakwater, which I am not arguing, they probably need it very much, however there is also a very dangerous situation now in Chesterfield Inlet which some members have already visited. There have been great boulders that have been falling off and it is extremely dangerous to off load there. So it has not been used. What is the difference between that kind of situation that needs work immediately and this one. How are they classified differently. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Arvaluk. Minister Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you Mr. Chairman. The situation of Clyde River carry-over request here in a special warrant as I identified earlier, this was a capital project from 1999-2000 that we carried over to 2000-2001 and used the special warrant for that financing.

For the situation the member refers to, if there are additional needs for emergency situations that have been identified in any community and he cites Chesterfield Inlet as an

example, then the appropriate department would put together the submission if they supported it and try to move forward either through a regular appropriation in the regular capital planning process or through a special warrant if they felt if it was an emergency situation, safety risk etc. So that would depend on the department working with the community in trying to identify how they want to deal with that issue. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Ng. We are on page 25. If there are no questions we will move on to page 26. Page 26. No further questions. Turning on to page 27. Page 27. No comments. Page 28. No questions. Page 29. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Sorry Mr. Chairman, my question was on page 28. Mr. Chairman, as the minister indicated earlier these types of special warrants and things like that are either for carry over of particular projects or emergencies. I am just wondering how come on the breakdown there it has various for the different regions. I am wondering if we can get a breakdown of what those projects are in those regions. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Mr. Chairman, as you know these were put forward by the Department of Health & Social Services. The main reason why they asked for the carry over is because of the equipment or renovations depending on the situation. Because obviously the work wasn't carried out or it wasn't purchased in 99/2000. The projects were renovations to group homes and health centres, some x-ray replacement equipment, some architectural and engineering services for some treatment centres. Emergency generator installations and a cost effectiveness study for the Keewatin Regional Health Facility.

Those are the projects that compose the 260 thousand dollars Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Minister Ng. We are on page 28. Turning to page 29. We will then go back to page 6 if there are no further questions. Mr. Arvaluk.

Mr. Arvaluk: Mr. Chairman on page 29, I recognize that the special warrants being issued for 325 thousand dollars were providing funding for carry over of the following projects etc. These carried over type funding are for centres that are in the capital territorially or regionally, which is good I am not arguing with that.

But last summer the Hamlet of Coral Harbour had to scrounge for any kind of funding they could put together to build the access road, at least a ramp and an access road to a very expensive bridge that we have been able to manage to make a reality in the last 10 years we have been working on it.

This has become extremely popular, a beautiful bridge being built to the other side, what the government termed as hunting grounds. We had a very difficult time getting funding. Will there be a better plan to have these access roads, especially in that area which is

very, very inexpensive because all the area is probably gravel all the way to the salmon pond.

Are there any plans to consider smaller communities that have great potential for economic development and tourism, especially to tourism, and can really help wellness programs, to be considered as important as the other larger communities that have been given special warrants here. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you Mr. Chairman. The special warrants were for previously approved projects for 99/2000 that were requested to be carried over to 2000/2001. If the member's concerns are similar to those he identified earlier about a need for some specific community, and he uses the example of access roads and development of hunting or community areas and that, I think that falls within the realm of the Minister responsible for Sustainable Development. I know that the House has recommended that there be a cost benefit analysis done on some of the spending that the government does in that area, through that department.

So I think that would probably be an opportune time once that report is presented and debated on the merits and the needs throughout Nunavut on those specific issues, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Minister. Page 29. If there are no further questions we will go back to page 6. We will go line by line. Page 6. Legislative Assembly, operations and maintenance. Total, Office of the Clerk. Not previously authorized, negative 92 thousand. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, maybe if I could suggest that on page 4, as a department do we have to go through the whole thing. We just did that. Because page 4 for the department has the same amounts by department. I was just wondering if that would be easier than going through all those again. They are the same numbers just broken down by department and not the detail. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): We will start on page 6 and after we go line by line we will then go back to page 5. That is the process. We will start from page 6 and once we have gone through them all then we will go back to the beginning. This has to be approved by the Assembly. Negative 92 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Total department. Negative 92 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Next page. Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs. Operations and maintenance. Not previously authorized, negative 54 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Total. Communications, Policy & Planning, 120 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Total department, 66 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Turning to page 8. Finance & Administration, operations and maintenance. Not previously authorized, directorate, 115 thousand. Corporate Service, 40 thousand. I apologize, I made a mistake. We will go back to the negative 115 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Corporate services, negative 40 thousand dollars.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Total. Fiscal policy and expenditure management, not previously authorized, 6 million 248 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Total. Information management and technology, not previously authorized, negative 120 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): If you see a bracket it is a negative. I am sure you all know that. Total department, 5 million 973 thousand dollars. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Page 9. Human resources, not previously authorized. Operations & maintenance. Staffing negative 250 thousand.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Total staffing negative 250 thousand dollars. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Page 10. Justice. Operations & maintenance. Not previously authorized, negative 156 thousand. Mr. Arvaluk.

Mr. Arvaluk: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Should you not do total Registrars and Court Services only 40 thousand and total department 106 thousand dollars rather than reading the whole column. I just want to know Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Could you repeat that Mr. Arvaluk.

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. When we are dealing with the finances I am sure that every single one of us have reviewed. I think we use just use the Registrars and Court Services. Not reading the previous clause, we should just concentrate on that and the total department. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): We are dealing with finances and the people of Nunavut I am sure, are curious to see what kind of money we are going to be using for each of the government departments. It is not only for our information but also for the people of Nunavut out there. Because it is public money. Thank you. That is for your information.

We were on page 10. Not previously authorized. Directorate. Negative 156 thousand dollars. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Registrars and Court Services, not previously authorized. Negative 40 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Total department. Negative 196 thousand dollars. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Page 11. Public Works, Telecommunications & Technical Services. Operations & maintenance. Directorate, not previously authorized, 1 million 460 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Total. Technical services, 1 million 18 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Total operations 6 million 511 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Total Department, 6 million 953 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Page 12. Community Government & Transportation. Operations and maintenance. Total directorate, not previously authorized, negative 164 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Total. Community Government, not previously authorized, negative 8 hundred thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Page 13. Community Government & Transportation. Operations and maintenance. Transportation. Total Transportation, not previously authorized. Negative 530 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Total Department, negative 1 million 494 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Page 14. Culture, Language, Elders & Youth. Operations and maintenance. Total directorate, not previously authorized, negative 39 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Total Department. Negative 39 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Page 15. Education. Operations and maintenance. Total directorate, not previously authorized. Negative 159 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Total. Early childhood education and school services, 4 million 444 thousand, not previously authorized. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Total Department, 4 million 285 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Page 16. Health and Social Services. Operations and maintenance. Total directorate, not previously authorized. Negative 592 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Total. Health insurance programs, not previously authorized, 1 million 742 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Total Department, 1 million 150 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Page 17. Sustainable Development. Operations and maintenance. Total. Corporate management, not previously authorized. Negative 131 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Total. Sustainable Development, not previously authorized. Negative 33 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Total Department. Negative 164 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Page 18. Nunavut Housing Corporation. Operations and maintenance. Total. Nunavut Housing Corporation, not previously authorized, 1 million 18 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Total Department. 1 million 18 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Page 19. Legislative Assembly capital. Special warrants. Office of the Clerk, 562 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Not previously authorized, 125 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Total appropriations, 687 thousand. Agreed. Are you agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Page 20. Finance and administration. Capital. Special warrants. Comptrollership, 250 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Total comptrollership, 250 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Page 21. Justice. Capital, special warrants. Community justice and corrections, 143 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Total community justice and corrections, 143 thousand.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Page 22. Public Works, Telecommunications & Technical Services. Capital. Special warrant. Petroleum products, 2 million 621 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Total 2 million 621 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): This is slightly different. It is on page 23. Community Government and Transportation. Capital. It continues on to page 24. Community

Government and Transportation. Special warrants, 1 million 314 thousand. Not previously authorized. 1 million 900 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Arvaluk.

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. You keep saying it has been previously authorized. What it says here is; Not previously authorized. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Arvaluk. I have been reading it the wrong way. Total Community Government and Transportation was agreed to. Going to page 25. Community Government and Transportation continuation. Capital on page 26. Community Government and Transportation. Capital. Total Transportation, special warrant, 2 million 52 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Not previously authorized, 530 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Total department under special warrants, 3 million 366 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Not previously authorized. Total department 2 million 430 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Page 27. Education. Capital. Special warrants. Corporate services, 1 million 41 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Total. Corporate services, 1 million 41 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Page 28. Health & Social Services. Capital. Special warrants, 260 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Total department 260 thousand. Agreed. I apologize. I said 250 thousand, it is 260 thousand. Maybe I need glasses. Page 29. Sustainable Development. Capital. Special warrant, 430 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Total department 430 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): We will then go back to page 2. Operations & maintenance appropriations, 17 million 210 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Page 3. Capital, 11 million 228 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Capital Appropriation. Total appropriation 28 million 438 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): That is it. Bill 1. Supplementary Appropriation No. 1. 2000-2001. Do you have the bill in front you. We will go clause by clause. Clause 1. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Clause 2. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Clause 3. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I am not sure if that is the right clause but just would like to ask the minister in future if he could have the backup. Some of the questions that I asked about breakdown on some of the totals so if they could have that at the next time so I would not have to wait until after to get it. That is all. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. Minister Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Yes. We will try and provide as much information as we can but you have to recognize that there's always more information that is requested. You can not be totally prepared for every question. So that is why you always have to follow up and provide the information later. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Ng. Clause 3. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Clause 4. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Clause 5. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Clause 6. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Clause 7. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Schedule, 17 million 210 thousand. Total operations & maintenance part 2. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Total Capital, 11 million 228 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Total supplementary appropriations in parts 1 and 2, 28 million 438 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Bill 1. Bill as a whole. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Bill 1 is now ready for third reading. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

>>Applause

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Minister thank you very much for being at the witness table. If you would like to make closing remarks please. Minister Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Yes, I would just like to thank Mr. Vardy and Mr. Victor Tootoo for assisting me and thank the committee. Thank you.

>>Applause

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you very much. What is the committee's wish. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you Mr. Chairman. In light of the fact, it looks like it is very hot up there, I would like to move that we report progress at this time.

Chairperson (interpretation): At this time there is a motion on the floor to report progress. I am sure the Speaker is in the House now and thank you for being here during the Committee of the whole. Thank you.

Deputy Speaker (Mr. Puqiqnak) (interpretation): Going back to the orders of the day. Item 20. Report of the committee of the whole. Mr. Chairman. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Item 20: Report of Committee of the Whole

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Your committee has been considering Bill 8, Bill 9, Bill 2, and Bill 1 and would like to report that Bills 8, 9, 2, and 1 are ready for third reading and Mr. Speaker I move that the report of the committee of the whole be concurred with. Thank you Speaker.

Deputy Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Do we have a seconder for the motion. Ms. Thompson is the seconder. All those in favour of the motion. The motion is carried.

Going back to the orders of the day. Item 21. Third reading of bills. Minister Ng.

Item 21: Third Reading of Bills

Bill 1 - Supplementary Appropriations No.1 2000-2001 - Third Reading

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Mr. Speaker, I move seconded by the Honourable Member for Iqaluit West that Bill 1 - Supplementary Appropriations No.1 2000-2001 be read for the third time. Thank you.

Deputy Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. There is a motion on the floor. All those in favour. The motion is carried.

Going back to orders of the day. Item 22. Orders of the day. Mr. Clerk. Sorry I am in a hurry. Item 21. Mr. Ng.

Bill 2 - An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act - Third Reading

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move seconded by the Honourable Member for Pangnirtung that Bill 2 - An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act be read for the third time. Thank you.

Deputy Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. To the motion. All those in favour. Thank you. The motion is carried. Item 21. Third reading of bills. Mr. Premier.

Bill 8 - An Act to Amend the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act - Third Reading

Hon. Paul Okalik: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move seconded by the Honourable Member for South Baffin that Bill 8 - An Act to Amend the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act be read for the third time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Deputy Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Premier. To the motion. All those in favour. Thank you. Third reading of bills. Mr. Picco.

Bill 9 - An Act to Facilitate the Transfer of Employees from the Northwest Territories Power Corporation to the Nunavut Power Corporation - Third Reading

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move seconded by the Honourable Member for Rankin Inlet South that Bill 9 - An Act to Facilitate the Transfer of Employees from the Northwest Territories Power Corporation to the Nunavut Power Corporation be read for the third time. Masi Cho.

Deputy Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Picco. To the motion. To the motion. All those in favour of the motion. Motion is carried. Thank you. Item 21. In our orders of the day. Third reading of bills.. Mr. Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like unanimous consent to go back to Item 5. Recognition of visitors in the gallery. Thank you.

Deputy Speaker (interpretation): The member is seeking unanimous consent to go back to Item 5. Are there any nays. Since there are no nays. You may go ahead.

Item 5: Revert to Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize a person with whom I have been working for quite some time. He is my older

brother although I was adopted by another family I grew up with him and his name is Joamie Tapaungai, my older brother. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Welcome to the gallery. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would like to acknowledge the presence of an individual that I had the pleasure of working with in the past and the person is now back working for the Department of Community Government and Transportation, Margaret Craigy.

>>Applause

Chairperson (interpretation): Welcome to the Nunavut Legislature. Going back to the orders of the day. I think at this time before I ask the Clerk to read the orders of the day, I would like to thank the pages who have been assisting us for the last five days.

They are all students from Inuksuk High School in Iqaluit and their names are: I apologize ahead of time for mispronouncing their names, Jessica Pearce, Zachary Armstrong, Jennifer Allurut, Mathew Mahoney, and Lindsay Lloyd. I apologize for mispronouncing their names. I would like to thank all of them.

Mr. Clerk, can you ascertain if Commissioner of Nunavut is prepared to enter the chambers to give assent to bills.

Assent to Bills

Commissioner Irniq: Please be seated. Good afternoon Mr. Speaker, Premier Okalik, Honourable Members of the Nunavut Legislative Assembly.

As Commissioner of Nunavut I am pleased to give assent to the following bills.

Bill 1 - Supplementary Appropriation Act No. 1, 2000-01

Bill 2 - An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act

Bill 3 - An Act to Amend the Statute Revisions Act

Bill 4 - An Act to Amend the Land Titles Act

Bill 7 - Legislative Assembly Members Removal and Disqualification Act

Bill 8 - An Act to Amend the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act

Bill 9 - An Act to Facilitate the Transfer of Employees from the Northwest Territories Power Corporation to the Nunavut Power Corporation

I am pleased to conclude the Fourth session of the First Legislative Assembly. The Fifth session of the Legislative Assembly will commence on February 21, 2001.

At this time I wish all of you a joyous holiday as we approach the Christmas season. Thank you.

>>*Applause*

Deputy Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Commissioner. Going back to the orders of the day. Mr. Clerk.

Item 22: Orders of the Day

Clerk (Mr. Quirke): Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Orders of the Day for Wednesday February 21, 2001;

1. Prayer
2. Opening Address
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Thank you.

Deputy Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Clerk. This House stands adjourned until Wednesday February 21, 2001 at 1.30. I wish you all a safe trip back home and hope to see you again.

Sergeant-At-Arms

>>*House adjourned at 4.17 p.m.*

