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Item 1: Opening Prayer

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

>>*Prayer*

Speaker: Good afternoon, Premier, members. Ulluukkut. Returning to the Orders of the Day. Ministers' Statements. Ministers' Statements. Mr. Kilabuk.

Item 2: Ministers' Statements

Minister's Statement 035 – 1(5): Formula Funding for our K-12 Schools

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to inform members of an initiative underway by my department that we anticipate will have long-term benefit for how funds are distributed to our classrooms across Nunavut.

Mr. Speaker, the process I am speaking of is the re-examining of the funding formulas for our K-12 classrooms and I anticipate that I will be in receipt of this report by late spring. This study will be the first step in giving us a more made in Nunavut approach, to funding our classrooms needs.

The present funding formula that we inherited from the Government of the Northwest Territories is primarily a student number driven formula with some program components included. This formula has been an ongoing source of discussion and debate by all of us here in the Legislative Assembly for some time now.

Mr. Speaker, I want to assure this House that in deciding how best to distribute funding to the classrooms we will review not only our present funding formula but we will also look at other models and talk to as many people as necessary to ensure our children get the greatest benefits Nunavut can offer in our class rooms. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Kilabuk. Ministers' Statements. Ministers' Statements. Mr. Anawak.

Minister's Statement 036 – 1(5): Year of the Volunteer – Activities in Nunavut

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Two ministers will be speaking on this issue today.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to remind the Members of the Legislative Assembly that the United Nations General Assembly has proclaimed 2001 as the International Year of Volunteers. To commemorate the value of Nunavut's volunteers, my department of Community Government & Transportation, has partnered with Minister Kattuk's department, Culture, Language, Elders & Youth and community governments to organize activities.

Our focus is to promote the benefits of volunteering to the individual, our communities and Nunavut as a whole and to recognize the contributions of Nunavut's volunteers.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to point out that the success of many activities carried out through my own department is due to the assistance of dedicated volunteers. Search & Rescue operations, organized sports, and recreation and leisure events depend on the support of our volunteers. My staff and I are very thankful for their help and hope they will continue to offer their skills, time and energy.

Mr. Speaker, in the coming months you will hear public service announcements about volunteerism, you will see posters in our official languages and volunteer kits will be sent to Nunavut communities to assist them to organize events to celebrate the International Year of Volunteers. Special events are being planned to mark National Volunteer Week starting on April 22.

Mr. Speaker, I would now like to ask Minister Kattuk to complete this statement.

Speaker: Minister Kattuk.

Hon. Peter Kattuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Together, Mr. Speaker, our departments will set criteria for, and supply the volunteer awards. Nomination forms will be sent to the hamlets and nominee selection will be done at the community government level.

The Department of Culture, Language, Elders & Youth will present each hamlet with two volunteer awards. These awards will be presented to one elder and one youth in each community, that dedicate their time towards maintaining our culture. This recognition is another small way we support and reinforce the sharing of our cultural ties.

Activities aimed at raising awareness of the importance of volunteers will take place throughout the year as we begin to implement the Nunavut-wide Volunteer Strategy, one of this government's key priorities. The Strategy promotes the advantages of volunteering

for the individual as well as the community. By volunteering, people develop valuable new skills to use at home or at work. They become more self-confident and self-reliant. Volunteers contribute to community life in Nunavut in many ways. Recognizing the value of our volunteers must become a daily mission and not just a once-a-year ceremony.

Minister Anawak and I would like to encourage all Members of this Assembly to show their appreciation for volunteers in their own constituencies and support volunteerism by attending events in their own and other communities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Kattuk. Ministers' Statements. Ministers' Statements. Item 3. Members' Statements. Members' Statements. Mr. Havioyak.

Item 3: Members' Statements

Member's Statement 122 - 1(5): Recognition of Harold and Arlene Comber

Mr. Havioyak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First I would like to express my appreciation for the two ministers for the statement they just made.

On behalf of my constituents, I would like to convey some of the thoughts of my community. (interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to the efforts of two of my constituents who have been active in suicide prevention initiatives in Kugluktuk.

In the fall of 1999, Harold and Arlene Comber arrived in Kugluktuk from Prince Edward Island. Shortly after their arrival, they worked with the Hamlet of Kugluktuk to install a 24-hour suicide phone line in their own home. Along with the other volunteers, they have been active in counselling people in crisis. They also volunteered to operate our local radio station 1 hour a day, in addition to what they were doing here.

So in saying that Mr. Speaker, I am proud to say in the years since the "Hope Line" started up there have been no suicides in Kugluktuk. Mr. Speaker, Harold and Arlene will be moving away at the end of the month. All the residents of Kugluktuk will be sorry to see them leave. The Hope Line depends on volunteers Mr. Speaker, and I encourage members of the community to continue the valuable work the Combers have started.

Mr. Speaker, the effectiveness of the Hope Line in Kugluktuk clearly demonstrates that when communities pull together, suicide can be beaten. I ask all members to join me in sending best wishes to Harold and Arlene. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you. Members' Statements. Mr. Irqittuq.

Member's Statement 123 - 1(5): Cabinet Ministers Visit to Igloolik

Mr. Irqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, last Thursday we attended a meeting in Igloolik and three ministers attended, Kelvin Ng, Jack Anawak and Peter Kattuk.

The people of Igloolik were pleased to welcome the three ministers and were able to speak about their concerns to them in person. I am pleased to know that these ministers will keep in mind now what they heard from my constituents. So on behalf of my constituents in Igloolik, I would like to thank the three ministers for visiting. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Irqittuq. Members' Statements. Mr. Nutarak.

Member's Statement 124 - 1(5): Pond Inlet Celebrations

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today since today is the very first day of spring, and I would like to tell a little story about Pond Inlet.

As people coming from Tunnuniq, we are always proud to see the sun come out. On February 6, 2001 Mr. Speaker, the Governor-General's husband John Ralston Saul was in Pond Inlet. We lit a ceremonial qulliq and they spoke about our traditional way of using the qulliq for heat in the middle of winter. The qulliq kept us warm and we used the qulliq to make water, to dry clothing and to cook meat.

Once the sun came out for the first time, they blew away the flames of the qulliq. Every time they see the sun, they would know that at least they could dry their clothing outside and they could get warm by the sun. They would celebrate the coming of spring and have celebrations and games in the springtime. At the end, they sang a song called "Siqiniq Saqqimat", the sun finally comes to Tunnuniqmiut.

After the dance, Petaloosie Atakalik made a presentation in which a carving was given to John Ralston Saul. There was drum dancing, even the children were drum dancing and the women with amautiks on had a running race and they stayed up all night. After that ceremony, we had a prayer gathering. I just wanted to point that out today and announce it because today's the very first day of spring. I wanted to tell you about what we experience on the first day of sun. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you. Members' Statements. Ms. Thompson.

Member's Statement 125 - 1(5): Atanarjuat Film

Hon. Manitik Thompson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Paul Okalik's other name is Siqiniq and I think he was quite proud of it when the member for Pond Inlet made his member's statement.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank and also congratulate the people who produced the movie called Atanarjuat from Isuma Productions. Invited guests screened the movie last night, Mr. Speaker, the movie called Atanarjuat.

I have heard of this legend called Atanarjuat, which my mother knows very well. I would like to say that the people who produced the movie did an excellent job. We were very proud to see the film and at times it becomes quite emotional when you see how the Inuit were able to govern themselves and how they were capable of taking care of themselves. We become so emotional because you understand what they were saying in Inuktitut in the movie. They talked in the Inuktitut traditional way, not just through interpreters, Mr. Speaker.

To the people who produced Atanarjuat, I would like to extend my congratulations to them and also say that there are many other Inuit oral legends that the elders have. I would like to urge the other movie producers to make other movies like the Avaalaq and Kaujjarjuk stories.

Mr. Speaker, my uncle's son is named after Atanarjuat and we named him Atanarjuat thinking about the oral legend. I'm very proud of the fact that this excellent movie was made. Thank you.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Members' Statements. Mr. Kattuk.

Member's Statement 126 - 1(5): Congratulations to Isuma Productions

Hon. Peter Kattuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would also like to take the opportunity to congratulate Isuma Productions for making that movie. In our community, many people have similar traditional knowledge as was portrayed in the movie.

On one of the Belcher Islands, we have an island called Kaujjarjuk. Our oral legends are quite detailed from around the islands. In the islands where I came from, there are many stories that could be used for making movies. So I encourage the Inuit movie producers and I'm sure that they will oblige. I hope to see more of our oral history being made into movies and I wanted to congratulate them. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you. Members' Statements. Item 4. Returns to Oral Questions. Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Premier.

Item 5: Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's been a long time since I recognized somebody from my constituency. Asenath is here and she is the daughter of

our Sergeant-At-Arms, Mr. Arreak. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was going to be first to recognize the individual before the Premier. I'd also like to recognize an individual who is from Pond Inlet but now lives in Iqaluit and she's the daughter of Joanasie Arreak, our Sergeant-At-Arms, Asenath Mablick, I would like to recognize her although she was recognized once already. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Item 6. Oral Questions. Oral Questions. Mr. Tootoo.

Item 6: Oral Questions

Question 131 - 1(5): Impact of Labour Standards Act on NEU Negotiations

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of Justice, I believe, if it's not the appropriate direction to send it to he can forward it onto whomever he so chooses. But I think I got the right place.

Mr. Speaker, last week the minister was asked about the Labour Standards Act, and looking at extending parental and maternity leave to meet what I believe is Bill C32 passed by the Federal Government to extend those benefits. I'm just wondering, I'd like to ask the minister, he indicated last week that it would have an impact on the collective bargaining that's going on right now with the Nunavut Employees' Union.

My understanding of the Labour Standards Act is that it applies to all employees so I'm just wondering if you could explain how that would have an impact on the negotiations. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Anawak. Minister Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, as the Human Resources Minister, the reason why it would have an impact is obviously through the collective agreement process that's under negotiation now as the members know. They're back at the table on April 4 to 8. So the maternity benefits are part of the collective agreement as it stands now with our employees. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I kind of figured it would get transferred over like that. Mr. Speaker, the Labour Standards Act, which is where this policy or this piece of legislation would need amending, is something that is outside of a collective agreement.

Like I said, it's something that affects all employees, it's a minimum standard set for all employees in Nunavut.

So I am just wondering, does a separate piece of legislation dictate what the collective bargaining is. I would have thought that something like that, like any change would be a consequential amendment that would just be required and passed on. Like I said that minimum standard is there, not just for collective bargaining but for all employees.

I still fail to see where it would have an effect, because it is a separate piece, it is a law, and I don't see how you can hold the law as something for collective bargaining. A law is a law and whether you like it or not, it is there to be followed. So I would just like some clarification. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The member is right in that if there were changes to the Labour Standards Act it would have a ripple effect because our employees are governed by our legislation.

But the reason I brought up the issue of the collective bargaining process, members may recall that we tried to adjust our Northern Allowance outside of the collective agreement, and add additional money for the benefit of our employees and the union took exception to that. They said we were going outside of the collective bargaining process, moving in bad faith and so on and so forth.

So we are trying to respect the collective bargaining process, as it stands now. We are at a critical stage with mediated negotiations due to take place, which in a week and a half from now, will really be a make or break as far as how far along we are going to go towards reaching an agreement. So in the best interests of due process with the collective bargaining we are trying to let that process resolve itself before we move forward in other areas. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the minister indicated and used the example of the increase to the Northern Allowance. I could see where that would be a direct impact on the collective bargaining because that is something that is only stipulated in the contract with employees. It is not a separate piece of legislation.

I still fail to see how this could cause an impact on collective bargaining. I would like to ask the minister if that was just something they assumed the union wouldn't want to see, did they ask them. Did they talk to them about this, or not. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you. Minister Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, again in respect of the collective

bargaining process, there is an agreement that there is a media blackout right now, that there are no discussions of what has been discussed, what has been agreed upon, what issues are outstanding. Again to meet the due process of trying to respect the negotiation process between our employees through the Northern Employees' Union and our negotiators, I think that we have to await the outcome of the April 4 to 8 discussions before we can move forward in any fashion on any benefit legislation, whatever the case may be that would impact on our employees. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Ng. Supplementary. Final.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I still fail to realize the impact that it would have because it is a separate piece of legislation. I don't know how that could have an impact on collective bargaining. It is something that is not just there for some employees, it sets the minimum standards for all employees.

As far as the media blackout, I don't see why you couldn't talk about it because that is a separate piece of legislation, it has nothing to do with the bargaining. So I just would like to ask the minister, again, is it just his opinion that they are not, that they are deciding that this is something that deals with collective bargaining and they are therefore treating it like any other benefit of employment. Is that why, what rationale are they using to link it to collective bargaining. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Mr. Speaker, it's clear to me, any time you change any legislation that impacts on what benefits you're going to be providing to your employees, there's an impact. So that's where I would make that correlation. And in respect of, I haven't said it hasn't been on the table, I said I can't speak to what has or hasn't been on the table in respect of discussions between our negotiators and the Northern Employees' Union.

So I don't think I can be any clearer. There's an agreement not to discuss anything until they either come to agreement or don't reach an agreement, and we're respecting that. He can bring it up with his colleagues in the Union or our negotiators but as it is now I'm not willing to commit anything publicly on what has or hasn't been said, Mr. Speaker, in respect of the negotiations. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Oral Questions. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Question 132 - 1(5): Review of Fish Quota and Stock

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I will be directing my question to the Minister of Sustainable Development. I don't know whether it's going to be easy to respond to it but in the previous years, our community had been involved with the Fisheries Department in doing test fisheries in the lakes around our community.

There was a test fishery that was done outside our community and there has been an

increase in the fish population and in the lake nearby there has also been an increase in the fish population.

I also have a copy of the results and report of that test fishery. I think that we should start doing that work again in Nunavut. We can increase the fish population through these types of initiatives as we saw in the area outside of Clyde River, so my question to the Minister of Sustainable Development is if we could do that in the whole of Nunavut. If they need a consultant or an advisor, I'm available to help in trying to increase the fish stocks in the lakes around Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Can you hear me now. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to look into this further and I will direct my staff about your request. We will also want the information on when this was done outside of your community and I can say that I will work closely together with the member who posed that question.

We will look into the details, see what kind of study was done and what the methodology was. I will work closely with the member and the community. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Supplementary.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. That's a very welcome response from the Minister of Sustainable Development.

There was testing done outside of communities other than Clyde River. There has been numerous testing during the days of the Government of the Northwest Territories. It kind of phased out but the previous government used to fund these projects.

I think we have to do that again, as the territory of Nunavut, we have to keep a close eye on the different species in Nunavut. Especially in these times of global warming, I think we have to get into it again as soon as possible so that there will be sufficient stocks of fish and other species.

This particular lake that I am talking about, the fish migrate from one lake to another. You have to find out what the migratory routes of these fish are, because they don't stay in one lake. I think we have to do a thorough study on the fisheries. I am available and so are the people that were involved in this project. I think this is more of a comment than a question. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Iqaqrialu. I will take it as a comment. Oral Questions. Mr. Nutarak.

Question 133 – 1(5): Bussing Program Funding

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Education. During the days of the Divisional Boards, the staff at the Divisional Board used to be responsible for setting money aside so that the busses could be acquired for the communities.

Since the dissolution of the Boards, who is now responsible for the bussing program. Are we still setting aside money as a government or are the contractors doing that now. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister responsible for Education. Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We do our planning every year for acquisition of capital purchases. Usually what we do is we start doing the review in the spring. In regards to the question of the member, since the dissolution of the Boards, the Department of Education is now responsible for busses, under capital items.

The budgeting is done by our department under the capital estimates and they are funded by the Department of Education. Thank you.

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

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Since the Department of Education is now responsible for the busses. If I could go back to the Divisional Boards, they used to have a policy on acquiring busses. The school had to be so many kilometres, the residential areas had to be outside of a certain radius, and you had to qualify under these criteria. Are you using the same policy. Thank you.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Divisional Boards had a policy that took into account the student population, the radius and the safety and we're still going to be using the same policy that was applied during the Divisional Board days. Since the dissolution of these boards, we have been using the same policy that was set by the Divisional Boards. Thank you.

Speaker: Supplementary.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Since the minister stated that they would be using the same policy, are you going to be setting monies aside on a per capita basis or another system. Thank you.

Speaker : Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The monies are set on the total school population. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Oral Questions. Mr. Havioyak.

Question 134 - 1(5): Kugluktuk Sewage Lagoon Road

Mr. Havioyak (interpretation): Thank you. The Minister of Sustainable Development is aware of the issue I am going to raise as I've showed him first hand. People who go out hunting use the sewage lagoon road. They utilize this road in and out of the community. They have to use this road while leaving and returning with a load of caribou meat.

Today I want to hear from the minister as to how he's dealing with it because this is a concern brought out by the hamlet and this is something I discussed with him in Kugluktuk to see what he can do about it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In regards to Mr. Havioyak's question, I've considered it and I will be talking with the Minister of Community Government and Transportation. I have seen the sewage lagoon and also the trail that is utilized by the hunters going in and out of the community. The hunters have to go right through the sewage lagoon when they bring home their fresh meat.

I will be having discussions with the Minister of Community Government and Transportation because of course it could become a safety issue. We have not completed the trip report yet but I will be working closely with the Minister of Community Government and Transportation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Supplementary. Mr. Havioyak.

Mr. Havioyak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for your response today. Spring is coming. The hamlet wants to know how soon this project will begin. Whether it will be this summer as they need to haul gravel before the ice melts. If they are to work on this project or to begin to order things to rectify the situation, will you be meeting very shortly with the Minister of Community Government & Transportation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, as soon as we have the report complete. I will also be writing to the Hamlet of Kugluktuk and I will give a copy to the member, in regards to that road and the sewage lagoon. We will look into how much it is going to cost to build a new road as it seemed simple enough to do. The Community Government & Transportation Minister will be involved in this as well.

We are not really sure when we will be able to do this but I will keep the member informed. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Oral Questions. Oral Questions. Ms. Williams.

Question 135 – 1(5): Aqvik Mine Cleanup

Ms. Williams (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Sustainable Development. The department has been asked questions in regards to the closing of the mine this coming October. I wondered how the department is planning to deal with this or whether they are going to be involved in the cleaning of that mine, the Aqvik Mine near Resolute Bay. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister. Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was recently in Toronto, Mr. Speaker, and wanted to find out what I could do about this. I talked to an individual from the Polaris Mine when I was in Toronto as I wanted to be able to visit the mine before it closes down.

I wanted to speak to him about the clean up of the site and to see whether the equipment from over there can be taken care of properly. We have been in talks with the people from the Polaris Mine and we are waiting to hear from them. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Supplementary. Ms. Williams.

Ms. Williams (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just wondered what plans the minister has made for those communities affected by the closure of the mine, have they been involved. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In regards to the affected communities, when the mine closes, we have had discussions about that with the officials for the mine. I know there will be a great impact on the people in the communities surrounding the mine. My officials will be meeting with the people in those communities to see how we can best support them. We feel that this should be done as soon as possible because the mine will be closing shortly.

It will probably take a while for them to get the clean up done in that mine, and we will try our best to employ those people in the affected communities. We will involve them as best we can. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Supplementary. Ms. Williams.

Ms. Williams (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a short question. I just wondered how or if you have involved the people of Resolute Bay in the planning for the closing of the mine. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We have not really done any planning with the affected communities. I am expecting that we will be doing some planning with them, especially the Quttiktuq communities. I have just visited the community of Pond Inlet but I have not visited the other communities that will be affected.

I will be visiting those communities to talk with them and I will want to work with the Member for Quttiktuq on the closure and to get the people involved. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Supplementary. Ms. Williams.

Ms. Williams (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thought that there has been a delay in planning for the closure with the Quttiktummiut as I had read of a document dated September 2000. Is there something in his department that might be available, some information as to how they have planned for the cleaning of the mine and the involvement of those people effected by the closure.

We don't want to take a long time in planning for this, because the closure will happen in the near future. As soon as this session is over, will the minister be able to go to those communities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you. Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation) I know that there is urgency now and we cannot make those people wait for long. I will have the department officials prepare for it. The member asked if I would be able to go to her communities, April and May is a busy time for me, and I can't really say at this time when I will be able to go, but I will go as soon as I can.

I will be taking a look at the two mines that will be closing as well, and I will let the member know exactly when I am going to go so she can accompany me, and also to let the communities know that I will be coming. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Oral Questions. Mr. Irqittuq.

Question 136 – 1(5): Igloolik Health Centre

Mr. Irqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I asked the Minister of Health & Social Services about the health services in Igloolik recently. They don't have an adequate number of nursing staff in the Igloolik area and I wonder if the minister has looked into this and what he has found out. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, after the member's question in the House about a week and a half ago, we contacted the health centre in Igloolik. At that time one of the nurses had been sick and the centre had been closed because of that.

With operational requirements Mr. Speaker, we should have one additional nurse in Igloolik and my understanding Mr. Speaker, is we are recruiting for that position, as we speak here. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Supplementary question. Mr. Irqittuq.

Mr. Irqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The minister tells me that the nurse is on the way. Is the nurse up there now or just moving there. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you. Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, it is my understanding that we are in the process of hiring at the present time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Irqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The person that is being hired right now, where is that individual right now. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you. Minister responsible for Health and Social Services. Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, what I said, Mr. Speaker, is that we're in the process of hiring. That means, Mr. Speaker, the ad is in place on a regular basis. For the Baffin Region we have one dedicated person who does all the recruitment for our nursing staff.

So that's ongoing, I wouldn't be able to say where that person is right now. If indeed that person is actually hired. We're in the process of recruitment. So that's where the position is. Because as soon as a person is hired, a job offer would have to be made to that individual for the station in Igloolik. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Irqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker for giving me another opportunity to ask. Mr. Speaker, I thought the minister stated that they have hired a person. But the minister informs me now that they are just starting the hiring process. Can you clarify, are you just in the process of advertising for that position. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Irqittuq. Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, maybe I'll try to clarify. Mr. Speaker, any given time we're vacant x-number of positions of nurses. So it's a continuous recruitment program underway. We have a dedicated staff person who's doing that.

So at any given time, for example in this case, it's Igloolik. If there's a position vacant, then we're, automatically and immediately, trying to hire for that position. If a job offer has been made or a person has been interviewed, I don't have that information with me but I do know Mr. Speaker, that when a position is vacant, especially on nurses, we're automatically trying to recruit. So that's what I said Mr. Speaker, when I said the hiring process is under way. So I hope that clarifies the question of the member. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Picco. Oral Questions. Oral Questions. Oral Questions. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Question 137 - 1(5): Review of Bussing Program

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a question to the Minister of Education. It's part of a question that was asked by one of the members about the bussing services. He stated bussing policy goes by the population of the students.

In my two communities, in Clyde River and Broughton Island, there are a lot of polar bears that are around the community and within the town. For that reason, I think it's very dangerous for the school children because of the large number of polar bears and when it gets dark in the fall especially, for that reason, the safety of the children in the two communities that I represent are in dangerous situation for the children. I just wondered if it a community could get a bus for that reason.

As an example, last year there were a lot of children that had to be protected from a bear because it came within the school grounds. I just wondered, even though the population of school children is not very high, could they could take that into consideration. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister responsible for Education. Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I know what the member is talking about, the safety of the children in his community, especially in regards to dangerous animals. Especially when the children are in danger from bears.

We realize that it is like that. We can take those safety issues into consideration when we are allocating busses to the communities, because we have to make sure the children are safe at all times. We will look at that in our policy. We will also be looking at the 5-year capital plans for allocating busses to the communities.

We can't just go around giving busses to all communities, we have to take all of those

things I mentioned a while ago to the other member into consideration. I will consider the member's concerns as well. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you very much to the minister for his answer. I asked him knowing what I know about these communities even though they haven't asked me directly to bring this up. I am just following up on the question that was put to him earlier.

On this particular occasion, I will talk to my community as to how they could address the bussing situation in those two communities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is up to the member exactly what he wants to put his attention on, so I will look forward to the request from the community. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Oral Questions. Mr. Alakannuark.

Question 138 – 1(5): Repulse Bay Health Centre Addition

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct this question to the Minister of Health. In Repulse Bay last year, the health centre was going to be enlarged and an addition was going to be built the following year. Is this still going to be implemented. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, according to the information provided to me, we have replaced the windows in the health centre this construction season, and we also just completed a functional program for a new health centre for Repulse. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Supplementary. Mr. Alakannuark.

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I did not hear that they were going to put an addition on the health centre. The health centre's space is limited and it is an old building. The population is growing in the community. When is the addition going to be built. That is the question that I wanted to ask, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I had an opportunity to be in the Repulse Bay health centre in May and the member is correct. It is an older facility. There

are plans under way right now, Public Works and Services are doing and drafting a functional program for the health centre. So that will tell us what type of facility we need in Repulse Bay.

We would expect Mr. Speaker, depending again on the capital plan being approved by this Assembly and so on and if the functional program is in place, we would move forward over the next couple of years to do the Repulse Bay health centre. Again, it depends on the capital plan and the dollars available and so on. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Supplementary. Mr. Alakannuark.

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to thank the minister for explaining the situation. Is the design of the addition going to be in place or is the actual design already in place and the actual addition is going to be planned. I wanted him to clarify that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you. Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, actually, the plan is not to do an addition. We're actually looking at a new facility in Repulse Bay. The plan is under way right now as I said with Public Works drafting the functional program. After that's completed, then we'll know what the cost is going to be and then we'll be able to budget for those dollars in the capital plan. So the dollar value is not in the capital plan right now but that will come forward after we complete the functional program. So it will be a new facility in Repulse Bay based on the capital dollars that become available. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mister Picco. Oral Questions. Mr. Tootoo.

Question 139 - 1(5): Input of Municipalities on 5-Year Capital Plan

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Finance. I'm somebody who seems to be eating a lot of time in our debate in the Committee of the Whole and in questioning the 5-year capital plan.

Mr. Speaker, earlier the minister indicated that copies of it were sent out to the communities asking them for their input and what their reaction was. And we already know Mr. Speaker that two communities outside of Iqaluit have travelled here to Iqaluit to meet with the minister over some concerns with it.

I'd like to ask him if he could tell us exactly how the input of the mayors and the communities will be accommodated in the capital plan. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the plan would be, as the

members know, that the Community Government & Transportation staff in the regions, headquarters would have the main responsibility for discussions with municipalities.

They would take their concerns into consideration, primarily if it's related to their own department, obviously, Community Government and Transportation. If it's outside of that, then they would pass that information back to both Community Government & Transportation and Finance. As a result of those consultations, they would pass the information back to other ministers, other departments in respect of the concerns, and try to address some of those issues as they move forward and the targets are adjusted for future year's capital planning. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, we know now that this is year three, the third budget that this government has come up with and I think we still have yet to have some community consultation on the capital plan. The minister talks about getting this feedback, it's already too late for this year because the capital plan has been put forward and the main estimates were developed by the Department of Finance and the other government departments.

Will they be looking at incorporating some of this feedback into next year's capital planning cycle. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes.

Speaker: Supplementary. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Does the minister have an idea of when they will be contacting and setting up meetings with the municipalities and hamlets to meet with them on their issues. Is there going to be any type of changes as to the cycle and when they will be looking at it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Community Government & Transportation officials, like I said, are the lead in this area because they deal with the municipalities. I understand that some consultation, initial consultations have actually taken place in some communities.

I don't have the schedule here, but it is certainly something that can be discussed, I believe, when the Community Government & Transportation Main Estimates are in the committee of the whole again this afternoon.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess that's what happens when you ask two questions you only get one answer. Worth a try though. Mr. Speaker, the other part of the question I asked was if there will be a change to the capital planning cycle that we use. If there is a planned change will that affect the timelines of when and how quickly this consultation will be carried out. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Well, Mr. Speaker, there is a change. As members know, we committed, based on recommendations from members, to try and do a fall capital session. So that has really accelerated and crunched down and condensed the timeframe for consultation, not only with municipalities of course, but with members of our standing committees who have a real interest in the capital plan and all programs of the government.

I think I would want to reiterate the fact that we have undertaken to do consultations with municipalities, I don't want the expectation that because we are doing consultations, that every request that they identify is going to be addressed. Because members know that we don't have all the financial resources to identify and fund every single matter that comes forward.

It is still going to come down to some hard decisions on what each individual department is going to be able to sponsor. Recognizing that and trying to balance that off with the needs of the municipalities and balance that off with some of the requests that the Members of the Assembly have. So it is a difficult balancing act and we are going to try to endeavour to do the best job that we can, given our limited resources. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Ng. Oral Questions. Mr. Havioyak.

Question 140 – 1(5): Closing Date for Igloolik Nursing Position

Mr. Havioyak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to follow up a question my colleague asked before about the Igloolik nursing position. You mentioned that you have an ad out for that particular nursing position in Igloolik. When is the closing date on that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, what I was trying to explain was that at any given time, in Nunavut, as a whole, we may be short a nursing position. We are continuing to staff on an ongoing basis those needs.

For example, Mr. Speaker, we just came back from a recruitment drive in the south and we are continuing to fill those positions, we are at anywhere between 80 – 90% right now

with our nursing staff. So Mr. Speaker, my answer was to the Member for Amittuq, when he asked if there were ongoing, if there is a vacancy we will try to fill it as soon as possible. And, Mr. Speaker, we have retained within the Department of Health & Social Services, a dedicated staff person who just does recruitment for nurses.

We have at any given time, ads out. So I can't say whether the position in Igloolik, if there is a vacancy, when that will be filled. What I am saying Mr. Speaker, is that we are filling all the time, continually recruiting for nurses. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Havioyak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just maybe I misunderstood, because he said the ad was out. That's how I understood the answer earlier on. The ad was out. I was just asking what the closing date is on that ad. That's how I understood the earlier response. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Ed Picco: I think Mr. Speaker, and the Hansard will probably bear me out, that at any given time we have had recruiting not for specific centres, but we are recruiting all the time for our health centres.

So for example Mr. Speaker, in the member's community of Kugluktuk, if a nursing position was vacant then we would automatically do staffing for that position. As I said, here for example in the Baffin we do have an individual staffing continually because of the needs of the hospital.

So we are continually staffing those positions. But according to my records, from my notes, as of February 1, we have all positions filled in Igloolik. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Havioyak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am kind of confused as to the recruitment. When will the position be filled. It is kind of difficult to find out when you have a shortage of nurses, you just explained that you are always recruiting but sometimes it is difficult when we don't have a nurse that is already in place. It is difficult to know exactly when it is going to be filled. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: I didn't hear a question there, that was a comment. Thank you. Oral Questions. Mr. Tootoo.

Question 141 – 1(5): Staff Housing Shortage

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I am not sure if I should direct this to the Minister responsible for Human Resources, or the Minister responsible for Decentralization they can toss it back and forth I guess if they choose to do so.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the minister, in relation to the staff housing and our vacancies in our government, does the government have adequate housing available to hire the positions that it has vacant right now. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, it depends on which way you look at it. There are units available, there are vacancies. If we were to say that you wanted to go to 90% or 100% of staffing, then we wouldn't have sufficient units. But as it stands now, in the staffing process it hasn't been shut down as a result of not having enough available staff housing units, recruitment goes on, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, if it is determined, I know it has been raised by some of my colleagues, there isn't sufficient staff housing to accommodate the positions allocated to their communities. I know there is a shortage of staff housing here in Iqaluit as well.

I would like to ask the minister if they have any plans to look at some new or alternative staff housing inventory other than what we have out there already. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, through the Minister responsible for Staff Housing, there is a continuing assessment of needs versus supply, particularly as it relates to current staffing levels and staffing competitions. So yes, it is an ongoing assessment, it is addressed as the need is required Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, this addresses what we currently have out there right now but are there any plans in the works to either build more staff housing units or lease more staff housing units. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, in the current budget estimates before the House, there is some funding for additional leased units for staffed housing in the Public Works budget and as I indicated to the member there is an ongoing assessment and if it's deemed that there is a serious deficiency, I'm sure that the minister responsible will bring forward some options to try to address those shortfalls Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Ng. Supplementary. Final supplementary. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, maybe the minister can correct me if I'm wrong but it's my understanding that a lot of the staff housing requirements that we faced in Nunavut were considered part of the incremental infrastructure money that was given to us by the federal government. It looks like we have deficiencies in this area. Is this something he should take back to his federal colleagues to look for some assistance. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, there were we believe lots of items that may have been missed in the planning stages for incremental needs prior to the establishment of Nunavut. If that were the case, I think it would be our responsibility to try to identify that and try to make a legitimate argument to substantiate dealing with those matters. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Ng. Oral Questions. Oral Questions. Mr. Irqittuq.

Question 142 - 1(5): Status of Airport Employees

Mr. Irqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Last week I asked a question of the Minister responsible for Transportation in regards to the airport workers. I have heard that some of them are going to be laid off and he was going to look into that. What is the status of that now. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister of Transportation. Mr. Anawak.

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. While not knowing who the individuals are that the member is talking about, I am informed that if a staff member is working casually over six months, they're supposed to be asked if they would like to get that as a full time job.

There is no plan to lay off anyone but as I said I don't know which group of individuals he's talking about but anybody who is working by the hour can work for six months and if they want to work over six months, they're supposed to apply for it as a full time job. That's the only response I can give you now. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Supplementary. Mr. Irqittuq.

Mr. Irqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am talking about some of the Qikiqtaaluk staff. I am not going to name names. This individual came to me concerned that they would be out of a job by the end of the fiscal year. They have worked for many years, I don't know if they were getting paid by the hour or not. However, if they were working by the hour, will they just be laid off. Thank you.

Speaker: Minister Anawak.

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If we had an employee, who was working with the hamlet council, or us as you know it is the hamlets who are responsible for the airports at the community level. If there were an individual who worked more than a year, getting paid by the hour, we would ensure that they are treated properly because they are very experienced in working in that field. Provided that they have a good safety record in their employment we wouldn't want to just lay them off.

However the municipality, all the people that work at the airports are the responsibility of the hamlet councils, I could look into this so I could give them some support if they have been long time workers over there.

I could find this out for the member, to check the facts and report back to him on this. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. You will notice that question period is now over. We will move on to item 7. Written Questions. Written Questions. Item 8. Returns to Written Questions. Returns to Written Questions. Item 9. Replies to Opening Address. Replies to Opening Address. Item 10. Petitions. Petitions. Item 11. Reports of Standing and Special Committees. Reports of Standing and Special Committees. Item 12. Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills. Item 12. Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills.

Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Mr. Akesuk.

Item 13: Tabling of Documents

Tabled Document 013 – 1(5): Business Plans for Nunavut Development Corporation, Nunavut Business Credit Corporation and Nunavut Tourism

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to table the 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 Business Plans for the Nunavut Development Corporation and Nunavut Business Credit Corporation and the 2001-2002 Business Plan for Nunavut Tourism. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Mr. Ng.

Tabled Document 014 – 1(5): Notice of Temporary Indemnification for NPC Board of Directors

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to section 67.2 (5) of the Financial Administration Act, I would like to table a letter to Mr. Irqittuq, Chair of the Regular Members' Caucus on advance notice of temporary indemnification for the Nunavut Power Corporation Board of Directors. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Ng. Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Tabling of Documents. Mr. Clerk.

Tabled Document 015 – 1(5): Response to Petition 3 – 1(5)

Clerk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to table the response to Petition 3 – 1(5).

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Item 14. Notices of Motions. Item 14. Notices of Motions. Item 15. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Item 16. Motions. Motions. Item 17. First Reading of Bills. Mr. Premier.

Item 17: First Reading of Bills

Bill 4 - An Act to Amend the Interpretation Act (Time Zones) - First Reading

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Member for Amittuq, that Bill 4 - An Act to Amend the Interpretation Act (Time Zones) be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Premier. The motion is in order. All those in favour. Opposed. The motion is carried. Bill 4 has had first reading.

Item 17. First Reading of Bills. Mr. Ng.

Bill 5 - Loan Authorization Act 2001/2002 - First Reading

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Baffin South that Bill 5 - Loan Authorization Act 2001/2002 be read for the first time. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Ng. The motion is in order. All those in favour. All those in favour. All those opposed. Motion is carried. Bill 5 has had first reading.

Item 17. First Reading of Bills. Item 17. First Reading of Bills. Item 18. Second Reading of Bills. Mr. Premier.

Item 18: Second Reading of Bills

Hon. Paul Okalik: I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Amittuq, that Bill 4 - an Act to Amend the Interpretation Act (Time zones) be read for the second time.

>>Applause

Mr. Speaker, I informed this House on March 1 of the government's intention to introduce amendments to this Bill. These amendments will provide, once again, for three time zones within our territory; eastern, central, mountain. This change will become effective in the early morning hours of Sunday, April 1. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Consent to continue. Are there any nays. Proceed. Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want this over with...

>>*Laughter*

...just as quickly as possible.

>>*Applause*

Bill 4 - An Act to Amend the Interpretation Act (Time Zones) - Second Reading

Okay, thank you my fellow colleagues. Mr. Speaker, (interpretation) I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Amittuq, that Bill 4 - an Act to Amend the Interpretation Act (Time Zones) be read for the second time.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I informed this House on March 1st, of the government's intention to introduce amendments to this Bill. These amendments will provide, once again, for three time zones within our territory; eastern, central, mountain.

This change will become effective on April 1st of this year. Nunavummiut will be informed of how they should change their clocks in order to come into line with these time zones through newspaper ads and bulletins will be sent to the hamlets.

(interpretation) Mr. Speaker, the federal government has already been notified to make amendments to the appropriate regulations. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: To the principle of the Bill. Question has been called. All those in favour. All those opposed. The motion is carried. Bill 4 has had second reading and accordingly is referred to committee.

Item 18. Second Reading of Bills. Second Reading of Bills. Returning to the Orders of the Day. Item 19. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters. Bill 1, Bill 2. With Mr. Iqaqrialu in the chair. Before we proceed, I think we all agree that we will break for 15 minutes and then return to the chamber. Sergeant-At-Arms.

>>*House recessed at 3.05 and resumed at 3.30 p.m.*

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

Chairperson (interpretation): The committee will now come to order. During committee of the whole we have Bill 1, Appropriations Act 2001-2002 and Bill 2, Supplementary

Appropriation 2000-2001. What is the wish of the committee. Mr. Irgittuq.

Mr. Irgittuq (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. The committee wishes to continue with Community Government & Transportation capital estimates. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Irgittuq. Does the committee agree that we deal with the Appropriations Act 2001-2002, Community Government & Transportation capital estimates. I would like the minister at this time to approach the witness table. Thank you.

At this time does the committee agree that the minister's officials can enter the chambers. Mr. Minister please have your officials join you at the witness table. Thank you, Mr. Anawak.

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): My officials are Mike Ferris, Doug Sitland, our finance person Mike Rafter and Anthony Saez. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): I would like the committee to look at the main estimates. Minister you can introduce your officials, you already did, but please do so again.

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): Mike Ferris, my Deputy Minister, Doug Sitland and also Mike Rafter and Anthony Saez.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Minister. I would ask the members to turn to their capital estimates for Community Government & Transportation, page 7-5. Detail of expenditures. We were on general comments, item 7-5. Do the members have any further questions to the Department of Community Government & Transportation. If there are no more general comments. I just want to remind the members that there is more information under Community Government & Transportation in the appendices, from A-9.

For the information of the members for capital expenditures for 2001-2002, we are on Community Government & Transportation, program summary. Detail of expenditures. Total capital expenditures, 12 million 950 thousand dollars. Any questions. We are under 7-5, capital expenditures for Community Government & Transportation.

Community Government & Transportation, branch summary. Total capital expenditures, 12 million 950 thousand. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, before we approve the whole capital, I think maybe we could go through it line by line. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. Could you repeat what you just said. I didn't hear you. Thank you.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I just said that instead of approving the whole capital in one shot, maybe we could just go line by line and there may be some questions as we go through. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. Are there any questions from the members. Just before we go to the capital estimates for Community Government & Transportation, program summary. Total capital expenditure, 2 million 280 thousand. Questions from the members. Agreed. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, the line by line or the breakdown starts from 7-7. Maybe we could start going through that. If we approve those other two pages we don't have to go through the rest of it because we will have already approved it. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. Mr. Havioyak, you have a question. At this time turn to page. Do you have any questions on 7-6 or do you want to move on to 7-7. Page 7-6 or 7-7, which one would you like to start first. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The breakdown starts on page 7-7. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. Community Government & Transportation, branch summary, under 7-7. Buildings and works. Total headquarters region, 300 thousand. Any questions from the members. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, this has various Nunavut under the headquarters budget for recreation facility projects. Could I ask the minister if he has any idea what that amount is going to be used for. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Although that amount is not very big, we were able to use that amount for the communities' recreational facilities. If they want to initiate projects for recreational facilities, such as a swimming pool or an arena or a community hall.

If they want to do some projects such as these, this is the amount of money that we would be giving but we don't know exactly what they're going to use it for so after the approval of the capital, then we will talk to the communities as to what they would like to start in their community and we would be able to give them some assistance. Thank you.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. So the minister is stating that there's no purpose decided yet as to what those funds, no specific purposes I guess for what those funds are going to be used for right now and if that's the case, I'd like to ask, for my community,

I'm sure every member would like to ask how they could apply for this funding. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): I'm not saying that it has no specific purpose but it has to do with recreational facilities. But some of the communities can raise funds on their own if they want to try, they have to put in their own funding themselves partly and then we would put in our share. Whether it be if they want to build a swimming pool or arenas or anything to do recreational projects.

The money, I know it's not going to be a very big amount of money but it's for things that are not expensive, because we know that in the communities, if they want to bring out a community hall, they wouldn't go through under this item, but if they just wanted to make renovations say for instance, next year, they want to renovate, this is where the money comes from.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Recreational Facilities Projects is what it says on this page. Thank you. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, earlier, the minister kept referring to a pilot project and I'm just wondering if, and he mentioned three communities, in doing that, I'm just wondering if that's where the funding was coming from out of this item in the budget. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Jack Anawak: It's not necessarily limited to that. Thank you.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I guess it could be, but not limited to, does that mean that all this funding is going to that but then there may be additional funding. I need some clarification. Are funds under this item going towards the pilot projects he was talking about earlier. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): What the member just mentioned, the pilot projects have nothing to do this, but it's to do with if the community would put in their share and if they get some money from the federal government, then we would be able to help them out or if they can get it from a private company, and then we could talk to the community if they want to do something like that because the 300 thousand dollars is not enough money for capital projects. But it could help.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, he said that the funds from here aren't going to be going towards the pilot project, which I believe he was talking about earlier was putting artificial ice in three communities. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Jack Anawak: Yes, we've gone beyond the pilot project, we're not talking on the pilot project anymore. As I've just explained the pilot project I was promoting last year was to pay for, in entirety, artificial ice for at least three communities.

But now we are past the point where these are not necessarily pilot projects but what we are looking for is supporting communities where if they come forward with a proposal, and we have a couple, then we would evaluate and see where the funding, other sources of funding, are coming from and see what we can do, whether it's a paying 50% or 75% of the project.

And these again are projects that, obviously 300 thousand dollars, is not going to go very far this year. So these would be projects that the hamlet can afford to pay at least half if not 75%. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Anawak. Were you finished with your statement.

Hon. Jack Anawak: I am sorry, if the community is going to be paying at least 25% or 50% of the project. Thank you.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If the minister indicated that he had a couple of applications already, I guess it would be nice to know if other communities would get the opportunity to apply for this funding and out of those two maybe if he could let us know what they are and where they are.

And also who can our communities get hold of if they want to try and access some of this funding. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Jack Anawak: I don't think that we would be prepared to work on or at least before we have a chance to evaluate the proposal that came forward without Community Government and Transportation asking for the proposal, I don't think we would be prepared to say what this community had put forward at this time.

But the proposal came in a form of a project that included funding from the private sector of say mining companies, from the hamlet and I believe the Department of Education has

a role in this. So there are, there are other projects and these were proposals that came in without solicitation. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Anawak. This is going to be your second last question. There's other people too who would like to ask questions. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If I got a straight answer I would ask a lot less questions, or less confusing answer I should say, I'm sorry. Is there going to be, let's say the minister already mentioned that they are looking at artificial ice in communities so, we would be kidding ourselves if we were saying that's not what we were talking about.

Are there going to be steps taken to ensure that any proposal that's considered under this program that the municipality has the means to maintain on an ongoing basis whatever the project is. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): I know for sure there is more than one community that has made a proposal. For instance, one community was making a proposal for a baseball diamond and these other projects that we are looking into, as this person stated earlier, perhaps last year or the year before, the community of Arviat wanted to enlarge their recreation facility using their own money.

So yes we can go through that process, but for some communities that have made proposals, we have answered them but we have not said how much each community should contribute. For example, if they have to go and get some more gravel for their playground, or maybe to make a swimming pool, if they cannot meet their funding requirements, they can make a proposal for the baseball diamond to put some fencing around it, there is some funding that we can offer. For instance for arenas, in Sanikiluaq, Kugluktuk, other hamlets as well. We approached only one hamlet on this so far to propose a pilot project to test this type of funding out.

There are other proposals as well from the private sector, the school boards. So we can't say exactly that these are the kind of proposals that we are going to fund, but we are going to try and assist some of the projects in the community that have been proposed. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Perhaps if some of the communities make proposals for projects, it doesn't necessarily have to be the projects that Mr. Tootoo suggests, but other projects too. Any kinds of recreation or leisure projects.

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Tootoo. Thank you. At this time, Mr. Havioyak.

Mr. Havioyak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. You said a couple of times it is a small amount of money for projects across Nunavut. I know it can't cover all the Nunavut communities with that amount. Let's say you used up that 300 thousand, are there going

to be some type of, something for where you have more applications than you expected. Thank you.

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

Hon. Jack Anawak: Yes, we expect quite a number of applications from those hamlets, communities that can afford to put forward a proposal. Of course we do realize, Mr. Chairman that some hamlets are not in a position to move forward on spending their own money at this point. So obviously we are not necessarily going to get proposals from those. But there are some communities that would put forward a proposal, using some of their own money, some private money and some other sources of funding, and we will be assisting them to see if there are ways we can access some more money from the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

After the meeting I had with the Minister of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, we're quite hopeful that we will be able to access more money to help out with particular projects that we may have in terms of recreational facilities. Thank you.

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

Mr. Havioyak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Correct me if I'm wrong, I think I heard you say you are setting up a meeting with the federal government or the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. I'm not sure if that's what I heard, but, I guess I'm just trying to say, if there's a plan to, because you talked about some partnership funding from the communities. There may be some funds from the federal government. I'm sure there's going to be some meetings in the very near future with them. And if so, when would that be. That's my question. Thank you.

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

Hon. Jack Anawak: No, what I said was I had a meeting with the Minister of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development in which we tried to get some money before April 1, but bureaucracy got in the way down in Ottawa. So we're looking at getting some funding for some projects that might qualify under this after April 1 so that the community itself, or the Government of Nunavut, doesn't have to expend all of the money for one project. So we're looking at probably at least a three party funding type, where we access funding from other sources to help offset the cost of whatever project we're doing. Thank you.

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

Mr. Havioyak (interpretation): If I heard you correctly. After April 1st, some of the communities are wanting to put proposals through, once April commences, proposals will go forward and we'll begin to get feedback as to what kind of funding they're able to access from this funding in terms of recreational facilities. Would we be responded to

prior to April 30th.

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

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): If we believe that we can get more funding from the federal government and also from the private sector, within this year, in addition to the 300 thousand dollars. It could probably be more, but if we cannot access more funding from the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, then we would probably use this funding for one project.

For instance, I'll use Kugluktuk as an example, if they have a project that they can propose to the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development where we can access some funding for project proposals that they can contribute to. And if they refuse our funding proposal within that 300 thousand dollars we might have to spend more, over and above the 300 thousand dollars if we cannot access funding from the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

So we cannot answer all these proposals before April 1, but maybe perhaps after April the 1st knowing that a lot of the materials that are being proposed will have to be ordered through the sealift and for that reason we'd like to have the answer by April 1 or before that, as soon as we get an answer where we can find the extra funding from. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. Havioyak.

Mr. Havioyak (interpretation): Thank you. This might not be a question but a concern more than anything. If we are refused, there are three parties that are helping in terms of the project to go forward.

It's a concern to me if one of the parties should not be in favour of going ahead with that project. Say for instance, in Kugluktuk because we don't think we are going to get artificial ice. But we will wait to see what the response will be in a few days. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Havioyak. I'll give you the opportunity to ask two more questions. Mr. Minister.

Hon. Jack Anawak: What I'm trying to say is that there are proposals that have three-party funding and I mentioned earlier that if the hamlet is prepared to put some money for work or in kind such as gravel to do whatever project. Another area would be the private sector in which case some mining companies might come forward with some funding. That is the way we have been moving forward.

However, all I said was after the meeting I had with the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs, I was quite hopeful that at least in our case a couple of the projects that we would probably look at might fit under the criteria that Indian Affairs had to get some funding.

However, if that money doesn't come forward and the proposals are already there without

necessarily the Indian Affairs funding, if the money does come forward that's good, if the money doesn't come forward then we have to look at seeing if we have to go out to more private companies to look for or if we have to expend more of the 300 thousand, in which case it wouldn't go as far as we would like it to. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Anawak. Mr. Iqittuq.

Mr. Iqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, it sounds like the plans are already there, perhaps it is due to my lack of understanding, this 300 thousand dollars was for pilot projects, for recreational facilities in the communities.

Later on you have to come up with the figure or budget estimate. How do you know what it will cost and what it will be used for. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Iqittuq. Mr. Anawak.

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): We don't know how much it will cost but if a community wants to make a contribution for example, Kugluktuk, if I could use it for an example, the community is trying to get artificial ice and the Department of Education and Diavik Mines are possible other sources of funding.

The hamlet council has been given some funding from the mining company and perhaps will use a part of the money from there and use part of the money from the Department of Education according to how much it cost.

We were told, I know that I told the Minister for DIAND that if we could get more money from DIAND that this 300 thousand dollars could be distributed more evenly to the communities.

But if DIAND did not have other sources of funds we would have to use the large majority of this funding for Kugluktuk, because we don't know how much it would cost. But it would be better to have a contribution from other sources. Thank you.

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

Mr. Iqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will use an example. Of the capital projects given funding and the money set aside, if a project is incomplete they roll over the funding and some other projects don't even have any funding. Perhaps they don't know whether they are going to build it or not. The reason I am asking this question, is because there is a plan here, and after a year it seems like there is no reasoning where it is going to be spent.

How can we find out that this figure, this amount of dollars is going to be used for that. How do we know that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Iqittuq. Mr. Anawak.

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will use another example. If Kugluktuk wanted to initiate another project such as artificial ice in their arena, if it cost 400 thousand dollars, this is just an example. If Diavik Mines contributed funding, for example, 100 thousand dollars, or the Department of Education could contribute 100 thousand dollars, DIAND 100 thousand dollars, then we as the Nunavut Government would help them with 100 thousand dollars through a contribution.

The reason why it is hard to understand is that some communities have already requested this federal funding. They have asked for contributions but they don't know exactly how much it is going to cost. This is for future projects, for example if a community requests we would like to assist with funding, but we would also look for other sources of funding besides this. This is to initiate the projects, like the examples that I mentioned.

I will use Igloolik as an example. We were in Igloolik previously and we saw the community hall was too small. If we were to work on this community hall, we would give them funding to do the first preparation. I know that I am getting off the subject a little bit. If we are going to be doing the design, I would say that yes, we do the design in this fiscal year and next fiscal year the funding would be used for actual construction. So that's how it would work. But it is not just for planning. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Anawak. I know that you tried to clarify this by using communities as examples, so please be careful using those examples so as not to confuse the members. Mr. Irqittuq.

Mr. Irqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, I understand this clearly myself. I'm not too sure about this and that's why I'm asking my question. Here, under estimates, 300 thousand dollars, that's for future years, 1.2 million dollars and the total capital, 1.5. That's why I'm trying to get further explanations.

I don't know what it's going to be used for, but this funding 1.2 million dollars for future years costs, it's already there in the books. That's why I'm asking this question. How can we find out that it will actually cost that amount of money. Although there are no applications coming in from the communities, how will we know. That's my question, and I do have many more questions. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): This is a 5-year plan. For example, we would use 300 thousand dollars annually because all the communities, for example, as Kugluktuk I'm sure, would like to initiate their own kinds of projects but we can't do all those projects all at the same time in one fiscal year.

So because we know that, we can't keep up with the communities' needs. And we know that we can't keep up with them but as the Nunavut Government if we try to utilize just the Nunavut Government budget we can't keep up with all the needs and the hamlets and

the private businesses will have to support us financially. That way we can keep up with the need.

Hamlet Councils, private businesses, the federal government, with assistance of these three parties we would like to keep up with the needs. But for those that the Nunavut Government funds directly, like the Igloodik community hall, it wouldn't come through this line item. But it would be under other capital items.

But this one is for the communities if they wanted to initiate any projects, like recreational projects whether it be a small swimming pool or if they wanted to come up with an artificial ice arena. The arena itself would not come through this line item, but if they did have the existing arena, it would be in a different item but the actual request to enhance it would go through this line item. So if the hamlet council's request is to initiate any kind of project with the assistance of the Nunavut Government, or by the private businesses or by the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, that could happen. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Anawak. Please keep in mind that there's also Qikiqtarjuaq. Mr. Irqittuq, I'll give you one more opportunity to ask a question under this item. Mr. Irqittuq.

Mr. Irqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The first time that we were reviewing this the minister also stated that the communities can make proposals only if they can get outside sources of funds from private companies or mining companies and so on. That's how I understand it. Since they already lined up some funds from outside sources, like the mining companies, and now that they've also accessed some funds from the federal government, does that mean that they can now access these dollars from the GN. Thank you

Chairperson (interpretation): For the members, we are looking at total headquarters region, totalling 300 thousand dollars. Let's stick to the numbers at hand. Mr. Anawak.

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): The example that I used earlier was Kugluktuk, they've already stated that they have funding available from the mine, from Diavik Mines and I think that they have additional sources of funding from the Department of Education and we can give them a portion of these dollars.

We are also going to be talking to the federal government, for example, if we ask for additional dollars, we can make 300 thousand dollars go a bit further and use it for more projects.

We are not saying that the community, if they cannot bring out their own dollars we're not going to help them, that's not what we're saying. But what we are saying here is that if they can access outside sources of funds, this 300 thousand dollars would go a lot further.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Anawak. Mr. Alakannuark.

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have a question regarding the 300 thousand dollars, and if I go out of line, please let me know.

There are the arenas, which are utilized in the winter and closed over the summer. Can we make, can the communities make a proposal so that they can build a swimming pool that can be utilized in the summer. Using the arena, making it into a multi-purpose complex, is it possible to access some of these funds for those types of projects. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Alakannuark. Mr. Minister.

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It's possible to build temporary swimming pools, but usually the communities keep them closed because they don't have the money for operating them. I don't think that we can go anywhere near making a swimming pool with this 300 thousand dollars but we can pay for opening up an existing temporary swimming pool.

I think some of the communities have those convertible swimming pools but they can't use it in the summer because they don't have any funds. So they can access some of this if they make a proposal. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Anawak. Mr. Alakannuark.

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If they can make a proposal and access these funds and if the communities put up their own dollars I'm sure that it would help.

So where can they send those proposals to if they wanted to access some of these dollars. Where could they send their proposals. That's my question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Alakannuark. Mr. Minister.

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. You can direct your proposals to our headquarters because it's not divided up. The 300 thousand dollars is not divided up into regions so it's better you send your proposals to Community Government and Transportation headquarters. Thank you.

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

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have one further question for the minister. If we were to access some of these dollars for temporary swimming pools or for arenas, can we do it prior to the projects being started.

Chairperson (interpretation): Minister Anawak.

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): I am sorry I don't understand your question.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. Mr. Alakannuark please rephrase your question.

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation): I apologize my voice is hoarse. If one of the communities was to make a proposal, for example for a temporary swimming pool, would there have to be a study done prior to the project being approved. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Alakannuark. Minister.

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): Well the way our department sees it, is that we would be looking at it over a five-year period. We think that a lot of the communities are going to be making proposals to access these funds. There doesn't necessarily have to be a major study done to get these projects going. For example, we could see how to make it more cost efficient, and if the communities can access outside sources of funds, other than from the Nunavut Government.

If there is a temporary swimming pool already there, that could be opened and up and running we may approve the project without necessarily doing a study. But the communities would also have to realize that, of course there is water in the summer, the swimming pools do have to be filled with water. The water has chlorine and additives in it and you have to realize that there are maintenance costs to opening a swimming pool.

There is a permanent swimming pool here in Iqaluit. For a temporary swimming pool there might have to be a study done so that the life span of the arena doesn't get shortened by the corrosion that is caused by the water and its additives. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Minister. We are talking about the total headquarters region, 300 thousand dollars, recreation facilities projects. Please keep your questions on this issue. Ms. Williams.

Ms. Williams (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will direct my question to that item. Recreational facilities projects, the Inuktitut isn't the same as the English. I will just use my community of Resolute Bay as an example, where they have been trying to get an arena.

They have made repeated requests to the government to get dollars to build an arena. So what they are looking at is to build an open arena. Can we use these dollars to build an outdoor arena. If they could do so, could it also mean that within that two years, if they were ever to request a permanent arena, would they get turned down because they have an outdoor arena already built.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Ms. Williams. Mr. Anawak.

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We know that, well we are building two or three arenas and we know that Resolute Bay and Grise Fiord don't have any arenas.

If they should want to do that and we can help them from part of this money and if they want to build a temporary outdoor arena I don't see any problem if they should wish to build a permanent arena sometime in the future.

I wouldn't see it as a problem or an obstacle somewhere along the way if they should wish to build an outdoor one and then build a permanent one. As long as I'm here I would not say that we gave you money to build to an outdoor arena and now you can't get a permanent arena.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Anawak. Ms. Williams.

Ms. Williams (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have another question. The 300 thousand dollars under total headquarters region. Has that, has some of these monies been accessed by the communities or can we make proposals starting in the new fiscal year, April 1, 2001.

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

Hon. Jack Anawak (Interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We can't do anything without it getting approval first but you can start making proposals starting April 1, 2001. For example, if you want to, if your community of Resolute Bay wants to make a proposal we would look forward to receiving it. You can send in your proposals prior to April 1, but we can only give out the money after April 1. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Ms. Williams.

Ms. Williams (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I was going to ask two questions but I have a third one. Very briefly. It's more of a comment than a question.

Mr. Chairman, this is something that I've heard about. It's trying to get the communities to do some fundraising and be less reliant on the government.

The communities, once they take the initiative, especially the Inuit and the elders, I think that's very well understood by the people out there, because they feel that the Inuit, that the communities should be become more self-sufficient and less reliant on the government. I think all of us are going to be fighting for this 300 thousand dollars.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Ms. Williams. For your information members I give each member ten minutes and then I'll let you know when your time is up. Mr. Anawak.

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I also mentioned that

this 300 thousand dollars is not going to go very far because it's a very small amount.

What we would like to see for the years, for many, many years the people out there have been telling us that they want this, they need this and so on. But we were never told about some innovative ways where the communities would take the initiative and the government would put in a portion. Like the member stated, it's something that we are eager to hear, we'd like to see the communities take the initiative and they might not necessarily be approved with their proposals the first time around.

But we'll keep in mind that particular community is taking the initiative and we also know that some of the hamlet councils make a surplus at the end of the year and usually the surplus dollars are tied up because of the rules and regulations or the policies that we have to follow through as a department. For example with the water revenue if they made a surplus it would then be tied up for that particular service.

If the hamlets make a surplus our department would like to help them out if they would like to use that surplus at their discretion for their community use. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Minister. That's very true. There are a lot of rules that we have to go through. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, the minister indicated that the communities could apply for this funding. I am just wondering if there is a deadline on when the communities can apply for this 300 thousand in this next fiscal year that we are looking at. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Jack Anawak: I don't recall saying that the communities could apply. What I said was that there are some proposals that the communities have come forward with to do some projects, which we would look at as long as they understand that we would not be prepared to fund a project in its entirety.

What we would like is some proposals with third party funding. Such as private development corporations, private enterprises, mining companies and if they can get more funding from outside sources, and we could help them out with part of this then all the better.

All I am saying is that if the communities are in a good financial situation and they can afford to spend some of their own money, and are putting a proposal forward, then we would be very keen on looking at a proposal knowing that, knowing that a big proposal would probably not fit under this criteria because we only have 300 thousand. Thank you.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I must have totally misunderstood, I thought the minister was saying that the communities could apply via submitting proposals to headquarters, I believe that was what the minister had indicated for this funding.

Now I would just ask, this funding, this 300 thousand that we are looking at for the 2001-2002 year, based on the two proposals that the minister indicated they received already, is there any left over. Or is it all going to be used up based on the proposals that they have received already. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Jack Anawak: Obviously we cannot say if it is all used up if we have not passed the budget, we would only start having a serious look at the proposals that might require some of this funding after the budget has been passed. However, what I said was, that in a couple of cases, or at least in one case, the proposal put forward has secured third party funding from other sources and there is a possibility that if we are successful after April 1, in getting some funding from Indian Affairs that we may not necessarily require very much for that particular project.

So I don't think, I cannot say that any of this money has been spent yet. Because we don't know how much third party funding we are going to get based on the proposals that have come forward. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I guess what the minister, the questioning from, he had said earlier that it depends on the level of third party funding. He has indicated and we all know that 300 thousand dollars doesn't go very far anywhere up here as far as capital. It would require third party funding. He said that on a number of occasions, but I also heard him say earlier that if the funding never came through from third parties that they may have to put more into this item.

I am just wondering is the requirement of third party funding going to be a criterion that has to be met prior to projects qualifying under this project or under this whatever it is. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Jack Anawak: All we're trying to do is ensure that if somebody comes forward with a proposal, I used Kugluktuk as an example, who have already secured some third party funding, that's good. And what I said was we're also trying to get some more funding from the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. Now if we can get funding the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, that lessens the need to use any of the 300 thousand dollars for Kugluktuk.

However, if they have secured third party funding and I'm prepared to go forward with

the project, and the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development said no, then obviously we'd have to use a little bit more of the 300 thousand dollars for that particular project.

All I'm trying to say is that third party funding is not necessarily going to be a requirement to get considered, but what I'm saying is that if the hamlet can secure third party funding, then with our support, we could probably stretch this 300 thousand dollars more knowing that this is not going to create any major capital projects but create small ones that we can move forward on.

Again, it's a case of hamlets seeking the initiative if they can financially do so, to do something that may be down the road, but they can hasten the creation of whatever project that may be by securing some third party funding. Thank you.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, the minister also indicated that they wouldn't really scrutinize any proposals that came forward if it was just a minor thing. I agree it's not major funding from the government and our capital end of things.

Mr. Chairman, I know from experience, that any enhancements to any facility that turned it into whether it be a year round or a more multi-use facility, also brings with it additional O&M costs. So I'm just wondering if one of the things the department would look at and ensure that we don't set a community up to be running a deficit or running into financial difficulties, is that they have the financial capabilities to continue to operate and maintain whatever that project is after it's done.

I know, like you say for example, if there's one project needs 300 thousand dollars of this money, and there's third party funding for 1 million dollars, that's going to create something that's going to have an impact on the O&M budget of that municipality. I think as a government, we have to ensure that hamlet has the capacity to be able to carry that. Like I said, I'm asking the minister, is the department going to ensure that the hamlet, wherever it is, has the capacity to continue to operate and maintain whatever that project is down the road. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. You have two more questions left after this. Mr. Minister.

Hon. Jack Anawak: Obviously, if I can find 1 million dollars from third party funding, then that's very good and we put in 20 thousand. But we would want to ensure if there is a proposal put forward, any proposal we would look at under the program would not necessarily require a large O&M.

But, obviously we would make sure that if somebody comes forward with a proposal to have a swimming pool program because they already have a portable swimming pool, then obviously we would take a serious look at that. But if somebody came forward and

said we have a million dollars to build a new whatever, we would want to take a very serious look at the O&M that the hamlet would have to undertake to take care of that particular building.

So we would ensure that first of all, the hamlets, if they have to take care of the entire O&M, can do that. However if it falls under our, under the Department of Community Government and Transportation to provide the O&M, we would want to have a serious talk with the hamlet to ensure that both are not placed under undue financial burden as a result of going forward with this program.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I'm glad to hear that but I think that, and I won't disagree it's important to have the best use of our facilities. But, I think we have to ensure that our municipalities have the funding to be able to carry out and perform the core duties, the basic needs that they need to provide in the communities.

You know, knowing that the municipal financing review is underway right now as well as it's another good thing that the department's undertaking because, you know, we've heard for years, you know, with the hamlet and the municipalities, have been crying and saying they've been underfunded. So I look forward to that and I hope that, you know, one of the criteria used in this is that it doesn't jeopardize any of their existing operations.

One of the other things that you mentioned, adding a swimming pool, for example, I'll just use as an example because it's one that he mentioned to an arena or to another building and I know that in Rankin Inlet they added the swimming pool onto the arena and we are running into and they are still running into major problems because of the humidity and things like that. So in places where these types of projects were going to go into conjunction with already existing municipal infrastructure that the government is responsible for, will they be looking at it to ensure that it, that these projects won't have, you know, a detrimental effect on the existing facilities.

You know, maybe not right now but over the long period of time, over any length of time. Because again, the fact that it may not cost us anything right now but if we do something hasty like anything it could end up costing us more in the long run. So, I just, but not having, I guess I'm saying is that these things are looked at carefully, you know, by our technical people, by our financial people to ensure that it doesn't have a negative impact on the community or on the existing facilities is what I'm getting at.

And the reason I'm saying that is because the minister had indicated earlier that, you know, they weren't really going to take a look at these proposals and I think, you know, and I think that that's something that the department has to do. So I just think that a commitment from the minister that they will take these things into consideration. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Tootoo. Can you shorten your questions or

your preamble before you ask the question. Because you talked for about five minutes. Mr. Anawak.

Hon. Jack Anawak: I didn't say that we would not take them up. Obviously if we are going to help fund a program that the community wants to do, we have to make sure that it's not going to negatively affect the community.

For the member's concern about, let's say Rankin Inlet, the Rankin Inlet swimming pool was initiated by the community and funds were raised by the community and I believe that it is operated by the community without necessarily the involvement of the government. What I said about swimming pools, what I was referring to was that there are portable swimming pools, that the GNWT had at one time where they had portable swimming pools and then the money ran out so they weren't putting them up any more even though the portable swimming pools were still in the communities.

If the community wants to try and go back into the portable swimming pool program, then we would want to take a look at their proposal where they spent some of the money and if we could help out. But what I can say is that whatever project we may want to do under this program we again, we do not want to place undue financial burden on the hamlet as a result of us assisting on something like this.

Because again, to go back to the member's comment earlier, we are also looking at, as he said, the municipal financing, we are having a municipal financing review, to see how communities could better utilize the funding that they get from the government, or to have more freedom on the funding that they get from the government. This would allow them to maybe do more projects like what we are discussing here. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Anawak. I have been giving you a lot of freedom but I am going to have to stop some of the questioning. Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you. Three hundred thousand dollars planned for five years will be about 1.5. The 300 thousand for recreation facilities does it have a limit to the 300 thousand or can you add some more to it for contributions or grants. Thank you.

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

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. At this time the funding is allotted for five years. This would be for pilot projects for communities that have other sources of funds. Only 300 thousand has been allotted and I cannot go beyond the 300 thousand dollars without the approval of the cabinet.

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

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): I would like to ask for further clarification. There is 1.5 million allotted over five years. Is that it. Thank you.

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

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): What I am saying is if we are going to get supplementary funding added to the 300 thousand, I have to get approval for that. What you have in front of you is a budget of 300 thousand dollars a year for 5 years totalling the 1.5 million. Thank you, Mr. Chairman

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

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Under the capital estimates, if it's 1.5, would it be allotted for five years. Thank you.

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

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): Thank you. In this budget, as I said, you are being asked to approve only the 300 thousand dollars. The rest is just in the planning process. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Any further questions. There are no more names for questions. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Hopefully one last question. When the department receives these proposals, I guess will it look at any possible impact that a change in a facility could have. If you change the purpose of a facility, there's different codes and things that have to change as well and I'm just wondering if that's something as well that could have other costs other than just the amount under that project that's listed there. It could have additional implications on the department and I'm just wondering if that's something that is taken into consideration when reviewing these proposals as well. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Jack Anawak: Mr. Chairman, if a community put forward a proposal, and I think the communities are sophisticated enough to understand that if they put forward a proposal, they would have to ensure that those kinds of things are taken into account before they even give it to Community Government and Transportation. However, should they fail to do so, then we would take a look at it. But I would think that the hamlets are knowledgeable enough about those particular concerns that they would have that covered before they even come forward. Thank you.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I know how, you know when someone wants something really bad, they really rush, something looks good, they may in haste, you know, overlook something, and that's why, just in that case, I know that a

lot of these facilities, you know, the government, through the department could end up being potentially liable if something were to happen. So it's for that reason I ask that these kinds of concerns are something that they look at and ensure are met. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. I didn't hear a question there. If you want to make a comment. Mr. Minister.

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): Hamlets today are more knowledgeable in this area and we can also help them with their proposals. We have district offices that can deal with different proposals in their regions. I know that they are capable of making more sophisticated proposals and before they go into the department, they usually ask for assistance in drawing up their proposals. (interpretation ends) Once a community comes forward wanting to put forward a proposal and wants our assistance to look at the kind of concerns that the member has, then obviously we're here to help.

But, again, I repeat, I think the hamlets are sophisticated enough to understand those kinds of concerns. Thank you.

Chairperson: Thank you, Mr. Anawak. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Qujannamiik Itsivautaq. I'm not sure if the minister answered earlier or not but I'd just like to know if the department would still be interested in receiving proposals for the 2001-2002 year to access funds under this program in this year or is it gone and they should wait until next year.

I'd just like to wonder that, because I don't want to go and ask my community if they have something that they could put forward if there's no room to do that this year. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Jack Anawak: Thank you. Obviously we have not determined where any of this might go but keep in mind that if a community comes forward then we expect that community to be in a financially stable condition to be able to expend some money for something like this. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Anawak. Are there any further questions. Are there any further questions, comments. I'm sorry, Mr. Alakannuark.

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have one question. I think the majority of the requests are for support to hockey arenas. I heard earlier that this is for recreational facility projects and it's to help initiate projects. Could we apply for funding to actually build facilities. That will be my last question. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Minister.

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): Not directly from this funding but there is other funding available which you could request from the regional office. I don't know whether you would go to the Kitikmeot or from Keewatin regional office as your constituency is from both.

You would ask Community Government and Transportation in your region, for instance Kane Tologanak is now Superintendent in the Kitikmeot and Shawn Maley in the Keewatin and Timoon Toonoo in the Baffin. This is just for a pilot projects, not for a regular project. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I've finished questioning and then the minister just mentioned that this is specifically for pilot projects, after previously saying that it's open for applications.

I think that's what my colleague Mr. Alakannuark was asking if it's for community recreational facilities if they want to come up with their own money and their own stuff that the minister outlined they could apply for it and my understanding is that the minister said that this is specifically for a pilot project.

I'd like to know if communities can apply based on all the criteria that the minister went over and over in telling us on this money or is it already going to a specific pilot project. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): I apologise that you misunderstood. I didn't say that. What I said was if they want to get an arena or if they wanted to partake in a hockey tournament because all the regions play hockey tournaments, they do not necessarily apply from this line item. (interpretation ends) I apologise if I did not make it clear. I just said this to create something, not to apply for, if a certain number of people want to go play hockey in the community or attend the summer games that happen every year.

That would come under, that funding would come from the regional centres, such as the one in Cape Dorset, Rankin Inlet and Cambridge in combination with Kugluktuk. So, it has nothing to do with those, that money that we use to help the summer games or hockey games because that would come under O&M. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Minister. At this time we are still under 300 thousand. Since we started the committee of the whole, it's now 5 to 6 million dollars that the members want but we cannot go over the 300 thousand line item here. Total headquarters 300 thousand dollars. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): I want you to know that 7-7 and 7-8 are all under Qikiqtaaluk, so we'll just go on because these two pages are one. Let's move onto 7-8, Community Government and Transportation. Branch summary, community governments. Total Qikiqtaaluk region, 150 thousand. Are there any comments or questions. Do you agree.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): It's carried. Going on to the next page. Community Government and Transportation, branch summary. Community Government. Total Kivalliq region, 158 thousand. Are there any comments. Questions. Do you agree.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Page 7-10. Community Government & Transportation branch summary. Total Kitikmeot region, 1 million 685 thousand. Are there any comments. Questions. Do you agree.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Total buildings and works, 6 million 303 thousand. Do you agree.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Going to the next page. Community Government & Transportation, branch summary. Community Government, equipment acquisition. Total headquarters, 100 thousand. Do you agree.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Nays. It is carried. Total Qikiqtaaluk region, 480 thousand. Do you agree. Just a minute. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I'm just wondering, on the fire trucks that are being purchased, are they on some kind of a cost shared basis with the federal government. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Jack Anawak: This is hamlet equipment. Totally hamlet equipment so, no this is Nunavut Government solely.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Anawak.

Chairperson (interpretation): Total Qikiqtaaluk region, 480 thousand. Do you agree.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Nays. It is carried. Total Kivalliq region, 320 thousand. Do you agree.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Nays. It is carried. Total equipment acquisition, 900 thousand. Do you agree.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Nays. It is carried. Page 7-12, Community Government & Transportation, branch summary. Community Government Contribution. Qikiqtaaluk region, 1 million 838 thousand. Do you agree.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Nays. Carried. Open the page to 7-13. Community Government & Transportation, branch summary. Community Government. Total Kivalliq region, 931 thousand. Do you agree.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Total Kitikmeot region, 308 thousand. Agreed. Nays. Mr. Havioyak.

Mr. Havioyak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In the granular program, the 60 thousand dollars, where is that put in place because it seems like a small amount. If my community wanted to use that, how will that be used. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Havioyak. Minister.

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): If I could ask Mr. Sitland to respond.

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Sitland.

Mr. Sitland: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The 60 thousand in there, there's a similar line item for each region. It's for the department to be able to establish programs to manage granular resources in all the communities. We are aware in Kugluktuk that you have to do a winter haul and sometimes that's not the best way to obtain granular resources and we need alternate ways to look at this.

But there are also many other problems in other communities that we have to look at and

this is just sort of the start I would say of a multi-year program to get a better handle on managing granular materials. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Sitland. Mr. Havioyak.

Mr. Havioyak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I understand your answer. Thank you for your response but as you know, we get gravel from an island seven miles away. I'm just wondering, is it in this amount or is it in another funding category, I just want to make it clear, perhaps it's in another funding category.

When we go and get gravel, it's far away but I'm just wondering where is this funding that we can use for gravel hauling. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Sitland: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. For generally operations and maintenance, I'll call it, we provide funding through regional block funding which is meant for site development, road works and those types of things. So every year through the regional block fund, which is shown as a line item there, every community is allotted certain amounts of funding for general O&M type gravel needs.

For capital project needs, gravel materials are purchased or crushed or obtained on a project by project basis. So if for example, if one department had a project that required granular resources, in the capital estimates for that project it would include an estimate to obtain the gravel. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank, Mr. Sitland. Mr. Havioyak do you have any further comments.

Mr. Havioyak (interpretation): I just want to use myself for an example. Suppose I'm a contractor and I do a winter haul seven miles away from the community in Kugluktuk and this cost 100 thousand dollars.

If this project, perhaps for site development, if I used up the 100 thousand dollars in the community of Kugluktuk, and go over by 40 thousand dollars, where can I get another 40 thousand to complete the project.

He stated it is to be used for other communities. I'm just using this for an example because this amount, it seems like a small amount if I had a 100 thousand dollar contract where else can I get the additional 40 thousand. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): Yes, as Doug Sitland said if, for example, if the Department of Education is going to build a school, if the foundation is going to be gravel, that part of funding would be in the contract. The money would be included for

the foundation of the building.

But if it's used for just the Hamlet Councils, it would be geared towards municipal use. Perhaps maybe I did not quite understand you but if we're going to come up with funding for granular programs to build the foundations of schools the money would come from the Department of Education.

We would know ahead of time what your project would be during the summer time, we would know what the budget is. If the region is going to come up with programs or projects, whether it be Education or Sustainable Development, yes, the funding would be within their budget.

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

Mr. Havioyak (interpretation) : Thank you. I think I understand your answer. If we had a plan for a project that we want to work on for that summer period, the cost of the gravel would be included. I think I understand your answer. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): It was for further clarification, but I will allow you Mr. Minister if you'd like to respond again on the 308 thousand dollars. Mr. Anawak.

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): Every time I respond, more questions come out. Yes, if we're going to be hauling gravel for Kugluktuk, if it was to be 50 thousand for the municipality. But if they're going to be building a school, and if they needed an additional 50 thousand for gravel, we would have already used 100 thousand as part of that for the school. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Anawak. Well, we do have to ask questions to the appropriate minister so we'll know what the details are behind these numbers. Mr. Alakannuark.

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The 60 thousand is quite small. I think 60 thousand dollars would be enough for one granular program because the number is quite small. If it's just enough for one community or project in the Kitikmeot, which one will it be. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Anawak.

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If I can recall correctly, and before the creation of the Nunavut Government, the hamlets were asked by DPW to get gravel that would be used over the winter.

Then if the hamlets had to use some of this gravel, they would have to buy it back from the Department of Public Works. That didn't quite make sense to us as a Nunavut Government. So what we did is we reorganized the whole thing. If the hamlet makes some gravel, then it would considered their own. With this government, they don't have

to buy it back from a government department.

So over the years, the hamlets would put together this gravel and they won't have to buy it back because the previous way that was co-ordinated didn't make any sense to us.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. Alakannuark.

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will be asking my question again so that it will be clearer. In the Kitikmeot area for the granular program, which communities can access money through this program whether it be Kugaaruk or Uqsuqtuq or Kugluktuk or Cambridge Bay. Which community is slated to use these funds. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Alakannuark. Mr. Anawak.

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. One moment. Let me do a little bit of whispering first.

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Minister.

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): I apologize. You were talking about a gravel crushing program and your question, I don't believe there is any slated for your region but there is one in the Kivalliq area. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Alakannuark.

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In here in the Inuktitut version, the way I understand it, it says a gravel crushing machine, that's why I'm asking those questions because of the way it's written in Inuktitut. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): We apologise. We're talking about gravel here, we're not talking about machinery. Thank you. I apologize.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Now it's clear all of a sudden. Any further questions. We're on total Kitikmeot region, 308 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Any nays. It's carried. We'll then move on. Total contributions, 3 million 77 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Any nays. It's carried. Total capital expenditures, 10

million, 280 thousand dollars. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Any nays. It is carried. Moving on to page 7-14. Community Government and Transportation, branch summary. Transportation, total capital expenditures.

We'll then move onto 7-15. Page 7 -15 before we agree to all the contents that are summarized on 7-14. Page 7-15, Community Government and Transportation, branch summary, transportation, buildings and works.

Total Qikiqtaaluk region, 1 million 565 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Any nays. It's carried. Moving on. Community Government & Transportation, branch summary, transportation. Total Kivalliq region, 430 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Any nays. It's carried. Total Kitikmeot Region, 310 thousand. Agreed. Any nays. Mr. Havioyak.

Mr. Havioyak (interpretation): How many dollars is it on the appendix A-16. Is it part of that for this year. Just for clarification here, I'm using the appendix A as an example I guess on A-16, is it this 310 thousand on page A-16. Is part of it there. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Havioyak. Mr. Minister.

Hon. Jack Anawak: Yes.

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Havioyak.

Mr. Havioyak (interpretation): Mr. Chairman, I'm looking at it if we discussed it in the 5-year capital plan. I haven't seen what I wanted to see. That is why I wanted to bring out what I wanted to bring out in the 5-year capital plan. It is not part of this page. I was wondering as to when I would see this dollar figure. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): I apologize, I didn't quite understand your question.

Chairperson (interpretation): He was referring to appendix A-16. We're not at 7-16, we're referring to Appendix A-15, or A-16. His question is in regards to the 5-year capital

plan, and the reason why he brought it up is because he didn't see what he was looking for. Mr. Havioyak.

Mr. Havioyak (interpretation): Thank you. If it's all right, you are aware, or your staff is aware, in Kugluktuk, there is a project near the airport, where would this be put in the 5-year plan. We should be in line with airports. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Minister. Well he's asking those questions because he knows what's needed in those communities and he will need a response and he was referring to the 5-year capital plan. That is a question and the minister will have to respond to the question. Mr. Anawak.

Hon. Jack Anawak: Can I just ask which particular project he's referring to Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson: Thank you, Mr. Anawak. Mr. Havioyak.

Mr. Havioyak (interpretation): It is a garage at the airport, storage for vehicles that are utilized at the airport. Where will it fit within the 5-year program. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Havioyak. Mr. Minister.

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): Thank you. Some of the items might not all be here because we get funding from the federal government. Usually what we do is we ask the federal government and then when it's approved we finally get the money and prior to the approval by the federal government we cannot put it into the capital estimates.

We will look into your question and we do know that Kugluktuk is going to grow. We'll keep an eye on it and I think the reason why it's not here is because we haven't heard from the federal government yet on the funding.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Anawak. Any further questions, comments. If you want to ask another question or comment please put up your hand so I will recognize you. Mr. Havioyak.

Mr. Havioyak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My arm is a little bit short. Thank you for your response. If we don't hear and if we're not here as to where the process is gone, it's good to hear your response. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. That was more of a comment than a question. Mr. Havioyak you seem to be waiting when you don't put up your hand so I don't know whether you want to make additional comments or not.

We'll then go back to 7-16. Three hundred and 10 thousand. Total Kitikmeot region, 310 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Nays. It's carried. Total buildings and works, 2 million 305 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Any nays. It's carried. Going on, Community Government and Transportation, branch summary. Transportation, equipment acquisition. Total headquarters region, 85 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Any nays. It's carried. For the members we are dealing with financial issues. I think you have to respond to the questions because of course we have to know exactly where our money is going. Please pay attention because you might agree to something that you might be opposed to later on.

Total Qikiqtaaluk region, 210 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Any nays. It's carried. Community Government and Transportation, branch summary. Transportation, total Kivalliq region, 50 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Any nays. It's carried. Total Kitikmeot region, 20 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Total equipment acquisitions, 365 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Total capital expenditures, 2 million 670 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Going back to 7-6. I mean 7-14. Transportation, capital expenditures, 267 thousand. Agreed. Opposed. Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think there was some money, left on what it is over here. I guess it used to be 3 million but now it's 5 million for the year. So last year that 2.6 million dollars for 2001-2002, if the federal government gives us some more money, would that number go up.

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

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): Yes, I'm sorry. If we were to get some money from the federal government, it would go up. Mr. Chairman, I just want to say that the Department of Education and Health and Social Services have brought some delegates here. The delegates are over here. (interpretation ends) I would like to acknowledge the people from the Healing Symposium from all across Canada, so...(interpretation)...I just wanted to mention that. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Welcome to the House. All of the people in the gallery, please be welcome. Also those people that were here from my constituency, they have left already so. The question of Mr. Nutarak, did you get your response.

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

Chairperson (interpretation): We are on page 7-14, 2 million 670 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. We can get back to page 7-6. Community Government & Transportation, branch summary. Community Government 10 million 280 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. At this time, getting back to page 7-5. Community Government & Transportation, program summary. Detail of expenditures. Total capital expenditures, 12 million 950 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. That's it. The capital is completed. What is the wish of the committee at this time. I'll ask Enoki what the committee's wishes are.

Mr. Irqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Now that we have completed Community Government and Transportation I'm not really sure, maybe you can ask the committee again if it would be okay for us to conclude for the day.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Irqittuq. Community Government and Transportation's capital estimates have been completed and a member wishes to report progress and this is not debatable.

At this time I would like the Speaker to come to the chambers. I'm sorry I forgot to take a vote. All in favour of reporting progress. Opposed. Carried. We can get the Speaker to come back.

I'm sorry Mr. Minister. The Minister of Community Government and Transportation and his officials, I would like to thank them for appearing before our committee. If you have any last comments.

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman for letting us give you some answers and I will have somebody else come in for the main estimates tomorrow.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Minister, Mr. Ferris and Mr. Sitland. Thank you. Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Returning to the Orders of the Day. Item 20. Report of the Committee of the Whole. Mr. Chairman.

Item 20: Report of the Committee of the Whole

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Mr. Speaker, your committee has been considering Bill 1 and would like to report that Bill 1 is still under consideration and would like to report progress. And, Mr. Speaker, I move that the report of the committee of the whole be concurred with. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Do we have a seconder. Mr. Kattuk. There is a motion on the floor. All those in favour. Against. Motion is carried. Item 21. Third Reading of Bills. Third Reading of Bills. Item 22. Orders of the Day. Mr. Clerk.

Item 22: Orders of the Day

Clerk (Mr. Quirke): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Meeting of full caucus tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock in the Nanuq boardroom.

Orders of the Day for Tuesday March 20:

1. Prayer
2. Ministers' Statements
3. Members' Statements
4. Returns to Oral Questions
5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery
6. Oral Questions
7. Written Questions
8. Returns to Written Questions
9. Replies to Opening Address
10. Petitions

11. Reports of Standing and Special Committees
12. Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills
13. Tabling of Documents
14. Notices of Motions
15. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills
16. Motions
17. First Reading of Bills
 - Bill 3
18. Second Reading of Bills
 - Bill 5
19. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters
 - Bill 1 - Appropriation Act 2001-2002
 - Bill 2 – Supplementary Appropriation No. 2, 2001-2001
20. Report of Committee of the Whole
21. Third Reading of Bills
22. Orders of the Day

Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. This House stands adjourned until March 20 at 1.30.

Sergeant-At-Arms.

>>*House adjourned at 5.48 p.m.*

