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**Members Present:**

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

**Item 1: Opening Prayer**

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

>>*Prayer*

**Speaker:** Good afternoon Mr. Premier, Members, Ulluukkut. Item 2. Ministers' Statements. Mr. Picco.

**Item 2: Ministers' Statements**

**Minister's Statement 102 - 1(5): National Addictions Awareness Week**

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker and good afternoon. Good afternoon to the Clerk of the Assembly and staff. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a minute to recognize that this week is National Addictions Awareness Week.

At your Department of Health and Social Services we are working hard to combat the ill effects of alcohol, tobacco and Mr. Speaker, substance abuse. Nunavummiut tell us that helping in their own communities in the context of their own families, is far better than having them referred out.

To that end, Mr. Speaker, the department has supported the staff in the Kivalliq and the Kitikmeot to receive training and other kinds of professional support, to set up Hamlet operated alcohol & drug programs. The department has also identified psychiatric nurse positions in eight communities in the Kivalliq and the Kitikmeot to provide professional support.

Mr. Speaker, here in the Baffin, a program we give Wellness Counsellors broadens their capabilities and has been operating for several years. Mr. Speaker, the idea of this is to help people with problems that can lead to addictions, before they get that far. This winter the department will be consulting with Nunavummiut regarding a culturally appropriate mental health strategy. A strategy which would include a more comprehensive approach to addictions issues.

Mr. Speaker, we continue to develop products to discourage smoking and drinking during pregnancy and to convince the whole of Nunavut to "butt out" before tobacco addiction robs them and those that surround them of their health. Mr. Speaker, however we as a department can only do so much. The success of any treatment we can offer depends on the combined efforts of the person's community, family and their circle of support. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

**Speaker:** Thank you, Minister. Ministers' Statements. Hon. Olayuk Akesuk.

**Minister's Statement 103 - 1(5): Expansion of the Turbot Fishery & Development of Baffin Fisheries Coalition**

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon colleagues. Mr. Speaker, I would like to advise members of this House about some recent developments in Nunavut's turbot fishery.

Turbot is the only ground fish species available for Nunavummiut to harvest. The offshore turbot fishery is a rapidly expanding of our economy.

(interpretation ends) When the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, the Honourable Herb Dhaliwal visited Iqaluit in 2000, he announced that Nunavut would receive 100% of the Canadian share of the new 4,000 ton quota of turbot recommended for the Baffin Bay and Davis Strait offshore fisheries area in 2001. The offshore turbot stocks in Davis Strait and Baffin Bay are shared with Greenland.

(interpretation) The long term sharing arrangements for this new quota will be discussed during the upcoming bilateral consultations with Greenland in December. The Government of Nunavut, along with Nunavut Tunngavik Nunavut Wildlife Management Board will be attending these meetings on behalf of Nunavut.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, 4,000 tons of turbot has a landed market value of approximately 16 million dollars. This quota will result in significant employment opportunities in both the harvesting and the processing sectors. It is estimated that this new quota will provide more than 30 new jobs in the offshore fishery in 2002 and by 2004 that number is expected to increase to more than 60.

I hope to provide a further update on this new quota following the annual bi-lateral consultations on fisheries to be held in Nuuk, Greenland next month. Mr. Speaker, over the past couple of years we have made great strides in the development of our offshore fishing industry. The recent turbot quota provided to Nunavut in Baffin Bay now presents an opportunity to develop significant capacity in the fishing industry. And, to that end, earlier this year, members of the Nunavut Fisheries Working Group, consisting of my department, Tunngavik, the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board and the Federal



Department of Fisheries and Oceans, organized two meetings with all organizations and individuals involved in the turbot fishery in Nunavut.

The purpose of this meeting was to outline the potential advantages of working together to build capacity in the Nunavut fishing industry. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to say that these meetings were overwhelming successes and all groups involved signed an MOU to develop the Baffin Fisheries Coalition and fish the new turbot quota in Baffin Bay as a group.

The long term objectives outlined in the MOU are to develop capacity in the fishing industry leading to the full ownership and participation and substantial economic benefits to Nunavut. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to announce that the 2001 turbot fishery in Baffin Bay known as Division OA. Has been extremely successful. To date, the Baffin Fisheries Coalition has harvested in excess of 2,000 tons of the quota. As well, it is estimated that more than 200 tons of this new quota will be landed and processed at the fish plant in Pangnirtung.

This will support more than 60 jobs in the community on an extended seasonal basis. The Coalition currently has five boats fishing in the area on its behalf. Proceeds received from the new turbot fishery are to be used to reinvest into the fishery on a cost-sharing basis with the government and the other agencies. Various potential investments include developmental fisheries training and purchase of a fishing vessel. Late last month the coalition held its first full meeting and formed its first board of directors. During the meeting the coalition passed a number of resolutions, including support for the development of a 3 to 5 year business plan and a detailed training program for Nunavummiut for the 2002 fishing season.

My department is currently working very closely with the Baffin Fisheries Coalition to ensure that training programs are developed to meet the needs of the rapidly expanding industry. The coalition is currently monitoring the activities of the 2001 fishery and it is preparing to start discussions and negotiations in preparation for the 2002 fishery.

Mr. Speaker, my department fully support the activities of the newly formed Baffin Fisheries Coalition and will endeavour to support its organizational development over the upcoming years. I view the formation and emergence of this new industry group as the logical next step in the development of fisheries capacity in Nunavut that will provide lasting and sustainable economic benefits for the region. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker:** Ministers' Statements. Mr. Kilabuk.

**Minister's Statement 104 - 1(5): Interim President of Nunavut Arctic College**

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to tell you that Bruce Rigby was appointed as Interim President of Nunavut Arctic College effective October 6, 2001.

I am pleased that Mr. Rigby has agreed to assume the responsibility of interim president and I am confident that he will provide appropriate direction for the college during this important period of transition. Nunavut Arctic College plays a role in building capacity within the public service through education.

Decentralization is a key element in the successful of the Government of Nunavut, therefore it is important that the College maintain momentum and continuity of capacity building while we go through this process. Mr. Rigby, who is currently Executive Director of the Nunavut Research Institute, brings with him many years of senior management experience with the college and senior management experience with Parks Canada.

He will work at the headquarters of the College in Arviat. Mr. Rigby will hold the position until another President is appointed. I expect the search for a President will take three to six months to complete. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

**Speaker:** Thank you, Minister. Ministers' Statements. Ms. Thompson.

**Minister's Statement 105 - 1(5): Social Housing Rent Scale Review Update**

**Hon. Manitok Thompson** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to update the member of our review of the social housing rent scale that the Nunavut Housing Corporation is currently co-ordinating.

Mr. Speaker, the Task Force on Housing made two recommendations regarding the rent that Nunavummiut pay. It is too complicated and the Department of Education Income Support rent contribution of 32 dollars should be reviewed. Mr. Speaker, to date the Nunavut Housing Corporation has;

- Performed a review of all the many parts of the current scale;
- Researched public housing rent scales in other jurisdictions in Canada, the circumpolar world and worldwide;
- Conducted a survey of public housing stakeholders and professionals in Nunavut;
- Put all of this information together and presented it at a workshop of all 25 local housing organizations in March 2001. A volunteer and a staff member of each and every organization attended this workshop;
- The direction given by the volunteers at the workshop was developed by Corporation staff and presented at a workshop of Housing Managers this September;

- Housing Managers and staff finalized an approach to a new rent scale;
- Throughout this process the interdepartmental housing strategy committee and our own Standing Committee have received progress reports.

Mr. Speaker, the first draft of a new rent scale model is now back at the local housing organizations. It is being reviewed by the Boards of Directors of these organizations. From there we will review the feedback.

We will continue to ensure to consult all parties and refine the public housing rent scale to ensure it is as simple and as fair as possible. Mr. Speaker, this is a very complex tasks. It is a task that directly affects over half of our population. We will make sure we get it right. I hope and expect that I will be able to rise in this House during 2002/2003 to announce a new rent scale for public housing. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker:** Thank you, Minister. Ministers' Statements. Item 3. Members' Statements. Mr. Premier.

### **Item 3: Members' Statements**

#### **Member's Statement 289 - 1(5): Launch of Iqaluit Recycling Program**

**Hon. Paul Okalik:** Ma'na Uqaqti. Today Iqaluit is officially launching a new household recycling program. Over the next two weeks all 2,000 households in Iqaluit, will receive an information kit and supplies such as this bag, to start recycling all types of plastics and metals.

As the MLA for Iqaluit West, I am volunteering to be a spokesperson to promote the recycling program here in the city. I believe as communities, we can work together to improve our environment. (interpretation) This is a very good initiative so therefore, I ask the Iqaluit residents to support us in using recycling. All the plastics and all the metal or aluminum cans should be put into the recycling bags, so that the garbage collectors can take them to the proper place, instead of just throwing them into the landfill.

They won't be burned by municipal services, so I ask the Iqaluit residents to help clean up the community. (interpretation ends) This is part of a huge community effort with the newly formed Iqaluit Recycling Society to support the City's new program. These volunteers will be available to answer questions on recycling and to urge everyone to participate. It is the co-operation between the City and the community that will make this program work and I applaud the efforts of the many volunteers and City staff that are making this a reality.

(interpretation) Even in the schools, we are now starting to deal with recycling and also the students are leading the way. They write and draw information on recycling and they compete on recycling and they sing songs and they helped make the recycling bags. The

Arctic College Environmental Technology Program is taking part in helping with awareness. So I am very proud to see our young people leading the way.

(interpretation ends) The private sector is helping as well. Donations of materials and services to support the plastic and metal recycling efforts and school programs are in full swing. Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to finish my statement.

**Speaker:** The member is seeking unanimous consent to conclude his statement. Are there any nays. Proceed.

**Hon. Paul Okalik** (interpretation): I thank you and my colleagues. (interpretation ends) Organizations such as Canadian North, Environment Canada, Royal Canadian Legion, Nunanet Communications, Nunatsiaq News, Nunavut Catering, Frobuild Construction Ltd. and Arctic Ventures and the Navigator Inn are full private partners in this program.

(interpretation) Recycling is just starting and it is going to take quite some time get used to it. So I urge everyone to not just throw their garbage in the can, but start using the recycling bags and bins so we can clean up Iqaluit. (interpretation ends) It is up to you and it is the right thing to do. As you can see all you have to do is throw these in the bags. No problem. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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

#### **Member's Statement 290 - 1(5): Gjoa Haven Athletes to Represent Nunavut at Arctic Winter Games**

**Mr. Puqiqnak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise today a little bit late, but I still want to make this statement today to congratulate my constituency. Last weekend thirteen individuals from Uqsuqtuq, Gjoa Haven, came here for the regional trials. I can't mention all the names, but three individuals out of the thirteen made it to Team Nunavut.

They will be going to Nuuk, Greenland for the 2002 Arctic Winter Games. They made it to the Nunavut team. They are the coach, Allen Aknaviujuk, Junior Hannah Etooteelook and also from the junior women, Anna Green Adla.

Mr. Speaker, they have shown their determination and effort and have therefore made it to Team Nunavut. I would like to congratulate them and also the ones that didn't make the team. I would like to congratulate the three individuals that made the team. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker:** Members' Statements. Mr. Picco.

**Member's Statement 291 - 1(5): Celebrity Auction Fundraiser for Iqaluit Amateur Hockey Association**

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, last weekend, three major private sector companies came forward to host and organize a fundraiser for the Iqaluit Amateur Hockey Association. Mr. Speaker, this volunteer effort by Nunavut Auto, The Driving Force and First Air is much appreciated by the kids here in Iqaluit who benefit from the work of the Iqaluit Amateur Hockey Association.

The fundraiser consisted of a supper and an auction of hockey memorabilia and other items. Mr. Speaker, special guests included Al Hamilton, the first Captain of the Edmonton Oilers and a personal friend of our friend, Mr. Kelvin Ng.

Mr. Speaker, another special guest attending was the former CFL great running back the excellent, fast gizmo, Atanarjuaq Williams. Well known for his fast running. He had a problem catching the night of the auction Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, also attending was a professional auctioneer and a comedian, Gary Myers. Mr. Speaker, an excellent welcoming speech was also done by our own Commissioner, Mr. Peter Irniq.

Mr. Speaker, over 20 thousand dollars was raised for the Iqaluit Amateur Hockey Association that night. The auction bidding was fast and furious Mr. Speaker, with an autographed picture of Paul Henderson's famous 1972 goal getting top dollar. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to first of all thank First Air, and especially Dan Gauthier and his Driving Force Team who organized and hosted the event to benefit the kids of Iqaluit.

A special thanks goes to the many Iqaluit residents, guests and members of this House, Mr. Speaker, including yourself, who attended and supported the event. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker:** Members' Statements. Mr. Anawak.

**Member's Statement 292 - 1(5): Canadian North Inuk Employee, Diane Tiktak**

**Hon. Jack Anawak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am very pleased to rise today to speak about Canadian North. Effective on November 26, we will now have an Inuk flight attendant working on the plane who speaks fluent Inuktitut. I have known this person since I was a child.

I am very happy to hear Peter Irniq's voice on the Canadian North safety information speech. Sometimes we want to see Inuit flight attendants on the planes. So I am very glad to say that Diane Tiktak is now a flight attendant for Canadian North. This airline is going to benefit from her presence. I would also like to thank Eva Onalik for working

very hard to make this happen, because we know that when you are afraid of flying, it relieves you to hear your own language.

If there is any emergency happening that individual can work with the unilingual Inuit people. I would like to congratulate Canadian North for working hard on that, and also the private entrepreneurs, I urge them to hire Inuktitut speaking people. Not too long ago, when we were in school, we were shy to speak Inuktitut, our own language. But now we should be proud of our language and use it. Many elders still use the airlines and are unilingual, they need to be given safety information.

So I would like to congratulate Diane Tiktak and Canadian North for working very hard on this. Thank you.

>>Applause

**Speaker:** Members' Statement. Mr. Alakannuark.

#### **Member's Statement 293 - 1(5): Compensation for Lost Hunting Equipment**

**Mr. Alakannuark** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, to make a long statement short, over the summer John Kaunak lost most of his hunting equipment to a polar bear at a camp near Repulse Bay. Mr. Speaker, many hunters and trappers have lost their equipment and sometimes their lives as well while in the process of making a living.

Mr. Kaunak, has written to the Minister of Sustainable Development about the incident. Many hunters and trappers like Kaunak can't afford to replace lost equipment used to earn their livelihoods. Hunting equipment is very expensive.

Mr. Speaker, does the Department of Sustainable Development have any type of compensation package for people like Kaunak. At the appropriate time today I will be asking my friend, the Minister for Sustainable Development about the compensation package for the hunters and trappers of Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker:** Members' Statements. Ms. Thompson.

#### **Member's Statement 294 - 1(5): Visitors' Centre Needed for Rankin Inlet**

**Hon. Manitok Thompson** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is going to be a very short statement. In the beginning of November, Mr. Speaker, I was in Rankin Inlet to meet the Hamlet Council, the Mayor and the staff.

I also met with elders and we discussed tourism, because there's no visitors' centre in Rankin Inlet. That visitors' centre has been moved around to other locations. At one time

it was located in the Siniktarvik hotel. When there was no room they moved the heritage centre to the airport.

Mr. Speaker, it's now located at the security part of our airport because there is no space in Rankin Inlet. So Rankin Inlet residents are wondering or considering, it would be very beneficial if there could be a location identified in Rankin Inlet. So I'm just stating that there are many people who can tell stories and who can make their handicrafts. Mr. Speaker, it would be ideal to have a location or a space or get a visitors' centre in Rankin Inlet. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker:** Thank you, Ms. Thompson. Members' Statements. Mr. Kilabuk.

#### **Member's Statement 295 - 1(5): Get Well Wishes to Pangnirtung Residents**

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, I had sent this out to Pangnirtung radio but I would like to report to you today we have some patients going to the hospital. These patients are being taken care of properly by the Minister of Health, but I would like to as my colleagues and my fellow residents of Pangnirtung to keep this particular elder in mind, who has helped me for a long time and this elder has also helped a lot of Pangnirtung residents. I would like for people to have good thoughts about the elder and for the elder to get well soon. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you, Minister. Members' Statements. Mr. Nutarak.

#### **Member's Statement 296 - 1(5): Boating Facility Required in Pond Inlet**

**Mr. Nutarak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Minister for the Department of Public Works made a statement in reference to tourism. I would like to her to direct her questions to the Minister of Sustainable Development. As well, on behalf of Pond Inlet, in the summertime we always have a problem in Pond Inlet with respect to the high winds.

Sometimes we are not able to travel during the summer months and there are always boats that capsize. Sometimes the hunters are not found and are gone forever. We have a problem with this with respect to boats and boat safety. I'm going to talk about this further in the future. But for your information I would like to raise it at this time, because we always have problems with respect to boat safety in Pond Inlet.

It's because we do not have boating facilities in Pond Inlet. That's part of the problem. If we had a boating facility these things would be better dealt with. This was included in the five year capital plan to be built and if it could be worked on by the Ministers of Sustainable Development and Transportation I would appreciate it. I will be asking questions about this in the future. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Member's Statement 297 - 1(5): Recognition of Sporting Volunteers**

**Mr. McLean:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker my statement is short today and I wish I could make it longer. I would like to recognize a small group of people in Nunavut that toil relentlessly and ask for no recognition.

They toil relentlessly to better Nunavut. They are never paid. These people never ask for any kind of recognition or salary and they spend hours and hours and hours fund raising and taking care of our children. Mr. Speaker these are the sports volunteers that help to make the Arctic Winter Games a reality for our young children. I would like to recognize a small group in my community that recently brought children to Iqaluit and for some of them it was their first trip out of Baker Lake. I would like to recognize Ria Deening, Carter Perdy with the soccer team. Sheila Sweetland and Bill Olsen for the basketball team and Aran Clut for the wrestling team. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker:** Item 3. Members' Statements. Members' Statements. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

**Member's Statement 298 - 1(5): Athletes Representing Nunavut at AWG**

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a short comment to make as well. I mentioned this earlier with respect to the young athletes that are going to Greenland. I am very proud of them, and they will be representing Nunavut. Sarami Qautuk, Charlie Arreak, Tracy Arreak, Leah Poasie, Alanua Arnakak, Ragee Tigullagak, Carlene Arnakak, Natalina Natanai. Five of these athletes will be going to Greenland perhaps athletes from Coral Harbour. I am very proud of these young athletes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker:** Members' Statements. Members' Statements. Members' Statements. Item 4. Returns to Oral Questions. Returns to Oral Questions. Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Item 6. Oral Questions. Item 6. Oral Questions. Mr. Nutarak.

**Item 6: Oral Questions**

**Question 293 - 1(5): Provide Guidelines for Income Support**

**Mr. Nutarak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yesterday, I had a question directed to the Minister of Education, so this will be the same topic with respect to income support in the communities.



With respect to income support in the communities, the people are just starting to apply for income support as they come of age, and some will be on income support until they can find employment. There will always be people that need income support in Nunavut. Can the Minister of Education provide information so that if I need to go on income support, I will have the necessary information for future reference. Can he provide that information. Thank you, Mr. Speaker .

**Speaker:** Minister Kilabuk.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. With respect to the income support policy, I am not quite sure as to what document he would and a lot of the documents in reference to income support are very lengthy.

Last year I directed the department to make the document a bit shorter and clearer and once this is done I will be giving this document to the communities. Once this is done I will be giving this documents to the communities once they are available. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Oral Questions. Supplementary. Mr. Nutarak.

**Mr. Nutarak** (interpretation): According to the minister's answer, after he makes this document on income support available is he going to distribute it through the mail, or are they going to be given direct letters with reference to this information that I am requesting on income support.

Or perhaps they are going to go to through the income support workers through the communities when he is giving out this information with respect to the income support clarification. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister Kilabuk.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The documents on social assistance that I will be making available to the communities and I will be giving them also to the members. As well we want to make them available in the Social Services Department so that we may be able to answer questions that we get every day or every month. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you, Minister. Oral Questions. Oral Questions. Mr. Puqiqnak.

### **Question 294 - 1(5): Funding for Expansion of Kitikmeot Boarding Home**

**Mr. Puqiqnak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Department of Health and Social Services Minister. I understand that this question has been raised before as we met with respect to the Lena Pederson Boarding home for hospital patients.

A lot of times the Members of the Legislative Assembly are approached and we are usually told that the boarding home is much too small. I also heard this question being raised yesterday. I heard that it might be dealt with through the capital plan.

This is the boarding home in Yellowknife for the hospital patients. Would they be able to provide more funding so that it may be expanded. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister Responsible for Health. Minister Picco.

**Hon. Ed. Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, as I said in the House yesterday we've undertaken to do a review of boarding home services in Yellowknife, certainly the Lena Pederson home and that is because the contract was nearing its ending or its completion date. Part of that request for proposals to operate a boarding home or run a boarding home on behalf of the Department of Health and Social Services was to look at the needs of the Kitikmeot patients to see what the levels are and what the loads are.

So contingent on the RFP completing and the issuance of a new RFP, it may indicate that we may need a newer facility or an expanded facility. I won't know that Mr. Speaker, till we have an opportunity to actually to take a look in more detail at the RFP itself. But what I can say to the member and commit to the member is that those areas of discussions and concerns that had taken place over the last several months have played a major factor in the review and issuance of that RFP.

So we will take a strong look to make sure at the end of the day that the patients travelling from the Kitikmeot to Yellowknife are best served with the facility that they have. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you, Minister. Supplementary. Mr. Puqiqnak.

**Mr. Puqiqnak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I understand that there are new plans to maybe extend this and the funding might be included or are they going to be put towards the Lena Pederson boarding home to expand the existing boarding home or are we going to put this money towards another maybe private boarding home for the hospital patients. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister Picco.

**Hon. Ed. Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the idea of the RFP was to look at an opportunity to see what types of buildings or services or facilities that may be available in Yellowknife to offer the services of the boarding home.

At the same time, is there an opportunity to look at the possibility of adding extra beds or there is an opportunity for an extension of the usage of the Lena Pederson home. That is up in the air right now Mr. Speaker. It depends on the RFP. The last option would be to use private homes to board patients in like in other places. For example here in Iqaluit only when the boarding home is full would we go out and use a private home.

And we do that as part of the course of looking after people who are staying in the boarding home. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you, Minister. Supplementary. Mr. Puqiqnak.

**Mr. Puqiqnak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Mr. Minister. I was asked to bring this concern to the Minister for Health because these two communities had a concern. Sometimes some hospital patients are put in one bedroom and often time they are from the same community and there is a problem with respect to this issue.

I had received concerns on this. I think we have to look at with some urgency the expansion of the boarding home. And I understand we are talking about expanding the boarding home as the Nunavut population is growing very quickly. I think in the 1970's the boarding home was first opened and there were less people at that time.

But Mr. Speaker with respect to the Department and the Minister, they have to have a better boarding home than what they have right now. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you, Mr. Puqiqnak. I didn't hear a question. We will take it as a comment. Mr. Puqiqnak would you repeat your question.

**Mr. Puqiqnak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'll try and make it brief. I thought it was quite clear. For example, there were three people, three men staying in one bedroom. Is that all right. Is that fine the way they end up in one bedroom. Three people in one bedroom. I don't think that is right.

What I wanted to find out from your department is what is your department doing with respect to funding this boarding home so that the Lena Pederson boarding home may be extended and we may be able to provide more room in the boarding home. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you, Mr. Puqiqnak. Minister Picco.

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I think the member makes a good point. I want to point out that when I became the Minister of Health we moved forward on the boarding home issue I think quite aggressively. We have now a new boarding in Edmonton for our patients from the Kitikmeot. We have a relatively new boarding home now in Ottawa for our Baffin patients. The boarding home here in Iqaluit is actually fairly new and it happens to be a former student residence.

We're moving forward, Mr. Speaker, on our people in Yellowknife to make sure that the best possible place to stay is there in Yellowknife through the auspices of the contract for our boarding home. I should also point out, Mr. Speaker, in context with that with the new facility going into Cambridge Bay and into Rankin Inlet we'll need to be able to develop an opportunity for boarding homes in both of those communities too.

And that would be down the road, Mr. Speaker, after we get an opportunity to review what type of patient care and so on would be in place in the times scheduled for those communities. I can commit to the member that after the review of the RFP I will meet with the members from the Kitikmeot to go over some of the issues again in context of the RFP that's written.

And I would suggest to you, Mr. Speaker, that at the end of the day we will have the best facility available for our patients and that's the bottom line. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

### **Question 295 - 1(5): Compensation for Lost Hunting Equipment**

**Mr. Alakannuark** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Sustainable Development. As I indicated in my statement earlier there have been some hunting mishaps where hunters and trappers are losing their hunting equipment. Is there any type of compensation for hunters and trappers who lose their hunting equipment from mishaps while out hunting. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister Akesuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There has never been a compensation package for the loss of hunting equipment for hunters. But it's currently under review. At this time we still do not have a compensation package. But I would like to tell the member that it's currently under review. We're looking at possibly the beginning of next year to start seeing the results of this review in regards to compensation for hunters and trappers. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Supplementary. Mr. Alakannuark.

**Mr. Alakannuark** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you very much for your response, Mr. Minister. And as a supplementary I would like to ask the minister on the issue the big ticket items that a hunter has to buy. Do you have any kind of financial assistance that can be provided to the hunters who have to acquire these big ticket items. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you. Minister Akesuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't know when this is going to be coming up but we are looking at the hunters being able to buy boats and big ticket items. Well personally I'm looking at providing an insurance coverage for the hunters and trappers because of course their equipment is very important.

We are looking at insurance coverage, but I can't tell you at this point when this would become available. I would like to deal with this as soon as possible, but I would like to know exactly how it would be set up. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Question 296 - 1(5): Funding for Prevention of Suicide**

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Health and Social Services. It is about the question that I raised yesterday. It is the same question that I put to the Minister of Finance.

There is inadequate funding provided for youth committees. Can there be more adequate funding provided in order to prevent suicide. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister Picco.

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, first of all this is the first time this week that I have had an opportunity to address this subject. I want to acknowledge Minister Anawak's very strong statement on the issue the other day and the member's statement and I thank him for his support on that issue.

Mr. Speaker, the member makes a good point. The total dollars available and the different pockets that are available for different issues. In the case of suicide, under community wellness, each Hamlet has available to them community wellness and brighter futures money. They can use that money for youth oriented programs or counselling, specifically to address the issue of suicide.

What we have been able to do Mr. Speaker, from the Department of Health, is run several different programs on suicide counselling and grief counselling. For example, here in the Baffin alone we have trained over 20 counsellors in the last year in different areas of suicide counselling and grief.

For example, Mr. Speaker, in the Keewatin and Kitikmeot Regions, we put over nine psychiatric nurses in different communities. What I can say Mr. Speaker, and very quickly is that there is support money out there for communities, if they want to deliver suicide specific programs, not just for youth but for other people in communities that are at risk. We have been doing that Mr. Speaker, a good example again is that excellent program that is running right now in Clyde River, where we have counsellors including elders and young people from all over Nunavut, taking part in counsellor and suicide prevention programs in Clyde River.

So that's a good example of that type of program. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am very pleased with your response and I would like to ask another question. Is it possible for your department to let the communities know where they can take proposals. I would like to have a list of funding agencies that are available through the government. I would be very pleased if he could provide that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister Picco.

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We can make that available to the member. Thank you.

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

**Question 297 - 1(5): Effectiveness of Workplace Wellness Help Line**

**Ms. Williams** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Human Resources. In regards to the help line that is set up in Ottawa, could the minister tell us exactly how effective that help line is. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister Responsible for Human Resources. Minister Ng.

**Hon. Kelvin Ng:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, we are encountering some difficulties in that we are having complaints that it is difficult to get access to the line. I have had staff checking into that, to determine exactly what the problem is right now. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Ms. Williams** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The minister said earlier that you would move that location to Nunavut. When is that going to be moved. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister Ng.

**Hon. Kelvin Ng:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker we don't have an definite date yet. As I indicated, we wanted to assess the effectiveness of this other program it does seem now we are running into difficulties with the contract that we have entered into.

So obviously we will be reviewing the circumstances to see how effective it has been and if it isn't then we will have to look at alternate measures to provide workplace wellness programming for our employees. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Ms. Williams** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There is 700 thousand dollars set aside on this help line and the 700 thousand dollars goes out of the Territory. We think that it would be more affective if you move that location to the Nunavut Territory and the 700 thousand dollars would be used up here. So I would like to say at this point that this location has to be moved to Nunavut instead. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister Ng.

**Hon. Kelvin Ng:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The long term plan was to establish the program to be based in Nunavut. It was a matter of having the support mechanisms to be able to allow that to happen. So given the problems that we are encountering right now we may have to look at accelerating the establishment of the program to be based in Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

#### **Question 298 - 1(5): Outpost Program for Inmates**

**Mr. Havioyak:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister responsible for Justice. (interpretation) As I stated in the House yesterday and the day before, the inmates are not being helped in the corrections centres and we have said that we would like to try outpost camps for those inmates to go out on the land and we in the Kitikmeot have tried this program.

But to date I have not heard from the minister in regards to how the program is to be operated. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister Responsible for Justice. Mr. Premier.

**Hon. Paul Okalik** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We are in support of out on the land program for inmates because it is very beneficial especially for the youth. And it also teaches about the traditional survival skills. We provide the operations monies for these outpost camps. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Havioyak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for your response Mr. Premier. I want to add on to the question in regards to my comment. How will we advertise who, in terms of the contractors, who will we contract once we have established a program out on the land. How we will advertise the jobs about the work that will have to be done out on the land. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Mr. Premier.

**Hon. Paul Okalik** (interpretation): I will start advertising as soon as possible. We are going to be focusing especially in the central area, because we don't have an outpost camp that is used by inmates.

We will be helping those people through our office. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Havioyak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is very useful to advertise and to let people know that this is an ongoing program. Because when the people don't realize or haven't heard about a program they don't believe what is actually happening, that it has really good support.

For example, in Kugluktuk we have a lot of young people that don't have any idea about their culture and I want to keep these programs going so they can be of benefit for the young people. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Mr. Premier.

**Hon. Paul Okalik** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We would like to see more of these types of programs and we would like to get support from the regular members. It is very beneficial for the inmates and it also preserves and promotes Inuit culture. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you, Minister. Oral Questions. Mr. McLean.

#### **Question 299 - 1(5): Dominant Air Carrier in Nunavut**

**Mr. McLean:** Thank you, Uqaqti. Uqaqti, my question is for the Minister of Community Government & Transportation, today. Early this year the Minister's Department made a submission to the Canadian Transportation Act Review Panel in which the Government of Nunavut argued that, and I quote, "modernization and improvement of sea and air transportation can only be funded by industry through establishment of a dominant carrier able to organize services in the most effective manner."

My question today to the minister is, which of the airlines presently operating in Nunavut does the Government of Nunavut want to become our dominant carrier and why. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you, Mr. McLean. Minister Anawak.

**Hon. Jack Anawak:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, obviously if we were going to make a recommendation to the Legislative Assembly as well as to the Cabinet on a preferred carrier for Nunavut, we would want to make sure that we involve the Legislative Assembly and the Cabinet in doing that.



I only say if, because at this point in time I am not prepared to make that recommendation to the Legislative Assembly and the Cabinet until we have had a chance to take a good look at the major transportation initiative that we have undertaken. If and when, we are going to make that kind of recommendation, we will make sure the members are well aware long before we make any kind of recommendations. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you, Minister. Supplementary question. Mr. McLean.

**Mr. McLean:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The minister used the word if. But sometimes in this government the people that are enforcing policies do. My supplementary question is, how will reducing competition in the airline sector benefit Nunavut communities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you, Mr. McLean. Minister Anawak.

**Hon. Jack Anawak:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, let me just point out that we have lost a bigger airplane going into two communities in the Keewatin as the result of competition. Calm Air is not flying into Coral Harbour and Repulse Bay any more because competition came in, in the form of a single engine airplane without bathroom facilities flying in at a cheaper rate, but inconveniencing the traffic. The people that go on those flights.

So all I am saying is that I am not at this time prepared to say anything to the effect that we would be making a recommendation on a preferred airline, nor am I going to commit to saying that this is what the recommendation is going to be.

However I again assure the member that if there was any chance that we are going to be making this recommendation we will make sure that the Legislative Assembly, the Cabinet and the people that have a stake in this are well consulted. And at this point in terms of a preferred airline, we have not done any consultation to that effect. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you, Minister. Supplementary. Mr. McLean.

**Mr. McLean:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So I can take it by the minister's answer to me that this government and when I say this government he means Cabinet has not taken any specific actions to date to establish a dominant carrier in Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister Responsible for Transportation. Mr. Anawak.

**Hon. Jack Anawak:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. No it hasn't. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you, Minister. Oral Questions. Mr. Arvaluk.

**Question 300-1(5): Plans for Turbot Quota**

**Mr. Arvaluk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was going to direct my question to the Minister Responsible for the Department of Sustainable Development. I was looking for some money to be put aside for the caribou harvesting program for 2002/2003 in Coral Harbour.

I don't have it in front of me, regarding the meat plant in Coral Harbour. So I'll raise it tomorrow to the minister. I have question. In his Minister's Statement, I would like to ask about the last page. As Mr. McLean stated, I am an MLA for all of Nunavut. It says here, the fisheries coalition will be getting a two thousand ton quota within OA. Two hundred tons will be going to be processed at the fish plant in Pangnirtung. We have probably also heard this, the residents of Pangnirtung are always asking when are we going to get a sufficient fish quota so that we may be able to work all winter. The two hundred tons that you will be giving to them, what are the plans for them to be able to work all winter. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister Responsible for Sustainable Development. Minister Akesuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The turbot fishery is a seasonal project. It is thriving. There is a two thousand ton quota, and two hundred tons is what is going to be in Pangnirtung. It is a seasonal job. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Supplementary. Mr. Arvaluk.

**Mr. Arvaluk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. He also talks about in his statement, about the coalition having held its first full meeting and founded its first board of directors. They put together resolutions including support of the development of a 3-5 year business plan and a detailed training program for Nunavummiut for the 2002 fishing season. The 3-5 year business plan, is it included so that it can be open all year round. So that the fish plant can be open all year around. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For the business plan we will work closely with the Baffin Fisheries Coalition. We expect that we will be working very closely with them.

I can't really make comments about the plans at the moment. I could discuss this further with the member, but we figure that this will be successful and will be beneficial to the people of Nunavut. I don't have the plan with me, but in the future I will be able to give a more detailed statement on the plan. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you, Minister. Supplementary.

**Mr. Arvaluk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Is the Department of Sustainable Development working on a plan or setting goals for the three to five year business plans. Is there a goal set to have the fish plant open year-round. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you. Minister Akesuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will be able to explain and give a more detailed response on the plan. It is very important that we set goals for this project, so I will get back to the member once I have the plan in front of me. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Oral Question. Mr. Nutarak.

### **Question 301 - 1(5): Financial Assistance Programs for Nursing Students**

**Mr. Nutarak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Health and Social Services. The nursing students are here in Iqaluit attending their training. They receive financial assistance for their attendance. The students have children and they raised this issue with the minister last year, to see if they could receive more assistance.

What other assistance could be made available for the nursing students, because they have children and we would like to encourage them to continue with their program and not give up because they are not getting enough financial assistance. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister Responsible for Health and Social Services. Minister Picco.

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I had an opportunity last fall to meet with the students along with the Premier. As you know the nursing program is one of the priorities under the Department of Health and the Government of Nunavut.

Mr. Speaker, if there is an opportunity Mr. Speaker, to bring forward some type of program to help the nurses and that, that would hopefully entail Mr. Speaker, partnership arrangements with the corporate sector, as well as the possibility of some of our land claim organizations.

We are in the very early stages of this. I had hoped to have been farther along, and that's not the case, but it hasn't been dropped. There is an opportunity and at the same time, as the Minister of Health and Social Services and the government realizes the situation that many of our students who are adults are having to go back to school with children. There is a financial hardship in some cases. Mr. Speaker the department is following up very aggressively. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you, Minister. Oral Questions. Supplementary. Mr. Nutarak.

**Mr. Nutarak** (interpretation): The Minister of Health and Social Services could meet with the Inuit organizations or land claim organizations. Like he said if he is to work with those organizations how long would this take in order for the students to receive additional financial assistance. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister.

**Hon. Ed. Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, we have been trying to expedite this process and at the same time Mr. Speaker the corporate sector is just one area that we have been looking at for corporate partnership and sponsors. Lets say for example Mr. Speaker, the Royal Bank would be able to become a corporate sponsor through a bursary program, 2-3 students in the nursing program. Maybe there is an opportunity for the Department of Health and Social Services to step in and match those funds.

That would provide some benefits to the student. That's the type of thing that we are looking at through a Bursary program. It is one of the suggestions that have come forward as recommendations to help us stabilize our nursing workforce, which you know Mr. Speaker we have a problem and recruitment and retention. This is one of the initiatives that we've looked at.

At the present time it is my understanding that we have six full time students in the program and eight students now who are in the access year. So we have 14 students that are in the program itself. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Nutarak** (interpretation): I also asked how long this would take in order for them to get additional financial assistance. He stated that he met with the students and with the Premier. During that meeting he stated to the students that he would work towards finding more assistance, and at that meeting he told the students that he would work towards finding more assistance. They are not going to forget his commitment to do this. I have two questions. How long is it going to take and if he said that he would assist the students in meeting with them. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister Picco.

**Hon. Ed. Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the member is correct. One of the commitments from the recommendation is to look at how we could enhance and attract more people to the nursing program. One of those ideas and recommendations was the idea of a bursary program. The Department of Health and Social Services has followed that up. But at the same time Mr. Speaker a government wide bursary program is not in place. There is no policy for it. That is one of the things that needs to be developed. At the same time we would like the opportunity to partner with outside organizations and corporations and bring this type of initiative forward. That is the work that we are doing right now Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you, Minister. Supplementary. Final supplementary. Mr. Nutarak.

**Mr. Nutarak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question didn't have anything to do with policies that need to be developed. My question was how long it will take for these students to receive additional financial assistance. We have to make sure this is done right away, before the students drop out. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you. Minister.

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, that's something that the department is working on right now. Again we have to have a policy in place as a government for a bursary. We don't have that in place right now, and that is something that the Department of Health and Social Services, is doing. As soon as that policy is in place and approved by the government, then we can move forward on the next stage.

That's the corporate sponsorship, along with help from the Department of Health and Social Services. Of course, Mr. Speaker, the idea here is on recruitment and retention side of the nursing program. We need to get more people into this program and this we seen as a way of doing that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you, Minister. Oral Questions. Mr. Tootoo.

### **Question 302 - 1(5): Incremental Costs to GN for Cambridge Bay Sitting**

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question today is for the Minister of Finance. As we all know, Mr. Speaker, he tabled yesterday the incremental costs for having the session in Cambridge Bay. The Legislative Assembly's costs. I would like to ask the Minister of Finance if he has the information about what the incremental costs were for the sitting in Cambridge Bay for the government. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister Responsible for Finance. Minister Ng.

**Hon. Kelvin Ng:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, knowing that the member had an interest in that, the document is prepared for tabling later today. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you, Minister. Oral Questions. Supplementary. Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the minister for remembering that. I know I had a much more difficult time the last time getting that information and I am very pleased that he is on top of that this time around in providing that information right away.

Would he, prior to tabling, would he be willing to tell us what the incremental costs were on behalf of the government for that session. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister Ng.

**Hon. Kelvin Ng:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would be glad to. The incremental costs to the government were just over 91 thousand dollars. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you, Minister. Oral Questions. Mr. McLean.

**Question 303 - 1(5): Review of Student Financial Assistance**

**Mr. McLean:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, it seems that the activity and the number of phone calls that I get at the beginning of August, or the middle of August, increases by about tenfold in my community. I am sure that there are other members that have the same problems. It seems to come from students that are trying to access student financial assistance.

I remember bringing it up in this House numerous times about the fact of student financial assistance. I wonder if the minister responsible, the Minister of Education, has conducted a review of student financial assistance yet. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you, Mr. McLean. Minister Responsible for Education. Minister Kilabuk.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all I would like to mention that we are determined to making improvements to the student financial services for Nunavummiut. We are finalizing this report, so we can get the recommendations that we need to review for improvements into the overall programs and delivery. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you, Minister. Supplementary question Mr. McLean.

**Mr. McLean:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I didn't think the answer was going to be that quick. I applaud the minister in going and out reviewing the student financial assistance policy. When can we expect to see the recommendations in this House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister Kilabuk.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will be seeking this information as I do not have the next step of the steps that have been in the plans but I will definitely make this available to the member. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Question 304-1(5): Update on Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit Committee**

**Ms. Williams** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will direct my question to the Minister Responsible for Culture, Language, Elders and Youth. Can he give me a clarification or give me an update on the Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit Committee.

**Speaker:** Minister Kattuk.

**Hon. Peter Kattuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit committee to date has not met yet but in the next upcoming week they'll hold their first meeting. I expect to hear from them on their decisions. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Ms. Williams.

**Ms. Williams** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Since you will be establishing the Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit committee would the minister responsible be updating us after that committee has been established and once they have held their meeting next week. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister. Minister Kattuk.

**Hon. Peter Kattuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I will.

**Speaker:** Oral Questions. Oral Questions. Mr. Tootoo.

**Question 305 - 1(5): Human Resource System**

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question today is for the Minister Responsible for Human Resources. I'm sure that the minister is very fearsome today after my questions yesterday.

The minister yesterday indicated that the Human Resource system that they're developing is a new system and in fact not the one that they were hoping to have implemented last March. I'd like to ask him what happened to that old system and what was the problem with the old system that they were hoping to have in place last March. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. Minister Responsible for Human Resources. Minister Ng.

**Hon. Kelvin Ng:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, last year we recognized that there was a need for compiling some timely information and not to do it manually to have that available in a timely fashion. So we tried to initiate an independent system. But once we got into some of the actual mechanics of how to go about doing it, it was thought that it'd be better to have it as an integrated system to tie in with the payroll division. Because

obviously some of the corresponding requirements from the human resource items such as tracking personnel matters on the financial side and the payroll side.

So that's where the work took place to see what the most appropriate system would be. It was decided that an integrated system would be the most effective in the long term instead of having to set up two separate systems now and then having to mesh them at some point or amalgamate them at some point in the future. It was better and more cost effective to do it right from the start is what we've determined. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, it's nice to see how they're looking at developing a system that's going to be more user friendly and more useful to the government and that they're going to look at an integrated system. The system that they were hoping to have in place last year, I understand that he was saying that it was not an integrated system.

I'd like to ask the minister what happened to that system. Is that another system that's been just kind of put aside that we're not going to use or is it still serving some purpose. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister Ng.

**Hon. Kelvin Ng:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, no in fact when the assessments were, as I indicated, when they were assessing what components are put in and it was determined that it would be more cost effective to have a more integrated system, that work was just rolled over and continued on. So there is minimal remaining additional cost as a result of that. Or wastage if the member is alluding to that as a result of that decision. Thank you.

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

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am glad to hear that. I know we all remember the first system that we inherited and there was 4 million dollars put into it and it didn't work. So I am glad to see that money is not wasted.

So is the minister stating that the system that they were looking at putting in last year is just a matter of doing some enhancements to it and finding ways to integrate that system to the payroll system. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister Ng.

**Hon. Kelvin Ng:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, as members recall there was the PeopleSoft project with the Government of the Northwest Territories. That is where the Interim Commissioner had entered into some arrangements. We decided early on that that system might be excessive in respect to the needs to the Government of Nunavut.



We implemented, as members know, the ADP payroll system, which provided us with the payroll capability for our needs at the time. This what is happening now is actually still the ADP system. What we have done is added the Human Resource information management component of that system. So it is being expanded so that it is an integrated system.

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

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to ask the minister is he has any ideas when this system will be up and running and when we will start to get some of information. I have been asking this for over a year now. When will this system be up and running and when we will be able to see some of that information. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. That was your final supplementary. Minister Ng.

**Hon. Kelvin Ng:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I believe as I indicated in yesterday's answer, the plan is to have the system operational this coming February and as the member noted, it is approximately one year later than when we expected the stand alone system to be functional last year. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you, Minister. Returning to Orders of the Day. Item 7. I am informed by the Clerk that time is up for Question Period. Thank you, Mr. Clerk. He is on the ball today. Item 7. Written Questions. Written Questions. Item 8. Returns to Written Questions.

Members given the fact that now it is ten after three, I believe we have a lengthy address being made under Item 9. We will break now until 3:35. Members can have coffee in the member's lounge. Sergeant-At-Arms.

*>>House recessed at 3.14 p.m. and resumed at 3.45 p.m.*

**Speaker:** Returning to the Orders of the Day. Item 9. Replies to Opening Address. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

### **Item 9: Replies to Opening Address**

#### **Reply to Opening Address 02 - 1 (5)**

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want you to be aware that I won't just be reading from the script. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to make a few comments in relation to Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit and how relevant and applicable it still is today in the modern world. I would like to talk about just a few of the issues that are still applicable.

The people of Nunavut have carried forward this traditional knowledge for many years but this knowledge has eroded since the introduction of another foreign culture. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, if you would indulge me. The Inuit have adapted specifically to the harsh environment in which we live. We live off the environment, our diet consists of marine and land mammals around us. Mr. Speaker, as aboriginal people, we have had our own healing practices that have been practiced for thousands of years before doctors, nurses and other professionals started coming to our homeland.

Mr. Speaker, in the year 2000 there were two people that had their legs amputated because of the methods of treatment they use for exposure. Their amputations might not have been necessary if they were treated in the Inuit traditional method. The Inuit are not considered knowledgeable by the medical profession because of their seemingly unorthodox approach to treating severe frostbite.

Mr. Speaker, not recognizing this traditional knowledge of medicinal practices is an insult to the people. Mr. Speaker, I would like to further state that treating severe frostbite or accidents or injuries in the modern fashion does not work. The medical practitioners and the nurses should be taught how to treat these patients according to Inuit Traditional Knowledge.

We have treated such patients in the Inuit traditional fashion in Clyde River and it has worked. This traditional method of treating exposure should be taught to the rest of Nunavummiut and to the rest of the world. There are Inuit who are experts in these techniques that can teach these methods, even I have had the good fortune of being taught these techniques and I don't want these traditional methods forgotten. The two people that I referred to in the beginning of my comments might possibly still have had their limbs today if they were treated in the traditional method.

Very possibly the amputations would have been less severe if they were treated in the traditional method. Therefore Mr. Speaker, I strongly suggest that the Inuit traditional knowledge on medicinal practices and treatment methods be brought back and integrated into the modern practices. The Nunavut Government should make more financial resources available so that the medical personnel can get training in the Inuit traditional healing methods and practices.

Mr. Speaker, the medical profession should not think of themselves as superior in their medical training but also complement it further with further training in Inuit practices. The Inuit healing practices are just as important as southern methods. Mr. Speaker, the Federal and Territorial Governments should take this seriously and implement the traditional practices into contemporary practices.

There should be financial resources made available so this can be implemented. Mr. Speaker, I would further like to speak on Inuit traditional knowledge and how it is used for resuscitating and reviving people who fall through the ice in extremely cold conditions.

Mr. Speaker, the Inuit of today don't know how to use the techniques any more. Today the professional way of reviving and resuscitating is to put oxygen masks on the patient and put them in a warm place right away. The medical personnel should also be taught the Inuit traditional methods of revival and resuscitation. Mr. Speaker, there are some Inuit out there that are very knowledgeable in these methods for use with people that have almost drowned in extremely cold conditions or for those who have had critical accidents.

I think the medical profession of today should be taught the techniques as a supplement to their present day techniques. If the Inuit traditional method of resuscitation was used I am sure there would be some people here today that we have lost. Mr. Speaker, we have also found that Inuit traditional knowledge is very important to us here in the north. Mr. Speaker, we can make teaching curricula based on Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and the techniques that were used and saved a lot of lives, but with the coming of the southern medical professionals, it now seems to be mandatory to use southern only techniques in the medical field and the treatment of patients.

Traditional treatments and techniques based on Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit are not practiced today because of its seemingly unorthodox approach. Again, Mr. Speaker, there should be financial resources made available so that we can do a study and make training available to the medical profession based on Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit. We have to work with the Federal Government so that the Inuit traditional healing practices will become known at the national level.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to talk about Inuit traditional knowledge and traditional midwifery. It is imperative that traditional midwifery be taught in the north. Mr. Speaker, there were common laws that were strictly adhered to when it came to delivering babies and practicing midwifery in the north. Mr. Speaker, before the southern medical personnel and Canadian laws were imposed on the Inuit, traditional methods were applied when babies were born or still born. These methods are still very well known today.

Mr. Speaker, traditional midwifery is not known by some of the medical personnel of today. Some of the complicated births or children stillborn that have been treated by contemporary methods would still be alive today if they were treated with traditional methods. Mr. Speaker, I could use an example of a case treated at the Iqaluit General Hospital where the baby was considered untreatable, but was brought back to life using Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit. Because of that I think it is extremely important to have traditional midwifery training made available in the north. I think it is very important to have this study done so that women can give birth in their home community instead of going out to the regional centres.

It must be very expensive to send healthy women out to the regional centres to deliver their babies, it would be a lot more cost effective to have these women deliver in their

home community if there was proper midwifery training made available at the community level.

There has to be a study done so that this could be implemented properly and effectively Mr. Chairman. I would now like to talk about our traditional ways from my heart and my feelings.

Mr. Speaker. The westerners started arriving between the 1700's and 1900's. At that time they started hunting bowhead whales commercially. During those years they profited quite a bit from it. Since that time Mr. Speaker, the northerners were used quite a bit from to make clothing for them and many of them did not come back due to exposure to the cold weather. We had to help them to survive so they could go back home. So much help had been given and yet they did not acknowledge the fact Mr. Speaker.

When they banned the commercial whaling they said the northerners or the aboriginals had over hunted the bowhead whale almost to extinction. Mr. Speaker, according to our knowledge the northerners never depleted the number of whales. For we never had large vessels to hunt with, the only marine vessels we had were the traditional kayak's for the north had no resources, we had to use the kayait made of skin for we had no trees.

Mr. Speaker since we don't have much vegetation growing in the north we had to use things that came from animals to survive, we were also very conservative hunters and we never depleted any kinds of animals with over hunting. We would only harvest enough animals to last for the winter Mr. Speaker. I would like to say again that we were blamed for the depletion of bowhead whale stocks. So therefore the bowhead whale was harvesting was banned. We never over hunted the bowhead whales.

The other countries had almost over hunted bowhead whales stocks to depletion and they ended up blaming us, and their blaming us has hurt us, when they did not give actual facts Mr. Speaker. During the commercial whaling days, they hunted bowhead whales, beluga, narwhal and walrus for their blubber when the large vessels started arriving up here for the first time.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to mention that in both of the communities in my constituency, they have been experiencing polar bear problems for about twenty years now. I will state to the best of my knowledge that we have problems with polar bears and according to my knowledge and experience, I will point out what the residents of Clyde River and Qikiqtarjuaq had to put up with when it comes to problem bears.

We don't encounter too many bear problems when we have access to the campsites during the spring and winter seasons. But we do have problems during the spring and fall when the hunters and campers are not at their camps and the polar bears end up destroying their belongings.

Mr. Speaker, the polar bear problem is serious to Clyde River and Qikiqtarjuaq residents because they roam around adjacent to the community for the months of August to

December. I would like to say again that not all polar bears are aggressive. But since we have different personalities the polar bears tend to be aggressive to some of the people all the time. Mr. Speaker, even the campers have to stay up all night long on polar bear watch to protect their family, food and equipment in those four months. In those four months the hunters have to use their own money to scare away the polar bears by using their rifles and bullets, when they would have been better used for harvesting rather than using it just to scare away the polar bears.

Mr. Speaker, this is becoming a serious problem. For one box of ammunition, two hundred bullets cost from thirty dollars per box up to ninety dollars. And when the hunters use their own bullets they never get reimbursed for the loss of their bullets and the government isn't even concerned about it.

Mr. Speaker, the hunters and their families have to have their very basic necessities every day, especially food, and they don't receive any form of assistance in this area. It is evident that the Nunavut Government does not understand the extent of polar bear problems or the other communities that don't have polar bears.

Mr. Speaker, the Nunavut hunters' and trappers' organizations have had conferences and at the conferences they indicated and acknowledged that there are too many polar bears around Clyde River and they started a committee to find a solution or to deal with too many polar bears in that area. For that reason, Mr. Speaker, since I know that polar bears exist in two of my communities I will therefore be very supportive of their endeavours to resolve this problem.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to request that the Nunavut Government find some funding or set aside some funding that could be used for the operation of the polar bear watch during the critical times of the year like September. So that the hunters and campers can enjoy the outdoors without having to worry about polar bears coming to their camps.

Mr. Speaker, nothing's being done about this and the residents of Clyde River would like to do something about it and come up with a way to deal with this problem on their own just to protect themselves from polar bears. Mr. Speaker, I'm very aware of this problem for I too have experience with polar bear problems and I can say that it's quite scary. The residents of Clyde River see this as a very serious problem where lives have been disrupted by polar bears and their patience is wearing out.

Mr. Speaker, I will now go onto another topic, that of the climate changes in Nunavut. Mr. Speaker, we already feel the change here in the North. The glaciers are starting to melt and the weather gets warmer a month earlier now. Mr. Speaker, in observing the climate it is evident now and believable that the climate is changing. We don't know how long it will take but as a northern resident it is becoming clear that the glaciers are melting away a lot faster than before. I'm sure the terrain is going to change because of it and some will be destroyed. Well I am talking mainly about the Baffin region for it has very rough terrain.

Mr. Speaker, last summer we noticed the difference in the weather already. The reason is global warming, Mr. Speaker, it happened a long time ago and it is happening again now. Since the directions of the winds have changed our climate has changed drastically. Mr. Speaker, there are other problems that we face today along with global warming. For example, wars, tourism, world pollution and over population. Mr. Speaker, in observing these things it is now evident that it will get harder with the world currencies going down, and it will be harder to get our basic necessities.

Even the minerals will be different in the future and there will be a world shortage of fossil fuel. This has been foretold in the olden days. Mr. Speaker, all these things are becoming reality today. Mr. Speaker, I would like to reiterate that we are from the north, even with global warming the cold winter season will always come since it is part of the north's cycle. Mr. Speaker, it is now the right time to start planning and to start looking at other alternatives for heating fuel for the future of northerners. We may have to revert to the old ways just to have heat for we are using up our resources from the land.

We the residents of Nunavut have to find ways of alternative heating and we have to start considering this now. We also need to start thinking about how we can maintain the animals and make sure we will have enough animals for our younger generations. Yes, life will be harder on the younger ones in the future for sure, for we are rapidly destroying our mother earth and that is the only planet that we were born into and we need to conserve it for our young people.

I am very aware that we as northerners don't have to become extinct in the future. We need to find ways to survive in the north because it will always be the cold north. Mr. Speaker, I will now speak about how we must allocate more financial resources to Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit. Mr. Speaker, I would like to say that the Government of Nunavut still needs to encourage or lobby the Federal Government for more funding that will be used for Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit, so that the support of this can be more visible.

No wonder we almost lost our traditional ways and our culture, because the Federal laws contradicted better ways of doing things. The Government of Nunavut has to lobby the Federal government for more funding so that we can at least have funding to do the work on these issues that I just raised, so that Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit can be incorporated and used by other jurisdictions. I don't want this to be left on the back burner, so that the lives of Nunavummiut without too many problems.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for giving me the opportunity to reply to the Commissioner's address today.

>> *Applause*

**Speaker:** Item 9. Replies to Opening Address. Item 10. Petitions. Item 11. Reports of Standing & Special Committees. Item 12. Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills. Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Mr. Ng.

### **Item 13: Tabling of Documents**

#### **Tabled Document 046 - 1(5): Incremental Costs to the Government of Nunavut for the Legislative Assembly Sitting in Cambridge Bay**

**Hon. Kelvin Ng:** Mr. Speaker, I wish to table the Incremental Costs to the Government of Nunavut for the Legislative Assembly Sitting in Cambridge Bay. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

#### **Tabled Document 047 - 1(5): Response to the Report of the Standing Committee Ajauqtiit on the 2001 - 2002 Budget and Business Plans of the Office of the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut.**

**Speaker:** Item 13. Tabling of Documents. I have a document that I would like to table. I am pleased to table my response to the Report of the Standing Committee Ajauqtiit on the 2001 - 2002 Budget and Business Plan of the Office of the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut. Tabling of Documents. Item 14. Notices of Motions. Ms. Williams.

### **Item 14: Notices of Motions**

**Ms. Williams:** Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on November 23rd, I will move the following motion. I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Uqqummiut that Tabled Document 41-1(5) entitled Nunavut Liquor Act report be moved into committee of the whole for discussions. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you. Item 14. Notices of Motions. Item 15. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Mr. Ng.

### **Item 15: Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills**

#### **Bill 14 - An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act - Notice**

**Hon. Kelvin Ng:** Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Friday, November 23rd, 2001 I shall move that Bill 14-1, An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act be read for the first time. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Item 15. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Item 16. Motions. Item 17. First Reading of Bills. Item 18. Second Reading of Bills.

Item 19. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters. Bill 12, Appropriation Act No. 1, 2002-2003. Bill 13, Supplementary Appropriation Act No. 2, 2001-2002. Minister's Statement 96-1(5) Ulaajuk School - First of Many to Come. And we'll have Mr. Puqignak as Chairperson. Sergeant-At-Arms.

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

**Chairperson** (Mr. Puqignak) (interpretation): Thank you. I would like to call the Committee meeting to order. In the Committee of the Whole we have the following items to deal with. Bill 12, Appropriation Act 2002-2003 and also Bill 13 and Ministers' Statement 96-1(5).

What is the wish of the Committee. Ms. Williams.

**Ms. Williams** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We would like to begin with Bill 12 and go ahead with the Nunavut Housing Corporation Capital Plans for 2002-2003. Once we finish with the Nunavut Housing Corporation we will move to Public Works and Services. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Bill 12 – Appropriation Act No. 1, 2002/2003 – Consideration in Committee**

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you, Ms. Williams. Yesterday we had Ms. Thompson in the witness chair. We concluded with the opening comments of the minister and we also had general comments from the members.

I would like to ask the Minister Responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation to go up to the witness table. Thank you. For your information we are on the Capital Estimates for 2002-2003. We will go to 12-6 in the Capital Estimates. Welcome Ms. Thompson and also your officials. Please identify who your officials are. Ms. Thompson.

**Hon. Manitok Thompson** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On my right is Pam Hine the President of the Nunavut Housing Corporation and also over there we have David Akoak who is the Vice-President, and we also have Chris D'Arcy who is a Policy Analyst.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Welcome and David Akoak I would like to welcome you to the House. I have known him since he was a little child when he used to hang out with his father.

Thank you. The Nunavut Housing Corporation. Branch Summary. Total Capital expenditures, 17 million 700 thousand dollars. Any questions. On page 12-6. 12-7. Nunavut Housing Corporation. Information Item. Total Headquarters region, 638 thousand dollars. Questions.

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): 12-9. Total Qikiqtaaluk region, 9 million 176 thousand dollars. Agreed.

**Some Members:** Agreed.



**Chairperson** (interpretation): Carried. We will then go to 12-11. Total Kivalliq region, 4 million 786 thousand dollars. Any questions. Mr. Nutarak.

**Mr. Nutarak** (interpretation): We feel like we are going airborne down here. I have turned off my receiver but the microphone is acting up. My first question is in regards to the mobile equipment. This money that is allocated for the mobile equipment. How many pieces of mobile equipment are we looking at. Or is that for one piece of mobile equipment. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Mr. Nutarak which page are you on.

**Mr. Nutarak** (interpretation): I am referring to 12-11. We were in total Keewatin region, 4 million 786 thousand. Little bit above that is a line for mobile equipment for 104. That was my question. Thank you.

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

**Hon. Manitok Thompson** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In reference to the 104 thousand dollars. It is the money that would be distributed to the seven communities and it would be used for purchasing mobile equipment for the Housing Corporation and also we have some for the Baffin, the Kitikmeot and the Kivalliq. Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you, Madam Minister. I don't think there are any further questions. Agreed.

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): On page 12-11, 12-12. Total Kitikmeot. Housing Corporation. Information item. Total capital expenditures, 3 million 100 thousand dollars. Total Kitikmeot region, 3 million 100 thousand dollars. Total contributions, 17 million 700 dollars. Agreed.

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Total capital expenditures, 17 million 700 dollars. Any questions. Agreed.

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Well then go back to 12-5. Nunavut Housing Corporation. Program summary of expenditures. Total capital expenditures, 17 million 700. Any questions. Agreed.

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you. We have dealt with the Nunavut Housing Corporation and we are just about concluded. Thank you very much Madam Minister and to the officials for being able to respond to our questions. Thank you very much. You can go back to your chair Madam Minister.

**Hon. Manitok Thompson:** Thank you.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you. We also have another agenda item with the same minister who is holding the portfolio of Public Works & Services. We have just concluded the Nunavut Housing Corporation, Bill 12 - Appropriation Act 2002/2003.

Department of Public Works & Services, Capital Estimates. If you are prepared I would like to invite the minister to go up to the witness table and begin. And you can proceed with your opening comments from your desk. Thank you, Minister Thompson.

**Hon. Manitok Thompson:** Thank you Mr. Chairman and thank you for concluding Nunavut Housing Corporation. Mr. Chairman, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to make some introductory remarks on the 2002/2003 proposed capital estimates and the 5 year capital plan for the Department of Public Works & Services.

Before I begin, I would like to introduce the members of my staff who are with me today. I will introduce them as they go to the witness table. We have Ross Mrazek who is the Deputy Minister and Sheldon Nimchuk, Manager of project support. Mr. Chairman, over the next five years, the Department of Public Works and Services has budgeted 27.6 million dollars for various capital projects.

The majority of these projects are directed towards the Petroleum Products Division. The remainder of our budget will go towards projects which improve our infrastructure and the health and safety of our employees.

That will be for the remainder of our budget and for the year 2002-2003 we will have an assigned target of 6.32 million dollars. With this funding we are proposing a line item budget for replacement of vehicles and the expansion of bulk fuel storage facilities.

Mr. Chairman, the Department of Public Works and Services is continuing to address the other increasing demands on our infrastructure in a manner that is equitable for all Nunavummiut. To meet this objective, we will continue to consult with community representatives and our departmental officials to identify the needs and prioritize the projects that we can undertake.

In closing I would like to thank you and the members of committee and we'll be happy to answer any questions you might have regarding our 2002-2003 Capital Estimates or the Five Year Capital Plan. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): I apologize, I don't have a copy of your opening comments in front of me. Madam Minister, we don't have a copy of your opening comments.

**Hon. Manitok Thompson** (interpretation): The copies are in both English and Inuktitut. We just did it in the same system that was here, I'm not quite sure where exactly your copies are but they were given to you for distribution. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Our staff do not have a copy of the opening comments. We'll take a 5 minute Break.

*>>Committee recessed at 4.33 p.m. and resumed at 4.43 p.m.*

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Order. We have a copy of the Minister's Opening Comments. If you want to complete your opening comments, I think you were about done. Minister Thompson.

**Hon. Manitok Thompson** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I completed my opening comments. I completed them. Do you want me to go over them again. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you, Madam Minister if you were done you could take your seat. Sergeant-At-Arms could you escort the witnesses in.

Thank you, Madam Minister. Please introduce your witnesses. If you could introduce your witnesses and their positions. Madam Thompson.

**Hon. Manitok Thompson** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. To my right is somebody the members should know well, Ross Mrazek, Deputy Minister of Public Works and on my left is the Manager of Project Support, Sheldon Nimchuk. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you, Madam Minister. Welcome. Do you have opening comments. Mr. McLean.

**Mr. McLean**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Community Empowerment and Sustainable Development, I am pleased to provide opening comments as we begin the review of the 2002-2003 Capital Estimates for Public Works and Services.

Mr. Chairman, the Standing Committee had an opportunity in June to meet with the Minister Responsible for Public Works and Services to review the draft 2002-2003 Capital estimates.

The Committee notes that the money earmarked for environmental remediation projects has been moved from Capital to the O&M budget as required by the Office of the Auditor General. We encourage the department to ensure that the necessary projects will still occur.

Concern exists because the public accounts indicate that progress has been slow in identifying costs in this area. Mr. Chairman as members are all aware the availability of fuel in communities is a real concern this year. Several communities including Gjoa Haven, Taloyoak and Kugaaruk and Arctic Bay ran out of either aviation fuel or gasoline.

Not only is the cost to fly fuel into communities an issue, but it is also unsettling for people to live in uncertainty. Will there be enough fuel for the year or will they have to wait without vital cargo being delivered as Gjoa Haven, Taloyoak and Kugaaruk had to earlier this year.

We commend the efforts of Public Works to expand the capacity of tank farms in all communities in Nunavut. That concludes my opening comments. I am sure that other members would like to ask questions on an individual basis. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. McLean. Cousin. Are there any general comments. Before we proceed to questions. Do members have general comments. Please keep in mind you have 10 minutes. Are there any general comments. Mr. McLean.

**Mr. McLean:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My general comments will be very brief. The only comment that I wish to make today is in regards to Public Works and Services tank farms and keeping up with capacity seems to be sort of an ever growing concern in our communities.

I know the department is proceeding with a very aggressive tank farm upgrade in most communities. I am hoping that there are long term plans because the communities are growing faster and faster. There are more houses, more water trucks, sewage trucks, arenas, community halls, private homes, and public housing units.

Most buildings are energy efficient. There seems to be an ever increasing group of snowmobiles and Hondas and things like that. My opening comments to the minister are that I hope that her department is looking at a very aggressive campaign to upgrade all tank farms in Nunavut so we don't have to run out of fuel and have to fly it in at a huge cost.

Which gets to my first question when I am allowed to ask a question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That is my opening comment.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. McLean. If you have a question the floor is open. Mr. McLean.

**Mr. McLean:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My first question is in regards to tank farm expansions and upgrades. The government has a 5 year Capital plan that we debate every year in the House.

Like I said earlier the communities are growing at a fast pace. More of everything. More houses, more snowmobile, more Hondas, more you name it, buses, community halls,

arenas. Is her department, and there was talk about it before, looking at a sort of a twenty year plan for tank farms in Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. McLean. Madam Thompson.

**Hon. Manitok Thompson:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman and I'd like to thank the member for that comment on our flying fuel all over the country. That was my concern too. And we do have a plan in place to make sure that we increase capacity in our communities. Yes, we are urgently looking at that and doing everything we can to make sure that what we have done in the past doesn't happen in the future. We are aware of that and staff are working hard to make sure we have capacity in those communities by increasing the size of the tanks. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you, Madam Minister. Mr. McLean.

**Mr. McLean:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That's good to know. Is the minister looking at more than the five year capital plan when she's expanding the tank farms. There should be more serious planning on tank farms. Like I said earlier the cost of buying fuel in certain communities you multiply that over five to ten years it looks like we could probably build a few more tank farms. So it's a question again.

I'm hoping the minister will commit to doing a long term plan on tank farms then maybe like I say a twenty year plan, because they know the consumption in the communities, and would the minister commit to doing a long term strategic plan for tank farms in Nunavut. That's my final question, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. McLean. Madam Thompson.

**Hon. Manitok Thompson:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We are currently undertaking a twenty year needs assessment so we are doing that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you, Madam Thompson. General comments. Mr. Arvaluk. Please keep in mind you have ten minutes. Mr. Arvaluk.

**Mr. Arvaluk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have two areas I need to bring up. Firstly on tank farms. There are twenty six communities in Nunavut. In the communities staff from petroleum products usually travel to communities to deal with petroleum products.

And in Coral Harbour we built a bridge, it was built by the community of Coral Harbour and I feel it is extremely hard to build a bridge. The river is about ninety feet deep and the bridge was built by the community. I would ask the minister and her staff to look at the tank farm. I wonder if they could train people from Nunavut to travel to communities to look at building tanks at the tank farms. This is something I'd like the minister to look at when we deal with our budget and the estimates annually.

I think it's important that we look into this and under O & M I would like the minister to be prepared to answer some questions regarding contracts. I'm not going to bring it up now because I don't think it's under Capital Estimates. Just so the minister is prepared to respond to those questions.

So Mr. Chairman. I'd like to raise some questions if you will give me the chance. Thank you.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): You could start with your questions. The floor is open for questions. Mr. Arvaluk.

**Mr. Arvaluk** (interpretation): When we go to that page or prior to going to that page I would like to ask if you have any plans in co-ordination with Arctic College, so that we can have tank farm builders that are trained. Do you have any plans to have individuals from Nunavut to be trained to build tank farms. Thank you.

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

**Hon. Manitok Thompson** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Yes his comment is very interesting to hear. Yes, I'm sure that we all look at ways and want our Inuit people to learn more so they could take on these jobs at the community level but I could say to you now that our staff do go to the career days at high schools and they also take part in the career days. The Department of Public Works and Services is involved do elaborate on what their roles and responsibilities are.

But to date, we haven't worked on that but I could tell you that we could start working on a plan to train Inuit people. I could work with the Department of Education. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Thompson. I would like to thank you for asking that question. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. First of all I will make my general comments because I don't have too many problems with the Capital Estimates for Public Works and Services but I would like to make my comments.

Just last year, during the summer, we ran out of gasoline prior to the fuel ships arriving and we ran into a bit of a problem in that it hindered the hunters and I do not wish to see that happen again in the future.

When we know that not enough fuel was disbursed to communities and therefore I would like to see fuel disbursed to the communities adequately. As we have said before, last year in the community, we expected our fuel to run out prior to the fuel ship arriving and it happened.

The Department should take the communities suggestions and advice seriously because we know our local issues. The fuel had to be shipped in or transported by air and I think it was more than a week that we had to wait. The hunters had to wait for more than a week and they could not go hunting because there was no fuel for them to use.

So I would like this to be known, I don't have any questions in regards to that but I encourage your department, when you know that there's not going to be enough at the community level, you should take it seriously and rectify it.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Iqaqrialu. I don't think there was a question. But his general comment is well taken because we had that experience in my community. Although this was a general comment, would the minister like to respond.

**Hon. Maniok Thompson** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I apologize if that happened to the community and we don't want to see that happen again. And I agree with the member's comments. Also we are increasing the fuel that is being distributed to the communities so that it won't happen again. We will be making sure that it doesn't happen again and we do have a 20 year plan according to the population growth. We are doing that study at this time and we are assessing it. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you, Madam Minister and thank you Mr. Iqaqrialu. Mr. Alakannuark.

**Mr. Alakannuark** (interpretation:) Thank you for giving me the opportunity to make my general comments Mr. Chairman. In some communities we have had fuel shortages. It happened in my community and I don't want to see that happen in our communities. I know it is in the past now but I would like to bring it up again. Twice we ran into a fuel shortage. Last winter. For a couple of winters now we have had a fuel shortage.

The first time it happened the construction workers had to stop working due to lack of fuel. So for example the tank farms in Kugaaruk, the capacity of the tank farms is not sufficient to last a year. I will be asking questions in regards to that and I'll have a short question afterwards after my general comments. I'll conclude with that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Alakannuark. You can make your response to the general comment. Mr. Alakannuark you can ask your question.

**Mr. Alakannuark** (interpretation:) Yes, thank you. I will be asking my question in regards to the tank farms. I am sure the Minister is aware of it already. The fuel ship is not a Coast Guard ship and we had to get aviation fuel. So in the future how could you make sure that this aviation fuel or gasoline is shipped in to our community via ship. How we can prevent the fuel being flown in. Thank you.

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

**Hon. Maniok Thompson** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. For Kugaaruk we understand your situation and we are dealing with it. We are now assessing it because the water is so shallow and sometimes the ships can't make it there.

So we are aware of that and we will enlarge the tank farm in that community. It is in the planning stages at this time. The design is being worked on for expansion. Thank you.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you, Madam Minister. I don't have any more names on my list. If there are no more general comments, are we in agreement that we can begin to review the Capital estimates starting on page 6-6. If there are no more general comments, would you like to go page by page now.

On page 6-6. Public Works and Services. Branch Summary. Technical services, total capital expenditures, 580 thousand. Are there any questions. Are you agreed.

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Carried. Going on to 6-7. Public Works and Services. Branch Summary. Technical services. Total Kivalliq region, 475 thousand. Question. Are you in agreement.

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Equipment Acquisitions. Total Qikiqtaaluk region, 35 thousand. Questions. Are you agreed.

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you. Going to 6-8. Public Works and Services. Branch Summary. Technical Services. Total Kivalliq region, 35 thousand. Questions. Are you agreed.

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Total Kitikmeot region, total 35 thousand. Are there any questions. Are you agreed.

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Total equipment acquisition, 105 thousand. Questions. Are you agreed.

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. It's carried. Total Capital expenditures, 580 thousand. Any questions. Are you agreed.



**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. On page 6-9, Public Works and Services. Branch summary. Petroleum Products Division. Total Capital expenditures, 5 million 740. Questions. Are you agreed.

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. It's carried. Public Works and Services. Branch Summary. Petroleum Products Division. Buildings and works. Total Qikiqtaaluk region, 4 million 300 thousand. Questions. Are you agreed.

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Total Kivalliq region, 440 thousand. Questions. Are you agreed.

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Moving on to 6-11 Public Works and Services. Branch summary. Petroleum Products Division. Total Kitikmeot region, 855 thousand. Questions. All those agreed.

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Total Buildings and Works, 5 million 595 thousand. Questions. Agreed.

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Going on to page 6-12. Public Works and Services. Branch Summary. Petroleum Products Division. Equipment Acquisition. Total Headquarter Region, 145 thousand. Questions. Agreed.

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Total Equipment Acquisition, 145 thousand. Questions. Questions. Agreed.

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Carried. Total Capital Expenditures, 5 million 740 thousand. Are there any questions. Agreed. Nays.

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Carried. Going back to page 6-5. Public Works and Services. Program Summary. Detail of Expenditures. Total Capital Expenditures, 6 million 320 thousand. Questions. Mr. Arvaluk.

**Mr. Arvaluk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We set this in 2001-2002 at 6 million 210 thousand and then it was amended to 9 million 380 this current year. This 6 million 70 that you just indicated is that, like for example if we made an additional 3 million dollars for that, do you know if this requires additional funding. Thank you.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Mr. Arvaluk, thank you. Minister Thompson.

**Hon. Maniok Thompson** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Our finance person has stated that this is adequate funding. I'm just being used as an interpreter. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you, madam minister. I'm so pleased to see you're free to say your comments. Mr. Arvaluk .

**Mr. Arvaluk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm very glad to hear that 6 million 70 is adequate and that we don't need to increase that figure. In the Hansard they're being written down and for the upcoming year 2002-2003, does Public Works know that there's not going to be an increase. Is that what she's saying that there's not going to be an increase within this fiscal year. Thank you.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Arvaluk. Perhaps it was not too clear Mr. Arvaluk please repeat.

**Mr. Arvaluk**: I'm not really asking if there will be a fiscal requirement from your detailed expenditure plans here. My question is that you don't see an unexpected requirement to add to the capital, especially to come in the form of supplementaries for 2002-2003 above and beyond the 6 million 70 dollars. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Arvaluk. Mr. Nimchuk.

**Mr. Nimchuk**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and to the member. No. We will not require additional funding for the 2002-2003 fiscal year.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Arvaluk do you have another question.

**Mr. Arvaluk**: How does the department know that there will be no requirement to have a supplementary for the purpose of additional expenditure requirements, or the switching of other program and service dollars into something for a major expenditure requirement let's say half a million dollars. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Hon. Manitok Thompson** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It is very difficult to guess what is going to happen with respect to fuel availability in the future. As to what is going to happen in the communities with the respect to this issue.

Our financial advisor said this is fairly close to the amount that would have to be used. It is a very close estimate. This is what the financial advisor has stated. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Mr. Arvaluk**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am asking if there is a possibility of course there is a possibility. But what I am saying is do you know of anything right now that may require supplementaries for 2002-2003 or anything that you may require to trade with other programs or other departments to cover that supplementary. That may not require new expenditures but re-profiling from other Capital plans to cover yourself.

You cannot see anything to date that will require that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Arvaluk. Mr. Nimchuk.

**Mr. Nimchuk**: The numbers that were shown in our Capital requirements are those that we require. We are not projecting a need for supplementary funding. Nor do we at this point in time foresee any project that we would be initiating other than that shown in the Capital estimates.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you for the clarification. Members we are under 6-5. I understand your question, 6 million 320 thousand dollars. Do you have any more questions in respect to this issue. 6-5. 6-5. Details of expenditures. Capital expenditures. Total Capital expenditures, 6 million 320 thousand dollars. Questions. Agreed.

**Some Members**: Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed.. Carried. Thank you. We are done with the page that we were dealing with minister. I would like to thank you and your witnesses for answering the questions that were raised by the members. Minister do you have an closing comment.

**Hon. Manitok Thompson** (interpretation): Thank you. I would like to thank the members for agreeing to all our endeavours. Thank you.

>>Applause

**Chairperson** (interpretation): What is the wish of the committee. Mr. Arvaluk.

**Mr. Arvaluk** (interpretation): I think Education is the next department.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you. We are done with this page that we were dealing with. I would like to thank you for answering the questions from the members. Minister of Education would you like to proceed with your opening comments.

### **Bill 12 – Appropriation Act No. 1, 2002/2003 – Consideration in Committee**

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Mr. Chairperson thank you. I am very pleased to be here today to discuss the 2002/03 budget proposal of the Department of Education for Capital Projects.

As stated in the Bathurst Mandate, Education is an overriding priority of our government. Mr. Speaker, the continued education of Nunavut students of all ages, as they travel on a journey of life long learning, is one of the major keys to success for Nunavut. The Department of Education's capital budget proposal for 2002/2003 is a strong budget with proposed total expenditures of 19.5 million. This budget will allow the Department to take on a total of 18 projects, which includes seven new projects at the planning and design stage.

Over the past two years, my department has developed and refined a comprehensive database on our schools' facilities. This database allows my department to set the priority for each project based on rankings of the current facilities' condition, amount of use and program requirements. We are also in the process of developing a similar database for all of the Nunavut Arctic College Community Learning Centres.

My department has consulted with a number of Hamlets, District Education Authorities, school operations staff and staff within the Department of Public Works as a key part of developing and refining our current information and corresponding capital plan.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Chairman, we are moving forward with this proposed Capital Plan which includes new schools, Nunavut Arctic College facilities and a territorial library facility. This plan will ensure the residents of Nunavut have the best available educational facilities that this government is able to provide while remaining fiscally responsible.

The capital budget of the department has expanded significantly in the past two years. During the 2002/2003 fiscal year, construction will begin, continue or be completed in the communities of Clyde River, Grise Fiord, Hall Beach, Iqaluit, Pond Inlet, Resolute Bay, Cambridge Bay, Kugaaruk, Kugluktuk and Baker Lake.

We are proposing continued planning and design work for future projects in several other communities including Cape Dorset, Sanikiluaq, Cambridge Bay, Arviat, Baker Lake and Whale Cove.

Mr. Chairman, as strong as our capital budget is, the demands and challenges that face education in Nunavut are immense. We are all aware of the limited capital construction

occurring prior to the creation of Nunavut. Our challenge has been to address to current needs as well as incorporating deferred and delayed projects from the past. This government has been supportive and aggressive in this challenge and task. My departmental capital plan both within base and supplementary budget planning for the next 5 years will make a great difference in our educational infrastructure across Nunavut.

I also want to emphasize, before ending my remarks, that the delivery of the capital program is focused on completing projects as planned and designed. We deliver projects. By this I emphasize that my department, as with all Nunavut departments, manages the capital program to best utilize the total capital budget. Budget estimates are never exact and we would never expect a community to cover a deficit. Project management requires transferring funds between projects. In this manner, Mr. Chairman we are able to provide efficient, timely and effective service to all communities.

With limitations on funding, it is critical that we all understand this fundamental management approach that best delivers the most projects to the most communities in the most expedient manner.

(interpretation) Mr. Chairman, I am pleased to be available today to discuss the Department of Education's proposed capital budget for 2002-2003. I commit to making every dollar go as far as it can and adding additional educational facilities that will contribute to this government's investment in the educational process. Thank you

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

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I this time I would like to report progress, before we go to the committee's opening comments. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): The member would like to report progress, it's not debateable. We will report progress at this time, we can then have Mr. Speaker come into the House.

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

### **Item 20: Report of the Committee of the Whole**

**Mr. Puqiqnak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Your committee has been considering Bill 12 and would like to report that Bill 12 is still under consideration and would like to report progress and further Mr. Speaker, I move that the report of the Committee of the Whole be concurred with. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Puqiqnak. Do we have a seconder. Mr. Akesuk. All those in favour. Opposed. The 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. A reminder of a meeting of the Management Services Board at 6.45 p.m. in the Tuktu Boardroom.

Orders of the day for Thursday, November 22.

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
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15. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills
16. Motions
17. First Reading of Bills
18. Second Reading of Bills
19. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters
  - Bill 12
  - Bill 13
  - Ministerial Statement 96-1(5)
20. Report of the Committee of the Whole
21. Third Reading of Bills
22. Orders of the Day

Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you, Mr. Clerk. A reminder to the members that tomorrow at 10.00 in the chamber your security photos will be taken. So we will see you at 10 sharp. The House will adjourn until November 22, 2001 at 1.30. Sergeant-At-Arms

>>*House adjourned at 5.36 p.m.*

