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**Iqaluit, Nunavut
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Honourable Olayuk Akesuk, Mr. Ovide Alakannuark, Mr. James Arvaluk, Honourable Jack Anawak, Mr. Donald Havioyak, Mr. David Iqaqrialu, Mr. Enoki Irqittuq, Honourable Peter Kattuk, Honourable Peter Kilabuk, Mr. Jobie Nutarak, Honourable Kelvin Ng, Honourable Kevin O'Brien, Honourable Ed Picco, Mr. Uriash Puqiqnak, Honourable Manitok Thompson.

Item 1: Opening Prayer

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

>>*Prayer*

Speaker: Good day. Item 2. Ministers' Statements. Minister Ng.

Item 2: Ministers' Statements

Minister's Statement 113 - 1(5): Minister Absent from House

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to advise members that the Honourable Paul Okalik will be absent from the House today until December 7, to participate in the Team Canada West trade mission hosted by the Prime Minister. The Honourable Ed Picco will be the acting Minister of Justice during his absence. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Ng. Ministers' Statements. Minister Anawak.

Minister's Statement 114 - 1(5): Federal Infrastructure Funding Formulas

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would like to inform Members of the Legislative Assembly about the efforts that the Department of Community Government and Transportation is making to convince the federal government that infrastructure funding formulas based on per capita are patently unfair to Nunavut.

Nunavut's small population means that Nunavut's share of any federal infrastructure dollars is very small. That would be fine if we were not handicapped by two circumstances that do not affect southern Canada to the same extreme: the remoteness of our communities and the extreme weather conditions we face.

(interpretation ends) The remoteness of our communities means that any materials required for infrastructure projects in Nunavut cost much more than they would in southern Canada. This is exacerbated by the extreme weather conditions in the Territory, which shortens the life span of Nunavut's infrastructure.

I am pleased to say that our lobbying efforts have convinced the federal Department of Transport of the merit of our concerns. As a result, the funding formula for Transport Canada's latest infrastructure program will include a base amount. Instead of receiving a mere 300 thousand dollars over four years, this new funding formula awards Nunavut 4.3 million dollars – an increase of 4 million dollars.

Our department's efforts are not being done in isolation. The Premier has obtained agreement with his provincial and territorial colleagues at a recent Premier's conference, that funding formulas based on per capita are unfair to Nunavut. In addition, Mr. Speaker, other cabinet colleagues of mine are working to convince their provincial and federal counterparts that federal funding formulas must include a base amount and not be calculated solely on a per capita basis.

(interpretation) Mr. Speaker, I want to assure Members of the Legislative Assembly that we are continuing to argue our case for a fairer funding formula with all the federal ministers we have funding partnerships with. We will ensure that they understand the special circumstances and challenges that we face Nunavut in the area of infrastructure funding and construction. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Minister's Statement 115 - 1(5): Books on Marine Mammals of Nunavut and Birds of Nunavut

Hon. Peter Kilabuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation) Mr. Speaker, later today I will be table both in English and Inuktitut, the recently published book on Marine Mammals of Nunavut and Birds of Nunavut.

The mandate for the Department of Education is to produce a Nunavut curriculum and the resources needed to support this curriculum. These books are an example of the quality that we are striving for.

These books are the result of a partnership between three groups, Qikiqtani School Operations, Nunavut Wildlife Management Board and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

My department has been actively seeking partnerships of this nature and this is but one of many that we are currently pursuing. Mr. Speaker, this is also an example of what is possible when groups come together to achieve a common goal for the betterment of Nunavummiut.

I want to thank the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and my staff for their excellent work. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Ministers' Statements. Mr. Akesuk.

Minister's Statement 116 - 1(5): Mining Update

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to update the members on the two departmental initiatives I spoke about last spring.

The first is the Bathurst port and road project. As you are aware, this is a joint initiative between my department and Minister Anawak's department, along with the Kitikmeot Inuit Association, Inuit companies and the mining industry.

(interpretation ends) This project has great promise in creating opportunities for employment and business development in Nunavut, while at the same time reducing the costs of re-supply to communities in the Kitikmeot region. To ensure that we are not creating these opportunities in the communities at the expense of our environment, the partners in the project raised six million dollars from industry, the Government of Nunavut and Indian and Northern Affairs to do an economic feasibility and environmental impact assessment and well as benefits and impacts of the project on Nunavummiut.

By this time next year, Minister Anawak and I will be able to report to you on the economic feasibility of the project and by the following spring we will have the information on the environmental impact assessment. The other initiative I wish to speak to you about is an initiative between my department and Minister Kilabuk's department, the Mineral Exploration Field Assistants' Course.

This course was a multi-stakeholder project led by my department with the strong support of our partners, including Minister Kilabuk's Department of Education, Nunavut Arctic College and the regional Inuit economic development groups, Kitikmeot Economic Development Commission, Kivalliq Partners in Development and Kakivak Association along with NTI and DIAND, Canada-Nunavut Geoscience office, First Air, Canadian North, and various mineral exploration companies.

The goal of this course was to provide Nunavut residents with the skills and knowledge necessary to take advantage of the opportunities in the mineral exploration sector. Eight out of twelve students completed the course and spent part of their summer working in the mineral exploration industry. These individuals now have the skills, experience and contacts to work with the mineral exploration industry.

Many geologists, engineers and senior managers working in mining companies started their careers as field assistants. They found they liked working on the land and enjoyed the hunt for the minerals and metals that make our modern world function. As I told the mines minister in Quebec City in September, I believe Nunavut will provide many of the

future young geologists and engineers that are needed by the mineral exploration and mining industry.

This was the test year of the course. We are now completing an assessment of what worked and what can work better.

(interpretation) My department is committed to building opportunities in sectors of our growing economy and to ensuring that Nunavummiut have the chance to take full advantage of all the opportunities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Ministers' Statements. Item 3. Members' Statements. Ms. Thompson.

Item 3: Members' Statements

Member's Statement 320 - 1(5): Signing Ceremony for Kivalliq Health Facility

Hon. Manitok Thompson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wanted to talk about an event that occurred yesterday in Rankin Inlet. Kivalliq MLAs, businesses, residents along with the Mayors got together for a signing ceremony in Rankin Inlet for the building of the Regional Hospital. This is a facility we have been waiting for a long time.

I would like to thank all the participants including Jack Anawak, Minister of Community Government & Transportation for being able to participate. Also thanks to Mr. Kelvin Ng, Minister of Finance and especially Mr. Picco, the Minister of Health and Social Services for attending the ceremony.

We hope in the near future that Kivalliq residents will see the facility's foundation being laid. (interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I would especially like to thank Minister Picco, who is my next door neighbour, right here for doing a good job for the hospital in the Keewatin region. We had a very good day in Rankin yesterday. Thank you.

>>Applause

Speaker: Members' Statements. Mr. Havioyak.

Member's Statement 321 - 1(5): Public Meeting on Youth Crime in Kugluktuk

Mr. Havioyak: Koanaqtit, Uqaqti. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak about the serious issue of youth crime in my community of Kugluktuk. Last month I participated in a public meeting held in the community to address this problem.

Mr. Speaker, Kugluktuk presently suffers from one of the highest rates of youth crime in all of Nunavut. We have seen a dramatic increase in the number of break and enters in the community. Most of these are committed by teenagers in the middle of the night.

Mr. Speaker, many people spoke passionately at the public meeting about the need for the community to pull together and tackle this crisis. We achieved consensus that we can't rely on just the government to solve this problem. It is also the responsibility of the community and its parents.

Mr. Speaker, there simply aren't enough youth programs or facilities available. In Kugluktuk we have been trying to get support to fund a community youth co-ordinator, but no success. Community members applied to the Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth for support, but were rejected because the department had no funds set aside for such programs.

Mr. Speaker, I recognize that our government cannot fully fulfil every funding request, however I would like to encourage departments to make more of an effort to assist communities who make proposals by identifying alternative sources of support. Simply rejecting a proposal without suggesting other routes to pursue is disheartening to communities.

Mr. Speaker, youth crime on the scale that we are seeing in Kugluktuk doesn't happen because we have bad kids. It is happening because there aren't enough alternatives for them. Mr. Speaker, families, communities, and government all have responsibilities in this area. Our future depends on it. Koanaqtit, Uqaqti.

>> *Applause*

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

Member's Statement 322 - 1(5): Traditional Values and Loss of Language

Mr. Puqiqnak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to talk about what I remember from our past lives, our parents' traditional way of life. At times we start thinking about our traditional way of life and we are so proud of the fact that our ancestors had such capabilities to survive. At times today, even though we know these survival traditions, we run into barriers.

We must not forget our ancestors' way of life, especially our parents' way of life. If we don't try to hold on to those values, our children and our grandchildren will not have those values. Even though they come from their ancestors.

For that reason, the Inuktitut language, when we use it and we use our unique clothing, that's part of our way of life. Even the way we eat is unique. For that reason, I rise today to say that if we lose it, we can't go back to our traditional way of life. Although I know this, the language of Inuktitut, is starting to be lost. The outsiders who come in to our

land have assimilated their ways, so therefore the Inuktitut language is not as strong as the foreigners' language.

We require support now, especially in the Kitikmeot region. Grandparents and grandchildren don't understand each other any more because of their language differences. When we see that, we feel for the grandparents. For that reason, our way of life and our language have to be preserved. As parents, and as government, if we are not going to initiate saving our language we are just going to start falling behind.

So I would like to acknowledge some of the communities that teach their children Inuktitut and who have Inuktitut speaking children in their communities. In other communities there are English speaking unilingual Inuit people because we are starting to lose our Inuktitut language. So we have to stand up and fight to preserve our Inuktitut language. We will have to work together and support each other.

At the appropriate time I will be asking questions about what plans there are for this at Culture, Language, Elders and Youth. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Members' Statements. Mr. Anawak.

Member's Statement 323 - 1(5): Kivalliq Regional Hospital

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would also like to recognize, as my colleague the Member for Rankin Inlet South did, the signing ceremony that occurred in Rankin Inlet.

As the former president of the regional mayors' council we had been asking for a regional hospital in the Keewatin for a long time. At that time when I was a Mayor we worked really hard to get that. Later when I became the president of the Keewatin Inuit Association, we were pushing for the regional hospital. When I became the Member of Parliament, we were still pushing for that hospital.

When I was the Interim Commissioner, the Rankin Inlet residents were still urging that this regional hospital be built. As an elected Member of the Legislative Assembly for Rankin Inlet North, we finally saw the results for which we were very happy. I would like to give my appreciation to Ed Picco and the Minister of Finance, Kelvin Ng.

My colleague for Rankin South and the Members of the Legislative Assembly have been working very hard to get that regional hospital up and going. I would like to also thank the Keewatin Mayors and the Rankin Inlet Mayor and council who have all been supporting this regional hospital.

No wonder my colleague, when we were in Rankin Inlet, said we would like to get treated in Nunavut not outside of Nunavut, it is better to be closer to home when you are

ill. I would like to thank Sakku Development Corporation and Peter Tatty, for pushing and getting the planning done and I believe that they are working very hard.

I would also like to thank the Mayor of Rankin Inlet Jack Kabvitok, for working very hard to get this regional hospital. It is evident that in the Keewatin, the patients will find it easier going here rather than going to Churchill or Winnipeg. It will make it a lot easier for the patients and that's why I want to thank all the people that went to Rankin Inlet yesterday and the people of Rankin Inlet. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Members' Statements. Mr. Kattuk.

Member's Statement 324 - 1(5): Carving Presentation on Smoking Cessation

Hon. Peter Kattuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today I rise because I have a presentation to make from my constituency. Perhaps a short preamble. This carving that will be presented was made by my cousin on my mother's side last summer.

He was inspired to help others so this carving depicts a person carrying a cigarette over the shoulder and the theme is that all of us get inspired by other things. So when he was inspired, he started working on this carving to promote smoking cessation.

So please, don't give in to cigarettes, because many people are addicted to cigarettes now. I have quit smoking, so you can quit too. This carving depicts that and he wanted me to present it to the Minister of Health and Social Services. So I will be making a presentation to him and there is a little bird on it and a grave. Sometimes men like to go bird hunting and because he is in the grave the birds are just flying over because he died of cigarette smoking.

There is also a fish there. It depicts the idea that women love to go fishing and she is also in the grave while the school of fish passes by the graveyard, because she was also beaten by cigarettes. So it depicts the concept of smoking cessation. The majority of Inuit smoke and he wanted me to make this presentation, so on behalf of many Inuit people, I would like to present this to you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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

Member's Statement 325 – 1(5): Kugaaruk Food Mail Pilot Project

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My good friends, especially the Minister of Health and Social Services, Mr. Picco. Mr. Speaker I rise today on behalf of the people of Kugaaruk to express my sincere gratitude to the Federal Government for selecting Kugaaruk as a food mail pilot project community.

The pilot project will greatly enhance the normal diet consisting mainly of canned store bought food in my isolated community. Mr. Speaker, since young children in my home town now prefer store bought food rather than country food, the food mail pilot project that will be starting in December of 2002 will make it cheaper to ship perishable food, thus providing a diet of healthy food.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank my friend the Minister of Health Ed Picco and Alan Rock Minister of Health Canada whom I have never met, but is nevertheless my friend. Also, Nunavut Member of Parliament Nancy Karetak-Lindell for lending a helping hand to the sometimes forgotten Kugaaruk of Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Members' Statements. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Member's Statement 326 – 1(5): Poor Quality of Flooring in Sports Facilities

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I am very proud when I see people participating in sports and I enjoy watching the sports during the weekend. I'd like to say that people come from all over Nunavut and I'm glad that the communities are able to receive sports facilities in the communities of Nunavut.

But a lot of the sports facilities have floors that are all different and don't seem to be of the highest quality. I think that sometimes the communities that might come in first place end up losing because of the quality of their sports facilities. So I would like the communities to have the best quality of flooring in each community. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Members' Statements. Mr. Kilabuk.

Member's Statement 327 – 1(5): Recognition of Pangnirtung Volunteers II

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd also like to thank my colleagues and the members that travelled to Pangnirtung with me. I will be adding on to my statement about volunteers from Friday and name some individuals. Meeka Arnakkaq, Qaunaq Qupee, Tauk Etuangat, Ita Qaqqasiq, Lisa Akpalialuk and Laisa Machmer.

Those are the individuals in my community that are well known for volunteering at different activities. They also assist people that have lost relatives and in 2001 they collected over 10 thousand 500 dollars including 1 thousand 733 in March, 880 in April, in June they collected 1 thousand 191 dollars, September 963 and in October 4 thousand 628 dollars. This is a group of people that collect money for compassionate travel. They are lacking funds at the moment. They fund raise to help individuals in their community that might want to travel to other communities to visit families.

I want to recognize them for the work that they do within the community. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Applause*

Speaker: Members' Statement. Mr. Iqittuq.

Member's Statement 328 – 1(5): Providing Support for Suicide Prevention

Mr. Iqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I am glad to be in the House. I had to travel home for a few days. The community went through at hard time with the passing of a community member.

Mr. Speaker, I feel that we have a very large task today within the House. I think we need to make changes in regards to suicide programs. We need to do something about suicide prevention. The communities need support and we don't always know the answers about how to support people, but as a government we need to work together, instead of ignoring this growing issue in the communities.

We all know that if I was out on the land and was stranded or I couldn't find my way back the government would spend a lot of money for search and rescue. I think that is how we have to look at this. We need to seek more funds from the federal government. Even though I raise this issue, I cannot stop it alone. We, the Members of the Legislative Assembly have to start thinking about how to stop this.

We need to work together to collect ideas as to what needs to be done. I know that there is a lot of work that we have to do and because of this we are not able to do anything even though we feel for them. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Member's Statement 329 – 1(5): Iqaluit Billets for Coaches and Athletes

Hon. Ed. Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, over the past two weekends including this past weekend, Iqaluit has hosted various territorial trials for the Arctic Winter Games. Mr. Speaker, Iqaluit has hosted team members from all over Nunavut.

For some youth it was their first time in Nunavut's capital. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many Iqaluit families who have opened their homes over the past few weekends including this past weekend Mr. Speaker, to accommodate and house these young athletes and coaches. I should also mention Mr. Speaker, that many of the Members of the Legislative Assembly here today have opened their houses over the last couple of weekends to house athletes and coaches from their home community.

Yesterday, the Iqaluit girls' soccer team won an exciting game against a strong Rankin Inlet team and I would like to congratulate the girls' soccer team. I would also like to congratulate all the teams, the players and the coaches.

A special thank you to the residents of Iqaluit for their well known hospitality again for housing the coaches, players, and a special thank you Mr. Speaker to First Air, Calm Air, and Canadian North. Our airlines not only brought forward reduced airfares but also were able to arrange some charters so that people could come from Arviat, Baker Lake, the Kitikmeot and from all over the Baffin. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Members' Statements. Mr. Nutarak.

Member's Statement 330 - 1(5): Carving to Chairperson of Health Committee

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would just like to say that within the Legislative Assembly procedures there are many committees like the Health Committee, Education Committee and so on. The Health Committee worked with the Minister of Health and Social Services in starting the smoking cessation program.

Today he was presented a carving for this work. I think it would only be fair if he passed it on to the Chairperson of the Health Committee. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Members' Statements. Mr. Akesuk.

Member's Statement 331 - 1(5): Ovilu Tunilee Carving Donation

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As we all know on September 11, there was a great tragedy in New York. In the constituency I represent there are a lot of carvers. Ovilu Tunilee was recently in Toronto at a carving exhibition. She did a carving of a female praying and it was in the newspaper down in Ontario and it was also in the Nunatsiaq News. I would just like to thank her for donating that carving in memory of the tragedy in New York.

>>Applause

Speaker: Members' Statements. Members' Statements. Members' Statements. Item 4. Returns to Oral Questions. Mr. Akesuk.

Item 4: Returns to Oral Questions

Return to Question 277 - 1(5): Sewage Lagoon & Trail System, Kugluktuk

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a return to oral question 277-1(5) asked by Mr. Havioyak on November 19, 2001 regarding the sewage lagoon and trail system in Kugluktuk.

In response to your inquiry, I have discussed this problem with my colleagues and have agreed that the Department of Community Government & Transportation is responsible. Community Government & Transportation has come up with a solution to this problem and the Minister of Community Government & Transportation will be happy to discuss this with you. I hope that you find this information useful. Please don't hesitate to call on me again if you have any further questions. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Item 4. Returns to Oral Questions. Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Item 6. Oral Questions. Oral Questions. Mr. Irgittuq.

Item 6: Oral Questions

Question 331 - 1(5): Replacement Social Worker for Hall Beach

Mr. Irgittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, last fall our very capable social worker who was a Qallunaaq and had children, moved to Iqaluit so that his children may have a better education. His position is still vacant so I would like to ask the Health Minister if this position is going to be replaced. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, we've been through Human Resources for advertising for the positions of social workers in several of our communities. We've just had a competition for four communities. We've had several applications and we're in the process of screening the applications right now. So we're hoping to make at least four job offers in the coming weeks. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Picco. Supplementary question. Mr. Irgittuq.

Mr. Irgittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Irgittuq, so my name will be pronounced properly it's Irgittuq. Mr. Speaker, the Minister for the Health Department mentioned that there are going to be four applicants for social workers. Is one of these going to be for Hall Beach. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, we advertised for several communities and it's through Human Resources that social workers are hired. Mr. Speaker, the Department of Health and Social Services identifies the need at the community level for positions and Human Resources is responsible to hire and fill those positions. Of the four positions that we're doing job offers Mr. Speaker, I can't say that one of them would be for Hall Beach at this time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Irqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Some time last year the Minister of Health went to Hall Beach and he was asked about this position. At the time he was there, I think it was some time in September, this job opportunity was going to be opened. This position has been open for quite some time now and there was never any replacement. So Mr. Speaker is it because there are no qualified people who might fill this position. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, we've had some difficulty in recruiting social workers. We have an on-going program. We just had ads placed in the paper two weeks ago. As I suggested just now we've had some good applicants. We're in the process of hiring four people right now for four of the positions.

So I'm not sure where the identification of the community would be yet or where those positions would be offered. What I can say to the member is that we're aware of the situation in Hall Beach. And I would like to pass on my condolences at this time Mr. Speaker to the families who experienced a dramatic loss last weekend in Hall Beach. And we will Mr. Speaker, fill that position. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Irqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, last fall the Minister of Health and I went to some Baffin communities. At the time we were in Hall Beach he was asked if the job could be filled by an Inuktitut unilingual person from Hall Beach. He said he would be open to this. Is there going to be a job opportunity made available to this counsellor in Hall Beach. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed. Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I am not aware who has actually applied for the position. As the members know, the only thing that I retain under the Department of Health and Social Services is the hiring of nurses specifically.

All the other hiring in government by any department is through Human Resources. So I don't know who has applied for the position or who the applicants are. I wouldn't know that as minister. What I can say to the members is there were several social service's

graduates from Igloolik. My understanding is Mr. Speaker, we have tried to approach some of those graduates to see if they were interested in the position in Hall Beach. At the same time Mr. Speaker we are trying to get people who are qualified for the position.

That is done through Human Resources. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 332 - 1(5): Passports for AWG Athletes Travelling to Greenland

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a question for the Minister of Community Government & Transportation. He was mentioning earlier that there will be Arctic Winter Games held here in Iqaluit. We know that there are going to be games in Greenland also. With respect to the athletes that will be attending games, they'll be going out of Canada. Will they be provided with passports. Are they going to need passports. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Anawak.

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, even though people from Greenland are still Inuit, because they are out of Canada, it is obvious that they'll need passports. But I will get some information on this about if they have passports and if it can be dealt with quickly. We will see if they can be provided on an emergency basis.

The AWG Host Society will deal with this. If this is going to be a problem with respect to travel, Community Government & Transportation will try and assist. We will look into it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): I think some communities are trying to get passports in Nunavut. The parents are really worried about the passports. That is why I was asking this question. If he is going to look into this can he inform me before we finish our session. I would appreciate it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Anawak.

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Perhaps by tomorrow I should be able to get back to him. But with respect to our responses, I think we have to wait for 48 hours according to our rules. So by tomorrow I should be able to respond to his question after I find out more about this. As I stated earlier this is not really our responsibility, there is a society that is responsible for this.

The Host Society for the Arctic Winter Games is responsible for this. But as our department tries to help with this type of issue I will look into it. The day after tomorrow I will be giving a response to his question. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 333 - 1(5): Preservation of the Inuktitut Language

Mr. Puqiqnak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, in my Member's Statement I said I would be directing this question to the Minister for Culture, Language, Elders and Youth. I was speaking about the Inuit language and we very much support the survival of our language.

Some communities in Nunavut are losing the Inuktitut language. Culture and language, that's what it means for this department. Mr. Speaker, my question is about language. In what way are you trying to preserve culture and language in your department so that the Inuktitut language will not be lost. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Kattuk.

Hon. Peter Kattuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Perhaps his question would be better directed to the Department of Education. My colleague here may be able to respond to your question as it has to do with education and school activities.

We are all in support of preserving Inuktitut, but I would like him to direct this question to the Minister of Education. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. I am not sure whether according to the rules you are permitted to pass the question on to another minister. But in this circumstance, I will allow Mr. Puqiqnak if he wishes to refer the question. Mr. Puqiqnak.

Question 334 - 1(5): Preservation of the Inuktitut Language

Mr. Puqiqnak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thought this was going to be directed to Culture, Language, Elders and Youth. I thought it had to do with language issues and I was directed to put this question to the Minister of Education.

Respecting our language, there are other issues involved as well. But with respect to Inuktitut in Nunavut communities, it is weak. As I said earlier, the grandparents and the grandchildren can't communicate with each other. They do not understand each other. So I am wondering if the Department of Education can do something to help preserve this language to make our language stronger.

As a government department what can he do. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I informed my colleagues earlier that I would be bringing out a document regarding the language of instruction in Nunavut's schools.

The document that I am referring to responds to the member's question. It talks about preserving the Inuktitut language and if we are going to be using the Inuktitut language as a working language. This would be very helpful.

All of this is in this document that I am talking about. If we work closely together with our colleagues, it is going to show that we are in support of preserving the Inuktitut language. I also want to work closely with the member on his concern.

It is obvious that many communities are losing their Inuktitut language. I will be working harder on this. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Supplementary. Mr. Puqiqnak.

Mr. Puqiqnak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank the minister for the response that he gave me, that he will do more for the Inuktitut language. Today even the daycare centres in Nunavut don't have very many kids that speak Inuktitut. They should have an Inuktitut speaking person so the children can keep on with their language.

They should teach the children Inuktitut in the daycares to preserve the Inuit language because some of them are not understood by their parents. When they aren't understood they turn around and start speaking English. Is there something that can be done in the minister's department for that kind of thing. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to remind the members that the Bathurst Mandate states that in the year 2020 the Government of Nunavut would like to have staff speaking in Inuktitut and English for our government. If we are going to try to preserve the Inuit language alone then we won't be following the Bathurst Mandate. I would like to tell the member that the daycare workers are trying their best to hire unilingual Inuit people.

I told the Members of the Legislative Assembly when I first became a minister that the language of instruction should start at home, which is Inuktitut according to the wishes of the parents. The parents are the ones that are responsible to preserve the Inuit language in their home. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Puqiqnak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I understand according to the Bathurst Mandate that we want the working languages for the government to be

English and Inuktitut. But the year 2020 is a long way away still. In some of the communities the Inuktitut language is very weak. It is not just myself, I know the communities themselves have to start preserving the Inuit language.

A lot of people in our communities would like to listen to the local radio about what is happening with the Nunavut Government. As Members of the Legislative Assembly, we have said to our constituents that we would like to help them. But we would also like to hear from the minister himself as to what his mandate is in his department. We want the public to hear themselves that this is the mandate of the department.

I understand the minister's response, that the language of instruction has to come from the parents themselves, but the Bathurst Mandate has a goal for the year 2020 and I am just wondering when the minister will be tabling this document that he is talking about. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to let the Members of the Legislative Assembly know that we have said Inuktitut will be a working language. We have recognized that we are already using it. English and Inuktitut are already being used in the government departments.

I want to let him know what we have been doing as a department. We have been getting Inuit instructors and we have been supporting Inuit instructors in the schools. In Arviat there is Inuktitut curriculum being developed for the schools and this is continuing, Mr. Speaker, as you know since this is your community. We also have a mandate whereby the language of instruction that should be used in the schools is identified. This is continuing.

As I said, Mr. Speaker, before the end of December, I will be tabling a report on the language of instruction. The parents want their day care services to have Inuktitut speaking day care workers. We are doing this in the day cares, hiring Inuktitut speaking day care workers. I will be working with the Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth on language issues and the cultural traditions of the Inuit people.

Those are the goals and objectives that we are aiming for. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Question 335 - 1(5): Ensuring Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit is Used in Publications

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This question is for the Minister of Education about his Minister's Statement. I will read it briefly. It says, "the mandate for the Department of Education is to produce a Nunavut curriculum and the resources needed to support this curriculum. These books are an example of the quality that we are striving for. These books are the result of the partnership between three groups, Qikiqtani

School Operations, Nunavut Wildlife Management Board and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans."

This is very impressive to have a list of words for wildlife but it doesn't have anything to do with Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit. I don't want to always complain about things like this, but I feel that Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit should be included in those books, because we could have danger whereby if they produce a book and Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit is not included in it, then it could pose a danger to the public out there.

I wonder if the minister could make sure that Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit is included in the curriculum. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like the member to retract those words because he has not read these books yet. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. The minister would like the member to retract. Mr. Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When I made my statement I said that in Nunavut we are developing curriculum coming from Nunavummiut, and it does not come from southern Canada. It came from the people of Nunavut and the groups of Nunavut. It is about birds and other sea mammals. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr Speaker, I don't want the minister to table documents that we have not read. Because whenever something is provided as a ministers' statement and we have not seen it then we don't know what it consists of.

This document does not mention Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit or that Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit would be incorporated. It probably is but when the ministers provide something like this then we have questions. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Iqaqrialu. I believe the issue here is that the minister has indicated that he will table a document. So until that document is tabled it is difficult to make predictions or assumptions that there are certain statements are in there. So I would strongly recommend Mr. Iqaqrialu, that we wait until the document is tabled and we all have a chance to read it and then we can discuss it further in the House. Thank you. Oral questions. Oral questions. Mr. Arvaluk.

Question 336 - 1(5): Suicide Prevention

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is in regards to the same question that Mr. Irqittuq asked of the Minister of Health & Social Services. I have personally experienced trying to retrieve somebody who attempted to hang themselves and it is very hard on a person.

Mr. Irqittuq said that if an individual is lost, it is very expensive to search for them. We already know that we have to rescue people, we have to provide search and rescue. I want to ask the minister what kinds of things are they doing to try and prevent suicide in the communities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ever since last year, when we unveiled a very strong and aggressive anti-suicide campaign for Nunavut based on traditional values and beliefs, the things that we have heard from communities, for example we have trained over 20 counsellors alone in the Baffin Region in the last few months.

We have held workshops, suicide counselling workshops along with every Nunavut community in the last year. We have an active protocol that is in place now with the Department of Education as well as Health and Social Services on intervention as well as post-intervention programs and activities in suicide.

We also have continued, Mr. Speaker, with radio messaging and commercials on TV and APTN. As well as the posters and the advertising that we have talked about before. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Arvaluk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I recognize and appreciate that. I wonder if we have missed the boat somewhere by not making that much of a difference from the statistics that we see.

Does the minister plan to re-visit the methods that are used for suicide prevention and make a proper budget accordingly in the next budget session in February. Qujannamiik, Uqaqti.

Speaker: Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I think the member has made a point that we are trying to do right now. We have in place a mental health strategy, which includes the areas surrounding suicide. Mr. Speaker, we actually have a trained psychiatrist now and are integrating with education, with our community health committees and the regions. A strategy that would not only be culturally sensitive Mr. Speaker, but addressing the core need.

At the same time Mr. Speaker, I think it is important to point out that the Nunavut Government cannot stop suicide in Nunavut. It is important to point out Mr. Speaker, that the solution comes from the families, it comes from the local families, and it comes from the community. It comes from working together and identifying the causes before it happens.

Mr. Speaker, it is also important to point out that through post-intervention, Mr. Speaker, and intervention programs, we have been able to help any number of suicides, but we don't have statistics on the ones that you have stopped, only on the ones that have been successful. Mr. Speaker, the Government of Nunavut can't dictate tomorrow that there will be an end, what we can do Mr. Speaker, is provide support to communities, and to families and that's what we are trying to do Mr. Speaker.

At the same time, we need to be able to help our young people, because we are seeing an alarming rate, when you trend this over the last few years of our younger people committing suicide. It has a range of issues, Mr. Speaker, from the socio-economic factors at home, as well as peer pressure and so on.

Those are the root causes of suicide that we need to address Mr. Speaker. That's what we are working on. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Supplementary questions. Mr. Arvaluk.

Mr. Arvaluk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am not sure as to exactly what the minister's answer is to my question. I will thank the minister if his answer is yes, that we will increase the budget this spring to reflect the seriousness of this government in trying to support the communities to work with their families, with their communities.

So is the minister saying yes to me that he will increase the budget to reflect his statements about working with the communities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, that's one of the things that we are trying to do and as the member knows, the budget hasn't come before the House yet. But one of the things we are trying to focus on, and I said it in my review, during the ministerial review.

I said that the focus of health has to be towards the preventative side of medicine. That includes mental health strategies and so on. As well as suicide prevention programs. That's what we are working towards. But each individual in Nunavut, each family in each community has to take and accept responsibility for suicide. It can't be done from the government and from Ed Picco in Iqaluit.

It has to be done at the local level. Mr. Speaker, in communities where we have had success, where we have had several suicides and we have actually stemmed the tides in those communities, it has been through small working groups and the health committees at the local levels. Where community groups take active intervention and post-vention into suicides Mr. Speaker.

So, the answer to the member's question is twofold. One we are continuing on preparing a culturally aware mental health strategy and at the same time Mr. Speaker, we are continuing the messaging that we have put in place and Mr. Speaker, the member is correct we need to be able to look at the preventative side of medicine. That's the focus when we get to the O&M of the budget of the Department of Health and Social Services.

Through work, Mr. Speaker, the collaborative work we've been doing with the health committees, the standing committees in this House Mr. Speaker, at the end of the day, each person in Nunavut and each family needs to be able to work together to stem this tide we're seeing. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Supplementary question. Mr. Arvaluk. Final supplementary.

Mr. Arvaluk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Approximately 77 suicides since March 1, 1999 in Nunavut. When we are looking for solutions for other things for example to municipal questions, we go to the hamlet, for wildlife and economic development sectors we go to the hunters' and trappers' organizations or the community development officers or through the hamlet itself for health and nursing.

However, the minister knows, I think everybody knows, in a lot of cases it's the families that are the problem in causing suicide. You cannot look to all the families because sometimes that's the main cause. My question to the minister was can he start making plans now to increase the budget so that the professional people in the community, the local people who volunteer all the time, get a little bit more resources to deal with the families that may cause the problems leading to suicide. Qujannamiik, Uqaqti.

Speaker: Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the member's question and I think it's two and a half years in this House that it's the first time I really had a serious debate and questions on the issue of suicide. I think the member's correct, that the government and the Department of Health and Social Services need to move forward on a more aggressive mental health strategy.

That means dedicated dollars and that's something Mr. Speaker, that I spoke about in this House several times and that would be the plan of the department. At the same time, Mr. Speaker, I want to make sure that we're clear, the member's correct. There's not one reason for a suicide there's x number of reasons. Each suicide is different but at the same time we need to be able to help the families and that's part of the program of counselling and workshops that we've been doing at the family level and at the local level.

So the answer to the member's question is yes that's part of the mental health strategy that we're working on right now. And hopefully Mr. Speaker, when we get to the point of the O&M budget, the member will be able to see that at that time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 337 - 1(5): Funding for Youth Centre, O&M and Staff

Mr. Havioyak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to direct my question to the Minister of Culture, Language, Elders & Youth. A while ago I spoke about our young people who have criminal problems such as doing break and enters during the evenings because they have nothing to do and nowhere to go.

As I'm aware, the young people have a youth centre to go to but there is no funding for O&M or for staff. That's why they have problems because they have no funding for the use of the youth centre and they have no place to go. That's what I said a while ago. Can the minister tell me if he could provide funding for the use of the youth centre, for the staff and for the O&M so the young people can have a place to go in the evenings. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you. Minister Kattuk.

Hon. Peter Kattuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have been hearing the same issue for quite a long time in this House. I know that it is a concern of yours and we have worked on this issue. As we know, as Members of the Legislative Assembly, we know that we have limited resources and they have to be divided up to the 26 communities of Nunavut and there are lots of applicants out there who apply for funding.

But we don't know what drop-in centres are available in which communities. Mr. Speaker, as I said last winter, we will be doing consultation tours in the communities to find out what kinds of facilities or drop-in centres they have. After we receive the information we can look at what is required. We will then have a better understanding of what is required at the local level. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Havioyak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As we know we only have a small amount of funds, but at the same time you can try to help the young people so that they may be able to have a youth drop-in centre to go to. I want to encourage you to try harder and perhaps work with your ministerial colleagues to try and find additional funding. You have to try to work. I want to hear from you. As you have said, I am aware that funding is limited in terms of the youth drop-in centres.

You didn't answer my question. You said that you will have consultations in the communities. I haven't heard about your consultations yet. You have to try and work and help the young people in terms of getting the youth centre running and a staff member so that we as communities may be able to help our young people with drop-in centres with O&M. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Kattuk.

Hon. Peter Kattuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, my colleague is correct, we have to work together in our communities on this issue. Yes, it has to start at the community level. The government can't take all the responsibility so it has to be initiated at the community level. We can't think for the communities as a government. It has to be done at the local level. I know that the communities are in need of drop-in centres and if you want to get assistance we are willing to do so. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Supplementary. Mr. Havioyak.

Mr. Havioyak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am not satisfied with the response of the minister. The communities are responding and saying to the government that we need help from the Nunavut Government to try and help our young people.

We in the community of Kugluktuk have a need. Our young people don't have the help. They want things to do and they don't have a youth drop-in centre and don't have the funds for O&M. You are not responding to my question.

As you said earlier, you will have community consultations, and once you have done the consultations at the community level, perhaps you will go from there. Which communities will you be visiting for community consultations. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Kattuk.

Hon. Peter Kattuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, all of us are in support of drop-in centres, whether it is the government or at the community level, we are concerned about young people not having anything to do. It is like that in almost all the communities.

Because of this, in the coming winter we will do a consultation tour to find out what the communities use and what they require. So we will think about that in the future, but we can't solve this problem tomorrow. Yes, to your question, through our consultation process it will help us. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Havioyak: Koanaqtit, Uqaqti. Kugluktuk did submit a proposal to you identifying the needs of that community. There is no need to visit that community. It is already identified in that proposal.

So I am saying that proposal is for the operations and for the co-ordinator. They identified the needs. Can you, as the minister, commit to starting up a new program and services for your department to address that need. Koanaqtit, Uqaqti.

Speaker: Thank you. Minister Kattuk.

Hon. Peter Kattuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I guess we see a lot of applications from Nunavut. We have 26 communities and we have only so much funding to give out to communities. Sometimes all the applicants are not accepted because of a lack of the funding available.

Mr. Speaker, I will commit to respond to his questions. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 338 - 1(5): Mental Health Worker Funding

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I will be directing my question to the Minister of Health and Social Services. In communities, there are quite a few people that go through depression and mental hardship and they don't know who to go to for assistance or for help.

For that reason, how can we get the mental health workers more expeditiously than we have to date. That's my question to the Minister of Health and Social Services. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, in some communities we have noticed an increase in social problems and mental health work. That's why we have placed over eight psychiatric nurses in the health centres.

Mr. Speaker, if someone is depressed, if they feel they need someone to talk to, there are several different avenues at the community level. They can go to the mental health worker, where we have a social worker, all communities we have health professionals like nurses, if they need someone to talk to. At the school, Mr. Speaker, we have a co-ordinated approach with the community school counsellors.

There are teachers, Mr. Speaker, as the member next to me pointed out there is also an opportunity for some of the churches for help.

Mr. Speaker, what the department is in the middle of doing right now, as Mr. Arvaluk pointed out in his earlier question, is a co-ordinated protocol between intergovernmental and departments as well as a broader based mental health strategy following up on what

we were working on last year with Inuit values. That is the messaging that we were doing. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation:) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for your response. Many individuals are hurting inside, in their hearts, especially our young people and some elders too. For whatever reason, many don't want to speak to certain individuals. I was wondering if he could provide some funding or set aside some funding as the Minister Responsible for Health and Social Services so they could have a counsellor for the community residents to go to. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed. Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, through the Community Wellness Fund that is distributed by the Department of Health and Social Services, each community has an opportunity to identify wellness needs in the community. Whether it is a mental health worker or special needs programs, support persons. Or if they wanted to have a workshop in the community.

Mr. Speaker, every community in Nunavut last year accessed community wellness money and we are able to deliver this type of program. So I would suggest Mr. Speaker, that one of the things the department could do through community wellness is to work, for example, in the member's community to identify those needs and bring them forward.

A good example is some of the work that is taking place right now in Clyde River through the society there. Something similar could be accomplished Mr. Speaker, in the member's community. Thank you.

Speaker: Supplementary. Mr. Alakannuark.

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation:) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My last question to the Minister of Health and Social Services. In Nunavut are the communities informed about these funds being available through community wellness. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed. Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the community wellness program is well known in all Nunavut communities and probably one of the most accessed programs that we offer in conjunction with the federal government through the Department of Health and Social Services in Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 339 - 1(5): Recognition of Caregivers Without Certificates

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Health and Social Services. Today statements were made regarding suicide prevention but in our communities there are social problems. First of all I'd like to say that when we were running for our positions, we had to be 18 to run for the position of MLA.

With Nunavut Tunngavik you are able to vote at 16. There are a lot of people in Nunavut that aren't able to find job opportunities for the people that are uneducated. I am wondering if the Department of Health and Social Services believes in striving or working hard to create healthy lifestyles. As the Minister of Health & Social Services I would just like to know if he recognizes this. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Health & Social Services, Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, just this past weekend when we were in the member's home community I think we had an excellent example of what a community can do when it is working together. They have a family resource centre there which is not only providing counselling for youth but also demonstrating some role model leadership in terms that it is providing family services including Mr. Speaker, some drug and alcohol programs and so on.

I think the member should be very proud of the work that is being done in his community. We have also just recently been presented with a proposal for taking all of the North Baffin suicide workshops. So Mr. Speaker, that type of leadership is being funded by the Department of Health & Social Services. Mr. Speaker we would like to be able to help bring that type of program forward in all of our communities and Mr. Speaker I should also point out that it is happening in many of our communities. Thank you.

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

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I know there are things happening in my community and when we talk about development in our communities we don't see them being done within the department. I am just thinking about people that are unemployed in the communities.

These people that are not educated or that haven't gone through the school system often don't have jobs. There should be an opportunity made available for individuals that don't have an education. I would just like to ask the minister if he agrees with what I just said. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I agree with the member in some ways and in other ways Mr. Speaker I think that we have to do more. I think we admit that. At the same time Mr. Speaker you know, assisting the communities, for example the community wellness money that we distribute to each community, in most cases, Mr. Speaker that money is used to hire elderly people. To hire our elders to work with the youth, with family planning programming Mr. Speaker, as well as counselling services, suicide prevention programs and intervention programs.

Mr. Speaker I think again, it is up to the communities to identify through the community health committees in most cases what the issues and needs are. And that money is there to help support them. At the same time Mr. Speaker, interdepartmental work has been going on for the past year and a half, especially through Health & Social Services and Education as well as I might add Justice, with community probation programs in the communities.

So a lot of help is out there Mr. Speaker but we need to do more. The member is correct. Thank you.

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

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank the minister for agreeing with me. But will his department work hard to make sure these things are provided within the communities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We support that with almost 6 million dollars worth of programs put right into the communities in Nunavut last year, which included Mr. Speaker wellness programming and counselling Mr. Speaker. It included people ranging in age from our youth to our elders, in different communities. Again Mr. Speaker that money is available through each hamlet to decide what they would like to do and then hire as Mr. Iqaqrialu just mentioned.

The person doesn't have to be a university graduate or high school graduate. Indeed Mr. Speaker, when we were in Clyde River we saw counsellors who are unilingual elderly Inuit working with young people. That model can be used depending on the hamlet when they apply for the community wellness money. They might want to do something like they have done in Clyde River. Any community can do that. Any community can do that. In some communities they have moved forward in that way.

Mr. Speaker, I would agree with the member that the Department of Health and Social Services needs to be able to work in a co-operative fashion with them on that type of program. Whether it is community homecare or a mental health strategy. That is the process that we are undertaking right now Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Final supplementary. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The 6 million dollars that the member just brought up. It is used in communities and they don't seem to be spending it wisely because there are a lot of people that are capable of using it wisely. We need to use resources in the community. If they can speak English or even if they don't speak English there is bound to be someone in the community that knows something about counselling. The 6 million dollars is for all the communities. Why isn't it being used properly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Mr. Minister.

Hon. Ed. Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I understand the question. Mr. Speaker, last year we distributed approximately 6 million 800 thousand dollars to the hamlets and communities in Nunavut. The uptake of that program Mr. Speaker, was 95 percent.

That means only two communities in Nunavut did not access the money because they did not put a plan in. Each hamlet decides what they would like to do, Mr. Speaker, under building healthy communities, alcohol and drug programs, home and community care, prenatal nutrition programs. There are several programs using that pot of money. It is not for me, Mr. Speaker, to say that the hamlets didn't use the money wisely. We do a review on what they have done with the money. They submit a plan, a continuum of care, a wellness strategy or program.

We evaluate that at each regional level. Mr. Speaker, I would suggest to you that some of the good work that is happening, for example in Broughton Island, the program just came out. It is an excellent job. It is not my job Mr. Speaker to go in and tell the Mayor and Council what their reality is at the community level. We are supporting that program Mr. Speaker under the wellness framework.

Mr. Speaker we will continue to do so. Next year, Mr. Speaker there will be over 10 million dollars available to communities, 10 million 818 thousand dollars for that type of program in those areas that we just spoke about. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Members will note that Question Period is now over. Moving on to Item 7. Written Questions. Item 8. Returns to Written Questions. Returns to Written Questions. Item 9. Replies to Opening Address. Replies to Opening Address. Item 10. Petitions. Petitions. Item 11. Reports of Standing and Special Committees. Reports of Standing and Special Committees.

Item 12. Report of Committees on the Review of Bills. Report of Committees on the Review of Bills. Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Tabling of Documents. Mr. Puqiqnak.

Item 13: Tabling of Documents

Tabled Document 050 - 1(5): Kigavik Fishery of Gjoa Haven Report & Business Plan

Mr. Puqiqnak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I am tabling several documents regarding the Kigavik fishery, a contribution agreement for the replacement of the freezer and various other reports. As well as licenses relating to this issue.

I urge the Minister of Sustainable Development to review these documents in detail as they relate to my Member's Statement on November 22. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you. Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Minister Kilabuk.

Tabled Document 051 - 1(5): Marine Mammals and Birds of Nunavut

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to table these two publications, in English and Inuktitut, about Marine Mammals and Birds of Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Tabling of Documents. Item 14. Notices of Motions. Item 15. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Mr. Anawak.

Item 15: Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills

Bill 16 - An Act to Amend the Cities, Towns and Villages Act - Notice

Hon. Jack Anawak: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on November 28, 2001, I shall move that Bill 16, An Act to Amend the Cities, Towns and Villages Act, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Item 16. Motions. Minister Anawak.

Bill 17 - An Act to Amend the Hamlets Act - Notice

Hon. Jack Anawak: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on November 28, 2001, I shall move that Bill 17, An Act to Amend the Hamlets Act, be read for the first time. Qujannamiik.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Item 15. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Item 16. Motions. Item 16. Motions. Item 17. First Reading of Bills. Ms. Thompson.

Item 17: First Reading of Bills

Bill 15 - Technical Standards and Safety Act - First Reading

Hon. Manito Thompson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to deal with my motion today. Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Iqaluit East, that Bill 15, Technical Standards and Safety Act, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister you do not need unanimous consent to put that forward, it is already on the order paper. We will accept that. Item 17. First Reading of Bills. Do members agree that Bill 15 has been read for the first time.

Some Members: Agreed.

Speaker: Item 17. First Reading of Bills. Ms. Thompson.

Hon. Manito Thompson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thought you had already said Item 17. So I will repeat myself. Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to deal with my motion today. Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Iqaluit East, that Bill 15, Technical Standards and Safety Act, be read for the first time. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Ms. Thompson. The bill has been read for the first time. Item 18. Second Reading of Bills. Mr. Ng.

Item 18: Second Reading of Bills

Bill 14 - An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act - Second Reading

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Baffin South, that Bill 14, An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act, be read for the second time.

This bill will change the income tax system in Nunavut from one that calculates Nunavut's personal income tax on the amount of federal tax payable, to a system that calculates tax on the amount of an individual's taxable income. This bill also makes technical changes to the Nunavut Income Tax Act, to update references relating to the Federal Act. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Ng. The motion is in order. To the principle of the bill. Question has been called. All those in favour. All those opposed. The motion is carried. The bill has had second reading and in accordingly the bill stands referred to a committee.

Item 18. Second Reading of Bills. Ms. Thompson.

Bill 15 - Technical Standards and Safety Act - Second Reading

Hon. Manitok Thompson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Rankin North, that Bill 15, Technical Standards and Safety Act be read for the second time.

Mr. Speaker, the new Act combines the three existing, Electrical Protection, Boilers and Pressure Vessels and Gas Protection Acts, into one. These Acts were carried over from the GNWT. The last major revision to these three Acts was completed in 1988. The proposed piece of legislation sets out roles, responsibilities and acceptable practices for the safe installation of electrical systems, boilers and pressure vessels, gas and elevating devices in Nunavut.

I believe this new Act will allow us to take a pro-active position on electrical and mechanical safety issues. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Ms. Thompson. Do members agree to consider this bill, Bill 15, for second reading.

Some Members: Agreed.

Speaker: Agreed. The motion is in order. To the principle of the bill. Question has been called. All those in favour. All those opposed. The motion is carried. Bill 15 has had second reading and accordingly the bill stands referred to a committee.

Item 18. Second Reading of Bills. Item 19. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters. Bill 12, Bill 13, Minister's Statement 96 - 1(5), Tabled Document, Liquor Act Report. Mr. Puqignak will be in the Chair. Sergeant-At-Arms.

>>House recessed at 3.29 p.m. and resumed at 3.55 p.m.

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

Chairperson (Mr. Iqaqrialu) (interpretation): Thank you. The meeting will come to order. In the committee of the whole we will be dealing with Bill 12, Appropriation Act No. 1, 2002/2003. Bill 13, Supplementary Appropriation, Minister's Statement 96 - 1(5), Tabled Document 41 - 1(5), Nunavut Liquor Act Report.

What is the wish of the committee. Mr. Havioyak.

Mr. Havioyak: Koanaqtit, Itsivautaq. We would like to continue with Bill 12, the Capital Estimates 2002/2003, Department of Health and Social Services. If we complete that department we would like to continue with the opening comments from the Minister Responsible for Sustainable Development. Koanaqtit.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Havioyak. Does the committee agree that we will deal with Bill 12, Appropriations Act No. 1, 2002/2003, Health and Social Services Capital Estimates. Do you agree.

Minister Responsible for Health and Social Services, you can now do your opening comments. Minister.

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

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and Members of the Assembly, for the opportunity to present the 2002/2003 Capital Estimates for the Department of Health and Social Services.

Mr. Chairman, with me today will be the Deputy Minister of the department, Mr. Andrew Johnson, as well as Mr. Don Maychruk, Director of Finance. We will also have Mr. Richard O'Brien, who is the Assistant Deputy Minister for Corporate Services.

The Department of Health and Social Services is responsible for the delivery of a wide range of health and social programs across Nunavut.

We recognize that such a responsibility requires health facilities that are well equipped and provide for the needs of Nunavummiut. It is our intention, over the next ten years, to renovate or replace the majority of health facilities built prior to 1985 to better meet the changing needs of our communities.

Specifically in the 2002 - 2003 fiscal year, we will see the start of construction on a new Health Centre in Pond Inlet and the development of the program functional plan for a new facility in Pangnirtung.

In addition to the projects listed in our 2002 - 2003 Capital Plan, we are also proceeding with three major health facilities in Iqaluit, Rankin Inlet, and Cambridge Bay.

Mr. Chairman, as a result of the work to date, the new Baffin Hospital facility is scheduled to be operational in the fall of 2004 with renovations to the existing building completed in the spring of 2005. The new expanded health facilities in the Kivalliq and Kitikmeot are targeted to open by 2004.

Members are aware, in addition to these major capital projects, we are also proceeding with the expansion of the Ikajuruti Inungnik Ungasiktumi Network, or IIU Network, in more of our communities through the use of matching federal funds. Over the course of this fiscal year and the next one, I believe that telehealth technology will start to bring increased services to our communities and lessen our dependence on health services in the south.

Mr. Chairman, the Department of Health and Social Services will be very active during the next few years, and the guidance and support of all members is appreciated. I look

forward Mr. Chairman, to discussing our Capital Estimates for 2002-2003 with you and the Members of this House. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. Are we agreed that the minister and his officials move to the witness table. Thank you.

Could you please introduce your officials, minister.

Hon. Ed Picco: Mr. Chairman, with me today on my right is Mr. Andrew Johnson, who is the Deputy Minister of Health and Social Services. On my left, a man whom you have heard from and who has been with me for the last couple of years, the Director of Finance, Mr. Donald Maychruk. In the gallery we also have Mr. Michael Hughes, who is working on the Baffin Regional Health facility. Also, over there with the beard is Mr. Richard O'Brien, who is the Assistant Deputy Minister for Corporate Services and Strategic Initiatives. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. Welcome minister and your officials. Mr. Nutarak, as the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Health & Education, will now make his opening comments. Proceed, Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As the Chair of the Standing Committee on Health and Education, I am very pleased to have this opportunity to make some introductory remarks as we begin deliberations on the capital budget of the Department of Health and Social Services.

The Capital Estimates for 2002/2003 show that the Department of Health and Social Services has a budget of 5.8 million dollars. This represents 8% of the Government's overall capital budget.

Mr. Chairman, in order to achieve our objective of having thriving and healthy communities, it is important to invest in the structures that support the development of health and well-being. The Committee is pleased to note the Department's significant investment in replacing or upgrading community Health Centres this coming fiscal year, accounting for nearly 75% of its capital budget. Many of our community Health Centres are over 20 years old and the space and conditions severely limit the ability to deliver programs to a rapidly growing population.

Mr. Chairman, Members of the Committee have expressed the view that resources and facilities should be set up closer to home, so that children or adults in Group Homes, Shelters or similar facilities can receive services closer to their families and relatives in addition to providing employment and business opportunities for Nunavut residents. The Committee urges the Minister to give due consideration to projects and proposals brought forward from Nunavut communities and regions for such community-based facilities. On a related note, the Committee is looking forward to seeing the completed results of the Department's review of boarding facilities that are located in other jurisdictions. Committee members continue to have concerns about these facilities.

Just over 20% of the Department's capital expenditures are allocated to a code upgrade at the Iqaluit Hospital. Members of the Committee recognize that the current Iqaluit facility will still provide certain services once the new facility is built. Members would appreciate receiving information on this issue as it progresses.

With respect to the three regional facilities, Members have been somewhat disappointed that they have not been receiving regular written updates from the Minister on the planning and development progress for these facilities.

Members are aware of reports in the media relating to funding arrangements for at least one of these facilities. In addition, in a recent presentation by the Nunavut Association of Municipalities to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance, the figure of 70 million dollars was portrayed as being the overall cost for the three Nunavut facilities.

Members of the Standing Committee have requested on a number of occasions that information on the funding arrangements for the three facilities be provided. They have been informed that funding figures are unavailable as "functional role studies" have yet to be completed.

It is therefore somewhat disconcerting for Members to learn about projected costs from other sources when we have yet to learn what services are to be delivered in each of these facilities. Members are of the view that these kinds of issues should be determined at the outset and in an open manner in order that projected costs may be appropriately determined. The Committee expects regular updates from the Minister on these developments.

Mr. Chairman, the Committee recognizes that the Department of Health and Social Services faces many challenges in delivering services across the broad expanse of the Nunavut territory. When services cannot be delivered close to home, clients must be transported to a facility where they can receive the necessary care. This results in tremendous costs for our health delivery system. Strategic investments in our Health Care infrastructure will help to reduce the need for travel as more programs can be delivered close to home. The Standing Committee urges the Government to support the Department of Health and Social Services in making this investment.

Mr. Chairman, that concludes my opening remarks. I would anticipate that individual Members will also have questions and comments as we proceed. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Nutarak. Just before members make comments or questions I would like to tell them that you have ten minutes to make comments so other members will have a chance to make their comments and ask their questions. Any comments from the members. Mr. Arvaluk.

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just a short comment, Mr. Chairman, just to welcome the minister and his officials. The hospitals and the schools were not being replaced or renovated during the territorial government days before 1999 because they didn't have the budget to do expansions and replacements.

I welcome the minister's comment on the renovation and expansion of health centres. But looking at the capital pages for Health and Social Services I will be asking later on, if I can put them together, the design for the other communities such as the health centre in Pangnirtung replacement is going to be 450 thousand for 2002-2003. For Iqaluit it's one million dollars for the planning and the design of these health centres. It's a concern that I have.

I think there could be a better way of utilizing the money instead of using it for design and evaluation of codes of each health centre. Because you can tell right away that in the three communities there's two million dollars that is going to be utilized up to 2007. I think this could be better used for other government operations because it's very expensive to do the design and replacement.

Sometimes it goes up to 33 percent of the total. I will be asking the minister questions as we go page by page for Health and Social Services. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Arvaluk. I have no names so Mr. Arvaluk you go ahead and ask the question.

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The planning, I am not just talking about the health centres, but for any government projects, whether they are going to be schools or special health facilities or other government buildings. I think there could be a better way of utilizing the money to do a good code evaluation and definition instead of using half a million dollars because there are 26 communities in Nunavut.

It takes up about 12 million dollars to do the evaluation and design of those projects. Maybe I should ask Public Works or the Finance Minister if there isn't a cheaper way that we can utilize the money instead of using it for functional design. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Chairperson. Mr. Chairperson, there are two issues that the member brings up. One of them is on the code and one of them is on the actual functional program. The functional program dollars Mr. Chairperson, is for the design of what the building will be used for.

For example, will it have an operating room or will it have a birthing room, and so on. The code for example under the Iqaluit Hospital is to look at the building code itself to make sure that we are up to proper specifications. As the member knows, the current facility was built in 1962 and several areas have code violations. So this money would be

used by the Public Works department to go in there and examine what code violations there are and that is why we need to be able to do that with the larger amount of money.

On the design Mr. Chairman, that is usually between 400-600 thousand for standard costs and looking at the design of the health facility. As you know Mr. Chairman health facilities are different than schools and other buildings and there are other special requirements for example, for oxygen and so on. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, you do have staff on hand, I don't know what they are being paid for, can't they do their own study within your department to determine the functional programs, whether they need oxygen or other issues. Can't your department officials find determine the functional program, for example in Pond Inlet and Pangnirtung nursing stations can't they do functional studies within your department.

You are going to be spending half a million dollars just for the functional program reviews. I know if we could look at this for example, Pond Inlet, 650 thousand dollars is geared towards that, for health centre replacement. We could hire six people for 650 thousand dollars, and they usually work on this for one month on the design of functional programs. Where does this money go.

Six hundred and fifty thousand dollars, is it just for the design or the functional study. Although he told me what this funding would be used for. Perhaps in the future you could, I am just using the 650 thousand dollars, perhaps you could show us how you divide the funding or do you provide this funding for the architects so they can travel and so they can do the design.

Since we have limited resources for example, the government in total for one fiscal year including the capital estimates, if we are going to be using 650 thousand dollars just for the design alone can't you consider or look for cheaper ways of spending money on the design part. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Chairperson. I think the member makes a good point. One of the things we're looking at is do you need to design a different type of health centre for each community. And one point for example the Department of Education has a standard size school that they would use in each community with depending on seven, eight or nine grades and so on and then you can take it off the shelf and then be able to put it in different communities and that saves us money.

As the member knows it's a little bit different in health in that we have, as the member points out in his opening preamble, governments haven't been building health centres.

The last health centre that we built was actually in Gjoa Haven as the Government of the Northwest Territories and we did a P-3 in Arviat.

So we need to be able to go back to the drawing board in the first step of the planning process and have someone from Public Works and Services as well to help on that design team. They look at all the different services and programs that would be delivered outside of the facility.

But I take the member's point and one of the things that hopefully we'll be able to work on is to get that cost down because I agree with him. If we can lower the cost on the functional program design, the more money we can put into programs. So I would agree with the member. Thank you.

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

Mr. Havioyak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Looking at the new health facilities, that's very encouraging so that our patients don't have to go down south. And now it's right in the community or within the region that the patients will be able to go. As well our young people will be able to utilize these facilities in the future because we can't always go way down south to go to a hospital.

I want to say perhaps in the regions in Rankin and Cambridge Bay I'm just wondering where would the boarding homes be placed. Because it's very stressful for the patients who go down to the hospitals when they have inadequate boarding homes and not knowing where they're going to be placed. In some cases the patients are boarded in other homes but it's very encouraging to hear about the health facilities.

But we also have to look into the boarding homes within the regions so that the people in the communities will be able to go to these facilities without being worried. Another comment in terms of the children who are going into the group homes from other communities, we don't have any programs or placements for group homes because as we know the community populations are starting to expand.

As we said a few days ago and I will say it again, the children who were placed into the group homes have to be placed outside their communities because there are no group homes. That causes a lot of stress in terms of their lifestyle and when they're separated from their parents there's a lot of stress being placed in another community. Their mind, their way of thinking starts to deteriorate.

I am strongly encouraging the minister to work at the group home programs, and I want to stress to you that communities are expanding in terms of population. That is all I have for comments and I have questions to follow. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Havioyak. Yes, you can ask your questions now, the floor is open for questions. Mr. Havioyak.

Mr. Havioyak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In terms of the patients going down to the hospitals, the group homes or the boarding homes, perhaps in Iqaluit as we know there is a boarding home for the patients.

Do you have plans to put boarding homes into the capital plan along with the new health facilities. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, the last boarding home that we owned as a government was Baffin House in Montreal. The government would probably in all likelihood Mr. Chairman, move forward on an RFP to request the private sector for the development or the leasing of space for a group home likely down in Winnipeg, like we've done in Churchill, like we've done in Edmonton. I would expect that is what we would do. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Havioyak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm pleased to hear that, when will this process take place. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman the facility in Kitikmeot is scheduled to be complete in 2004, I would suspect Mr. Chairman six months before the completion date, we would do an RFP for a boarding home facility. Based on the need and what the capacity would be at that time in Cambridge Bay, sometime in late 2003, we would probably do an RFP at that time. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Havioyak (interpretation): Thank you, again because the patients that have come back, they have no place to stay while they are down in the hospitals and that's an example from the Kitikmeot boarding home and I appreciate the answer I received.

(interpretation ends) In reviewing the capital estimates, the items here, which cover the design of hospital health centre replacements and a garage and deck for the group home.

It kind of makes me wonder about the priorities of this department, when you are addressing the needs of a group home that is identified by your community. Sometimes I wonder how they prioritize these things. I'll give you an example, in the capital items here we have the design of a garage and a deck. For the last seven months I have been raising the need for a group home in my community. It is not here and I was advised by the minister that there was a possibility of meeting sometime last week, but that didn't happen.

So I just wonder where that is now, that's why I am raising this again. Where is it going. I don't see anything on the capital and maybe the minister could just update me as to where he stands here on the issue of group homes in Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Haviyak. Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, specifically on the question on the Cambridge Bay facility, as an example. The idea for the deck is for the residents there so they can actually get outside for fresh air and so on. Instead of having them standing outside on the porch, so that's the idea of the deck on to the building.

The idea of course for the garage is because of the wear and tear on the vehicle that we have had and experienced there. The situation in Kugluktuk is a little bit different. What we are looking at right now and that was what I was speaking to the member about, is we have facilities in Baker, we are operating a facility as an example, here in Iqaluit. Is to look at the boarding needs and the needs of Nunavut itself when it comes to a boarding home.

It depends on the patients, what patients we are housing in those homes, Mr. Chairperson. Is it mentally handicapped children, adults, and so on. So that's where we are with that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Haviyak (interpretation): Thank you. As I said, my question is, what is your priority. It seems like the garage is more important than the needs of the children or the people that need to be in the group homes. It seems like your priorities are the other way around.

You are saying that the garage, or the vehicle needs to be housed because it is always outside and it seems your priorities are backwards. My question is, when are group homes going to be a priority. When will I get an answer for Kugluktuk. Just using Kugluktuk for an example, when you will look at the need for a group home in Kugluktuk. That's my question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Haviyak. Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, there is a two part answer to the question and I will try to be brief. The 30 thousand dollars in Cambridge Bay for the deck and the garage, that's only one tenth of one percent of the total capital budget that we are talking about here.

On the group homes specifically, what we are doing right now is a need analysis in Nunavut to look at what we need for group homes. What type of group homes do we need, and that's why I tried to say that there are different group homes that we are

running. For example, Saint Theresa's could be considered a group home. Baker Lake is a group home, there is a group home here in Iqaluit.

So right now, as a department, we are doing a needs analysis across Nunavut to see what needs we have for group homes and where we don't have a group home, where would be the best place to facilitate that. For example, Kugluktuk has made it very strong, very well known to us that they would be interested in having a group home. So that would be part of the needs analysis that we are doing. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation:) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have concerns regarding the future of our young people and the patients that visit our health facilities. I am not too concerned about things like garages for health centres. I am more concerned about the patients that are there for treatment.

I have one question I'd like to raise with the minister. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Alakannuark. You can raise your question. Mr. Alakannuark.

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation:) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have a question for the minister. I know that it has been raised before. I want to ask the minister about people that have to be seen at the health centre. If they are going to build a hospital in Cambridge Bay, do they have plans for a boarding home for patients that will be traveling to Cambridge Bay. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Ed. Picco: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, that is something that we will be looking at as we get farther along in the process in the development of the Cambridge Bay facility. And as I indicated to Mr. Havioyak, I would suspect that some time in 2003, 6 months before, at least 6 months before the opening of the facility in Cambridge Bay, we would be in a position to look at the boarding home that we need on the ground.

That would give enough time for a contractor to be able to facilitate the provision of that space. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Do you have another question. Mr. Alakannuark.

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation:) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I understand his response. When the hospital opens in Cambridge Bay, does the minister expect the hospital and the boarding home would be open at the same time. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Ed. Picco: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, the member is correct. That is what we planned. To have that ability to be able to do that before the facility is open. Again we would base that on what the needs are at that given time. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Minister. I don't have anybody else on my list. We will go on to 10-6. Mr. Iqaqrialu do you have general comments.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If you have me on your list. I have been waiting for a while. While we are discussing capital estimates for Health and Social Services, under buildings and works, as a member, I am in support of new hospitals that will be built in the three regions.

And under Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit. It is very important that we need to be able to diagnose these illnesses. It's important, if we are going to build a hospital, that the equipment is more advanced. Because quite often individuals or people are sent down south for treatment and a lot of the patients find out they have cancer or other illnesses when it's too late.

While we are dealing with the capital estimates it's going to be important that there is more advanced equipment in the hospitals. We'll have to make sure that patients are being seen in the region and not have to travel south. I feel that it will be important to have the technical services available.

There are a lot of people in Nunavut that have mental illness and it'll be important that there are psychiatric services and it's important that there are services available for individuals that are not well mentally.

Those are my comments, I feel the minister and his staff are very capable of dealing with these issues and these services will be made available for people of Nunavut. These things will have to be diagnosed before it is too late. Those are my comments. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Iqaqrialu. If you have any questions, you can raise them now. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): I just want to ask him if they understood my comments earlier. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Not only do I understand these comments, I agree with his comments very strongly in the three health facilities. The major costs for Iqaluit and the Baffin region, Rankin Inlet in the Kivalliq region and Cambridge Bay for the Kitikmeot region will be for new equipment.

New equipment with which we can do the diagnostic work the member is talking about. Roughly Mr. Chairman, we're looking at probably about 15 million dollars in new equipment for those three facilities.

Once we're up and running over the next two years I think that will help with some of the things the member was talking about. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): One other question with respect to mental health issues. Are we going to be provided with mental health testing devices.

Are you aware of these devices that might be made available in the new hospital. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, in response to a question earlier today, I was talking about a mental health strategy that we are putting together and we have a psychiatrist that has spent several years in the Baffin who is now back.

We have him working on a mental health strategy. To my knowledge there is very little equipment available that actually looks at psychological or psychiatric problems. This is usually done through one on one, through counselling, through psychiatric services and analysis.

One of the things that we would try to have in place, are the types of instruments and equipment that would be able to allow us to do more here in the region. As the population gets larger and there are economies of scale for example, maybe we would be in a position where we would actually have a CAT scan. I believe Mr. Chairman, that type of equipment is a long way off. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will ask more questions when we are on the capital issues.

Chairperson (interpretation): I am sorry I didn't hear your question. Can you repeat your question.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Was I speaking English to you. I would like to ask another question, Mr. Chairman. For example, they were going to make telehealth available from Iqaluit to places like Pond Inlet. I wanted to find out if this has been done. Is that in your plan in the near future, Mr. Picco. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Minister.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I am just getting the up to date information on telehealth. Mr. Chairman, as the members in this House know, we have been moving forward aggressively on the telehealth implementation strategy. Last year I spoke to Minister Allan Rock of the Federal Government who brought forward 3 million dollars for our telehealth program in Nunavut and we matched that, the Government of Nunavut matched that.

We spent over six million dollars. So the existing sites today Mr. Chairman, are Iqaluit, Cape Dorset, Pond Inlet, Cambridge Bay and Gjoa Haven. That's where we have existing telehealth sites. We are in the process, with this extra money and so on, to hook up ten more sites. Those are Rankin Inlet, Arviat, Baker Lake, Coral Harbour, Sanikiluaq, Pangnirtung, Igloolik, Arctic Bay, and Mr. Speaker, the member's own home community of Clyde River, as well as Kugluktuk.

The proposed sites are being considered right now and we are hoping to confirm them. About a week and a half ago we did have some of our people for example, in Baker Lake and we are doing a needs assessment on each of those communities to see which communities can be best serviced and accessed through telehealth. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am not sure if my question is making any sense. But with his particular comments I just heard, I don't see anything in the capital plan here in front of me. So I want to find out where it is in the capital plan. Is it in the capital plan, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

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

Hon. Ed. Picco: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, the 3 million dollars from the federal government portion is not in our capital plans. That is the contribution of the federal government. What we have in our capital plan is the capital carry over of a million from last year. As well as the in kind contribution that we've used to match to make up the difference on the 2 million. And the federal government contribution is 3 for a total of 6 million dollars. Mr. Chairman, thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. Iqaqrialu do you have any more comments. Mr. Irqittuq.

Mr. Irqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. With respect to the 5 year capital plan. We approved the 5 year capital plan. If I understand properly, for the health centre for Igloolik in 2002-2003. It is not showing in the capital plans in front of me. But it has been moved to the next 5 year capital plans to 2003-2004. This has been moved and then it would be completed in 2006.

I would like to see this plan proceed. But I don't have too much comments to make. But I would like to ask this question. I would like to get some clarification as to what is happening with the capital plans because I don't see anything under my present document that I have with me. With respect to 2003-2004. There is a plan for 400 thousand. I want to find out what is happening with the health centre plan for Igloolik. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Minister Picco, Mr. Irqittuq has asked you a question.

Hon. Ed. Picco: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The member is correct, in the 5 year capital plans we had done the design work. When the capital plan was put together Minister Ng and his wisdom had allowed for flexibility in the 5 year capital plan.

If I can explain Mr. Chairman. Mr. Ng has allowed for 355 million dollars in the capital plan over the 5 years and of that about 84 million dollars was not allocated. That was to allow for flexibility as members bring issues forward.

I believe, in January, we will have an opportunity, as members, to look at the capital plan and reallocate some of the extra funds for those types of issues. I would hope at that time Mr. Chairman that Igloolik health centre would be one of those programs that we might be able to advance in the capital plan.

Each department as the member is aware we given a target. To match. When we look at our target we have several programs that we are trying to bring forward including the health centre in Igloolik, Pangnirtung as well as Pond. We need to stagger them over them through the years so that we develop a capital plan. I hope that helps answer the member's question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Do you have any more questions or comments. Mr. Irqittuq.

Mr. Irqittuq (interpretation): My colleague is going to help me with this question. Mr. Arvaluk.

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Arvaluk.

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The 2000-2001 budget, we agreed to it and called it the Appropriation Act. We made it the law. Before we changed it ourselves as an Assembly, the minister and the cabinet made a change on the capital plan. So I want to find out if these Appropriation Acts can be changed without an amendment being put forth for this change. Is that possible. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Last year in 2001-2002 we had approved in the budget 650 thousand dollars for the functional program design for the Igloolik facility. At the present time we're in the process of completing that and there is some work now under the design of the facility and the facility is scheduled to begin as the member said next year with site work and then continue with two years of actual construction and the final part will be ready by 2006.

We would expect that early 2006 the people would be able to move into that facility. We're staggering those facilities along within the budget framework that we've been given as a department. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Arvaluk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I asked the minister if it is in the Act because it's already been put in the Appropriation Act in 2000-2001. I'm looking at the capital projects substantiation sheet for 2006-2007 and it's not there. My question is not with the figure, my question is can the minister change the Appropriation Act without making an amendment through this House. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, if I understand the Financial Administration Act and I believe I do, and he's a former minister and he knows that I cannot change the Act independently or arbitrarily before it goes to the House for approval. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Arvaluk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The minister also knows that this House cannot add amounts other than by a motion of recommendation. But yet we see the legislation appropriating the government expenditures with the 5 year capital plan including the Igloolik health centre, being removed without amendment or even discussion in the Standing Committee. Can the minister explain to this House how does he manoeuvre this without making an amendment to the Appropriation Act. Thank you.

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

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, we are approving the capital plan for this year. The capital plan, the 5 year capital plan is a forecast of the expenditures to occur. This capital plan and the book that the member has in front of him, it shows the projects that we have under approval through this capital plan for this planning year, for this fiscal cycle.

The future years' plan, next year for example Mr. Chairman, on the 5 year capital plan, Igloolik will come back in to the capital plan and you will see a future list for that project. The capital plan, which you see in front of you on your book, Mr. Chairman, doesn't list

every project for the next five years. These are the projects that you are approving for this fiscal year. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Iqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Maybe because I am not understanding this capital planning process, but for Pangnirtung, there was nothing in the five year capital plan, but now it is in this year for 985 thousand dollars. Maybe that's why I am mixed up or I am misunderstanding the process.

Because the five year plan for Igloolik is written up quite well but it's not in the previous pages. I am not sure exactly how, are we going to be following the five year capital plan as it is written. Is that the way it is going to be. Thank you.

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

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, if I look at it based on the pages, the member would look in our book at page 10-7 in the capital estimates book. You will see for example the Pang facility. We had planned it as a functional program. There is 450 thousand for the Pang facility for this fiscal year. That's why it is there. You can see in prior year costs, we have spent 15, so it had to have been in the budget before, we had spent 15 thousand. This year we will spend 450.

Later on, at some point we will spend 985 thousand. The Igloolik facility, Mr. Chairman, we have it budgeted for 2001/2002 there was 650 thousand spent. But because there was no budget for this year, because that money is undergoing, we did the design work and so on this year, for that project, next year when we do the 2003/2004 budget you will see Igloolik then pop in with a budget. Then in the other column you will see a prior year cost of what we spent.

I don't know if that helps explain what has happened there. But it is not Mr. Chairman, unlike any of the other capital that we have done in any of the other departments to date. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Iqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. How come in the five year plan Pangnirtung was never there before in the five year plan. It started out with a plan there for Pangnirtung before but there was no money at all for Pangnirtung.

All of a sudden it is in the capital plan, the capital estimates. There was no money at all in the capital estimate for Pangnirtung. There was a little bit in there, but there was nothing for a 5 year capital plan for Pangnirtung. But now all of a sudden you can see it in here in the amount of 985 thousand. I just wondered how you came up with that figure.

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

Hon. Ed. Picco: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, in the 5 year capital plan you have projects that appear that may be a priority like some of the concerns brought forward by hamlets and members and the 5 year capital plan never reflected what the communities wanted. You will see though Mr. Chairman, we have spent 15 thousand dollars in the capital plans. So it was in the capital plan last year after we developed the capital plan that we have.

The expenditure in Pangnirtung for example will not occur, which is a concern by the way for some people in Pangnirtung, until next year, the 450 thousand amount. The actual construction then won't occur for three years. Igloolik will be moving forward because it isn't in the plan.

For example, Mr. Arvaluk and I are working on the Chesterfield Inlet program and I can't get an RFP for it. I might have to put Chesterfield in the capital plan now although it wasn't there last year and the year before last. So that allows for flexibility Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Irqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Last question, Mr. Chairman. Yes, I understand your explanation Mr. Minister. Under the plans that were made in November that Pangnirtung gets 15 thousand dollars this year or last year.

Igloolik had in total 551 thousand dollars. Looking at the 5 year capital plan, Pangnirtung only had 15 thousand in the 5 year capital plan. There was nothing for Pangnirtung for the 5 years. Where did you get the money for the 5 year capital plan for Pangnirtung.

I am not saying that health facility isn't required in Pangnirtung. It doesn't seem to make sense for the 5 year capital plans. Where did the money come from. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Ed. Picco: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, the member is correct that 15 thousand has been spent. If you move forward then the allocation is for 450 and then according to the capital plan, there would be no money spent again until 2006-2007 in Pangnirtung. That is a concern of ours. What we said earlier as Mr. Ng has explained as the Minister of Finance, that is the allocated capital plan for years 2, 3, 4, 5. That is the plan that you have there. There is 25 percent or more that has not been allocated to a specific project. That is why we tried to move forward the Igloolik project and so on in the capital plans that you have in there.

We had the basis of what was given to the Department of Health. The allocation amount. So that is why it was in there for the 15. If I had to put in the 450 we would have been over the allocation. It wouldn't have been there.

So when I go the department's 5 year capital plan it's there. If you look at your book, you can see indeed there was an expenditure the year before that was approved by this Assembly a year ago.

I don't know if that is the best explanation. Maybe Mr. Ng could explain the capital planning process a little bit better than that. I could ask Mr. Ng to explain that to us. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Iqittuq

Mr. Iqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It won't explain any better but my question is where did you get the money from, the amount of 450 thousand dollars. In the 5 year capital plan it wasn't there originally. Where did you get the 450 thousand for Pangnirtung. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That's the estimated amount that was put in place. We estimated it would cost that for the functional program design. What we've done for the facility that's up to 450 thousand amount. Thank you.

So for example in Pond, we had originally scheduled 650 thousand, I don't think we've ever spent that much. That's where the amount came from. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Iqittuq.

Mr. Iqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Is the minister saying that the 450 thousand dollars was taken out of Pond Inlet and given it to Pangnirtung.

My question is where did you get the 450 thousand dollars. Where did you take it out from to put it into Pangnirtung.

Hon. Ed Picco: I understand you better. The capital plan that was proposed and the members had the opportunity to vote for is where we have that amount, for Pangnirtung 450 thousand dollars for functional program design for the facility.

We haven't taken it from anywhere, it's not taken from the Igloolik project or the Pond Inlet project. It's a new number that's in there for our capital plan and based on estimates from our capital planner Ms. Brown, we've looked at 450 thousand dollars, we think we can design and have a functional program for the health facility in Pangnirtung. It didn't come from any other project.

When we approve the capital plan each year, we approve the capital plan for that project, for that specific fiscal year. So for example last year we approved 15 thousand for Pangnirtung, that's probably for site visits, where our consultant from the functional

program team would have went to Pangnirtung and looked at it and then came back this year, now we need to be able to visit and design a functional program.

So the 450 never came from anyone else's project. It's specifically for approval here today. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Minister. Do you want to go page by page. 10-6. Mr. Havioyak.

Mr. Havioyak (interpretation): Thank you. I would just like to put a question to the minister. (interpretation ends) On the five year capital plan, you have listed four projects for the future, which include Pond, Pang, Igloolik and Repulse Bay.

Can the minister provide an update on how the new projects or renovations to facilities in the other communities will be prioritized. How will they do that in the future to avoid these kinds of discussions we're having, so we know what you are trying to do here for the future plans for the other communities. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Like every department, the Department of Health prioritizes its programs, its capital projects and brings that forward to the House, to the FMB for approval.

For example our estimates right now for 2002-2003 that we are looking at is 5 million 800 thousand dollars in approval for capital projects. Next year you are looking at 2 million 700 thousand dollars. That again is based on the way we've been able to develop a capital plan. That allows for flexibility. There may be more money voted by the Assembly approved as a priority for the Department of Health and Social Services to put forward.

For example, if there was an urgent need for a facility like I said earlier like Chesterfield. If something didn't work out with the RFP then that money could go into the budget. Which is the same as it is for every other government department. So this year we have 5.8 million dollars. Next year we are looking at 2.7 million dollars. That may increase based on the allocation that would be done by the House as well as the Financial Management Board.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Minister. 10-6. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Are we going page by page or are we asking questions still.

Chairperson (interpretation): I thought that you already had. We are now going page by page. Department of Health and Social Services. Branch summary. Directorate. Total capital expenditures, 5 million 860 thousand dollars.

Buildings and works. We are on 10-7. We will get back to 10-6. Total Qikiqtaaluk region, 5 million 530 thousand. Questions. Mr. Alakannuark.

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation:): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I don't have a question. I was just going to ask about the page number. That has been clarified. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation:): Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation:): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. For Pangnirtung, the money is going to be used for the Health Centre replacement. Just going back to Mr. Iqittuq's question. It is not in the 5 year plan. Then there are communities that were in the 5 year plan that are not included here. I'd like to take that out. Thank you.

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

Hon. Ed. Picco: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, if we look at how the capital planning process came forward. In 1999-2000 that was a jam packed capital plan that we were all quite upset about when we approved it at Inukshuk high school.

Next year, 2000-2001 we looked at traveling around to different communities. For example, I went to Resolute Bay and Grise Fiord for community consultations and then we built the beginning of our 5 year capital plan.

At that time there was program money in there that we approved last year, only two and a half years into this project. Because we have been elected for only two and a half years. So for last year 2001-2002 it was 15 thousand dollars in the capital budget that the Members of this House approved for Pangnirtung.

For this year we have 450 thousand dollars in the budget to complete the functional programming design of the facility. So it hasn't magically popped up. It was there last year and it is there this year. Last year was the first year we actually put together and massaged that capital plan. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation:): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. For 2001-2002, 15 thousand was just to plan the health centre, that's it, just to look at it. The 450 thousand dollars isn't in the 5 year plan so I wouldn't mind at all if it was taken out.

Chairperson (interpretation:): The 450 thousand is in the 5 year plan under 2002/2003 budget, it's been planned for 2002/2003, it's in the 5 year plan. Mr. Arvaluk.

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Regarding the Pangnirtung health centre replacement, the money that is put in for 2002/2003 is 450 thousand and then there's a big gap between 2003 and 2006.

Can the minister tell me what, for the 2002/2003 functional program, because there's a big gap between the two, what is the 985 thousand going to be used for. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, the member is observant, he'll note that, like in Igloolik, last year we approved 650 and that was the point I think the Member for Amittuq was making because there's a big gap again until 2003/2004, where the 400 comes in.

James just pointed out rightly so, that we see the 450 for 2002/2003 for Pang and then nothing till 2006/2007 because each department would be given a percentage from their past expenditures under an envelope to spend, that's where we have allocated some money.

As I said earlier I'm allowed 5.8 million dollars this year, and next year according to my plan today, there's only 2.7 million dollars there but in January when the members bring forward suggestions in the FMB, we will look at the reallocations.

So for example, I would expect Pang would move closer on the five year capital plan and in Igloolik we would actually pick up some extra dollars, so that's the unallocated amount. So I think that's where the confusion is with the amount in the allocated target. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Irqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Maybe I'm just slow at understanding what's being said here. Health and Social Services are short of funds and how can they do this. I'm just finding it hard to understand.

When you look at the 5 year plan capital plan, this is up to 2006/2007 and then in June it wasn't there and under 2006/2007 the amount is there. In the appendix it wasn't there in 2003 the amount that is. But now it has been put in. I am just confused. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): I think we are trying to clarify under Health and Social Services. Mr. Minister, the members are trying to find out where this 450 thousand dollars came from.

Under the 2002-2003 budget it is 450 thousand and there is a gap between 2002-2003 and 2006-2007. Under 2006-2007 there is 985 thousand dollars. That is the question that the members are trying to clarify.

The question the members are raising is where did you get the 450 thousand dollars. Was it to be used for 2005-2006. Mr. Minister.

Hon. Ed. Picco: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If we look in the appendix in our capital planning book on page A19. You will see the 2001-2002 budget and the plan going up to 2006-2007 and you will see in very dark black. You will see the amount of 5 million 645 thousand dollars. And the next 2.7 million dollars.

And you would see the year before we had 15 for Pangnirtung and this year 450 thousand dollars. And Igloolik as Enoki and others have pointed out flips that year. There is nothing there. In the following year it picks up. My capital budget for next year is only half of what it is this year. As I said earlier, in January we have an opportunity for the reallocation of some money for the capital plan.

And the amount, the target that I was given is there. Which is 2.7 million. So it shows it didn't come about magically. The 450 thousand dollars for Pangnirtung for this year just didn't appear. Last year we spent 15 thousand and this year 450. There is a gap for those three years. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Mr. Irqittuq can go first.

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Irqittuq.

Mr. Irqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Maybe if I ask the question this way it will be clarified. We agreed to the 2002-2003 budget. The 5 year capital plan. We have the capital estimates for 2002-2003 in front of us. There are changes, that is why I am asking these questions. Amounts that weren't there before are there now.

So will Igloolik be able to get some money for 2003-2004. Will money be put in for that just like the 450 was put into Pangnirtung. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The way we planned was you estimate down the road for the other plans. I can tell the minister or the member for 2003-2004 there will be money in that capital budget for Igloolik because that's what we're already stating in the estimates. I believe it's 400 thousand. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): I think we have to understand each other. Their capital plan for 2006-2007 has not been approved but we have to approve the capital plans every

year, annually. Right now we're at 2002-2003 so we can approve these but the other years in the 5 year plan for the future, we are not able to approve it at this time. We are not dealing with it. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. You're correct Mr. Chairman but this is only 450 thousand and it'll be used only in one year and it's going to be used towards the health centre planning. It's supposed to be used under the capital plan for one year. Is it going to be just used for the expansion of the health centre.

If we were to look at the Igloolik health centre it says it's for Igloolik for 2002-2003. There's nothing there but in 2004, 4 thousand is allocated and up to 2005 it's all in those years in the future years. But 450 thousand for Pangnirtung and from Igloolik it might be transferred to Pangnirtung. So Igloolik will lose out. I think that's the way it is, the way I see it. That's where the problem is.

We have to consult with our communities with respect to the 5 year capital plan. But with respect to the 450 thousand it's not going to be over 450 thousand and we will approve it. But if it's going to be over that then we are not going to approve. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Igloolik does not have anything under the 5 year capital plan at this stage, 2002-2003 there's nothing under the 5 year capital plan if it's not stated in our documents. Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The new planning cycle process that we have was put in place in the past year, so it's understandable there's confusion over what's happening here.

So I'm going to take one more stab at it. The 450 thousand dollars that we had in there for Pang. If it's approved in this budget, it will start functional program design work. And the next figure on page 8-19 when you look at the 5 year plan, my target is 2.7 and that's my preliminary target right now but probably in early 2002, probably in April around that period of time, we'll have had a chance to look at reallocation of the other monies that everyone's agreed to, that's explained in everyone's book.

So at that time Igloolik steps up to the plate and the Member for Igloolik will say look we need to bring that forward and I would go into the capital plans, so instead of 2.7 maybe I'll go back up then to 5 million and I'll be able to do the Pond and the Igloolik facilities or Pang and Igloolik. So we would be adding to it. So right now the 2.7 that you are seeing in the capital plan is just a preliminary planning target for the capital plan.

The final target, the final amount will be determined by the members and by the FMB next spring and fall when we come back to the House, that's what we all agreed to in the capital planning process.

Health is no different than Education or Public Works and these other departments that we've seen. The 450 is for approval now so I hope that explains a little bit more. The 5.8 is for today and next year, next fall we'll have an opportunity to bring that 2.7 up to Igloolik. And for example Mr. Chairman, Pang would go further into the budget. Thanks.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Does the Chairman for the Health Committee have comments to clarify this. Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Health Minister was saying that we're trying to approve 5.6 million at this time, according these capital plans and he's saying 2.7. He's talking about 2.7, if I understand him correctly is that what he was referring to. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Under A-19, according to what the minister is referring to 2 million 700 thousand, 2003/2004 that's what it states in here. Total 2002/2003, 2 million 730 thousand total on page A-19. Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. A-19, which the minister was talking about, 5 million 645 thousand is what we're trying to approve. The way I understood that we would have to approve 2.7 in next coming year, according to this plan, that's what I understood. He was stating that he might be able to move this 2.7 to Igloolik is that what the minister was referring to.

Chairperson (interpretation): No, he was not referring to that. Mr. Minister, if you can try and clarify.

Hon. Ed Picco: Yes, Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just very quickly again. For 2002/2003 we're trying to approve 5.8 million and the question was raised at the beginning where did the 450 come from for Pang.

I tried to explain that they had spent 15 the year before and we have 450 now. And then the question was raised, what about Igloolik, there's a large gap there, so I tried to explain that right now for next year the Department of Health is only forecasting 2.7 million dollars for 2003/2004, for next year.

That's a preliminary target that we have right now, the final target, the final amount for the capital for next year will be determined by the FMB and the Members of the Standing Committees. So at that time Igloolik might pop up with a million or Pang might come with less than a million at that time so right now we approve the 5.8 and then next year the preliminary amount right now is 2.7.

It's up to the members and the FMB when we get a chance to look at it in June and in the fall, the legislation final target will be there and at that time Igloolik like I said may be advanced in the capital projects. So it's just a preliminary figure.

So the 5.8 is a real figure that we're approving right now and then my target for next year I plan for 2.7. We have allowed every member in the beginning of their looking at the process, there's money that's not allocated and that's the money that members and FMB have an opportunity to allocate in the fall which would include the amount for Igloolik. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Nutarak. Is it clear now. Mr. Arvaluk

Mr. Arvaluk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, we agree, Yes, Mr. Chairman if you look at Pangnirtung 450 thousand, 15 thousand 985 up to 2007. It reflects appendix A-19 perfectly but if you look at Igloolik it's blank in the 5 year capital plan but if it's stated in A-19 that's exactly what's the minister's saying, so okay. What is the inconsistency between those two, this is the question. Thank you.

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

Hon. Ed Picco: Because the projects we are looking at right now are active projects. We've already approved the money before for the plan that's going on in Igloolik, there's no money in the budget now for that. Right now there's no money budgeted for this year, so that's why it's not showing up there, that's why in your book you have an appendix A-19.

So you can see where the money is being spent as we get through this cycle. Because it's not an active project this year, James. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Page 10-7. Buildings and works. Total for Baffin, 5 million 530 thousand. Questions. Are you agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): All those opposed. Carried. Total Keewatin, 25 thousand, do you agree. Mr. Alakannuark.

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have a question I'd like a clarification and I would like to be understood properly.

In Keewatin, in Repulse Bay the health centre is being established by the Hamlet, the foundation for the health centre. The Hamlet Council was talking about the foundation and the minister was saying that he was working closely with the hamlet councils of the Nunavut communities.

So I would like to find out from his department are they planning closely together. Is he consulting the hamlet councils closely in respect to the foundation of the health centre that's going to be built in Repulse Bay. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, the member's correct. We had to put 700 thousand dollars in the budget last year for the functional program for the facility. It's seventeen years old. The barn-shaped building leaks. There are problems with the windows and when I was there two months ago there was actually a leak. There was a hole in the roof that was leaking. There are apartments for nurses and dental therapists so we need to build a new facility there.

We have been working, Mr. Chairman, our community consultant actually was in the community. We're doing the functional program review now and the next step is the programmer will be back in the community to consult with the hamlet and mayor on exactly the design that we are bringing forward.

This is again a similar situation to what the member for Amittuq and Mr. Arvaluk was talking about earlier. The retrofit in the capital plan last year we put 700 if it's not clear on this book right now for approval here. So hopefully there'll be no more project administration put forward for the capital planning next year. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. Alakannuark.

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Do I understand you that in the year 2002-2003 you will start the initial stage of that work. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, we hoped that by March 31, 2002 that the functional program and the design for that facility would be complete. And then that would be one of the things that we would be bringing forward for consideration to the members and to the Assembly for our projects for next year. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Okay. Total Keewatin, 25 thousand. Do you agree.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Total Kitikmeot, 30 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Total Buildings and Works, 5 million 585 thousand. Questions. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. 10-8. Health and Social Services. Branch Summary. Directorate. Equipment Acquisition. Total Qikiqtaaluk Region, 115 thousand. Questions. Mr. Arvaluk.

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There's a variance here. Kivalliq, Qikiqtaaluk and Kitikmeot are different. The 115 thousand they talk about for equipment and vehicles. The vehicles that you will be purchasing, do you look for the cheapest vehicles. Do you look for the cheapest vehicles to purchase and how much does one vehicle cost approximately. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, under the equipment and vehicle services there are some vehicles and some are medical equipment as needed in the health centres. But on the equipment, vehicle purchases are in terms of Nunavut Government guidelines and we're making sure we're getting the best value for the dollar spent. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): Do I understand for example that just looking at 80 thousand, I think we're still on Qikiqtaaluk Region. Qikiqtaaluk Region, 115 thousand. How many vehicles does that usually purchase. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman on average it's about thirty, thirty-five thousand for a van. For the rest of the money it would be for medical equipment, the diagnostic equipment for our health centres. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you. This 115 thousand dollars, which community is it going to be geared towards. Thank you.

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

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That's one of the things that will be done within the department. They would look at the needs, for example if the community needs a new incubator, that would be purchased for the community which needed new diagnostic equipment. Then it would be purchased. So it's prorated and prioritised based on the need at the community level.

In this case for the Qikiqtaaluk region it would be all the Baffin, so it could be any one of the 13 communities in the Baffin region. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, I would like to see this vehicle money for my community, I'm serious I would like to. Because I would like to see this funding or the budget go to a smaller community. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. One of the things we've been able to negotiate with the federal government is for our home community care, under that program we're training people in every community that takes care of people who are shut in and each community would get a vehicle so the member's community will be getting a vehicle under that program for sure. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Minister. What's your wish. Total Qikiqtaaluk region, we're on page 10-8, 115 thousand any other questions. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Total Kivalliq region, 80 thousand. Questions. Do you agree. Mr. Alakannuark.

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. For equipment and vehicles I would like to make a comment on that. The health centres require proper vehicles. And I know that, the health centre vehicle is usually two wheel drive and they don't have four wheel drive so they require four wheel drive. I know that the health centre vehicles have two wheel drive.

So that they can go through heavy snow, especially when there's an emergency they should be four wheel drive so therefore I'm requesting that you consider buying four wheel drive because in one of my communities all they have is two wheel drive vehicles. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The member makes a good point, just in consultation with the staff, indeed that is the case that the vehicles going into the communities will be four wheel or all wheel drive. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, any other comments. Total Kivalliq region, 80 thousand. Do you agree.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Total Kitikmeot region, 80 thousand. Do you agree.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Total equipment acquisition, 275 thousand. Do you agree.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Total capital expenditures, 5 million 860 thousand. Do you agree. Mr. Havioyak.

Mr. Havioyak: That number also comes out on the appendix A-20, 5 million 860 thousand. When you look at the Kitikmeot region for the next five years there's nothing planned there, it concerns me, I'm just wondering if you are communicating with the Kitikmeot communities.

There's nothing planned and I know we raised some issues about the facilities there. It seems like when you look at the page like this, it seems like we're ignored in that region, so is there something planned for the next five years for our region there, some type of facilities because I've been raising it for the last few months and nothing's showing. It concerns me. I concluded with these comments six months ago at the last sitting and there is nothing showing here. I want some explanation from the minister on that.

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

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman. It depends on the age of the building. In the Kitikmeot for example we've built Gjoa Haven, Kugluktuk, Taloyoak all brand new buildings, in 1984 to 1998.

For example we are planning on replacing the facility in Cambridge Bay, we've installed the tele-health equipment in two communities in Cambridge as well as Gjoa Haven. It depends on the facility itself, Mr. Chairman for our capital planning, and what the capital needs will be in that region. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Havioyak

Mr. Havioyak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I hate to mention this, I'm not against what Cambridge Bay wants to do, again, I'm in support of what they want there. Again you mentioned another Cambridge Bay Project. Replacement for Cambridge Bay for next year, it's not showing here anyway. Why is that. Is there something here that I should know. Thank you.

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

Hon. Ed Picco: Kelvin didn't want it in there, no, Mr. Chairman the facility in Cambridge Bay, as well as the facility in Rankin Inlet and the one in Iqaluit are being

developed through a partnership with the three development corporations and therefore don't appear in our capital plan. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The total of capital expenditures, I cannot agree to it myself and I won't agree to it myself because of this 450 thousand that's going towards Pangnirtung. I'm sure that it's going to misplace our plans for upcoming years. I feel that if Pangnirtung is going to be taking away what the other communities such as Igloolik were going to have, we are not giving the true facts to the public.

If we had planned ahead in the past for the Pangnirtung health replacement, I would have liked to have seen it in the previous plans but according to A-19, 450 thousand is all on its own all the way up to 2007, and there's nothing after.

Looking at Qikiqtaaluk region total, 5 million 645 thousand, this 2 million is in there and it's not towards Pangnirtung. And it's down at the total, it's included in the total only. So I think there might be a problem occurring here.

Two million 525 thousand, it's the same as what Igloolik was going to get. So I'm sure that there's going to be a problem and one program will take away from another project. When you make a one year plan in the future I would question the process or what your department is doing. But just now because I don't understand this situation I won't be able to agree to it. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Total Equipment Acquisition. I'm sorry. Total capital expenditures, 5 million 860 thousand. Are you saying you won't be able to approve it. A member wants to reject this. Are there any other comments. Are you in agreement. Do you agree.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Opposed. Mr. Iqaqrialu. Just a minute. Member for Uqqummiut, 5 million 860 thousand. Total Capital Expenditures. Member for Uqqummiut, Mr. Iqaqrialu, please clarify yourself. Opposed. Agreed. What did you say. Mr. Arvaluk.

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If we're not going to approve this, the ones we're reviewing now, Mr. Iqaqrialu would have to make a motion and have a vote and that's the only way we can do it. If there is no motion on the floor that's why we just agreed to it verbally. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Yes, Mr. Iqaqrialu is opposed. Is that what you're saying because one member opposed. I understand the Member for Nanulik is trying to say if I understand him correctly that we need a motion to reject. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you. I know you have the number of the members who agreed and I opposed. And I will oppose it. How do you expect me to make a motion.

Chairperson (interpretation): Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, just for a clarification purposes I don't think the numbers against the total amount and if you vote for example if the members voted against this project, the ones in Igloolik or Pond or any other projects couldn't go ahead. I think the member has a concern with the 450 that's sitting in the capital projects. I think his motion would be just about the 450 and not about the other projects.

Second point, Mr. Chairman, I want to maybe give him another explanation for the 450 and that is next year or this fall the member will have an opportunity with the other members to add to that budget. Because that's the money I'm only using as my planning target right now, the 2.7 for the Igloolik.

Another place for example is the facility in Repulse, which can come back into the capital plan. It's not something that magically appeared or disappeared within the plan. So I hope that's a better explanation of the motion the member is trying to make and I wanted to ask him to put that forth please. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Yes, that 450 thousand was approved already, only one person opposed. Okay 10-8. Total Capital Expenditures, 5 million 860 thousand. Questions. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Going back to 10-5. Department of Health and Social Services. Program summary. Detail of expenditures. Total Capital Expenditures, 5 million 860 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. I would like to thank the minister and his officials for appearing before us this afternoon. What is the wish of the committee, Mr. Arvaluk.

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would have proposed a motion to extend before six, but it's after six now, I think it's a little late, so I would like to hear from the Chairperson if it's too late. I would like to report progress after Sustainable Development makes their opening remarks.

We were supposed to make a motion before six so we can't do it now. I'm sorry I forgot about it. For that reason I would like you to report progress.

Chairperson (interpretation): Time went really fast, about 100 miles an hour today, our clock went too fast. The motion is not debatable. All in favour to report progress. We will report progress. The Speaker can come back to the House now.

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 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. There's a motion on the floor. Is there a seconder. Mr. Ng.

>>*Applause*

The motion is in order. All those in favour. All those opposed. The motion is carried. Item 21. Third Reading of Bills. Members, before we conclude for the day, I will say when Mr. Picco raised a point of order I believe it was a point of clarification, so that's the way we'll deal with it. Item 22. Orders of the Day. Mr. Clerk.

Item 22: Orders of the Day

Clerk (Mr. Quirke): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Meeting of the Management Services Board at half past six in the Tuktu boardroom.

Orders of the day for Tuesday, November 27, 2001.

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22. Orders of the Day

Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. The House stands adjourned until November 27, 2001 at 1:30.

Sergeant-At-Arms

>>*House adjourned at 6.13 p.m.*

