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**Item 1: Opening Prayer**

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

>>*Prayer*

**Speaker:** Good afternoon, Mr. Deputy Premier, members. Ublukkuut. Orders of the Day. Item 2. Ministers' Statements. Minister Ng.

**Item 2: Ministers' Statements**

**Minister's Statement 117 - 1(5): Ministers' Absence From House - Thompson & Kilabuk**

**Hon. Kelvin Ng:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to advise members that the Honourable Manitok Thompson will be absent from the House from November 27 to 30, to attend the Federal-Provincial-Territorial Housing Ministers meeting in Quebec City.

Also, Mr. Speaker, I wish to advise members that the Honourable Peter Kilabuk is ill today and will be absent for today. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you, Minister. Item 2. Ministers' Statements. Mr. Kattuk.

**Minister's Statement 118 - 1(5): Nunavut Status of Women Council Office**

**Hon. Peter Kattuk:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On Monday morning I was honoured to join Nunavut's Status of Women Council Member Annie Tatty, in cutting the ribbon to open the first Nunavut Status of Women Council office.

The office is located on the second floor of the Igluvut Building here in Iqaluit. A phone number will be announced soon. Sally Webster, the newest member of the council met with other members for the first time during these meetings. I would like to extend a warm welcome to her and all council members.

Their meetings over the past few days have focused on reviewing the Status of Women Act and prioritizing their activities. A booklet on Breast Self Examination is in the works

with funding from Health Canada for breast cancer initiatives. I thank the council members for inviting me to meet with them and I look forward to hearing more about their discussions.

I ask members to join me in supporting the council as they continue their important work in their new office. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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

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

#### **Member's Statement 332 - 1(5): Working Together**

**Mr. Alakannuark** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to rise today to speak from my heart. I am happy today to rise and speak about how we can support each other using Inuit Qaujimagatunangit. We have to think about our ancestors because they work very hard to be able to support their families.

They helped out whoever was in need. That's the way we should be doing it too for ourselves and for our children. If we can do this it will be very good for all of us. Thank you very much Mr. Speaker, for letting me make my statement.

>>Applause

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

#### **Member's Statement 333 - 1(5): Nunavummiut: Most Generous Donors**

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, last year about this time, I rose in the House to inform members that Nunavummiut had been calculated to be among the most generous charitable donors in Canada. Mr. Speaker, according to Statistics Canada today, Nunavut is now in the top spot of all provinces and territories with a median donation of 340 dollars to charities in the year 2000, and PEI Mr. Chairman, was in second place.

The largest increase in donors was recorded in Nunavut, up 9.5%. Total donations went up by 14.1% in Nunavut and over 1.5 million dollars was donated by Nunavummiut last year.

Mr. Speaker, last year I spoke about how this level of generosity was a testament to the kindness and the spirit of our neighbours and our communities. Even as we continue to struggle with poverty and social issues that are daunting at the best of times, news like today reminds us of the decency of our people.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask all members to join me again this year in helping to ensure that Nunavut remains the most giving of all Canadian jurisdictions in the year 2001. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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

### **Item 5: Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery**

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize my constituency assistant Geela Pitseolak and I would like to thank her for assisting me. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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

**Hon. Jack Anawak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The other member from Rankin Inlet is not here, so I would like to recognize the people from Rankin Inlet behind me. My aunt, Annie Tatty who is a member of the Status of Women Council. Also on the other side, I have constituents Sandy Kusugak, who was recently appointed as Chief Electoral Officer for NTI. They are both from Rankin Inlet and are my constituents. Also Diane Tiktak. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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

**Hon. Peter Kattuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The members that I spoke about in my minister's statement are here today and I would like to welcome them to the House. They are Madeleine Komoartuk, Annie Napayok, Rhoda Nanuk, Leah May, Annie Tatty, and Rhoda Arreak and Helen Maksagak who are not here. Also here is Sally Webster who is a new member of the council. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker:** Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Puqiqnak.

**Mr. Puqiqnak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize a person from Taloyoak, she is also a member of the Status of Women Council. I am sure she will be doing a good job to represent the people of Taloyoak, Rhoda Nanuk.

>>Applause



**Speaker:** Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. McLean.

**Mr. McLean:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It gives me great pleasure to recognize a constituent of mine, the Minister of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth already did it, but I would also like to add that she is very active in the traditional economy. Some of the beautiful wall hangings you see in this Assembly are marketed by Sally Webster. I would like to recognize Sally Webster from Baker Lake.

>> *Applause*

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

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would like to begin by welcoming in the gallery a well-known entrepreneur, a businesswoman and a constituent of mine, Mrs. Natsiq Kango. Welcome to the gallery.

I'd also like to welcome to the gallery the team from Canadian North. You will have other introductions today from the people from Arviat. So I will introduce Kelly Kaylo from Canadian North, next to Kelly is Eva Onalik, next to Kelly on this side is a new flight attendant, Mr. Speaker, we're very proud of Canadian North for the hiring of northerners to be flight attendants.

One of them is present, Mr Anawak already introduced one. I will introduce and welcome Mr. Gary Phillip. And next to the other flight attendant who's already been introduced is Mr. Dan Cain, I'd like to welcome them to the gallery. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Welcome to the gallery. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. If not I have somebody from my own community to recognize. We have Sandy Reinehanner, Deputy Mayor and also the nurse-in-charge from Arviat, Sandy welcome. Haddie Alagalak, hamlet councillor and also our trusty SAO Darren Flynn.

Moving on to Item 6. Oral Questions. Item 6. Oral Questions. Mr. Tootoo.

### **Item 6: Oral Questions**

#### **Question 340 - 1(5): Indeterminate, Term and Agency Nurses in Nunavut**

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question today is for the minister responsible for Health and Social Services. Mr. Speaker, we're all aware of the fact that in Nunavut, here in Iqaluit and every community in Nunavut is facing severe shortages of nurses in the communities.

I'd like to ask the Minister of Health and Social Services how many nurses we have in Nunavut and out of those nurses how many of them are indeterminate and how many of those nurses are agency nurses. If he has exact numbers that'll be fine or if he's got percentages that's fine as well. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. Minister Responsible for Health and Social Services.

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, in the Baffin I'll give them by region. In the Baffin we have 54 indeterminate positions, in the Kivalliq we have 21 and in the Kitikmeot we have four for a total of 79. Term positions Mr. Speaker, we have four in the Baffin, we have nine in Kivalliq and we have none in the Kitikmeot for a total of 13. Mr. Speaker, we have a total of 145.5 nurses in all of Nunavut and we also have one nurse under a mentorship program. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is a pleasure to get numbers for questions when you ask the minister. Nice to see.

Mr. Speaker, the minister I believe indicated and I'm not sure if there were a total of 145.5 nurses throughout Nunavut, and roughly 92 of those are term or indeterminate. So I guess that leaves about 50 or so that are agency nurses. I'd like to ask the minister what the difference in cost is between an indeterminate nurse and an agency nurse. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister Picco.

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, an agency nurse is a nurse we would bring in, what we would call a locum. An agency nurse would go into a community when we have a shortage or we don't have a nursing position or an indeterminate or a term position in that place. They actually fill in.

In that case, Mr. Speaker, using an agency nurse is very expensive. You hire the nurse from an agency, a nursing agency, it could be the Nightingale Agency as an example, and that person comes in for six or eight weeks and is paid their salary and everything is paid to the agency. It is more expensive to do that than to have an indeterminate or a term position. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Supplementary. Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I guess looking at the numbers almost a third of our nurses are agency nurses and considering that they are much more expensive as the minister indicated, what exactly, if the minister could indicate, what kind of benefits or what are the terms of employment differences between an indeterminate nurse and an agency nurse. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister.

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, an indeterminate or a term position nurse is an employee of the Government of Nunavut. An agency nurse, who is a

temporary hire, would work for the Government of Nunavut almost like a freelance position. They would be the employee of an agency, like I mentioned earlier the Nightingale Agency.

What we have put in place Mr. Speaker, as the House knows, is a 24 thousand dollar supplement, a market labour supplement, to increase our term and our indeterminate positions. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, as the minister indicated we are all aware of the 24 thousand signing bonus for indeterminate nurses. It appears that we still have a third of our nurses that are agency nurses and it is costing us quite a bit more. I would like to ask the minister, for these agency nurses as he basically had indicated, they are freelance, and they are hired on an as and when type basis.

Is it up to the individual or the agency or the nurse to get themselves to and from where they are working or is that a cost that is borne by the Department of Health and Social Services as well as their accommodations for those agency nurses and so on. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you. Minister.

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, we have had some very good success in the last three months with our nurse recruitment for indeterminate and term staff. As an example Mr. Speaker, in the numbers that I gave earlier, we had 145.5 nursing positions, term and indeterminate positions in Nunavut. Of that, at the present time Mr. Speaker, there are 19 out of 145 positions which are agency nurses.

So Mr. Speaker, that number is quite low, but the member is correct when you hire an agency nurse you are paying a premium for that service and that is one of the reasons why Mr. Speaker, we are continuing with the recruitment and retention issues as well as the recommendations from the Najat Report last year. I think finally Mr. Speaker, over the past several weeks we have a team right now in southern Canada recruiting again for us.

We have recruited the Australian nurses who will come after Christmas. So actually Mr. Speaker, we are actually in a better position now than we ever have been as a government since April 1, 1999. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

### **Question 341 - 1(5): Dental Therapist for Baker Lake School**

**Mr. McLean:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question today is to the Minister of Health and Social Services. It is an ongoing concern in my community. It

doesn't seem to have been addressed properly. I had asked the minister the last time I was in the House, and it is regarding dental services to the community of Baker Lake.

Can the minister inform me, so I can inform my community, if and when and ever we are going to see a dental therapist back into the school in Baker Lake. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you. Minister Picco.

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I had an opportunity as Mr. McLean had mentioned to look into the situation regarding dental services. As the member knows, we have done a review of dental services, not only in the Keewatin, but over across Nunavut. We are also in the position Mr. Speaker, of trying to get more dental therapists in the communities, and the latest information to me is that there will be an increase in the frequency of dental visits into the member's community. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. McLean:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't know if the Honourable Minister heard my first question. The first part of the question was when does the community of Baker Lake expect to see, if ever a new dental therapist in the school. Thank you.

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

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, we have six positions for dental therapists in the Keewatin region, half of them are filled right now, there are three vacant positions including Baker. Mr. Speaker, we are in the process of recruitment of dental therapists. We would hope some time in the New Year Mr. Speaker, that we would have that position filled. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. McLean:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, it is no secret that we have over 350 children registered in the school, the elementary school in Baker Lake and another couple of hundred in the high school.

Probably within the last six or seven months we have had no dental therapists or dental visits into my community that I can recollect. I could be corrected, and I am sure the minister will let me know, but I also asked a question in regards to when we were going to see more dental visits.

I haven't seen a dentist in Baker Lake for months and months now. Can the minister responsible let me know if we are ever going to see a dentist in Baker Lake. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister Picco.

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the information provided to me indicates that there have been at least two dental visits in the past six months in Baker Lake. Indeed from working with the member proactively, we are looking at increasing those numbers in Baker Lake. The member will remember a letter he had written to me and actually a written question in the House, where we actually went through the frequency of dental visits in Baker Lake.

There has been a concern that there wasn't a denturist, and that's the person of course Mr. Speaker, that fixes false teeth and that, and we are looking into that right now. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. McLean:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will try to keep it short. In the minister's response he said Baker Lake would have had 85 days a year of dental visits and he said the dentist has been in Baker Lake twice in the last six months.

Can he tell me how many days they have been in the community. Because I am getting older and my memory is not as good as it used to be. So I wonder if the Honourable Minister would let me know how often the dentist has been there in the last six months. He says it's twice but actually how many days has the dentist spent in the last six months. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the member is quite good with his questioning. Indeed, he likes to imply and I would imply back Mr. Speaker, that the member has said that he hasn't remember seeing a dentist in the past six months, and he just responded that indeed we had I believe maximized out to at least 85 visit days.

There are 365 days in a year Mr. Speaker, and if you divide that into six months, you would come up with a good figure, 180 and divide that. So I would suggest to you Mr. Speaker, I don't know the number of days that the dentists has actually been in Baker Lake in the last twelve months, but Mr. Speaker, I will get that information for the member. Thank you.

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

#### **Question 342 - 1(5): Surgery Schedules & Issues**

**Mr. Nutarak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Health and Social Services. In Nunavut, it is important that there are doctors in the regions. How are the surgeons keeping up with the demands in Nunavut. Are the patients getting seen in a timely manner. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister Picco.

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, one of the things that we try to do at the first point of contact with a patient is when a diagnosis is made by the community health nurse or a doctor and if that person needs a referral then it is done expeditiously.

On the question on staffing, and I believe the member had asked about the staffing of doctors, if I am not mistaken, right now Mr. Speaker, according to the information provided to me, is that at the Baffin hospital for the Baffin region we are fully staffed up until at least the summer of 2002. We have five long term contracts in place Mr. Speaker, the Kivalliq is also fully staffed and the Kitikmeot is fully staffed with positions.

I should also add Mr. Speaker, we are in the process right now and I just had a meeting with you, of placing a dedicated doctor who will be serving the community of Arviat very shortly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Nutarak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The minister has just said the positions are currently all filled. A lot of times when a patient has to have surgery, they often have to go back for a follow up visit.

For those patients that end up with problems arising from their surgery, an infection or they need stitches cleaned, for example. For instance if I was a surgeon and Rebekah was a surgeon, would we have consistent results. Or would one doctor do better than another. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister.

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, with surgeries themselves, if there is an operation, my understanding again Mr. Speaker, is that if a person after surgery is completed, in most cases, depending on what type of surgery it was, they would remain for example, in this case, in Iqaluit where the doctor would do a follow up.

Then when they are sent back to their home community, nursing staff at the community level is also trained to follow up on the surgery to make sure the wound is cleaned, the stitches and so on. There has been a delay and the member is correct, there has been a delay in some of the surgeries performed at the hospital here because of the volume and the number of surgeries.

Indeed, in some cases Mr. Speaker, because of the nature of the surgery that was to be performed, we actually had to send people to Ottawa, because of the complexity. So that's a couple of the cases that I am aware of. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Nutarak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question was not where would they send a patient that had a problem after their surgery. It was, if the stitches were infected, sometimes it comes from doing a rush job.

If a patient from Pond Inlet had problems with her surgery, they would have to send her back to Ottawa doubling the cost of transportation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you. Minister Picco.

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, it depends on the complication with the surgery. As I said Mr. Speaker, if there was an infection in the surgical procedure that had been performed, depending on what the doctor's analysis was, that person may be sent to Ottawa, if in this case it was in the Baffin region. If it was one of the other regions in Nunavut, maybe to Edmonton or Yellowknife, Winnipeg or Churchill.

Mr. Speaker, if the complication was an infection that could be handled at the community level then the nursing staff would be able to do that at the health centre. In some cases, people have to be sent to the south after surgery, which is ascertained by a medical professional like the doctor or the attending physician. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Nutarak** (interpretation): I think the minister might be misunderstanding me. I'm talking about in Nunavut for patients that receive surgery in Nunavut. I'm not referring to patients that travel outside of Nunavut. When a surgery is performed in Nunavut, the reason why I asked this is because fewer funds could be used, we could be saving money if the surgery was done properly. Are all surgeries done the same way for a particular need. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister Picco.

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, there may be some misrepresentation or misunderstanding in the translation so I may try to look at it a different way. Right now in Nunavut the only hospital accredited for surgery is here in Iqaluit, the Baffin regional health facility. If there's a concern after the surgery that would be again ascertained by the physician on hand and in most cases the person would stay in Iqaluit, would stay in Nunavut.

If the person had to be referred out, that's what would be done at the regional centre. The member's correct, once you start having to ship people out there would be extra cost to us and that's part of the reason for the two other facilities we're trying to bring out in Rankin and in Cambridge Bay to cut down those costs and do more of that type of work here in Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Question 343 - 1(5): Medical Travel Cost Options**

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to direct my question to the Minister of Health and Social Services. The people of Nunavut endure a high cost of living in Nunavut, there's a high cost of transportation. My question is, are you looking for ways to use less funds for transporting patients. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister Picco.

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, about two months ago I announced that we would be doing a review of all medical travel. We have done a Request for Proposals to look at all medical travel and medivac travel. We have two areas of travel within the Government of Nunavut through Health.

One of them we actually send patients out and the other one is medivac. There's medical travel and medivac. Mr. Speaker, the member's correct it is very expensive. So we're looking at ways of bringing those costs down and that's part of the plan we have in place for the Request for Proposals. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Is it just a review or are they just looking into this when nothing's going to happen. Are they really going to do a review and really take care of this problem. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister Picco.

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the member's correct, sometimes all we do is review things. In this case Mr. Speaker, we will be taking the analysis and hopefully being able to convert some of the contracts we have in place. For example, Mr. Speaker, here in the Baffin we save over 25 percent on airline travel with the agreement we have in place with First Air.

This morning I was meeting with the delegates from Canadian North, again to look at maybe opportunities in the New Year where we could actually have some cost savings in flight travel. Mr. Speaker, I think it is also important to point out that our increase of 40% in one region for travel, was a direct result of increased ticket costs. Once the ticket costs go up, like fuel prices are passed on to airline travel, then our costs increase also. So that was over 40%.

So all those factors need to be taken into place, and that's what we are in the process of doing Mr. Speaker. Thank you.



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

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate his response, but there was a decrease of 7% for fuel in Nunavut but an increase in transportation costs. I would like to find out what he is doing about it, how is he reviewing this. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister Picco.

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the review is on two phases. One is on the actual medivac costs, where we contract an individual carrier in the three different regions to do medivacs. That's where for example, if there was an emergency case, we would have to send a plane in and take that patient out.

The second part of the review would be on medical travel and that's where we send people for example to Ottawa or to Iqaluit to attend a specialty clinic or whatever. The third phase is Mr. Speaker, is the point that I have been making for about a year and a half now. That's the negotiations we are involved in with the Federal Government.

Right now the Federal Government pays 250 dollars per ticket. Mr. Speaker, the average ticket cost for us in Nunavut is about 18 hundred dollars. So the negotiations that we are doing right now with the Federal Government and have been doing, under the NIHB or the Non-Insured Health Benefits, is to do exactly what the member is asking for, that's to get more money from the Federal Government, because that responsibility we believe lies with the Federal Government on medical travel.

So we are still in negotiations. So we are doing three things Mr. Speaker, one is to review, the other is on the medivac contracts, we are talking to the airlines and at the same time Mr. Speaker, we are negotiating with the Federal Government. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I understand that and I would like to ask another question. If I stayed with one airline the same flight goes to Clyde River and Pond Inlet and the tickets are very expensive. The increase in the costs to the tickets happens very quickly.

Also, if the mine is closed in Nanisivik the costs of airline travel will increase again. Especially for the patients. We need to review this very carefully to find out where we can cut costs. With that I would like to ask about the airlines, especially First Air, when they are transporting patients, have you done a review to determine the costs, if there are different costs for a passenger ticket versus the medivacs. I was wondering if you have done any review of this. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you. Minister.

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, indeed we have done some work on that. In our initial review, at the present time with the contract in the Baffin with First Air, serving Clyde and Pond and the other communities Mr. Speaker, off the regular ticket price, which is the ticket price that a regular person would be paying towards medical travel, we are saving about 25% right now on the total costs at the end of each fiscal year.

That's something Mr. Speaker, that we are doing a review on. On March 31, 2002, that contract with First Air will be up and we are looking at right now Mr. Speaker, a way of economies of scale of how we could do that contract again, or should we look at some other airline. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Question 344 - 1(5): Length of Time to Hire Social Workers**

**Mr. Irqittuq** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will be directing my question to the Minister Responsible for Human Resources. So that we will have a clear understanding, in English they call them social workers.

We have problems with vacant social worker positions in our community and last year I found out in one of Akesuk's communities that they didn't fill the position for social worker for a long time. Yesterday I directed a question to the Minister of Health and Social Services, and I would like to make an addition to the question I asked yesterday.

Can the Minister of Human Resources tell the House how long it takes to fill a social worker position once job openings are posted. Filling social worker positions usually takes longer than other government positions. If an individual is hired, then social workers are assigned to different communities. Why does it take so long to fill the social worker positions after putting out the advertisement. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Hon. Kelvin Ng:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the social worker profession is under pressure as well in respect of individuals that service that sector, similar to nurses and other professionals.

I can't say definitively how long it takes, but I can tell the member that there is a structure and a process to go through. In conjunction with department's requests for positions, the Department of Human Resources assists in putting out first of all the job competition. Then they help the department to screen, participating in the screening of potential candidates, in organizing the interviews of those potential candidates and then in making job offers and after that in making reference checks of individuals that may be selected and prior to them being made the formal job offer.

So there's a whole process that is undertaken and I know in respect of the social worker positions that there are individuals that are awaiting some follow up requirements for reference checks, prior to being offered the final position. I don't have the definite, but I am aware that there are several individuals that are waiting some final reference checks before being made final offers Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

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

**Mr. Irqittuq** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, can the minister tell me what happens once the social workers are offered a job, are they assigned to specific communities once they are hired. Do you look at the communities' needs and the priorities. For example, if they need a social worker on a priority basis, do you take these things into account. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister Ng.

**Hon. Kelvin Ng:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the Department of Human Resources as I indicated supports the departments requests for identifying individuals, getting them right through to the process of being signed on as an employee and some of the orientation after they have accepted a job offer and moved to Nunavut.

It is up to the departments actually where the assignment of those positions are. In the case of, usually what happens is, if you have a specific position that you are recruiting for it is already determined where that location may be. There are some times general ads, as the member alludes to, for social worker positions because there are so many vacancies and they will be brought in respect of requesting social worker candidates for work in Nunavut. Then it will be up to the Ministry at that particular time to assign those individuals to different communities based on what the department sees as their priorities.

The Department of Health and Social Services determines what they see as the priorities for those positions. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Irqittuq** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the social workers, when you have job openings for them, what kind of qualifications do they require. The local community individuals, could they be recognized even though they are not certified social workers. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister.

**Hon. Kelvin Ng:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, it depends on the level of the social worker responsibilities as advertised and what's required. Those come from the Department of Health and Social Services in respect to social services and what criteria they would require for the positions that are being advertised.

Like I tried to indicate and explain to the member, the Department of Human Resources assists the departments that want to recruit. So it is basically up to the departments though to set the criteria for the individuals that they are hiring. We do assist as the Department of Human Resources, in trying to facilitate classification requirements if that is required.

If a department wants to amend the qualification levels and the classification levels for jobs as well. But it is really up to the sponsoring department of what the criteria is. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

### **Question 345 - 1(5): Future Mine Openings**

**Mr. Puqiqnak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I will be directing my question to the Minister Responsible for Sustainable Development. This is about Nunavut's two mining sites, which will be closing. It is evident that they will close, Nanisivik will close September 2002, and Little Cornwallis Island, Polaris Mine, will close in July 2002.

Once they are closed, it will have a negative impact in the communities. Although they are not in my riding I am concerned. The Nunavut community residents have been working in those mines and they will be closing in 2002.

I would like to ask the minister, will there be any other mines opening some time in the future in Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In Nunavut we are now working at developing mines. As long as they will not have a negative impact on the environment, we do a review before they open, and the Nunavut residents go to work in these mines.

I would like to work with these individuals and mining companies in order for the mines to benefit Nunavut. If we are able to open the mines, providing they are feasible, we will try and open them. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Puqiqnak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes I understand your response and it is evident that the two mining sites will close. Once they're closed it'll have a negative impact especially for those employees who work in those mines. That's why I'm trying to ask you a question.

How many existing mines do we have in Nunavut or are there not any existing mines other than the two mines we have here. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister Akesuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, there are three mines existing and two are going to close in the near future, one on Cornwallis Island and one at Nanisivik. The third one is the Lupin Mine. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Mr. Puqiqnak.

**Mr. Puqiqnak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I know that we'll have to replace the mines and we have to hope for other mines in the future after the closure of the two mines, especially for my constituency of Taloyoak and Gjoa Haven.

Every summer the geologists go to do their geological work and exploration work. In my two constituencies every year they do exploration work and they find ore. Before there is an agreement and they will be doing geological work what kind of an arrangement should we have.

Should we have an agreement with the government or should we have an agreement with the companies so that they can start opening new mines. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister Akesuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. His questions are very important. But it takes quite a while to open up a mine. There are procedures to follow prior to opening a mine.

There are couple of sites near Baker Lake and Rankin Inlet, they are working on the development of those mines and it takes quite a while. We'll have to work with the Impact Review Board and Nunavut Water Board. We'll have to work with these entities. The companies have to work with these entities to make sure that there's no hazard to the environment and so mining won't become hazardous or a safety issue in Nunavut.

So we have to abide by the procedures in order for us to open mines and we have to do a proper review prior to opening a mine so there won't be any contamination to our wildlife or our environment. We'll have to review all these things and we have to follow through with this procedure prior to opening a mine. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Puqiqnak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And thank you for your response. Today your department gives assistance and contributions in various areas. In Kitikmeot communities, such as Kugluktuk, we have to apply to get contributions or grants.

I know that in my community of Gjoa Haven and Taloyoak every summer there are some individuals who do mineral exploration as they are hunting.

The funding that is made available through your department as a contribution, is this ongoing with your department. Will it be a long term program. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes. It is a long term program in Nunavut. We need the assistance of the individuals of Nunavut to do the exploration work. There are 143 graduates in geology work and exploration and we will, to the best of our ability, try to have this program continue. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you, Minister. Sorry, Mr. Puqiqnak you have used up all your supplementaries. Oral Questions. Ms. Williams.

### **Question 346 - 1(5): Priorities for Status of Women Council**

**Ms. Williams** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth. The Status of Women Council meets in different communities. Can the minister inform the House as to what their priorities are in their work. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister Kattuk.

**Hon. Peter Kattuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In my minister's statement I said that the Status of Women Council is dealing with the Status of Women Council Act. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Ms. Williams** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask the minister a supplementary question. It has been about two years that they have been having meetings in Nunavut. Are they just finally doing their Status of Women legislation review now. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you. Minister Kattuk.

**Hon. Peter Kattuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Status of Women Council acquired the NWT legislation and what they are doing now is amending their legislation to make it more relevant to Nunavut so it could be Nunavut friendly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Oral Questions. Supplementary. Ms. Williams.

**Ms. Williams** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thought I used up my supplementaries. Yes, I understand the minister's response and the Status of Women Council Act should be relevant to Nunavut. I just wondered when that will be completed. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister Kattuk.

**Hon. Peter Kattuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't have the answer to that question at this time, but all Nunavut boards are trying to update their legislation and they also want to be compatible with NSDC. They are looking at their Act with NSDC to see how they can best amend the legislation to be more relevant to Nunavut. But I am not sure exactly when that will be completed by the Status of Women Council. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Supplementary. Final supplementary. Ms. Williams.

**Ms. Williams** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. After they deal with their legislation, will the minister give us the information as to the Status of Women Council's plans. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister Kattuk.

**Hon. Peter Kattuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We will do that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

#### **Question 347 - 1(5): Transportation for Agency Nurses**

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, maybe I paid a compliment to the minister a little bit too early, earlier on in my questioning in regards to answering questions.

Mr. Speaker, the last question I asked the minister I don't believe he answered. But I would like to ask the same minister, the Minister of Health and Social Services, if it is the Department of Health and Social Services, or the agency that the nurses are being hired from that are responsible for providing the transportation and accommodations to and from the communities that these nurses are working in. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you. Minister Picco.

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, it depends on the agency. In most cases Mr. Speaker, when we hire a nurse from an agency, it is like a contract, so that would include at that time Mr. Speaker, the transportation and other costs. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, in the contract that the minister talks about, transportation and other costs that I guess, I believe that his answer is that is a cost to the department. Do the nurses or the agencies have to pay anything for their travel or accommodations themselves and if so, how much. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you. Minister.

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the same as if the government was going to hire someone on contract from Ottawa, and we would bring them in and we would provide them accommodations, we would pay for them to come and so on.

It's the same thing with the agency nurses. Depending on the contract that is in place with individual agency nurses, they are here for three weeks in most cases, Mr. Speaker, we would be paying for their accommodations as well as their travel as the member has indicated.

In some cases, if the agency nurse is going to be in a community longer, then there is a residual amount put forward for accommodations. But in most cases, the member is correct, that when you bring in a casual nurse we would cover those costs. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, it would be interesting to find out the residual amount that the minister had indicated and if it is anything close to what an indeterminate nurse in staff housing would have to pay as well.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to ask the minister about other costs aside from the travel and accommodations that the minister talked about. In the contracts do these nurses that are on contract, do they also receive a daily per diem for food and incidentals that is on top of their regular rate of pay and how much is it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you. Minister Picco.

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the nurses when you bring them in are contractors and like any other contractor within the government, whether it is Public Works or any other department. Mr. Speaker, there are negotiations that go on with the individual nurses, with the agencies, and Mr. Speaker, I should point out that this is something that has been happening not only in this jurisdiction but in many jurisdictions over the last several years.

The per diem amount Mr. Speaker, I am not sure of, that's information that I can get for the member, I am not sure if every individual agency nurse, and right now Mr. Speaker,



out of 145 positions we are talking about 19 at the present time. But that's information that I can get for the member. Thank you.

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

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, since the minister is going to be looking up some information anyways, I would like to ask him how much the Department of Health and Social Services has paid out for agency nurses to date, this year. Also, if possible, could it be broken down by the rate of pay, by the transportation costs, and the accommodation costs as well as the other incidental costs that he talked about.

Also, the number of nurses over the year that have been hired with those funds. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you. Mr. Tootoo, there is more than one question there and it may be better served as a written question unless the minister cares to attempt to answer all those questions. Minister Picco.

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I believe Mr. McLean has concurred that it is a good question and I concur too. We will get that information for the member. Thank you.

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

#### **Question 348 - 1(5): Dental Visits to Communities**

**Mr. Haviyak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Health and Social Services. Earlier he said that dentists in each region would visit all of the communities in the region. For example, 85 visit days per year.

How is the 85 days arrived at. Do the smaller communities get the same priority with those 85 days as larger ones you speak about. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister Responsible for Health and Social Services. He seems to be very popular today. Mr. Picco.

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the 85 days was specifically in response to a question, I believe it was a written question asked by Mr. McLean. In the member's community for example, they have a dental therapist there. Each community's dental visits depends on the size of the community and the needs as ascertained by the Health Centre staff and the regular dentists' visits of the work that needs to be carried in that community.

So it varies by community. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Havioyak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The 85 days that the dentist visits in the communities. For example, in Kugluktuk, if 85 days is not enough for visits per year would the minister tell me that they could add more days. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister Picco.

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, again it depends on what is ascertained by the dental professionals. Some communities need more visits because of the health of the patients' teeth or the residents' teeth. For example Mr. Speaker, if you are in a community where there has been a long time dental therapist, for example in Pond Inlet, then there would be less need for a dentist to follow up on some of the work there.

In some communities where a dental therapist has not been in place for several years, or indeed, where there have not been regularly scheduled visits, then a need for more dental visits in that community may be the case. So Mr. Speaker, each community is different depending on the needs of the patients in the community. Thank you.

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

**Mr. Havioyak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the dentist has a home base in Kugluktuk but he goes to the other communities in the region. My constituents have complained to me that the dentist is not in the community enough.

If the community wanted to request further visits would that be possible. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Mr. Picco.

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the member is correct, if there is a need in Kugluktuk for more dental visits that is something that we would review with the dentists that are going into and out of the region. And Mr. Speaker, the member has brought it up so we will look into it and find out for the member the frequency of visits to Kugluktuk and indeed, if there is a need for more. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Havioyak:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just for our information I am not sure how it is calculated, maybe it is an equation that you use to calculate how you reach the 85 days, the example that was used 85 days earlier on, how you arrived with the 85 days. Just for our information. Koanaqtit, Uqaqti.

**Speaker:** Minister Picco.

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, we will provide that information to the member. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you, Minister. Members will note that question period is now over. Returning to the Orders of the Day. Item 7. Written Questions. Item 8. Returns to Written Questions. Item 9. Replies to Opening Address. Item 10. Petitions. Item 11. Reports of Standing and Special Committees. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

### **Item 11: Reports of Standing and Special Committees**

#### **Committee Report 012 - 1(5): Selection Process for the New Chief Electoral Officer**

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am very pleased to have the opportunity today to provide the House with a brief overview of our Committee's recruitment and selection process for the new Chief Electoral Officer of Nunavut.

As Members of the Legislative Assembly will recall, the first Nunavut election in February 1999 was administered by staff of Elections NWT in Yellowknife.

Appointing a new Nunavut-based Chief Electoral Officer at this stage in our mandate will provide sufficient lead-time before the next general election to ensure that we are able to fully administer our future elections.

It will also provide time for the Chief Electoral Officer to work towards establishing a Nunavut-based office, and initiate plans to implement the recommendations contained in the Standing Committee's report on the administration of elections in Nunavut, which was considered by the House last year.

Earlier this year, a selection sub-committee was identified and tasked with the responsibility of recruiting the first independent Chief Electoral Officer of Nunavut.

We agreed that this process should be transparent and competitive, in keeping with the manner in which the other independent officers of the Legislative Assembly have been selected.

During the summer, we initiated the recruitment process for the Chief Electoral Officer, and advertised in Nunavut and southern papers for approximately three weeks.

The interviews were held on September 25, 2001, in Iqaluit.

On the selection panel were three members of the Standing Committee. We were most pleased to also have Mr. Raymond Ningeochiak, who represented Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated, sitting with us on the panel.

The Ajauqtiit selection committee was successful in finding a very well qualified individual, who is very well known to Nunavut. She has been involved in administering a number of elections in NWT and Nunavut, not only for territorial elections, but those at the federal and municipal level, as well as for NTI and other Inuit organizations.

Mr. Speaker, based on the results of the interviews, we will be introducing a motion today to recommend the appointment of the first independent Chief Electoral Officer of Nunavut.

In closing, I would like to thank my colleagues for their contributions to this process.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to at this time move that the report of the Standing Committee be received and adopted by the House, and that it be entered into the record as read. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you. The report is adopted as read. Agreed.

**Some Members:** Agreed.

## Standing Committee *Ajauqtiit*

### Report on the Appointment of the Chief Electoral Officer for Nunavut Mandate of the Standing Committee *Ajauqtiit*

The Standing Committee *Ajauqtiit* is a standing committee of the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut. It was established with a broad mandate including:

- To consider issues related to the Government of Nunavut's obligations with respect to the implementation of the Nunavut Land claims Agreement (NLCA), including the activities of the Government of Nunavut in relation to the operation of the boards Commissions and other bodies established by the provisions of the NLCA;
- To review the budget of the Legislative Assembly;
- To recommend the appointment of positions that, by statutory authority, are made by the Legislative Assembly; and
- To consider any other matter referred by the House.

#### **Background**

Following the first Nunavut Territorial General Election in 1999, David Hamilton, the Chief Electoral Officer, submitted a report on the election with a number of recommendations for legislative and administrative reforms to the elections process. That report was referred to the Standing Committee *Ajauqtiit* for review. Following extensive consultations, and an in-depth review of existing election legislation, the Standing Committee presented its report to the Legislative Assembly in October 2000. The report contained over 60 recommendations. Those which are most relevant to this report are:

“... a central elections office be established to administer elections in Nunavut, called Elections Nunavut”; and

“... the Government of Nunavut introduce a new *Elections Act* for Nunavut that is written in a manner that is easily understood by voters, candidates and election officials”.

Following the acceptance of the recommendations, the Standing Committee *Ajauqtiit* was directed by the Legislative Assembly to conduct a recruitment campaign to identify a qualified candidate for the position of Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) for Nunavut. The Committee was asked to recommend the appointment of the CEO to the Legislative Assembly, so that an elections office could be established to support the important work of election reform.

This report details the recruitment process used by the Committee and includes the name of a recommended candidate for the position.

### **Role of the Chief Electoral Officer**

The role of the Chief Electoral Officer for Nunavut is outlined in the *Elections Act*. In summary, the CEO is responsible for the strategic management of territorial general elections and by-elections and enforces fairness, impartiality and compliance with the *Elections Act* on the part of all election officers. The CEO is the servant of the Legislative Assembly in carrying out changes to the election process and coordinating the drafting of legislation if it is needed.

The Chief Electoral Officer is an independent officer of the Legislative Assembly, appointed by the Commissioner of Nunavut under section 3 (1) of the *Elections Act* on the recommendation of the Legislative Assembly. The CEO is accountable only to the Legislative Assembly and is independent of executive government.

The first election for the newly established Legislative Assembly of Nunavut was held on February 15<sup>th</sup> 1999. The election was administered by the Chief Electoral Officer for the Northwest Territories in the absence of an established government. This election, spread over the 19 electoral districts of Nunavut, cost over \$1 million to administer, not including the costs of the office of a Chief Electoral Officer.

Following the election, the Chief Electoral Officer (NWT) submitted a report with a variety of recommendations for the consideration of the Nunavut Legislative Assembly. The Legislative Assembly reviewed the recommendations, and established a process of public consultation to assess not only the recommendations of the CEO, but also to seek input on wider reforms to the electoral process which would better reflect the needs of Nunavummiut.

The Legislative Assembly accepted the 65 recommendations of the Standing Committee *Ajauqtiit*. The newly appointed Chief Electoral Officer will be accountable for implementing those recommendations and incorporating changes into a new Elections Act, in plain language, for approval within the life of the First Legislative Assembly. Some of the priorities include:

- Finding ways of collaborating and cooperating with other parties administering their own election processes (Federal Government/Inuit Organizations/Municipalities/etc) to achieve cost savings and greater efficiency and effectiveness;
- Establishing a boundaries commission to consider reforms to electoral boundaries;
- Shortening the election period;
- A more effective public education program on the electoral process, the rights of all parties and the penalties for offences.

The Chief Electoral Officer is also responsible for ensuring that the rights of candidates and the electorate are well served through the evolution of progressive and responsive procedures and the provision of an effective public education program. The CEO will be challenged to train local returning officers and other election officials to ensure that they can perform their duties in an acceptable manner, to ensure that the decentralized election machinery is in a constant state of readiness and, to enforce compliance with the provisions of the *Elections Act*. The Chief Electoral Officer is also accountable for financial management of election expenditures charged to public funds.

### **The Recruitment Process**

#### **The Selection Committee**

Building on, and benefiting from, their experience in successfully recruiting the Conflict of Interest Commissioner (now referred to as the Integrity Commissioner), the Languages Commissioner and the Information and Privacy Commissioner, the Committee established a standardized process for statutory appointments in support of the Legislative Assembly. Standard operating procedures were drafted and approved for ongoing recruitment work to ensure that a fair, consistent, objective and defensible process is followed for all appointments.

The Standing Committee established a sub-committee to conduct the interviews consisting of David Iqaqrialu, Chair, Ovide Alakannuark, Co-Chair, Hunter Tootoo, Member, Rebekah Williams, Member and Raymond Ningeochiak who represented Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated. An outline of the costs of the recruitment campaign is attached under Appendix A.

#### **Advertising**

The Committee started its work with the development of an advertisement (Appendix B), which was advertised across Nunavut in Inuktitut, Innuinaqtun and English and in selected locations in southern Canada for the period July 4th to July 26, 2001.

#### **Screening**

A total of **seven** applications were received. Of these, three were from Nunavut. The remaining **four** were from southern Canada. The Committee agreed to use standardized selection criteria to choose the candidates with the most appropriate qualifications.

These criteria emphasized the value of northern experience and knowledge of Nunavut, but the main emphasis was on two key areas:

- Management experience, with proven skills in developing subordinate staff to take on gradually increasing responsibilities;

- Ability to administer complex legislation.

A total of two candidates appeared to have the basic qualifications to take on the job. This resulted in a short list of two candidates who were then interviewed by the Committee.

### **The Interviews**

A list of standardized questions was developed by the Committee to ensure that interviews were thorough and that candidates were treated consistently and fairly. Interviews were conducted by the Selection Committee in Iqaluit on September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2001. A point rating system was used to assess the candidate's responses to questioning and to rank them.

### **Reference Checks**

The selection committees completed the interviews and completed reference checks for both candidates interviewed and, as a result, brought forward a report and a recommendation to the Standing Committee for review. A listing of the meetings conducted by the selection committee is attached as Appendix C.

### **Conclusion & Recommendation**

The Committee is unanimous in recommending to the Legislative Assembly, the appointment of Sandy Kusugak to the position of Chief Electoral Officer for Nunavut pursuant to section 3 (1) of the *Elections Act*.

Ms. Sandy Kusugak strongly demonstrated throughout the interview her extensive knowledge and experience in administering and conducting elections as reflected in the selections committees ratings, not only territorial but federal, municipal and with Inuit organizations. This was further confirmed by her past supervisors and employers through the reference check process.

Ms. Sandy Kusugak's biography is attached as Appendix D.

**Speaker:** Item 11. Reports of Standing and Special Committees. Mr. Nutarak.

### **Committee Report 013 - 1(5): Nunavut Income Support Policy Review**

**Mr. Nutarak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am very pleased to have the opportunity today to provide the House with an overview of our Committee's Report on the Department of Education's Nunavut Income Support Policy Review.

The Minister of Education tabled the Nunavut Income Support Policy Review in May of 2001, during the Cambridge Bay sitting of the Legislative Assembly. On May 28, 2001, the document was referred to the Standing Committee on Health and Education for



review. At that time, the Honourable Peter Kilabuk, Minister of Education, also announced a number of new programs initiated in response to recommendations made in the Review.

The Nunavut Income Support Program Review Panel visited seven Nunavut communities, received 12 written submissions, and conducted a survey of 32 income support workers and regional supervisors across Nunavut. The Nunavut Income Support Policy Review is a report completed by the Panel and does not contain any departmental response to the recommendations listed within it.

The Review provides forty-six specific recommendations grouped into five major themes: Youth; Adults; Elders; Community; and Nunavut Government.

Over the past five months, the Committee solicited input on the Nunavut Income Support Policy Review from across Nunavut. Members would like to thank those who presented their views to the Committee for their submissions. In particular, Members would like to acknowledge the input of the Nunavut Association of Municipalities, which appeared before the Standing Committee on October 12, 2001 to make a formal submission.

Mr. Speaker, the Committee was generally satisfied with the Panel's consultation process and Members were pleased to see that the Review reflects input from across Nunavut. The Standing Committee supports the majority of the Panel's forty-six recommendations and supports the spirit and intent of the report in terms of its focus on training, and the development of skills that foster self-reliance. The Committee urges all Departments and agencies to address those recommendations that relate to them and fall outside the mandate of the Department of Education.

The Standing Committee on Health and Education also discussed a number of strategies and opportunities for reforming the current Income Support Program that were not directly addressed in the Nunavut Income Support Policy Review.

For example, Committee Members addressed the issue of housing, which is of great concern to Income Support recipients. Currently, the relationship between the Income Support Program and the Public Housing Program is unbalanced.

Members also discussed the possible reform of the income reporting system currently used in the Income Support program and expressed approval of a positive reporting system similar to the Employment Insurance Program. Members are of the view that a positive shift towards individual responsibility would serve to reinforce each individual's sense of pride and self-worth.

The results of the cost of living analysis undertaken by the Department of Education and Nunavut Bureau of Statistics will likely demonstrate that current rates of benefits have not kept pace with increased costs in living. Members recognize the need for adequate funds to cover the costs of basic necessities. However, the Committee urges the Department of Education to focus priority resources on creating new opportunities for

clients. For example, Members have noted a certain lack of flexibility within the current Income Support Program that limits clients' ability to take advantage of programs offered through other departments.

Members believe that empowering individuals to move towards self-reliance will be one of the most effective investments in combating the issues relating to cost of living and poverty in Nunavut.

Mr. Speaker, based on its consideration of the Nunavut Income Support Policy Review, the Report of the Standing Committee on Health and Education includes the following recommendations:

The Committee recommends that the Department of Education be more creative in developing and supporting training programs for Income Support clients and that training programs are linked to meaningful employment opportunities within the community.

The Committee recommends that the Department of Education work closely with the Nunavut Housing Corporation to harmonize the Income Support Program and the Public Housing Program in as timely a manner as possible.

The Committee recommends that community workers responsible for the Income Support Program be given the training and resources to more adequately support their clients.

The Committee recommends that the Department of Education consider putting resources into community interagency groups that are currently dealing with social issues instead of establishing new community entities such as Circles of Support.

The Committee recommends that the Minister of Education table a progress report in the House in the fall of 2002 in the status of Income Support Program reform in Nunavut.

In closing, the Standing Committee on Health and Education urges the Department of Education to take its comment and recommendations into consideration as it proceeds further with reform of the Income Support Program.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. At this time I would like to move that the report of the Standing Committee be received and adopted by the House, and that it be entered into the record as read. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** The report has been received and adopted by the House and entered into the record as read. Agreed.

**Some Members:** Agreed.

## **Introduction**

The Minister of Education tabled the Nunavut Income Support Policy Review in May of 2001, during the Cambridge Bay sitting of the Legislative Assembly. At that time, the Honourable Peter Kilabuk, Minister of Education, also announced a number of new programs initiated in response to recommendations made in the Review. On May 28, 2001, the Review was referred to the Standing Committee on Health and Education for review.

On October 15, 2001, the Minister of Education and his officials appeared before the Standing Committee to discuss the Nunavut Income Support Policy Review and a number of strategies being considered by the Department of Education to reform the current Income Support program.

This Report details the Standing Committee's review of the Nunavut Income Support Policy Review and comments on possible reforms of the Income Support Program.

## **Background**

The Nunavut Income Support Program is a program delivered by the Department of Education following policies established by the GNWT prior to the creation of Nunavut. In March of 2000, the Minister of Education appointed three individuals to the Nunavut Income Support Policy Review Panel. A fourth member of the panel represented the Nunavut Social Development Council. The Panel's mandate was to solicit the views of Nunavut citizens and provide direction to the Government of Nunavut regarding the Income Support Program. The Panel's Review was intended to form the basis for developing a new vision of government support provided to the people of Nunavut through the Income Support Program.

The Nunavut Income Support Policy Review is a report completed by the Panel and does not contain any departmental response to the recommendations listed within it.

The Nunavut Income Support Program Review Panel visited seven Nunavut communities, received 12 written submissions, and conducted a survey of 32 income support workers and regional supervisors across Nunavut. The Review provides forty-six (46) specific recommendations grouped into five major themes: Youth; Adults; Elders; Community; and Nunavut Government.

Each theme has an introductory section describing various issues and is followed by a set of recommendations.

The 13 recommendations in the "Youth" section focus on the issues of assessment, training and support for youth. Skills development, especially in the areas of training and

education, and support such as career planning are presented as priority areas for Income Support Program reform.

The “Adults” section contains 12 recommendations that focus on the issues of assessment, training and career planning support for adults. Appropriate and adequate day-to-day living assistance and the means of distributing this assistance is a central theme in this set of recommendations.

The “Elders” section contains four recommendations that focus on the general theme of Elders not receiving full and adequate access to the services and programs to which they are entitled.

Seven recommendations in the “Community” section relate to community involvement in the design and delivery of income support programs. The Panel specifically recommends that community Circles of Support be created with the participation of all “helping agencies” such as the RCMP, church groups and social workers in each community, and recommends a number of roles and activities for each Circle of Support.

The “Nunavut Government” section contains 10 recommendations for Government activities that will have either a direct community impact or a broader territorial impact.

### **Public Consultation on the *Nunavut Income Support Policy Review***

As the Nunavut Income Support Policy Review Panel had already visited a number of communities and heard directly from the public on the Income Support Program, Members considered the Review and decided to focus Committee consultation efforts on soliciting input from representative levels of municipal government and from key stakeholder groups, as well as from constituents and the general public.

In mid-July, the Chair of the Committee wrote to all Nunavut Mayors and Senior Administrative Officers inviting communities to make written submissions on the Review, or to indicate their interest in appearing before the Committee. At the same time, the Chair wrote to the Nunavut Association of Municipalities and the Status of Women Council, as well as to all Nunavut community daycare associations inviting each of these bodies to make written submissions on the Income Support Review or to indicate their interest in appearing before the Committee.

Input was also solicited from the public through the local media. Newspaper advertisements were placed in Nunatsiaq News and News North from July 20 to August 31, 2001; a Public Service Announcement was provided to CBC North for radio broadcast and a short text calling for public submissions on the Nunavut Income Support Review was broadcast on local community television stations.

The Standing Committee on Health and Education would like to thank those representatives who presented their views to the Committee. Copies of written submissions received are included as appendices to this report.

### **Departmental Consultation on the *Nunavut Income Support Policy Review***

Members of the Standing Committee met with the Minister of Education and his staff on October 15, 2001, to discuss the Department's response to the Nunavut Income Support Review. As noted earlier, on the same day that the Minister of Education tabled the Nunavut Income Support Review, he announced a number of programs in direct response to the recommendations made by the Panel. A number of these programs related to training and training plans for clients on Income Support. The Minister also announced an incentive of an additional \$200 a month for Income Support clients who were working towards completing a Career Action Plan. Several community-based training-on-the job projects have been announced and many Income Support clients have already been able to take advantage of these.

The Department of Education is working with the Nunavut Bureau of Statistics on a review of the costs of food and land equipment in Nunavut communities. The final analysis of the cost of living in communities may warrant an increase in benefits provided to Income Support clients for food, clothing, furniture, shelter and emergencies.

### **Comments on the *Nunavut Income Support Policy Review***

The Standing Committee on Health and Education has reviewed the Nunavut Income Support Policy Review in detail and also considered comments and submissions on the Report.

The Committee was generally satisfied with the Panel's consultation process although Members would have liked to see more visits to smaller communities and, especially, to those communities facing the greatest difficulties in identifying employment opportunities for their residents. Committee Members were pleased to see that the Review reflects input from across Nunavut.

The Standing Committee supports the majority of the Panel's 46 recommendations and supports its focus on training and the development of skills that foster self-reliance. The Committee further urges all Departments and agencies to address those recommendations that relate to them and fall outside the mandate of the Department of Education.

On the issue of training and skill development, Committee Members are of the view that the Department of Education should be more creative and proactive when considering training opportunities. Members raised the concern that training is too often defined in terms of classroom-based learning that often does not relate to meaningful employment opportunities within the community. Those communities that do not have designated adult education facilities or full-time instructors are further disadvantaged. Members

discussed the need for Nunavut Arctic College Learning Centre instructors or Income Support Workers to assist clients with other needs such as life-skills training, identifying employment opportunities and job applications. Committee Members are of the view that additional opportunities for training should also be identified through collaboration with the private sector as part of community development projects, in conjunction with other community activities such as subsistence hunting or harvesting, and based on principles of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit.

On the issue of communication, the Committee agrees with the Panel that the Income Support Program is not always well understood by clients, workers and community residents in general. The Committee discussed the need for a clear communication campaign describing the Income Support Program and the roles and responsibilities of clients, Income Support workers and the Department of Education. Given that literacy skills are often an issue for Income Support clients, the Committee encourages the Department of Education to consider radio and television programming as well as written material to communicate information about the Income Support Program.

On issues relating to Elders, the Committee is in agreement with the Panel's findings in this area. Members share the Panel's view that more effort must be made to provide support to Elders and to make sure that Elders are receiving all the benefits to which they are entitled. Members discussed options for consideration by the Department of Education such as supporting hunters who are receiving Income Support to provide food for other Income Support recipients such as Elders. Another option involved Elders working together with community representatives to develop programs within their community that are based on traditional activities.

The Panel's Review included a number of recommendations centred on the creation of a Circle of Support interagency group within each community. Members expressed some concern over this concept. Many communities currently have active community groups that provide support for social issues. Members were of the view that creating another support organization could be an additional drain of energy of those community members already involved in these types of activities. Members noted that other committees established through government policies, such as the Committees of Council established under the auspices of the Department of Health and Social Services, have yet to receive adequate training or resources to carry out their intended roles. The Committee cautioned that such an initiative should not proceed unless adequate resources and support can be guaranteed to any such community group.

The Committee noted the Panel's recommendation that Bingo winnings or Co-op incentives should be offset by valid purchases. In some communities, if an Income Support client receives an unexpected windfall and uses that money to buy land equipment or household appliances then their Income Support payments are not affected. In other communities, Income Support payments are reduced accordingly. Committee

Members are of the view that the guidelines for offsetting winnings of this kind should be applied consistently across all communities.

### **Comments on Reforming Nunavut's Income Support Program**

The Standing Committee on Health and Education discussed a number of strategies and opportunities for reforming the current Income Support Program that were not directly addressed in the Nunavut Income Support Policy Review.

Committee Members addressed one issue that is of great concern to Income Support recipients, but has not yet been resolved by the Department of Education. Currently, the relationship between the Income Support Program and the Public Housing Program is unbalanced. Under the current Rent Scale, a client who receives Income Support assistance pays a subsidized rate of \$32 a month for rent. When that individual finds employment, not only does this immediately reduce the amount of assistance they receive under the Income Support Program, but under the Public Housing Program, their rent goes up. The combined impact of the policies of the two programs discourages individuals from looking for work for fear that they will no longer be able to afford the rent once they begin earning. In addition, both Programs verify income differently, and neither Program takes the other into account.

Members of the Committee noted a certain lack of flexibility within the current Income Support Program that limits clients' ability to take advantage of programs offered through other departments. Members are of the view that more effort could be made to create links between government departments and outside agencies to provide the maximum number of opportunities to Income Support clients.

Members also discussed the possible reform of the income reporting system currently used in the Income Support program and expressed approval of a positive reporting system similar to the Employment Insurance Program. Members are of the view that a positive shift towards individual responsibility would serve to reinforce each individual's sense of pride and self-worth.

The results of the cost of living analysis undertaken by the Department of Education and Nunavut Bureau of Statistics will likely demonstrate that current rates of benefits have not kept pace with increased costs in living. Similar developments in the Northwest Territories this past June resulted in an average 7.8 % increase in amounts of money provided to Income Support clients for food as well as increases in other types of benefits. Members are aware that a similar increase in benefits across Nunavut could result in nearly \$2 million additional dollars being required for Income Support benefits alone. In addition, there could be additional costs resulting from such initiatives as training incentives, revised exemption rates, improved career counselling services, etc. Members recognize the need for adequate funds to cover the costs of basic necessities. However, the Committee urges the Department of Education to focus priority resources on creating new opportunities for clients. Members believe that empowering individuals

to move towards self-reliance will be one of the most effective investments in combating the issues relating to cost of living and poverty in Nunavut.

### **Recommendations**

Based on its consideration of the Nunavut Income Support Policy Review, the Standing Committee on Health and Education urges the Department of Education to take the following recommendations into consideration as it proceeds further with its reform of the Income Support Program:

1. The Committee recommends that the Department of Education be more creative in developing and supporting training programs for Income Support clients, including exploring opportunities through:
  - a. partnerships with other departments such as Sustainable Development;
  - b. partnerships with municipal organizations to identify and implement community development projects;
  - c. partnerships with the private sector; and
  - d. incorporating Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit by developing land skills and traditional skills.
2. The Committee recommends that the Department of Education work closely with the Nunavut Housing Corporation to harmonize the Income Support Program and the Public Housing Program in as timely a manner as possible.
3. The Committee recommends that the Department of Education ensure that training programs are linked to meaningful employment opportunities within the community through continued consultation at the community level.
4. The Committee recommends that the Department of Education put a strong emphasis on lobbying for funding from outside agencies for training programs.
5. The Committee recommends that community workers responsible for the Income Support Program be given the training and resources to more adequately support their clients.
6. The Committee recommends that the Department of Education consider putting resources into community interagency groups that are currently dealing with social issues instead of establishing new community entities such as *Circles of Support*.
7. The Committee recommends that the Minister of Education table a progress report in the House in the fall of 2002 on the status of Income Support Program reform in Nunavut.



**Speaker:** Thank you. Item 11. Reports of Standing and Special Committees. Item 12. Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills. Item 13. Tabling of Documents.

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

#### **Tabled Document 052 - 1(5): 2001 Auditor General's Report**

**Speaker:** Members I have a document that I wish to table. I wish today to table the "2001 Report of the Auditor General of Canada to the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut", which is prepared in accordance with section 46 (2) of the Nunavut Act. Pursuant to the terms of reference of the Standing Committees of the Legislative Assembly, which were adopted by this House, the report stands referred to the Standing Committee of Government Operations and Services for review.

Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Item 14. Notices of Motions. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

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

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Thursday November 29, 2001, I will make the following motion.

Now, therefore, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Akulliq, to revoke the appointment of John Quirke of Iqaluit as the Chief Electoral Officer for the Nunavut Territory and appoint Sandy Kusugak of Rankin Inlet as the Chief Electoral Officer for the Nunavut Territory pursuant to section 3 of the Elections Act.

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

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

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

#### **Bill 18 - An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act - Notice**

**Hon. Kelvin Ng:** Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on November 29, I shall move that Bill 18, An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act be read for the first time. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Item 15. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Item 16. Motions. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

**Item 16: Motions****Motion 014 - 1(5): Appointment of Chief Electoral Officer**

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would like unanimous consent to deal with my motion today.

Whereas, Section three of the Elections Act allows the appointment of a Chief Electoral Officer on the recommendation of the Legislative Assembly, and

Whereas, the Legislative Assembly agreed to hire an independent Chief Electoral Officer through an open competition process, and

Whereas, the Legislative Assembly was successful in its recruitment of a Chief Electoral Officer, and

Whereas, John Quirke was appointed under Section 22(1) of the Interpretation Act and Section 3 of the Elections Act,

Now, therefore, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Akulliq, to revoke the appointment of John Quirke of Iqaluit as the Chief Electoral Officer for the Nunavut Territory and appoint Sandy Kusugak of Rankin Inlet as the Chief Electoral Officer for the Nunavut Territory pursuant to Section 3 of the Elections Act.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Applause*

**Speaker:** Thank you, Mr. Iqaqrialu. I know your intent was to ask for unanimous consent on this item. So it will be put in the record. The member is seeking unanimous consent to deal with the motion today. Are there any nays. The motion is in order. To the motion. Question has been called. All those in favour. All those opposed. The motion is carried.

Congratulations, Ms. Kusugak on your appointment.

>>*Applause*

Item 16. Motions. Item 17. First Reading of Bills. Item 18. Second Reading of Bills. Item 19. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters. Bill 12, Appropriation Act No. 1, 2002-03. Bill 13, Supplementary Appropriation Act No. 2, 2001-02. Minister's Statement 96 - 1(5), Ulaajuk School - The First of Many to Come. Tabled Document 41 - 1(5), Nunavut Liquor Act Report. With Mr. Irqittuq in the Chair.

Members before we go into committee of the whole we will break for 20 minutes. We can meet in the member's lounge and we would ask our new Chief Electoral Officer to join us for coffee. Sergeant-At-Arms.

>>House recessed at 3.12 p.m. and resumed at 3.40 p.m.

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

**Chairperson** (Mr. Irgittuq) (interpretation): Thank you for returning for committee of the whole. I will now call the committee to order. What is the wish of the committee. Ms. Williams.

**Ms. Williams** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The members wish to start with Bill 12, the Department of Sustainable Development Capital Estimates 2002-2003. Once the Department of Sustainable Development is completed we can move on to the Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you, Ms. Williams. Does the committee agree that we will deal with Bill 12, Appropriation Act No. 1, 2002-03 with the Department of Sustainable Development Capital Estimates.

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Minister Akesuk, do you have opening comments. Minister Akesuk.

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

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Good afternoon. Mr. Chairman, I am pleased to be here today to present to you the Department of Sustainable Development's Capital Planning Process for the 2002-2003 fiscal year.

As the Minister accountable for a diverse portfolio of responsibilities and duties, I am well aware of the value and contribution of our capital planning process to the communities.

(interpretation ends) Our Capital Plan not only stimulates community-based economic growth but it also furthers the interests of the Government of Nunavut in the areas of tourism development, and the enforcement of our legislative mandates for Wildlife, Parks, and Environmental Protection.

(interpretation) Our capital expenditures are divided into three categories: Buildings and Works, Equipment Acquisition, and Contributions.

(interpretation ends) In this year's Capital Plan, 75% of our expenditures will be focused on investments in buildings and works. Specific projects within this category include the following (interpretation):

- Tourism attraction development projects designed to support Nunavut's tourism industry:
- in the Qikiqtaaluk region we are planning projects in the communities of Hall Beach, Iqaluit, Pangnirtung, Pond Inlet and Cape Dorset.
- In the Kivalliq region we are planning projects in the communities of Coral Harbour, Rankin Inlet, and Baker Lake, while
- in the Kitikmeot Region we are planning projects in the communities of Gjoa Haven, Kugaaruk, and Kugluktuk.
- Wildlife office upgrades are planned for the communities of Grise Fiord, Kugaaruk, Sanikiluaq, and Hall Beach.

(interpretation ends) We are also investing 15% of our Capital Plan in equipment acquisition throughout all regions of the territory in support of our efforts to decentralize our divisions, and ensure that our field staff within the three regions have equipment adequate to the needs of their work.

In addition we are investing an additional 10% of our Capital Plan as contributions to support tourism, Arts and crafts, and the Nunavut Development Corporation.

(interpretation) In conclusion, the Capital Plan for the Department of Sustainable Development has focused on three strategic areas:

- Supporting our smaller non-decentralized communities,
- Enhancing economic opportunities at the community level, and
- Ensuring that the department is in a position to comprehensively deliver on its legislative mandates within Nunavut.

I would be pleased to answer any questions you might have concerning the capital allocation for the Department of Sustainable Development. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Akesuk for your opening remarks. Do the members agree that the minister's officials may be brought into the chamber. Sergeant-At-Arms, please bring in the officials.

Mr. Akesuk, could you introduce your officials please, for the record. Mr. Akesuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My officials are my new Deputy Minister Alex Campbell, and our Director of Corporate Services, Terryl Allen. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Akesuk. Mr. McLean the Chairman for the Standing Committee on Community Empowerment and Sustainable Development may now make his opening comments. Mr. McLean.

**Mr. McLean:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to welcome Mr. Alex Campbell to this portfolio as Deputy Minister in a department that means a lot to the people of Nunavut. Being an ex-Kivallimmiuq, it is good to see a face back.

As Chairman of the Standing Committee on Community Empowerment and Sustainable Development, I am pleased to be able to provide opening comments as we begin the review of the 2002-2003 capital estimates for the Department of Sustainable Development.

Mr. Chairman, the Standing Committee had the opportunity in June to meet with the Minister of Sustainable Development to review the draft 2002-2003 capital estimates.

Mr. Chairman, the Committee was pleased to see that investment continues to be made in the parks and tourism sector.

However, the Committee strongly urges community consultation in the future when determining what projects to fund in those communities. As the Members well know, each community is unique. Residents best understand their parks and historical sites. They know what needs to be done to increase visitor traffic and enjoyment.

The Committee encourages the Department to continue moving towards the completion of the Inuit Impact Benefit Agreements for territorial parks. Concern has been expressed in the past with respect to the progress of these negotiations.

Mr. Chairman, as Members are aware, the Standing Committee traveled during the later summer and early fall to more than half of the communities in Nunavut to learn what help is needed to boost tourism. It is obvious that the Committee supports the development of a strong tourism sector in Nunavut. However, the Committee is also concerned that other issues not be neglected.

While the Committee recognizes the role that the Nunavut Development Corporation has to play with regards to fish and meat processing plants, this area may require more attention from DSD. Mr. Chairman, this is in reference to the successful representation of Kivalliq Arctic Foods at the Anuga 2001 Fair and Trade Show. The Committee sees a definite market for caribou in Europe as a healthy and natural alternative to beef. Therefore, the Committee would suggest that the department seriously review the current and projected market for these products and support the growth of this industry.

Mr. Chairman, the Committee noted that there are no funds set aside in this budget for gateway displays. It would be interesting to know if those projects have been completed. It is hoped that plans are in place for the upkeep of those displays.

The Committee notes that over the course of the 5-Year Capital Plan, over \$500,000 will be invested in visitor centres. During its consultations, Committee Members heard concerns related to the apparent under-utilization of visitor centres in some communities. We need to look at ways to make visitor centres more viable on a year-round basis.

The Committee is pleased that the department continues to support artists through the purchase of local art for display in GN buildings. However, concern exists that these purchases be made in an equitable manner that allows many communities to benefit from this investment. Mr. Chairman, the Committee would like to see a list of art acquisitions to date including the date of purchase, the artist and the location of the piece.

That concludes my remarks on the capital estimates of the Department of Sustainable Development. Individual Members may wish to raise questions or make comments. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. McLean. For the sake of smooth operations in the House, the members may make their opening comments for up to ten minutes and then ask questions. Mr. McLean.

**Mr. McLean:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My comments won't be longer than three or four minutes. But my comments are basically the direction that this department is going in over the last two years, I haven't been really satisfied with. On numerous occasions I have expressed those concerns in Standing Committee meetings.

I am hoping that with the addition of new staff, and with a re-focused view, that this department will start focusing on the traditional economy, our arts and crafts people and do some kind of economic stimulus in the communities.

Our tourism industry is in collapse. We visited half the communities in Nunavut, the people out there are wondering what's happening. It is in our report that we will be tabling on Thursday. The thing about tourism and I know you know, more than anybody, in the traditional economy Mr. Minister, that a carving sold in a community and I keep saying this and saying it and saying it, means more to a community than any other source of income. Because most carvers and print makers and people that derive their income from the traditional economy, those dollars are stretched through extended families in our communities.

I know that there are all kinds of policies written and all kinds of plans have been brought forward, but after two and a half years, I haven't seen much fruition in communities in regards to tourism, arts and crafts and the traditional economy. I am wondering, are we going to do something or are we just going to talk about it and let people in communities go on the way they are. So, those are my opening comments, there are a couple of years left in this term and I will be flogging this idea of mine until somebody in this government recognizes that there is an issue out there.

Also I would like to add in to my comments while I can, and I don't want to make it too much longer. I think we don't focus on the importance of the private sector in this government. I am still trying to figure out if this government recognizes the private sector. Everywhere else in Canada the private sector produces 50% of the jobs. Up here

the private sector, and I still say it and maintain it, creates half the jobs in Nunavut. Do we recognize that. I don't think so.

What I am getting to here is we have a lot of small businesses. It's the carvers, it's the sewing ladies they, you know, it's everywhere around us. They're trying to derive some kind of income whether it's making ulus and selling them door to door, if it's making wall hangings selling them door to door.

What I'm saying here is that the business community seems to be totally ignored in this government. What I'm asking you for and I've asked this for two and a half years and nothing's come of it, is we got to start looking at our regional Chambers of Commerce.

There used to be a viable, energetic Chamber of Commerce in Kitikmeot. There used to be a couple over here the Baffin Chamber and the Iqaluit Chamber. There used to be a very strong one and it's still surviving in spite of what's happened in the last two and a half years from this government, is the Kivalliq Chamber of Commerce.

They seem to be forgotten and I've asked the question in the House, I've had meetings with the former minister, we've written letters trying to give the regional Chamber of Commerce some sort of base funding so they can hire or try to find staff to help small business development in Nunavut.

I don't think we should view Chambers of Commerce as villains and the private sector that all they're going to do is beat up on the government. We've got to look at working in conjunction with them to create economic opportunities in Nunavut and help foster an entrepreneurial spirit in Nunavut. Because there should be only a little bit of stigma attached to being a businessman in this territory and profit is not a dirty word.

So Mr. Minister, that's my lecture for you today and I'm hoping your new Deputy Minister who I'm very eager to work with and has a great history in the past that we'll start moving forward in this great territory and recognizing the vast potential we have for creating our own wealth and attracting outside dollars to make us less dependant on the federal government. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Is Mr. McLean going to ask questions first. No. I would like to say to the Minister of Sustainable Development that I'm happy he has a new Deputy Minister and that they have to help all the communities of Nunavut but especially the small businesses have to be assisted by the department and the local carvers and artists.

I'm hoping in the near future that Sustainable Development supports those kinds of private enterprise. I would also like to say that the larger communities and the smaller communities try their very best to make profits from what their earnings but in the smaller communities they don't make as much money as the larger communities.

So I'm hopeful that in the future that the smaller communities should get more assistance than the larger communities. There are private companies out there or private entrepreneurs out there that are trying to make a living and they should support the communities according to what they need.

I'm sure the Sustainable Development will do their best to help those people out that are in need. So I would urge that the department work with the other departments to support those people.

Does Department of Sustainable Development have this responsibility or does the minister have the responsibility of meeting with the other ministers to try to support those communities that are in need. The people in the smaller communities have a lot more problems trying to gain economic stability and to trying to find some things to start up a business.

I would also like to say that the hunters and trappers in the different communities should be assisted because they're not making that much money by selling their fur and their pelts. They should be able to be supported by Sustainable Development and this should also be reviewed by the department so they could sell their products such as meat and fish and other animal products that they get.

I would urge the department to try and see whether they could help the hunters in the community and also the people that make their money by sewing because their traditional clothing is very important and they're a lot better than southern made clothing and they should be urged to sell those products.

They should try and find the people who could do business in selling those clothing products from the Nunavut communities because their clothing could be promoted in Canada and the communities could make more money from selling their products if they're promoted. We always have to order stuff from southern Canada because they don't have any place to provide those kinds of things, we have to order them from southern Canada, the clothes, even though we can sell our own by helping the women that sew clothing.

When the department is going to be providing more help for tourism there should be a good plan to assist the people that are in the tourism business and to use Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit in the tourism sector in Nunavut. Because most of the people that have a tourism base are down south and the Inuit should be given priority to provide tourism in their communities so people from the south can visit Nunavut communities. The people of Nunavut know their land and they should be able to provide tourism and to operate tourism businesses.

I wanted to make those comments Mr. Chairman and I think I could go on for another few minutes to use up my ten minutes but this is my conclusion at this time Mr. Chairman.



**Chairperson** (interpretation): After each member makes their comment I will keep it in mind and I will write their names so they can ask questions later. Mr. Havioyak.

**Mr. Havioyak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The comments that I had have been covered a bit. We have concerns in terms of IIBA's. In terms of dealing with the tourism industry we've been trying to promote that. We haven't seen too much activity in this field in terms of attractions. We haven't seen some of those developments for tourists that come to the north.

In terms of the IIBA's, they should be completed as soon as possible before summer so that during the spring tourism can begin to come to Nunavut. In terms of the Coppermine River there are a number of attractions there. There was no activity there last summer. This should be worked on. They are falling behind because of the IIBA's holding up the process.

That is why I made this comment. I will touch on another item. There are some carvers that obtain their own soapstone such as kudlikchaq. The resource is depleting and now they have to go further and further away. Maybe this is more of an O&M item, but it should be put in the Capital Estimates so it can proceed in a big way and carvers can get the assistance they need.

The comments that I was going to make have been touched upon. Those are the two comments that I have in mind. I will have questions to follow. Koana.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Mr. Puqiqnak.

**Mr. Puqiqnak** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I'm not sure if I'm going to follow the previous speaker's concerns. I will be asking questions about the Capital Plan.

I would like to talk about Nunavut in relation to the department. I want to find out what the Department of Sustainable Development is doing with respect to contributions. I am expecting your deputy, your finance officer and yourself to respond to our requests.

Looking at my community and my constituents, our community has not been successful in getting the support they need from your department. People have been requesting outpost camps, four or five outpost camps have been requested from your department, but we have not received any answers.

With respect to proposals. They are always very positive and they're always saying your proposal is very promising but this type of feedback or consultation does not help too much in the communities. When the local residents request support they don't just request it because they thought of it overnight. They've been thinking about these things for quite some time and this is what an Inuk does. They don't just think of it overnight.

As well we're trying to concentrate on providing outpost camps for inmates so they can go out on the land and not have to be shipped out of Nunavut to penitentiaries down south. If you want to see some applications for these outpost camps and other projects, we have lots of documents. Mr. Chairman, for these reasons I asked you about our fish plant but you were not aware of the fish plant in my community.

This is a physical established fish plant I was referring to. If Nunavut residents and your department work closely together they would be able to re-establish the fish plant. This is I think a lot easier today with respect to fishing. At one time when we used to have one airplane come in maybe once a week or more. But today we have planes going directly to Cambridge Bay and to other communities where the fish can be transported back and forth. So because of this it shouldn't be too hard for your department to establish funding for this fish plant so it can be re-established.

Also with respect to carvings and seamstresses doing tapestries. In 1999 when we met about these issues we asked to have sewing centres in Nunavut because we can make crafts from wildlife, sealskin and caribou skin. This sewing centre was requested in 1999 but it never became a reality. As to the comment we heard from the Member for Uqqummiut, I am in support of what he said because we have to establish a garment sewing centre so the women in Nunavut can produce these garments made in Nunavut.

Also, Mr. Chairman, with respect to the smaller businesses that are trying to start up, they don't have anyone to turn to in their communities. They have no place to try and get information about starting a business.

We've received a lot of documents produced by Yellowknife consultants and these documents are usually given to the regional office and a lot of proposals and information have been collected through this process. But in Kitikmeot the head office is not being supported and people are told that they will not succeed in their business. So part of the reason they might not succeed is because they don't get enough support. I know a lot of applicants who wanted to start a business.

Mr. Chairman, I will stop at this point for now. I will have questions later. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Puqignak. We're under the capital plan. If you just keep your comments general that would be fine with me. Mr. Alakannuark will have his ten minutes at this time.

**Mr. Alakannuark** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have a short comment because other members have already mentioned my concerns. We are trying to promote Inuit traditional skills and we're trying to promote and support more businesses in the smaller communities because there is lack of economic activities in the smaller communities.

A lot of times the problem is there is no community freezer for someone who might want to use it for storing wildlife. As well with respect to garment making this can also be a good business for the smaller communities. There are lots of qualified seamstresses who can create these garments out of wildlife, sealskin and caribou.

With respect to carvers who try to get carving stone they have a difficult time getting the resources so because there is no soapstone they often end up not carving. This is the concern I wanted to bring up, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Alakannuark. Ms. Williams is going to make her opening comments.

**Ms. Williams:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I just have a very brief comment. I'll try to keep in line with the capital estimates. From the minister's speaking notes perhaps you might want to change your year to 2000, so we're not a year behind or something.

The first thing I want to talk about is Grise Fiord, fixing up the old office up there. I don't know if any of you have seen that office. You want to upgrade that old office and I think these trailers were moved from one of the other communities and they're sort of slapped together. Those are the old government offices where the sustainable development officer is now.

I'm not sure if you've seen them minister or your staff, but I think you need to look at them. I think it's very, very expensive to keep that thing running and if you're going to be upgrading it I think the community would rather have a new one altogether instead of just upgrading the old thing. That's one thing that I want to mention.

Another one I want to speak about is in the business part of your department. All of my communities are small communities and the people that are working there, they call them community economic planners, they seem to concentrate a lot on cruise ships that are coming in instead of the selling of carvings and the little things in the community which are good things.

I think they need to refocus and start to think about what they can do for the whole community instead of just one individual. Something like, let's look at for example a co-op.

It employs people, people are members of the co-op, so it is a collective thing. I think for smaller communities that's what you need to look at for business. Also still support the individuals that want a small business and I think that needs to be looked at better. I do agree with the people that are speaking about sewing, arts and crafts. That needs to be more supported in the community because that's what the communities know how to do.

They know that, they can sew, and it's something that they can do, they don't need to take training for it. (interpretation) So that's all I have to say for now Mr. Chairman, I will have questions later. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you, Ms. Williams. The last speaker is Mr. Nutarak.

**Mr. Nutarak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have a brief statement to share with you. With respect to the smaller communities people were talking about the smaller communities. But I want to talk about Nunavut in general. There is a lack of employment opportunities in Nunavut and we have to look at it as a whole, not just the smaller communities.

As more economic issues arise in the communities, I would like opportunities to be established not only in the smaller communities, but in Nunavut as a whole as well. The Minister of Sustainable Development the Ministers for other departments may be able to work together and come up with a plan for economic activities and being more supportive in the smaller communities and Nunavut communities overall.

With respect to hunters and trappers, I think it can be dealt with through his department, to provide support for them. I want more support for unemployed hunters, there should be ways to support them more. Also with respect to new businesses, if it is possible, if they think they could be successful they should receive more support so economic activity can be increased in Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Nutarak. Any more general comments. Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I don't have too many comments for the minister and his staff. I think one thing that I can't stress enough is I know and my colleagues have mentioned it as well, the importance of developing the infrastructure necessary to take advantage of the, as I say, the untapped potential of tourism in Nunavut.

With our parks and the wilderness, the untapped wilderness is out there, and I think the department needs to really focus and look at developing infrastructure to make those places accessible, all throughout Nunavut. When you look at, there are times over this past summer, we heard of some of the areas where parks were closed because of high water conditions and things like that, but I think I would like to see an emphasis put on infrastructure for territorial and national parks so that we can access, as much as possible.

Everyone that comes up here and goes to one of those parks, there is additional money and dollars that they spend in Nunavut. So I think that it's crucial that we tap into that, it's a renewable resource so I think that again is something that we need to take a look at as a way of something that will always be there. A lot of the traditional economy in all the communities, that's something that my colleagues mentioned as well. That's just a comment. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. The floor is open for questions. Once that has been completed we'll go on to page 11-6. Keep on topic when you are asking your questions. We're dealing with the capital estimates for Sustainable Development. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. My question is regarding the equipment that was brought up during the general comments. They're all items that need money in the capital estimates.

Can the minister and his staff review the capital estimates and see if they could put the items that were just brought up in the capital estimates in the near future. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Mr. Minister.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Mr. Chairman. I am not too sure about what items he is referring to. Perhaps if he could clarify what he was just talking about. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Mr. Iqaqrialu.

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It's about getting a sewing centre, a tourist centre or a visitor's centre. Some communities are also looking at getting meat plants. So those are things that were brought up during the general comments and if we were to set them up in the communities we would need them in the capital estimates. That's what I was talking about. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Mr. Akesuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Those are areas that we are looking at or concerned about as to what more we could do into the communities, what is needed. The general comments that were brought up are all good comments. The items that need to be put in the communities are what we can look at and how we could find Capital funds to establish them in the communities. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Mr. Alakannuark** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, during my general comments, under 1,2,3 during the minister's opening comments, he stated the capital expenditures are divided into three categories, buildings and works, equipment acquisition and contributions. Could he explain this further. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Mr. Akesuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. There are buildings and works that we need to work on and deal with in the communities. For instance,

Renewable Resources office buildings. We need to upgrade some buildings and number two, equipment acquisition, things such as snowmobiles, sleds, and so on.

Under contributions we give contributions to communities for assistance and things that the communities might need. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Alakannuark are you done. I don't have anybody else on my list. Do you want to go page by page. Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, as I had indicated in my opening comments, I talked about developing infrastructure for parks and I would like to ask if the department has some kind of a master plan for looking at developing the parks within Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We are putting together a master plan for parks and this is a slow process because there are areas that we need to look at because of the parks agreements with the Federal Government. We expect that in December, this would be completed. We will be able to have a master plan available. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I look forward to seeing that plan Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I would just like to ask the minister in general on the money that has been allocated towards the development of infrastructure in the parks in the past. I know every year there is money put in there and allocated towards projects and parks.

I am just wondering if all of that money gets spent or are there some projects that weren't completed for some reason and are they still on the books to be completed and where the money went for them. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The funds that are allocated for parks, when the money is not spent it is brought back and rolled over to the new fiscal year. We put the money into items that need to be completed. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson:** Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I am wondering if the minister could tell us how much money was lapsed and carried over or was put into other projects that weren't completed last year and what projects didn't get done. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson:** Minister Akesuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The money that was not spent was 1.5 million. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Are you done. Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, that is quite a substantial amount of money that we approved here in the House to go towards projects in various parks throughout Nunavut. Can the minister indicate as to the reason why we have this much money that has been lapsed from those projects and why those projects didn't go ahead. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Mr. Akesuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It is due to the IIBA negotiations that have been going on for the last couple of years. Once that is done, hopefully this year, we will have more capital projects done this coming year. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I think I asked what projects weren't completed. Does the minister have a list of projects that weren't completed that were approved in the past. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. Mr. Akesuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk:** I have the projects that didn't go on this year. I could provide it once I get the information. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I look forward to seeing that and can the minister commit that if there are projects that didn't go ahead, that were approved in the past, that as he had indicated, if it is the result of an IIBA not being negotiated or for whatever reason that those projects that were identified and approved in the past, that they will go ahead and that they will be put back into the plan somewhere.

I don't know, if we have approved them and I don't see them back in here in the five year plan, so I assume that they are done. I wouldn't mind getting that list and seeing when and where they are going to go back into the capital plan. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Minister Akesuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We will do that. I will look into that for the member. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson:** Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just to be clear, can the minister actually indicate when we can expect to see that information. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Mr. Akesuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will be able to provide that information tomorrow. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): I now have Ms. Williams on my list.

**Ms. Williams** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have a few questions. Getting back to the IIBA issues. What is the status of this now. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Minister Akesuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would defer that to Mr. Campbell.

**Chairperson:** Mr. Campbell.

**Mr. Campbell:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Over the past three and a half weeks, the Government of Nunavut has been negotiating with NTI to try and get an agreement on the IIBAs. Hopefully before the end of December we will have at least an agreement in principle negotiated with NTI.

A lot of these capital projects that have been deferred as a result of the negotiations not being finalized, will be phased over to the next capital process to make sure that these projects, that were missed in this exercise are included in there as well.

So the question is are the IIBA negotiations close to being completed. They are 99 percent at this point and we are really pushing our negotiating team from the Government of Nunavut to get results, because there's a lot of money here that needs to be used, capital dollars. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson:** (interpretation): Do you want to continue. Ms. Williams.

**Ms. Williams:** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Also in the minister's opening comments he listed the three capital expenditures. He talked about the capital plan and that the Department of Sustainable Development has focused on three strategic areas. So how did you identify this.



**Chairperson:** Mr. Akesuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): We have started these already, with Coral Harbour, Kugaaruk and Hall Beach and we have to work with the communities. While we're working with these smaller communities and discussing with them what is needed in their communities we are also going to be working with other communities and do a needs assessment for the smaller communities. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson:** Ms. Williams.

**Ms. Williams:** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My last question. Since the minister mentioned only a few communities and I'm sure that there are lots more, thirteen or fourteen other communities in Nunavut, what would the community have to do in order for your department to work with them. What should the community do so that your department will work with them on their goals and objectives. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson:** Mr. Akesuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We are working with many communities at this time, the process is going and we will work with these communities and we'll also work with other communities where there aren't as many projects.

We could give assistance to the communities when they make applications and if they ask for help we can also give them assistance in writing up their applications. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson:** Ms. Williams.

**Ms. Williams** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Well this time it's the last question. I would like to ask another question. How will the communities know about the funding they can apply for.

(interpretation ends) What do the communities need to do to know to work with the departments. Do you go into the communities to work with them, or do you talk to them about what they can do. Thank you.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Mr. Akesuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, the Community Economic Development Officers, we work with these officials and they are under the umbrella of the hamlet councils. They are to give support to the communities and you can approach the Economic Development Officers at the local level or you can ask them to call our Department of Sustainable Development.

The three regions that I mentioned, Kivalliq, Kitikmeot, and Qikiqtaaluk. In Qikiqtaaluk, the regional office is in Pond Inlet for Sustainable Development, they can work with that division to work on those applications. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Are you finished. Mr. McLean.

**Mr. McLean:** Disaster, disaster, disaster. That's all I can say. You know, I'm not blaming you Olayuk, and I'm not blaming the staff at this point. But, for the life of me when you were a regular member and we looked at the total Parks budget, an alarm went off back then when I said, you know here we are committing millions and millions of dollars to Parks budgets and we don't have anything signed. And I opposed it and a few of us wanted to do something about it at the time but there were a couple of members that didn't want to do anything about it.

So, here's where we are today. Through the efforts of I don't know what, these IIBA's haven't been finalized and I know they're going to be finalized in the next six months, I know they are, I feel it, for whatever reason.

It's a sad day when I'm always up in this House lecturing about the traditional economy, arts and crafts, tourism and stuff like that, and millions of dollars are lapsing in budgets. I can go on and I can ask questions about my community and the Parks that were always designated for there, and the frustration that my community went through trying to build a campground in the Park. All of a sudden a consultant shows up from Vancouver a year and a half ago, came into Baker Lake and asked everybody the same questions that consultants asked five years ago about building a campground on the Thelon River or the Kazan River.

They walk away with thousands and thousands and thousands and thousands of dollars, questioning information that we knew was already there. Like I say, we're at a point now where it's sad, and we're lapsing millions of dollars.

There's not a day that goes by in this House when a member doesn't stand up in the House and ask for something and I'm not blaming you, and I'm not blaming your deputy, and I'm not blaming your comptroller. But I know where the blame lies, and where it did happen before, and I know it's not going to happen when we come back next year, I know that there are going to be agreements on the IIBA's, we're going to move along.

The tourism industry has collapsed in this territory, as a result of certain things that were happening with this government in the last two and a half years. There's been changes made and I am hoping the changes are going to give us a promising new future in this department, and in the industry. But on the capital side of it, you know, the deputy minister said that there's going to be an overlap in funding and something is going to be done about it and there's going to be projects moving ahead.

I'm hoping that by next year when we're sitting here doing capital, and I know we're not going to be sitting here and saying that money has lapsed and the IIBA's haven't been finalized, because I know it's going to happen in the next six months.

That's just my feelings today, I am just shocked and outraged as to what happened and I know that you are not responsible for it, I know your deputy ministers not responsible for it. So that's about all I can say, I'm more disappointed than anything, but not with you or your staff. I know where the problem was and where it exists, and I'm hoping we talk about working together in this territory, that the organizations involved are going to sit down and represent the needs of the residents of Nunavut.

Not their own interests and what they think should be done because at the end of the day, Olayuk, it's us as politicians that have to provide a future for the people in these little communities that don't have much in them to start with. That's all I'm going to say with that.

Hunter asked a question and it caught me off guard and so that's why I'm reacting the way I am. But, you know, a million and a half dollars to build a fish plant in the community, a small community, or two, or three, and that's where we as regular members get really upset when something doesn't happen and we know there's millions of dollars out there, and there's a need out there for certain things.

A lot of people don't understand it sometimes. But the people that represent those communities know that people are looking for some kind of hope and when there is millions of dollars lapsed, it is really sad. It is really sad day when this happens. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. No question on that one. More of a statement of frustration than anything. Thank you.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Mr. Puqiqnak.

**Mr. Puqiqnak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have very brief general comments to make and then a question to follow. A few days ago, I thought you were working with the regional offices of economic development. For example, in Kitikmeot your department has a division there in Kugluktuk for economic development.

I thought it was part of your department, I thought there was a close working relationship on a daily basis with that division as you said earlier in your response to the Member for Quttiktuq. She asked you if you would work with the communities, or if you continue to work with the communities. But with your response when I asked you a question a few days ago in regards to the fish plants that you didn't know about.

How can you get closer to the communities and us. If you can at least have the application forms addressed to your department. How can we make this process closer to your department, because there is a huge gap between your department and the Kugluktuk office. You didn't even seem to know what the division in Kugluktuk was doing. How can we have a closer working relationship. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Minister Akesuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, the application forms don't come to me directly. I don't see the applications. I can't say where the applications should be addressed. There is a close working relationship between our department and that division. We work with Gjoa Haven and Taloyoak and Cambridge Bay closely.

When we had to deal with emergency cases it is evident that we have a close working relationship and we try to work with each other to the best of our abilities within our limited resources. It is evident that if people would like to make applications, and they do make applications, but we can't fulfil them all and it's evident that division and our department are working closely together along with the staff at the Hamlet.

The Economic Development Officers, we work with them and they work with us according to the way I see it. I see a close working relationship amongst our department and the economic development officers. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Are you finished. I have no more names on the list. Mr. Havioyak.

**Mr. Havioyak**: Koanaqutit, Itsivautaq. On my statement I mentioned our arts and crafts that people locally produce. As I said, the soapstone quarries are getting further and further out. Some of these sites are almost depleted. You can only get so much from these sites.

Across Nunavut, if there was to be a capital project, has this been identified or is there any sign of a quarry site that needs to be worked on so that we could assist our carvers in that area. Koanaqutit, Itsivautaq.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Mr. Akesuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, I remember correctly Mr. McLean had discussed or made a comment on how to make the soapstone easier to obtain for the carvers and the artists.

It's evident too that in my riding of the two communities there's a soapstone mine adjacent to the communities. There's a safety issue there and we're looking at how we can improve this by working together with our department and our mining division so that we can find alternatives to make it easier for the carvers to mine soapstone and how to market the art. When the market for carvings is slowing down we're looking at ways to assist them and review it. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): If there are no more questions from the members we'll get to the page under Sustainable Development, Capital Estimates. Mr. Akesuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just before we go to the Capital Estimates I would like my deputy to make some remarks first. Mr. Campbell.

**Mr. Campbell:** I just wanted to clarify about the IIBA funding that we've been talking about on the capital. We have never lost funds due to the IIBA. What we've done is we've carried over the funds. I just wanted to make sure I clarified that, so these funds are still there and will be used for IIBA purposes. Alright. Just a point of clarification so that we won't be misleading the members.

As well we have wildlife officers as well as CEDOs in each of the communities. I'm just addressing Madam Williams' questions. We're using these people to consult with the communities on the process to apply for business loans as well as the system of the capital program, particularly in the wildlife area. So we'll continue to do that.

We're also in the process of reviewing, our notices are in the process right now to everybody here. But we're reviewing the way we structure the department primarily focusing on how we can work closer to the communities in the delivery of the programs and services that we do have.

So we'll be looking at the recent structures and how we can enhance that process and how we can work closely with the communities out there. So I just wanted to make these points. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I thank the deputy for clarifying that but I guess my other question is this. He indicated that they've never lapsed any funds as a result or the funds that were allocated to the IIBA. Were there funds that were lapsed for capital projects that didn't go ahead because there wasn't an IIBA.

I want to clarify him saying that they didn't lapse any funds for IIBA but as a result of the lack of IIBAs were there funds that were lapsed. I guess that's my question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Mr. Campbell.

**Mr. Campbell:** I just wanted to clarify again that what we're talking about here is the carrying over of the funds that were targeted for IIBAs. Those funds are still there and the FMB has been approving the carry over on an annual basis on these particular funds.

As for the lapsing of other specific projects I would refer that to my Director of Corporate Services.

**Chairperson:** Terryl.

**Ms. Allen:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The 1.5 million dollars that was carried forward from last year was the unspent money in our capital projects. It was carried forward and approved by the FMB as Supplementary No. 1, for the 2001/2002 budget. So that was carried forward and added to our capital estimates for this fiscal year. Thank you.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Are you finished. I have no further names. Shall we go to the Department of Sustainable Development Capital Estimates, page 11 - 6. Sustainable Development. Branch Summary. Under Sustainable Development. Total Capital Estimates, 2 million 470 thousand. Agreed. Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I just want to clarify that the projects that are listed on the following pages are part of that 11.6 if we have questions on items after that, do we ask them now, or are we approving this as we go through it. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. You can ask questions on 11 - 7. Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, on 11 - 7, there is an amount in there for attraction development for the Sylvia Grinnell Park. Last year we approved funding and what was supposed to happen last year was the design for a pedestrian footbridge across the river. It was anticipated that the geo-technical site studies and design for the pedestrian bridge over the river, including the material lists and all that kind of stuff would go ahead this year.

I would like to ask the minister if that is included in this amount. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Minister.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The amount is not there Mr. Chairman, for the pedestrian bridge at Sylvia Grinnell Park. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, he's got me all choked up. Mr. Chairman, maybe I can just ask the department, did they in fact, as they had indicated in the capital project substantiation sheets last year, did they in fact do the design and all of that work and study for that, including all the material lists and everything for that bridge as they had indicated they were going to. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Minister.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, Mr. Chairman, we are going to be working with DND on the bridge at the Sylvia Grinnell River.

We will be working with that group, National Defence on that bridge. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson:** Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I guess the minister is saying that they didn't do the design and that for the bridge as they had indicated they were going to do in last year's capital. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Minister.

**Hon. Olayuk Akasuk** (interpretation): Yes you're right, we have not done it. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson:** Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, when I look at the five year capital plan, I don't see that in there and I would like to ask the minister when can we expect to see that in there. That was something that was supposed to go ahead this year. So I would like to ask him when we can expect to see that done. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Mr. Akasuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akasuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As I said, we will be working with National Defence to see what we can do with the bridge. We will be working with them and they have provided some funding as well to support us with the bridge. They have the funding for that. I am not exactly sure when that would be completed. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson:** Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, again, they had indicated last year that stuff was supposed to happen and it hasn't. I wonder if the stuff that is in there this year, is that going to happen, or are we just going to be asking next year, where did that go, what happened to that, when is that going to be done.

I don't know how long it takes for the department to sit down, they said they were going to be meeting with DND last year and they still haven't done it. When are we going to see that happen and when are we going to be seeing the designs and when can we expect to see the footbridge crossing the Sylvia Grinnell River. It has been greatly anticipated, not only by the local hunters, and berry pickers in Iqaluit, but also the hordes of tourists that we see here in Iqaluit. And we have seen over the last couple of years.

When are we going to see that happen. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Minister Akesuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We will be working on it next year. As soon as the IIBAs are completed, we will start work on the footbridge. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson**: Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. So is the minister saying that this project didn't go ahead as a result of the IIBAs not being signed. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson**: Mr. Akesuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk**: No it is not due to the IIBAs. It is also due to the preparation that we have to do with DND where we could start and how we could do it. So we will probably start this year on the bridge. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson**: Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, out of the, I believe it was 220 thousand dollars, or 200 thousand dollars that was allocated to that project last year, how much of that was to be used or earmarked for doing that work in relation to the foot bridge. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson**: (interpretation): Mr. Akesuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Once we get the information, I'll let my colleague know about how much we spent on that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson**: (interpretation): Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I know it wasn't spent but I'd like to know how much wasn't spent. How much was allocated for it and if the minister can commit to ensuring that the, you know he indicated he will be carrying those projects forward and in the next fiscal year through a supplementary appropriation that's the method in which he indicated that they will be handling these projects. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson**: (interpretation): Mr. Akesuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have the figures here, how much we spent so far on the projects for the Sylvia Grinnell Park, it's 72 thousand 500 spent so far towards the Silva Grinnell Park. Thank you.

**Chairperson**: (interpretation): Mr. Tootoo.



**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Again I was asking for how much was allocated for the actual design of the footbridge that was supposed to be done. Can we be reassured that once the IIBAs are signed and once the meetings are initiated with DND that we can see that amount put back into the budget as the amount was already previously approved. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson:** (interpretation): Mr. Akasuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akasuk:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We'll have to get back to you to see the exact amount of how much we spent so far on the footbridge.

**Chairperson:** (interpretation): Mr. Iqaqrialu has a question for the minister.

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I don't have a question but I don't want to approve the 2 million 470 thousand if that's the total of the activity that we're dealing with. I am willing to go clause by clause. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson:** (interpretation): Mr. Nutarak.

**Mr. Nutarak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yesterday the person sitting next to me was chairing the Committee of the Whole and he was asking are you agreed and from that I understood that I can say that I am in agreement. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson:** (interpretation): At this time we're on 11-7. Page 11-7 Sustainable Development. Branch Summary. Sustainable Development. Buildings and works. Total headquarters region, 200 thousand. Mr. McLean.

**Mr. McLean:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This 220 thousand, can the minister tell us what that was spent on last year. Thank you.

**Chairperson:** (interpretation): Mr. Akasuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akasuk** (interpretation): The funding was used for expanding and renovating visitors' centres. There are nine visitors' centres, one in Arviat, one in Baker Lake, one in Cambridge Bay, Pond Inlet, Pangnirtung, Iqaluit, Kimmirut, Cape Dorset and Rankin Inlet, this money was used for renovating these visitors' centres in these communities. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson:** Mr. McLean.

**Mr. McLean:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Could I have the details. Thank you.

**Chairperson:** Mr. Akasuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We will provide him with the details once we get the information because we don't have the information right now. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson:** Mr. McLean.

**Mr. McLean:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On the 2002/2003 I would also like to know what that money is going to be spent on at headquarters. Thank you.

**Chairperson:** Mr. Akesuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The 2002/2003, 200 thousand dollars that is here is for various visitors' centres again and we don't know where we are going to spend it right now. It will be spent on required fixing of the visitors' centres. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson:** Mr. McLean.

**Mr. McLean:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It is difficult to agree to spend 200 thousand dollars if we don't know where we are going to spend it. That's the point I am getting to. I know he has various visitors' centres around Nunavut, and that's why I asked on the 2001/2002 where we spent the 220 thousand, if we did indeed spend it.

I am sure the minister should have that information at his fingertips. If there is some kind of plan to upgrade the visitors' centres, well I have no problems with that because they need ongoing maintenance. But if we are just going to plug a figure of a couple of hundred thousand dollars every year for ongoing maintenance on visitors' centres, is that enough is what I am asking the minister.

We might need 400 thousand because the visitors' centres may be falling down, or getting in disrepair if there is not enough money approved. That's why I am asking, if we are going to go ahead and approve 200 thousand for 2002/2003, do they have any kind of plan for upgrading these visitors' centres that are all over Nunavut. I am not speaking against them because we need visitors' centres, but it is difficult to approve funding if you don't know where it is going.

I am sure the minister and his department know where it is going and what they are using it to upgrade. But it would sure be nice to know where it is going. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That's all I have.

**Chairperson:** Minister Akesuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There are three main visitors' centres that we still have to work on. The Unikkaarvik Centre here in Iqaluit, the Arctic Coast Visitors' Centre, design and programming and also to purchase displays for Katimavik Visitors' Centre in Kimmirut. Thank you.

**Chairperson:** Mr. McLean.

**Mr. McLean:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am a little slow today Mr. Chairman, is that 2001 since you said you were going to get me the information on where that money went. So on the 2002/2003, part of the 200 thousand dollars is going to Kimmirut, part of the 200 thousand dollars is going to Iqaluit and part of the 200 thousand dollars is going to Kugluktuk. Is that correct and that's the end of it. Thank you.

Oh, Cambridge Bay. So we got part going to Cambridge Bay, part of the 200 thousand dollars going to Kimmirut and part of the 200 thousand dollars going to Iqaluit. So I am clear on where the 200 thousand dollars is going now. Thank you. Good that's all I need to know today.

**Chairperson:** Minister Akesuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes. Thank you.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Are you finished. Mr. Havioyak. He has nothing further. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. With respect to the 200 thousand dollars, I am very envious of it. But I would like to ask, if this 200 thousand dollars is going to be used only for visitors' centres that were mentioned, are they not going to concentrate on other visitors' centres that weren't mentioned. This is my question, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Mr. Minister.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I didn't quite understand your question as to which communities you were talking about. Which are recognized and which are not according to your definition. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Mr. Iqaqrialu.

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Pond Inlet's centre, last year was recognized through the Federal Government because of the National Park. But the other places have not been given the same recognition as far as park activities are concerned. I want to find out if there is any funding made available for these other parks that were not recognized. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Minister.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Yes, Mr. Chairman, if there was left over funding we would be able to use this funding for parks or other places that aren't recognized.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Mr. Iqaqrialu.

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am grateful that I will be able to request funding from your department on this as well. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson**: Ms. Williams.

**Ms. Williams** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Under 11 - 7 on the community of Grise Fiord, I mentioned this earlier. The wildlife office garage, 375 thousand. Is this going to be built or is it just in the planning stages.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Mr. Akesuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is for the planning stages leading up to construction. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Ms. Williams** (interpretation): I just wanted clarification. Are they going to be visiting the community to try and see how they are going to build this garage.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Mr. Akesuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you. I don't have any more speakers according to my list. Sustainable Development. Detail of Capital. Buildings and Works. Total headquarters region, 200 thousand. Any questions. Are you agreed.

**Some Members**: Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Next page. Total Qikiqtaaluk region, 1 million 25 thousand. Any questions. Are you agreed.

**Some Members**: Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Mr. Puqiqnak.

**Mr. Puqiqnak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. With respect to Sanikiluaq, the wildlife office garage. There is an amount allotted for 325 thousand for this garage. Is it going to be a garage and a warehouse. Is that what it is. Is that why it is 325 thousand. Do they not have a garage at this time. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Mr. Minister.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, the wildlife officers have to have proper space to work. For example in Grise Fjord and Resolute Bay, we are looking into providing spaces for them, for the wildlife officers. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson:** (interpretation): Going back to 11-8. Total Qikiqtaaluk region, 1 million 25 thousand. Any questions. Are you agreed.

**Some Members:** Agreed

**Chairperson:** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Total Kivalliq, 170 thousand. Any questions. Agreed.

**Some Members:** Agreed

**Chairperson:** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Next page Kitikmeot. Total Kitikmeot region, 450 thousand. Questions. Mr. Puqiqnak.

**Mr. Puqiqnak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Perhaps we were misunderstood during our community consultations on tourism. In one of my communities, Gjoa Haven, I know you are aware that Gjoa Haven will be celebrating their 100th anniversary.

We're working on doing some attraction development. I'm wondering why under 2002/2003 there's only 25 thousand for attraction development. There's money in the amount of 125 thousand up to 2007 but now we'd like to do a lot of work in our community before our anniversary there. Thank you.

**Chairperson:** (interpretation): Thank you. We're dealing with capital estimates, perhaps Mr. Akesuk could respond.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. 25 thousand is geared for tourism, so can be used for the anniversary coming up in Gjoa Haven. So this money would be used for attraction development for that anniversary.

**Chairperson:** (interpretation): Just keep on track. Mr. Puqiqnak.

**Mr. Puqiqnak** (interpretation): The 125 thousand for 2003/2007, will part of that be used for attraction development for this event.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): I apologize Mr. Chairman. Could he ask his question again.

**Chairperson:** (interpretation): Mr. Puqiqnak

**Mr. Puqiqnak** (interpretation): The capital estimates for 2002/2007 has 125 thousand and because we're celebrating the 100th anniversary in our community, will we be getting more money to add to this 25 thousand. Thank you.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Is your question regarding 11-9.

**Mr. Puqiqnak** (interpretation): It is on 11-8.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): We are discussing 11-9, Kitikmeot region, 11-8 was already approved. Mr. Akasuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akasuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We are looking at what more we can do for this even that is happening in Gjoa Haven and we will do all we can to support the community. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Do you wish to continue. Mr. Puqiqnak.

**Mr. Puqiqnak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The capital estimates for the Kitikmeot region. If we asked for more money for attraction development would that be possible to put in more funds that aren't already in here. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Mr. Akasuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akasuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We would look into this and work on it in more detail following the process. We will work with the community as to what else we can do. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Are you finished. Total Kitikmeot region, 11-9, 450 thousand. Agreed.

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Total buildings and works, 1 million 845 thousand. Agreed.

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Page 11-10. Sustainable Development. Branch Summary. Sustainable Development. Equipment Acquisition. Total headquarters region, 150 thousand. Any questions. Agreed.

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Total Qikiqtaaluk region, 145 thousand. Any questions. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Under Pond Inlet, mobile equipment, decentralization. Would the minister clarify what that is for. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Minister Akesuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Those communities that are part of the decentralization program require additional mobile equipment. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Mr. McLean.

**Mr. McLean**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Under mobile equipment on this page, there is a few hundred thousand dollars. Does this include all boats and motors, snowmobiles, and trucks. Thank you.

**Chairperson**: (interpretation): Mr. Akesuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Yes, that would include ATVs, boats, snowmobiles, equipment that is needed by our staff within Sustainable Development. Thank you

**Chairperson**: (interpretation): You want to continue. Mr. McLean.

**Mr. McLean**: Mr. Chairman. We have 26 communities in Nunavut and we've got the largest geographical area to cover for Renewable Resource Officers, we have one I think I believe almost one in every community now, and two in some and I'm trying to figure out why when the department was preparing this, that they only put in that much.

I don't see a surplus of boats or motors or snowmobiles or equipment like that for our Renewable Resource Officers to do patrols with, if our Renewable Resource Officers do patrol, at this point I don't think they do much because the equipment they have is very, very limited in what they can do.

Can he explain to me why they are not asking for much here because I know in Iqaluit there's a headquarters they have 150 thousand and I suppose they need a couple more trucks in the capital that drive around here to chase fisherman and poachers. But I'm worried about the other parts of Nunavut out there the poor little resource officers, are they taking money out of O&M there, to purchase equipment for them. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson**: (interpretation): Minister Akesuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. With our 2 million dollars in the budget for capital, there is a big demand and we have to try to transfer it out, we're doing

our very best to put money into equipment that the Wildlife Officers need. We're doing our very best trying to purchase as much as possible. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson:** (interpretation): Mr. McLean.

**Mr. McLean:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. What do you estimate your needs are to supply your Renewable Resource Officers with the equipment they need to do patrols in Nunavut. Thank you.

**Chairperson:** (interpretation): Mr. Akesuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk:** We don't have that information right now but we can provide that information. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson:** (interpretation): Mr. McLean.

**Mr. McLean:** Well, I know if the money was in there it would be spent because in most communities Renewable Resource Officers need equipment.

The thing is that again we have Heritage Rivers in Nunavut, we have National Parks, we have wildlife sanctuaries, game sanctuaries and the Federal Government creating things. They're great at it and during my community consultations there were quite a few members in communities that are close to National Parks and game reserves and Heritage Rivers.

We're saying that tourists are showing up there, flying in, coming on cruise ships or whatever, and exploiting the land and picking up artefacts, and you know disturbing sites and things like that. Almost carte blanche. There is no other place in the world that a tourist can land in their own airplane or cruise ship or boats and just do whatever they want to do.

Most of these are, you know, federal jurisdictions. Do they have any commitments to providing communities with equipment, or is it in the IIBA to provide Renewable Resource Officers or game officers or some kind of equipment to patrol Nunavut.

I know there's submarines up here, Russian submarines and American submarines, there's not much we can do about that but you know the cruise ships show up and the float planes show up to exploit the land and to fish without being checked. Is there any plan here to put more controls, to make Nunavut a little bit tighter in allowing people to come in and do whatever they want. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson:** (interpretation): Minister Akesuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We will look into this further as to what responsibilities we could give our staff in regards to patrolling the land



because we need to assist them with all the help that they give us. We'll work on making sure that they get the proper equipment to do this. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Ms. Williams.

**Ms. Williams** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I don't really know too much about snowmobiles and boats but on this page they talk about various mobile equipment. Is there a lot more activity happening in the decentralized communities, such as Cape Dorset and Pond Inlet. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Minister Akesuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The mobile equipment named here may sound different and it is because of dialects. In Pond Inlet they need more mobile equipment because the Public Works headquarters is stationed there now. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): You want to continue. Ms. Williams.

**Ms. Williams** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Under Qikiqtaaluk Region, various Qikiqtaaluk mobile equipment, 75 thousand. What communities are those going to.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Mr. Akesuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): It is going towards boats, snowmobiles and they will go towards various communities in Qikiqtaaluk. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Mr. Iqaqrialu.

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I apologize, Mr. Chairman. I was thinking that in the communities where we have polar bear problems, that they should be getting vehicles instead. I feel that we could see problems arising because the vehicles especially trucks and cars can't really travel on land where there's no road.

These decentralized communities, Cape Dorset and Pond Inlet are receiving vehicles. Do they all have ATVs and boats and other vehicles. I would like to get clarification. Thank you.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Mr. Akesuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. These are employee vehicles, they are geared towards the office staff and not the Wildlife Officers in Pond Inlet. These staff need mobile equipment whether they need to go pick up a person coming in from the airport or whatever.

All the decentralized communities are provided with vehicles but they're not geared towards the Renewable Resource Officers' daily duties. These are larger communities and they would end up having to walk. For example, in Cape Dorset if they have to travel they have to walk all the way from the airport to their office because it's quite a distance from there.

So therefore, we are purchasing vehicles for Cape Dorset and Pond Inlet. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Mr. Iqaqrialu.

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. How I envy them. I envy the decentralized communities. How about the smaller communities that didn't receive decentralization. We should be given the opportunity to purchase these vehicles, even though they are not decentralized communities. So they should be treated equally to the decentralized communities because even the smaller communities have facilities that are quite far from the airport.

Coral Harbour as an example, the airport is eleven miles away. So you should consider all those aspects too, even in the smaller communities. We are envious about those two communities that are receiving mobile equipment. We should be given that opportunity to purchase that mobile equipment as well. I was wondering if you can at least consider the smaller communities and be receptive to their needs. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Minister Akesuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes we can look into it. Thank you.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): In the capital estimates. Mr. Alakannuark.

**Mr. Alakannuark** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I was going to ask a question, but now I understand. We have different names for vehicles because of our dialects. The literal translation in Inuktitut for what you have been talking about means to me, in my dialect, that you will be buying bicycles for those two communities. Perhaps you should fix that. That's not a question, it's just a comment. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): I have no more names on the list. Page 11-10. Total Qikiqtaaluk region, 145 thousand. Questions. Agreed.

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Total Kivalliq region, 40 thousand. Questions. Agreed.

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Turning to the next page. Total Kitikmeot, 40 thousand. Questions. Agreed.

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Total equipment acquisitions, 375 thousand. Questions. Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo:** No, thank you.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): He has changed his mind. Total equipment acquisitions, 375 thousand. Questions. Are you agreed.

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Department of Sustainable Development. Branch summary. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Are we on 11-12 yet. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am totally envious about the tourism exhibition booth replacement, NDC building and equipment improvements, headquarters region.

Which community is that in. Thank you.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Minister Akesuk. On page 11-12. Contributions. Mr. Akesuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, that is for all of Nunavut, for tourism. As the members mentioned the lack of tourism facilities, we would use this funding to attract the tourists from other countries and things like food shows.

In the past we went to Montreal to do fashion shows on clothing made by Nunavummiut. We go to various shows such as mining symposiums, tourism symposiums. This funding will be used for those activities. They benefit all the communities of Nunavut. Thank you

**Chairperson:** (interpretation): Mr. Iqaqrialu.

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you, it's clear now but the NDC building, where is that going to be. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson:** (interpretation): Mr. Akesuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It's the Nunavut Development Corporation and they own buildings such as fish plants and meat plants. It will be used for that. Thank you.

**Chairperson:** (interpretation): Mr. Iqaqrialu.

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Where, in what location. Thank you.

**Chairperson:** (interpretation): Mr. Akesuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Pangnirtung, Rankin Inlet, Cambridge Bay and also Whale Cove. So it will be used for those NDC buildings. Thank you.

**Chairperson:** (interpretation): Mr. McLean.

**Mr. McLean:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In the Standing Committee a year ago I asked and we made recommendations from the Standing Committee on gateway promotion and gateway displays, like at the airport and various locations in the south because you can have an airplane anywhere in Canada.

There's nothing to show that you are going north, where Nunavut is or like that, a void there. Did the minister bring forward anything or is he going to bring forward anything about some kind of gateway displays about the north and where it is. Is there any kind of promotion. We've asked him for over a year now and it's something else that gets lost in the shuffle or some high up in the department didn't think it was necessary. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Mr. Akesuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will forward that question to my deputy. Thank you.

**Chairperson:** Mr. Campbell.

**Mr. Campbell:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There's going to be a number of initiatives that we'll be proposing and making recommendations from our department in respect to tourism and how do we attract tourist to the north, certainly one of these initiatives is the one mentioned by Mr. McLean.

Just as an example for the O&M for these displays. We've been told that they are about 40 thousand dollars annually, just to maintain them and it's only for a six month period and then it's another 40 thousand. So the challenges of maintaining at least up to six sites in the south will be something that we have to work at trying to get access to money to do that. So the challenge is finding the money for some of these initiatives that are in here, including the displays.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Mr. McLean.

**Mr. McLean:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That's good to know, six locations. It's on the radar so that's a good sign.

The one I'm interested in and I don't want to sound selfish, is that airport in Churchill and the train station in Churchill. There are 20 to 30 thousand tourists that watch polar bears and see whales and things like that.

There's an MOU between Manitoba and Kivalliq, and I was in Churchill this summer when Premier Doer, he announced an initiative on Northern Manitoba that they would designate thousands of dollars for tourism attractions with Nunavut.

I'm sure that if the department got together with Manitoba and the Town of Churchill that they would really like to co-ordinate some kind of an approach to promoting Nunavut. It doesn't have to be you know big, expensive displays. Maybe just something that hangs on a wall at the airport or at the train station saying well here is Nunavut.

You know here's the phone number for Nunavut Tourism here's the phone number for Sustainable Development if you want to journey north.

I know there's places like Ottawa and Montreal and Edmonton and Yellowknife and Iqaluit that even have some kind of a gateway for displays specifically here's Nunavut if you're travelling through. That's the point I'm trying to get to. It's really a comment and that finishes my question for me. Mr. Chairman, thank you.

**Chairperson:** Minister Akesuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That's a good point that Mr. McLean made. A couple of weeks ago when the Manitoba delegation was here I met with the Manitoba delegation and we talked about it and we'll continue to work with them. On the agenda was tourism, so we were working with the Manitoba delegation on the tourism industry. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson:** Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, the NDC building and equipment improvements. At the end of that, as the minister had indicated, is where they have the buildings located. But are these for existing buildings or are they looking at new buildings and is there going to be something happening in all of those communities or just certain ones. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson:** Minister Akesuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is an on-going repair and maintenance issue as we stated. We've been meeting with them to deal with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency to be compliant with the Canada Food Inspection Agency Standards. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson:** Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Which one.

**Chairperson:** Minister Akesuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Yes thank you, Mr. Chairman. We have to do improvements in the Kivalliq. We have to get a cooler for the meat plant in Rankin Inlet. There's also a fish plant in Whale Cove that we have to do improvements on to get it up to code. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Anything else. There are no more questions from the members on that section. Sustainable Development. Under Sustainable Development. Contributions. Total Headquarters Region, 250 thousand. Questions. Agreed.

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Total Contributions, 250 thousand dollars. Agreed. Questions. Agreed.

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Total Capital Expenditures, 2 million 470 thousand. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is not really a question but we just finished dealing with the capital estimates of the department but there's also a 5 year capital plan in the back. I think that there's a question that I have there under the five year capital plan.

Looking at the capital plan I just wondered if they're going to be following their 5 year capital plan the way it is written in these appendices. Just before we agree to the total capital expenditures. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Mr. Akesuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, that 5 year capital plan that is in place right now, I will be working with my deputy to see how we can review and look at the 5 year capital plan to support all the people of Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Mr. Iqaqrialu.

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In my constituency we already have a request under the capital plan so it's good to see that is going to be

followed up by the department because we don't want to just let the people expect something and not get it. I just want to let the minister know. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Under 11-12. We are on 11-12. Mr. Akesuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Total Capital Expenditures, 2 million 470 thousand. Any questions. Agreed.

**Some Members:** Agreed

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Going back to page 11-5. Details of expenditures. Sustainable Development. Program Summary. Details of expenditures. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Under 2002/2003 there is 2 million 470 thousand and under 2001/2002 there's 2 million 800 thousand. There seems to be a difference in there, why is there a difference in those figures. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Mr. Akesuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Ms. Allen will respond to that question.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Mr. Campbell. No. Terry.

**Ms. Allen:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On the far right hand corner, 2001/2002 capital estimates, that we put forward last year, with various projects just like this year, so there are approximately 40 projects this year.

The 2001/2002 estimates column is actually supplementary funding, these projects we indicated we did not complete in the previous year 2000/2001 and they were carried forward on the supplementary estimates last year.

So we're presently working on the budget of combined amounts of those two, 4.3 million dollars this year. Thank you.

**Chairperson:** (interpretation): Mr. Iqaqrialu.

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Under 2001/2002, are you saying that this is a carry over from last year under 2001/2002. Can you clarify that Thank you.

**Chairperson:** (interpretation): Which one of you is going to respond to that. Mr. Akesuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The 2.8 million we approved last year and these are the ones were carried over from last year. Thank you.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Details of expenditures. Total capital expenditures, 2 million 470 thousand. Questions. Agreed.

**Some Members:** Agreed

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. There are no more questions from the members and that's the end of the capital estimates for the Department of Sustainable Development. I would like to thank the minister and Mr. Campbell and Terryl, I'm sorry I can't pronounce your name. Thank you, Mr. Nutarak.

**Mr. Nutarak** (interpretation): I move that we report progress. Thank you.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): There's motion on the floor. I was confused, I'm sorry but I wanted to allow the minister to make concluding remarks. Mr. Akesuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to discuss my department's capital expenditures. I would like to thank my deputy and other staff. We will try to do our best to follow through with your suggestions in the future. Thank you.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): There's a motion on the floor to report progress. All in favour of the motion.

**Some Members:** Agreed.

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

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

**Mr. Iqittuq** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. 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. Mr. Speaker I move that the Report of the Committee of the Whole be concurred with. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Iqittuq. The motion is in order. Do we have a seconder. Mr. Iqaqrialu. All those in favour. Opposed. The motion is carried. Item 21. Third Reading of Bills. Item 22. Orders of the Day. Mr. Clerk.



**Item 22: Orders of the Day**

**Clerk** (Mr. Quirke): Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Orders of the day for Wednesday, November the 28th.

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20. Report of the Committee of the Whole
21. Third Reading of Bills
22. Orders of the Day

Thank you.

>>*Applause*

**Speaker:** Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Well done as usual. The House stands adjourned until November 28th, tomorrow at 1:30 p.m. Sergeant-At-Arms

>>*House adjourned at 6.11 p.m.*

