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**Iqaluit, Nunavut
Monday March 4, 2002**

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

Item 1: Opening Prayer

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

>>*Prayer*

Speaker: Good afternoon, Mr. Premier, members. Item 2. Ministers' Statements. Mr. Premier.

Item 2: Ministers' Statements

Minister's Statement 162 - 1(5): Minister Ng Absent from House

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just before I begin I would like to take this opportunity to let the members know that the Honourable Kelvin Ng will be absent from the House today, but will return tomorrow morning. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Minister's Statement 163 - 1(5): Joamie Students' Artwork Displayed in Vancouver Gallery as Part of the Arctic Youth Art Initiative

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I make this special announcement in recognition of the quality work that our students are involved with in Iqaluit.

The Joamie School staff, under the leadership of the Principal David Serkoak, has been working with an artist as part of the Arctic Youth Art Initiative for the past two years on various art projects. Students' artwork from Joamie School was on display at the Nunatta Sunakutaangit Museum this fall and was also featured in News North and Nunatsiaq News in their October 26th editions.

As a result of their most recent work, the Marion Scott Gallery in Vancouver BC, recently used portions of the art for family Christmas cards and several hundred have been sold by the gallery. An exhibit of small paintings made by the Joamie students will

be on display at the gallery in Vancouver as well. The gallery has donated all proceeds to the Joamie School spring camp. It is expected that proceeds will be on the order of approximately 3,000 dollars.

Mr. Speaker, I am also pleased to report that David Serkoak, Joamie's Principal, recently traveled to Vancouver at the gallery's expense to accept the donation and made a brief presentation on the history of the school's project. Mr. Speaker, I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate the students and staff at the Joamie School who were involved in this project.

Their participation has helped encourage northern students to develop their artistic talent as well as publicize the extra initiatives that are taking place in our Nunavut schools. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, minister. Ministers' Statements. Ms. Thompson.

Minister's Statement 164 - 1(5): Conference of Ministers Responsible for Sport & Recreation

Hon. Manitok Thompson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would like to inform the Members of the Legislative Assembly of the upcoming conference that will be taking place on the weekend of April 5 to 7, 2002.

Mr. Speaker, this conference will bring together ministers responsible for physical activity, recreation and sport from all of Canada's Territories and Provinces. The Federal Secretary of State Responsible for Sport, the Honourable Paul DeVillers, will also be attending.

(interpretation ends) Meetings will be held throughout the weekend regarding Canada's sports and recreation policies. A new Canadian Sport Policy and action plan will be unveiled during the weekend. The conference will conclude on Sunday April 7, with events planned to celebrate World Health Day.

In addition, the Commission on the Future of Health Care in Canada, chaired by former Saskatchewan Premier Roy Romanow, will be travelling to Iqaluit to meet with the sports ministers to discuss the impacts of physical activities, recreation and sports on the health of all Canadians.

Mr. Speaker, as you know, Nunavut's Bathurst Mandate directs the Government of Nunavut to promote healthy communities. The Department of Community Government & Transportation is working to promote sport and recreational activities for our territory. We will take advantage of the opportunities this conference gives us to promote the importance of sport and recreation for the health of Nunavummiut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Ministers' Statements. Minister Anawak.

Minister's Statement 165 – 1(5): Qullit Nunavut Status of Women Council

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to rise today to provide a brief update on the activities of Qullit Nunavut Status of Women's Council. The importance of this Council and its activities must be recognized if Nunavut is to develop public awareness about issues affecting women and women's equality. We need to encourage Nunavummiut to discuss, exchange views, and to challenge attitudes or situations that are harmful to Nunavut women.

I am proud to announce that Madeleine Qumuatuq from Pangnirtung has been appointed as the Council's President, effective February 17, 2002. Other positive organizational changes include the one-year secondment of Maureen Doherty as the Council's Executive Director. The Executive Director will provide support in developing, implementing and evaluating the Council's programs and services. With the Council's assistance, the Department of Culture, Language, Elders & Youth will be amending the Status of Women's Council Act in the near future.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, minister. Ministers' Statements. Ministers' Statements. Before we proceed to Members' Statements, I just wanted to acknowledge and welcome Kooyoo sitting here to my right. It's her first day of training as a Table Officer.

>>Applause

Item 3. Members' Statements. Mr. Puqiqnak.

Item 3: Members' Statements

Member's Statement 471 – 1(5): Gjoa Haven Community Hall - Expansion

Mr. Puqiqnak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today I rise to bring the attention of this government to the importance of community halls in our communities. Mr. Speaker, the community hall in my constituency of Gjoa Haven is used a lot by our community. This community hall was built some time ago when our population was much smaller.

Today Mr. Speaker, our community has grown, as have most of the communities in Nunavut. Christmas events, funerals, and many special events are regularly held in Gjoa

Haven's community hall. For some time now we have noticed that the hall is too small to hold the number of people that would like to be able to attend such events. As I mentioned, this causes problems for holding successful community events.

Mr. Speaker, recently the Hamlet of Gjoa Haven wrote to the previous Minister of Community Government & Transportation, expressing the need to talk about capital plans for a number of concerns including the need to expand the current community hall.

Mr. Speaker, at an appropriate time I will be asking questions. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Members' Statements. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Member's Statement 472 – 1(5): Departments to Incorporate Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today in regards to an issue that has been recently discussed and that I am quite familiar with. Mr. Speaker, in addition to my statement in regards to the Health and Social Services Act, obviously there is a problem with this Act, as it is not working in Nunavut.

Mr. Speaker, as this issue has come up before amongst all the members concerned, we have not been able to get an answer on this matter. Mr. Speaker, again I want to stress the need for the Department to incorporate Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit into its practices.

Even though we tell the government that Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit has not been incorporated as yet into the government departments, Mr. Speaker the government has to realize that they have to incorporate Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit into their departments in the near future. For this reason, at the appropriate time Mr. Speaker I will be asking the Minister of Department of Health and Social Services as to how Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit can be incorporated into his department.

I would also like to say that Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit has to be incorporated into all the government departments.

>>Applause

Speaker: Members' Statements. Mr. Alakannuark.

Member's Statement 473 – 1(5): Migration of Wildlife – Participation of Nunavummiut

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to touch on the issues of migratory wildlife in Nunavut. Even though they didn't have the sophisticated

technology that we have today, our ancestors knew about the wildlife and their migratory patterns through experience and visual observation.

Mr. Speaker, there are years when the migratory animals are scarce and there are years when they are abundant. The Inuit were nomadic and followed the migratory animals, as this was their sole source of survival. They also used astronomy to guide them in the hunts.

Animals are more mobile during the full moon. Mr. Speaker, in conclusion I would ask that any future studies and wildlife include the participation of Nunavut's full time hunters. I will be asking questions about this issue at an appropriate time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Applause*

Speaker: Members' Statements. Ms. Williams.

Member's Statement 474 – 1(5): Invitation to Sit in Resolute Bay

Ms. Williams (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am very pleased today to rise in order to extend an invitation to this House from the community of Resolute Bay. I apologise for my voice.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, it has become something of a tradition for the Legislative Assembly to sit outside of the capital once a year. Last spring we enjoyed the warm hospitality of the people of the Kitikmeot when we held the midnight sun sitting in the community of Cambridge Bay.

Mr. Speaker, the people of Resolute Bay in the High Arctic have formally extended an invitation to this House to hold its fall sitting in the community. (interpretation) Later today I will be tabling an invitation letter from the Mayor of Resolute Bay

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, sitting on top of the world would be an excellent theme for our fall session. A High Arctic sitting makes sense for a lot of reasons. For some time now the communities of the High Arctic have felt as though their concerns have not been heard. Sitting in Resolute Bay would demonstrate our resolve to listen to what the people have to say on such issues as the transportation crisis in the region and the pending closures of Polaris and Nanisivik Mines.

Resolute Bay will be an excellent gateway community for us to see firsthand the conditions of the region. In addition, the community is ready, capable, and eager to host us for the duration of the sitting. The community has the modern infrastructure needed for us to hold a sitting that will be every bit as successful as those that we have had in the Kivalliq and the Kitikmeot.

(interpretation) Mr Speaker, I hope that the Members of this House will take up the community's invitation to sit on top of the world this fall. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Members' Statements. Mr. Anawak.

Member's Statement 475 – 1(5): Former Chesterfield Inlet Students Have Seen Legal Counsel

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to recall what some of us experienced a long time ago. Just this past week, many former residential school students who went to Chesterfield Inlet had discussions with the legal counsel to talk about the physical and sexual abuses that they experienced.

I do feel for the students who experienced this over forty years ago. It was in the fifties and sixties. Some of these students went through extremely hard times experiencing physical and sexual abuse in the schools, and verbal abuse as well.

As Inuit, we didn't know anything about those types of abuses. Our parents did not yell at us and they did not physically hurt us. They didn't hit you with a yardstick, and they didn't sexually abuse you. But for those students who went to Chesterfield Inlet, many experienced all those things in the beginning of the fifties to the end of the sixties. Even though what they experienced was a long time ago, it is like it happened yesterday.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, there will be some people that say as a result of Chesterfield Inlet we had an excellent education. That is without a doubt. But we could have had an excellent education in Churchill or elsewhere without sexual, physical or verbal abuse. I want to say that I would like to assure my former classmates in Chesterfield Inlet that the worst is over, the worst happened over forty years ago and now it is time to take the next step and move forward on this issue of the abuse that we underwent forty years ago.

So I say to my former classmates be brave, face reality, and be prepared to move forward. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Anawak. Members' Statements. Mr. Tootoo.

Member's Statement 476 – 1(5): MLA Hockey Team Playing with Women's Hockey Team

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise with difficulty today. I am rather sore. As members recall, we had a hockey game Friday evening with the women's hockey team here in Iqaluit. This is the third time Mr. Speaker, we were challenged by

the senior women's hockey team. This is the third time I've had a hard time standing up a few days after that event.

Mr. Speaker, some numbers I would like to share with my colleagues and I might say I am a little bit embarrassed to say some of these numbers Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to point out the fact that some of the members scored a considerable number of goals against the women's hockey team on Friday. Mr. Picco scored three goals and he had four penalties. I think he scored too many goals and had not enough penalties, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, our Premier scored four goals however one of his goals was in our own net. He received two penalties. I understand one of them was for scoring too often. Another colleague of mine sitting across the floor Mr. Akasuk, scored three goals and had one penalty. Again same as Mr. Picco, I think not enough penalties and scored too many goals.

Mr. Speaker, I am also ashamed to say I scored three goals. Mr. Speaker, I didn't try to score three goals. I was just putting it towards the net and I was hoping I wouldn't score but unfortunately I did and I apologize to the team that I didn't get any penalties. This shows a bit of the conduct that my colleagues had with all kinds of penalties. But I would also like to point out the distinguished play of our goaltender Mr. Iqaqrialu, his third game playing goal, it is probably his third time playing hockey too, Mr. Speaker.

I understand as a result of those games the Montreal Canadians are looking at recruiting him for their next camp and I wish him all the best. I know with his talents he has a lot to offer a team like the Montreal Canadians. I wish him the best of luck in his hockey career if he chooses to pursue it. I would also like to mention that the idea behind the game was to raise funds for the hockey team. There was a considerable amount of funds that were raised for the team. I would like to wish them continued success and I look forward to playing them again.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to acknowledge one of the pages here today and she is the Captain of the women's hockey team. I thank them for the game and I look forward to the next challenge. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Members' Statements. Mr. Kilabuk.

Member's Statement 477 – 1(5): Sitting in Pangnirtung

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to go back to the comments that I made in Cambridge Bay. Mr. Speaker, we just heard that there was an invitation extended to this Legislative Assembly to have their sitting in the High Arctic area. I want to remind you of the invitation I made to you from the community of Pangnirtung. We will be relentless until we have a sitting in Pangnirtung. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, minister. Members' Statements. Members' Statements. Mr. Picco.

Member's Statement 478 – 1(5): Congratulate Joamie School Staff

Hon. Ed. Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and good afternoon. Mr. Speaker, earlier today Minister Kilabuk informed the House about one of the exciting projects that is underway at Joamie School. Mr. Speaker, I too would like to add to Minister Kilabuk's statement about Joamie School.

As a parent who has had two children graduate from Joamie School and one son still attending Joamie School, I know first hand about the team work, the ideas, and extra curricular activities that occur at Joamie School. Mr. Speaker, I think it is important to point out that the theme at Joamie School is the Joamie family. Mr. Speaker, I too would like to take this opportunity to congratulate a good friend of mine and hunting buddy, Mr. David Serkoak and the staff and students at Joamie School with the success of the Arctic Youth Art Initiative.

I would also like to take this opportunity Mr. Speaker to say a special hello to the Joamie School counsellor who is an excellent personal advisor and Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit specialist in my family and that is my wife Oopa Picco. So I would like to say hi to Oopa at Joamie School. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Picco. Members' Statements. Are there any further Members' Statements? If not then we'll move on to Item 4. Returns to Oral Questions. Last call for Returns to Oral Questions. Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Ms. Williams.

Item 5: Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery

Ms. Williams (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am very pleased to recognize a person who I believe was the longest sitting Member of the Legislative Assembly for the NWT, Mr. Ludy Padluk who is in the gallery. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Welcome to the gallery, Ludy. Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): I would like to recognise a person who was a former RCMP in our community and was also my hunting buddy. I went hunting with him twice and he was always friendly to me and to the people of Cape Dorset, Charlie Tautuajuk.

>>Applause

Speaker: Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. I have somebody I would like to recognise, actually I have twelve people I would like to recognise.

They've joined us from the House of Commons as parliamentary interns. These young people are working with the federal Members of Parliament. This is the second year in a row that they've come to visit here in Nunavut. I'll just list them and I'll ask you to stand when your name is called.

Genevieve Boutet from Orleans, Ontario. Andrea Budgell from Grand Falls-Windsor, Newfoundland. Temma Frecker, from Ottawa, Ontario. Martin Lavoie from Quebec. Nyranne Martin from Toronto, Ontario. Alexander Mazer from Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. Michael Pal from Moncton, New Brunswick. Lindsey Richardson from Old, Alberta. Neil Thompson from Toronto, Ontario and Ngan Trinh from Yellowknife, Northwest Territories.

Welcome to the gallery.

>> *Applause*

Item 6. Item 6. Oral Questions. Oral Questions. Mr. Puqiqnak.

Item 6: Oral Questions

Question 480 – 1(5): Meet with Councillors in Gjoa Haven Re: Community Hall

Mr. Puqiqnak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When we first became Members of the Legislative Assembly, we held our session at the Anglican Parish Hall and I stated that I was going to try to keep as much hair as I could on my head and I still have a bit. Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Community Government & Transportation.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the minister if she has met with the councillors of Gjoa Haven in regards to their request that a community hall be included in the department's five-year plan. What kind of plans do they have for the Gjoa Haven community hall? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Manitok Thompson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. After he hears my response he'll probably be losing more hair, but hopefully he'll have a little bit left.

Mr. Speaker, the Gjoa Haven request for a community hall is something that I am aware of and the former minister was aware of this. However, because we are low on funds for these kinds of projects, we have priorities that we have set to deal with things like the

housing shortage and other things. We are working hard to seek funds for such projects, but this project is not included in the department's five-year plan.

If we were to find 1.5 million dollars, those funds could be used for this project. At the moment, we don't have money that will be going towards this project and Mr. Speaker, there are a lot of communities in Nunavut that need community halls. We would be able to build more community halls if we were able to find more money but regarding the member's statement and questions, I will meet with the council and the department regarding this. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, minister. Mr. Puqiqnak.

Mr. Puqiqnak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I understand the response. This is the same response I received in 1999 and I am aware of the shortage of money. In our community this is an important project as there is not enough room in the building to have a community gathering. So this is for the health of the community. I'm wondering if this has been looked into by the Department of Health to see if there's something that can be done. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Manitok Thompson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm not aware of whether the Department of Health has inspected the building but if the building is too small, the school gymnasium could also be used for certain activities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, minister. Oral Questions. Supplementary. Mr. Puqiqnak.

Mr. Puqiqnak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I didn't realize I didn't need to go through the Minister of Education for such a request so thank you for that information.

I am wondering if this facility has been inspected by the fire marshal. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister.

Hon. Manitok Thompson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am not aware whether the fire marshal has looked into this or whether it would be closed due to the size. There are no funds available, the 1 million dollars required to make an expansion of the building under the department's five-year plan. If the building was to be closed by the Fire Marshal, I know that the Department of Education would be able make the school gymnasium available.

Mr. Speaker if you can give me this opportunity, we need new community halls in Kimmirut, Kugaaruk, Pangnirtung, Resolute Bay, Rankin Inlet, Whale Cove, Gjoa Haven, Igloodik, Arctic Bay, Cape Dorset, Grise Fiord and Taloyoak. Those are the

communities that have requested new community halls. But we have no money available for these projects. I am aware of the letter from Gjoa Haven's mayor and that he's made this a priority. When I meet with the recreation ministers, I'll make them aware of this, as well as the federal government. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Minister Thompson this is not directed at you but just in general. I have had complaints and concerns raised by the members about the length of preambles and the preambles on the preambles, and also some of the lengthy answers by the ministers. So I would ask you to be precise and exact as possible. And gee whiz don't get frustrated with me there, Mr. Puqiqnak. Mr. Puqiqnak.

Mr. Puqiqnak (interpretation): Just briefly, Mr. Speaker. I understand the response. I know that there are 26 communities in Nunavut and recreation is an important area for the health of the communities. So can the minister commit to ensuring that the community hall for Gjoa Haven is a priority? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Maniok Thompson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There are a lot of communities that want to be on the priority list and I am not sure which community would be the highest priority if money was made available.

I apologize but quite often I make my preambles long just to make it clear to the public, but I cannot state whether this community would be a priority. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: That was your last supplementary, Mr. Puqiqnak. Oral Questions. Mr. Alakannuark.

Question 481 – 1(5): Migratory Patterns of Wildlife – Surveying With Nunavummiut

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, during my Member's Statement I said that I was going to raise questions with the Minister of Sustainable Development in regards to wildlife migratory patterns. I'm wondering if Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit has been used during studies done on the migratory patterns of wildlife. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon members. I'd also like to say good afternoon to the communities that I represent.

Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit in wildlife studies is very important for me. I've discussed this over the weekend with my officials as to what more we can do in regards to Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and surveying wildlife. We talked about how we could better use the knowledge of elders and how we could work better with the communities.

The Members of the Legislative Assembly and the public need to work together so that Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit is incorporated into these kinds of activities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Supplementary. Mr. Alakannuark.

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the response and I am aware of the wildlife surveys that are conducted in Nunavut. Quite often there are surveys done in Nunavut on the migratory patterns, but will there be more surveys done using Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you. Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, we'll use the knowledge of Inuit and get some input from the communities in regards to migratory patterns of wildlife. We'll have to get input as to where they feel the wildlife is travelling or moving. I think this will be very beneficial for the people that are seeking this information. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Akesuk. Oral Questions. Supplementary. Mr. Alakannuark.

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is my last question. When will they start involving elders or when will they start having the Inuit do these surveys. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister responsible for Sustainable Development. Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We are presently using the knowledge of Inuit. We did this during a recent polar bear survey. We worked with people from Kugluktuk and Gjoa Haven. So we have used the knowledge of the Inuit in the past and we will continue this practice. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 482 – 1(5): Regulations Followed by Status of Women Council

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Culture, Language, Elders & Youth regarding his earlier statement. I support the women's organizations, and I am wondering if they have regulations that they follow, or terms of reference that they follow within their organization? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister responsible for Culture, Language, Elders & Youth. Mr. Anawak.

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Qullit Group was formed through a motion of this House. They put together their own terms of reference and they are appointed through the House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, minister. Oral Questions. Supplementary. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I understand the response but I am not aware of what kind of regulations they have, or terms of reference. Are there copies of their terms of reference that can be made available? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Anawak.

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This council was formed through a motion of this House. I can make the terms of reference available to the House once I get them. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, minister. Oral Questions. Oral Questions. Supplementary. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would also like to ask the minister, if he could make the terms of reference available I would appreciate that and would he be able to have the terms of reference translated before they are presented to the House or to myself. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Anawak.

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the Minister for Culture, Language, Elders & Youth, when we are going to table a document or present a document it would have to be translated into Inuktitut. I, as the minister, will make sure that it is translated. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Final supplementary. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Once it's been tabled, I will be raising more questions on this matter. Before it has been tabled, can he give me a copy of the terms of reference so that I am able to go through them for myself to put together some questions? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Mr. Anawak.

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The member has to realize that even though they were formed through a motion, the organization is responsible for putting together their terms of reference. They are responsible for dealing with social issues in the communities in Nunavut. They are an independent organization, but I will ensure that the information is made available. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Mr. Nutarak.

Question 483 – 1(5): What Will The 3 Thousand Dollars Be Used For at Joamie School

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to remind members that Pond Inlet also is waiting for a community hall, which was left out in an earlier response.

I would like to direct a question to the Minister of Education about the Joamie School. He indicated that there is going to be money for Joamie School in the amount of 3 thousand dollars. What is it going to be used for? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for his question. This money for the Youth Art Initiative will be used when they go out on the land. It will be used by the school to send students out to camp for cultural inclusion trips. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Supplementary. Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): This amount of three thousand dollars that is going towards the school for cultural inclusion, is that the usual amount? Thank you.

Speaker: Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Marion Scott Gallery in Vancouver provided this money for the artwork that they did with the school children. This was the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Supplementary. Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you. You indicated that this is the first time that this amount of money was given to the school for art in Joamie School. Is this going to be the same amount given each time to other schools? Thank you.

Speaker: Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is very good to see as the Marion Scott Gallery did a very good deed and good service for the school. However, I am not sure if this is going to be an ongoing budget for the school. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 484 – 1(5): PTR or Class Size in School – Clarification of Radio Broadcast

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister responsible for Education. Mr. Speaker, as members will probably recall, last week I asked the minister if he could consider legislating the class size in the new Education Act. The minister wasn't able to respond whether they were looking at doing it or not.

Mr. Speaker, I heard on the radio this morning an interview by the minister where he'd indicated that this is something that they wouldn't be doing. I would just like to ask the minister for some clarification, based on the interview that he gave on CBC that was aired this morning, that this is something that they are not considering putting into the new legislation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am glad my colleague brought this up. We go by the number of school children in school. We are not doing it by legislation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So then I take it, in a roundabout way this is something that the minister will not include in the new Education Act. That it is something that the NWT did where they legislated the PTR, the class size or what ever you want to call it in legislation and they're going to leave it in regulation. I'd just like him to clarify it for sure whether it's a yes or no. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. Minister.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In regards to his question, we have no plans for putting it in the new Education Act. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would still like to ask the minister if he could clarify yes or no that this is something that they are planning on legislating in the Education Act, not in the regulations. A simple yes or no would be great. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. No, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, minister. Oral Questions. Supplementary. Final supplementary. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, can I ask the minister why they would not consider putting something like this in the legislation? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister responsible for Education. Mr. Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Education Act is being reviewed by the communities at this time. This review has not been completed. If we were just to put it in the Act, there would be some financial implications and it would put a hardship on the schools. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 485 – 1(5): Closure of Nanisivik Mine

Ms. Williams (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'll direct my question to the Minister of Sustainable Development in regards to the closure of the Nanisivik mine, the reclamation plan. The plan was supposed to have been completed on February 13, is it ready? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Akesuk

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In regards to the clean-up of the Nanisivik mine, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans have to work with the mining company first. We're available to help in any way we can, they are still in the process of planning the closure of the mine and for reclaiming the area.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Supplementary. Ms. Williams.

Ms. Williams (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I understood his response, but I would like to get information in regards to what the Nunavut Government's input will be. Also is the Department of Fisheries and Oceans going to be working closely with DIOs? Thank you.

Speaker: Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We are going to be working with the Nunavut Water Board closely, so we will keep each other informed. We are going to be involved with everything while the Nanisivik mine is being closed. We had very good discussions with both the Nunavut Water Board and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. We are going to be keeping in close touch with them. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Supplementary. Ms. Williams.

Ms. Williams: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will be asking in English because I don't think I am getting my question across properly. On February 28 the Nanisivik mine was going to come up with a reclamation plan. It should be available to the Department of Sustainable Development. Does he have the report now that they have the plan and who will review this plan from the Nunavut Government? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. No. I don't have the plan right now but it is the job of the Nunavut Water Board and the Federal Government to make sure they clean the mining area properly. I am pretty sure the Department of Sustainable Development will also be very careful that the mining company is doing a good job in cleaning the place up before they close it and after they close it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Supplementary. Final supplementary. Ms. Williams.

Ms. Williams: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I know that everybody would like to work together and that is very good to know that everybody will be working closely together. I am asking if the Government of Nunavut will be reviewing the plan so they can contribute to make sure that things are on time and make sure that it is done in a proper way. Would the government take a position to make sure that they have a voice into what is happening? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We have a person working in the Department of Sustainable Development who is concentrating on the mine closure. We've just about to hire a person from Arctic Bay to work with us towards the closure of the mine. I am pretty sure that we will have a say and we will look into the plans for the reclamation of the Nanisivik mine. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 486 – 1(5): Grave Relocation Workers – When Was the Last Time They Corresponded with Each Other

Mr. Irqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would like to continue with my questions to the Minister of Justice. I have been asking this question for quite some time now about the graves being relocated.

I was given an answer that the Federal Government and the Premier's Office are working together for payment on the relocation of the graves.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask a question, when was the last time they corresponded with each other in this regard and when was the last time they met each other in regards

to the relocation and the payment for the relocation of the graves? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister responsible for Justice. Premier Okalik.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Our office has been working with the Federal Government. The member has directed a lot of questions to the Minister of Health and Social Services and there was some correspondence between the Health Department and the Federal Government.

I think it was in November the last time we received a letter on this issue. We have the letter but it has to be translated and I will table it in the House when it's translated tomorrow. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Premier. Supplementary. Mr. Iqittuq.

Mr. Iqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Perhaps I can get some information on the latest correspondence. Did you talk with the Federal Government since you got the letter in October or was it November? The last letter I received was October 19th 2001, which was last year. If there has been more recent correspondence, then I would like to get a copy of it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Premier Okalik.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, the last time we received correspondence was October the 19th. I thought it was November and I'm sorry for the mistake. We will be having it translated so that I can provide it to the House tomorrow. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Premier. Oral Questions. Supplementary. Mr. Iqittuq.

Mr. Iqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. He stated that they are working closely with the Federal Government. The latest correspondence from them was from Minister Robert Nault, and according to that letter, they said they are reviewing what happened during the transferring of the gravesites. It seems like this is not really an answer.

Speaker: Mr. Iqittuq, you are referring to a letter that nobody else has a copy of at this time. If they do, they don't know which letter it is, so you will have to rephrase the question. Proceed.

Mr. Iqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I lost my train of thought. But I would like to ask the Government Leader, have they been working together and corresponding for a year now with the Federal Government? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister responsible for Justice. Premier Okalik.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, this has been an ongoing thing with the Federal Government and they have stated that they are still reviewing it and we are waiting for their decision. So I will be providing the correspondence with the translation in Inuktitut.

But we are working with the federal government on this. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Premier. Oral Questions. Mr. Iqittuq, if you wish to table that document, you may do so under tabling of documents. Oral Questions. Supplementary. Mr. Iqittuq.

Mr. Iqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will be tabling the correspondence today in the House. Mr. Speaker, the Nunavut Government has been saying that they are working with the Federal Government and the letter that I have written in October. Has there been any more recent correspondence on this subject? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, the Federal Government is trying to deal with the member's issue. So the effort is ongoing. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 487 – 1(5): Clarification on Women

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a question to the Minister responsible for Culture, Language, Elders & Youth. I wanted to get some information or some clarification. On the first question that I asked, he did not answer my question. Although the Status of Women's Council guidelines have not been provided to the House, he did not answer my question, is he saying yes or no? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Anawak.

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Anawak for that precise and concise answer. Oral Questions. Thank you, Mr. Iqaqrialu. Oral Questions. Are there any further Oral Questions? Ms. Williams.

Question 488 – 1(5): RCMP Staff House in Grise Fiord

Ms. Williams (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Justice. I asked a question last week and I just want to get some clarification on it. If the RCMP does not have a staff house in Grise Fiord, are they planning for a staff house for the RCMP in Grise Fiord? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister responsible for Justice. Premier Okalik.

Hon. Paul Okalik: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I believe that I took this matter as notice and I am awaiting a response from the department. Hopefully, I can respond to it tomorrow. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 489 – 1(5): Incorporate Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit with Health and Social Services

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Health & Social Services about the statement I made this morning about incorporating Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit into Health & Social Services.

He did not completely answer my question yes or no whether there could be a committee set up to do Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Ed. Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit is incorporated within the framework and the operational procedures and policies of the Department of Health and Social Services every day by counselling people and so on. So that is occurring right now. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, minister. Oral Questions. Supplementary. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have not seen any Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit in your department. I wonder if the minister can provide us with proof that Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit is being incorporated in the Department of Health and Social Services. Can you provide us with a copy so that we can truly know that it is incorporated? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed. Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, instead of providing him with copies I can tell him what we have been doing and things that he has been aware of.

Mr. Speaker, in the Department of Health and Social Services suicide program, which we launched over a year and a half ago, that was in consultation with groups across the territory of Nunavut including elders, youth groups and so on Mr. Speaker. The message that we put into that program incorporated Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit. The anti-tobacco smoking program incorporated Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit.

We talked to communities, health committees, Mr. Speaker we had two youth Inuit delegates that attended the anti-tobacco forum and used those in our messages. Mr. Speaker the home and community care, 44 people were trained from across Nunavut, 92% being Inuit in the taking care of people with disabilities and so on at the community level. All are incorporating Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit.

Mr. Speaker, two weeks ago we had the wellness conference in Iqaluit with people from the member's community, incorporating Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit at the community wellness level. Mr. Speaker the money, over 4 million dollars is being spent for community wellness and brighter futures at the community level with programs that are supported and put in place by Inuit, by mayors and hamlets. They incorporate Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit.

Mr. Speaker, the adoption programs and policies on custom adoption include of course Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit. It is all around the member. Specifically Mr. Speaker, the department is incorporating Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit every day. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, minister. Supplementary. Mr. Irqittuq. Sorry Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just wondered when the things that he is talking about would be brought to the Members of this House. If there is something like that can he provide them to us? If there is none, then he won't provide them to us. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Just to caution members in their choice of words. Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed. Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I don't want to be aggressive. I've tried to answer to the member's questions. Every day Mr. Speaker, when you are dealing with social issues, when you are dealing with health issues, dealing with family violence issues, the social workers that we have in the field, the community counsellors, the wellness people, so on and so forth. They all incorporate Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit every day.

Is there a specific policy within the government that says Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit should be incorporated? Maybe the member could define an indication of what Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit is. You define Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and I will implement it. It is more than just traditional hunting practices Mr. Speaker. It is the way we deal with our families, our children, our neighbours. Mr. Speaker, Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit is more than just how to set a trap. Mr. Speaker, today we are living in the year 2002. This weekend I

had a man come to see me that this guy knows very well, telling me about Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit.

I spent time with my mother in law this weekend. Does that incorporate Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit? Mr. Speaker I would suggest to the member that when people deal with other people they incorporate specific areas of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit. I don't have a specific policy that says put Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit to work, unless you could define what the Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit is. Is it counselling people? Is that the Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit?

When we changed the escort travel policy Mr. Speaker, to reflect all of Nunavut, that was incorporating Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit. When Mr. Kilabuk talks about education matters, Mr. Speaker that is incorporating Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit. When Minister Anawak talks about the Status of Women Council that is incorporating Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit.

So Mr. Speaker I don't have a written submission, statement saying what or defining what Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit is. But Mr. Speaker, we are trying to do it every day. That is why Mr. Speaker, this government has incorporated the policy, the programs, the way of doing business as it were within the Bathurst mandate. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, minister. Oral Questions. Supplementary. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, he says that Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit is incorporated, but the minister cannot produce a written thing. Just before a program is set up, Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit should be incorporated. I just want him to provide a committee that deals with Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit so we can define it solidly. Is the minister in agreement? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Iqaqrialu. You realise that there is a committee. I think the member is asking the minister if he will construct or put together a committee in his department. Mr. Picco, would you care to answer that.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, as the member knows, throughout government under the leadership and the authority of Mr. Anawak, we have an Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit group that is looking at policies and programs including the Department of Health and Social Services.

That is occurring, and I should point out Mr. Speaker, specifically, when you look at laws, which the member talked about earlier and I think that this is an important discussion. Last week the member talked about laws and regulations, under the Child and Family Services Act of this government, the statutory training that we did two weeks ago, under the Custom Adoption Act, the Custom Adoption Act is a good example of legislation that is in place that recognises custom adoption of Inuit to adopt children to other people. That's unique, Mr. Speaker, to the Government of Nunavut and it's recognized in law so I can demonstrate and show the member that.

I will Mr. Speaker, under the mental health strategy, that the member said we don't have, it's something like 250 pages, it just got completed and I'm hoping to bring it forward in the new budget session, I'm having that work translated. I will be bringing that to the member and he will see in that the Inuit Qaujimaqatungit all through the mental health strategy which includes family violence, social programs and so on. So I hope that will help answer the member's question. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 490 – 1(5): Arena Planned for Pond Inlet - Update

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Community Government & Transportation. There was a statement made by one of the members about the Members of the Legislative Assembly playing hockey with the women's team. We played at the new arena and I was one of the players.

There has been a long-term plan to build an arena in Pond Inlet and it seems that this is an appropriate time to direct a question to the minister as to where they are on the arena that has been planned for Pond Inlet. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Thompson.

Hon. Manitok Thompson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When we had our retreat in Pond Inlet, the mayor went to show us the unheated arena that is currently being used in Pond Inlet.

The building of the new of arena is one of the higher priorities of that community. I do know that this member has brought up this issue quite a number of times with the previous Minister of Community Government & Transportation.

In the year 2004-2005 there will be architectural drawings done. If it goes ahead as planned, we will probably have the material come in 2005-2006. The anticipated completion time in the 5-year plan would be in 2006-2007. Those are the plans. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Supplementary. Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. She stated that the completion date is for 2006-2007. Does that mean that it is not concrete yet as to when the completion date of that arena will be? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Thompson.

Hon. Manitok Thompson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We can look at this further and see what kind of adjustments can be made. I can only respond in this manner. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, minister. Oral Questions. Oral Questions. Supplementary. Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you. The minister stated that it is in the plans but from what I heard and the way I heard it, it seems very likely that there might be delays over the years, for example moving it to 2007-2008 to complete it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Thompson.

Hon. Manitok Thompson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In the year 2004-2005, we have 77 thousand dollars for architectural drawings. If that is approved by the Members of the Legislative Assembly during the budget session then things will fall in place. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, minister. Oral Questions. Oral Questions. We have no further Oral Questions. Before we move on I'd like to make a comment since no one else is did on my Atigii. It was made especially for me by the Deputy Speaker's wife, Lorraine Puqiqnak. I want to thank her.

I have one made by the ladies of Arviat at the sewing factory in the Keewatin, this one from the Kitikmeot and I could use one from the Baffin. That is a hint. Thank you. Item 7. Written Questions. Item 8. Returns to Written Questions. Mr. Clerk.

Item 8: Returns to Written Questions

Return to Written Question 14 – 1(5)

Clerk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to advise that the Return to Written Question 14 – 1(5) asked by the Member from Baker Lake has been filed and tabled by the Minister of Public Works and Services. Thank you.

Speaker: 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. Item 12. Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills. Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Ms. Williams.

Item 13: Tabling of Documents

Tabled Document 086 - 1(5): Mayor's Invitation to Sit in Resolute Bay

Ms. Williams (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am tabling a letter from the mayor inviting the Member's of the Legislative Assembly to Resolute Bay for their session in the fall. It is signed and translated. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Item 14. Notices of Motions. Item 15. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Item 16. Motions. Item 17. First Reading of Bills. Item 18. Second Reading of Bills. Item 19. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters.

Tabled Document 67 - 1(5), Motion 21 - 1(5), Bill 23. We will have Mr. Puqignak in the Chair. Before we go into Committee of the Whole we'll take a 20-minute break.
Sergeant-At-Arms.

>>*House recessed at 3.07 p.m. and resumed at 3.35 p.m.*

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

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you for returning to the House and welcome to the visitors in the gallery and members. The committee will come to order. We have Tabled Document 67-1(5), Iqaluit District Education Authority, Bill 23 and Motion 21-1 (5), what is the wish of the committee. Ms. Williams.

Ms. Williams (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The committee would like to deal with Motion 21-1(5), Quality of Gasoline and Tabled Document 80-1(5). Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Ms. Williams. We will deal with Motion 21-1(5). Does the committee agree that we'll deal with this motion? Agreed? Thank you.

Minister Kattuk, you may now start with your opening comments.

Hon. Peter Kattuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for the opportunity to address concerns about this year's gasoline supply.

I would like to introduce two members of the department that are with me today, Ross Mrazek, Deputy Minister of Public Works and Services and Susan Mukpah, Director of Petroleum Products Division in Rankin Inlet of the Department of Public Works and Services. Also joining me is Dan Wispinski, from the Alberta Research Council.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Chairman, nine Nunavut communities have contacted either myself or my department to formally express concern over the quality of this year's gas re-supply.

Tests conducted by the Alberta Research Council confirmed that Nunavut's gasoline supply was well within the normal ranges according to the Canadian General Standards Board.

The Petroleum Products Division of Public Works and Services held their annual conference in Rankin Inlet from February 6-8. At that time, the gasoline issue was discussed at length with the contractor, Nunavut Transportation Company Limited.

Acknowledging that complaints were continuing, the Department of Public Works and Services took the next step. That step has taken us to England. After having Nunavut test samples complete and pass all the available tests in Canada, samples were sent to England for a specialized testing called complete composition analysis. It took some time to get all the samples to England because of airline regulations regarding dangerous goods. I am expecting results from the tests in England any time now.

My department has been very proactive on this issue. I support the actions that they have taken and I have directed that additional tests in cold weather conditions be conducted.

I hope my opening comments answer some of the questions of the committee on the gasoline quality issue.

Mr. Chairman, thank you for the attention of the committee. I welcome any questions committee members may have at the time and again, I would like to recognize the experts here with me to assist in responding to your questions. Thank you, Mr. Chairman

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Minister responsible for Public Works & Services. Does the committee agree that the minister take a seat at the witness stand with his officials? Sergeant-at-Arms, please bring in the witnesses.

Thank you, welcome. When the witnesses are first brought in, the minister is usually asked to introduce them. So minister, could you please introduce your witnesses.

Hon. Peter Kattuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. To my right, is the Deputy Minister of Public Works & Services, Ross Mrazek, to my left, is Susan Muckpah, Director of the Petroleum Products Division in Rankin Inlet. We also have Dan Wispinski, from the Alberta Research Council, who is sitting in the gallery. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Kattuk. During the Committee of the Whole we are dealing with Motion 21 – 1 (5). The members are given 10 minutes for general comments. After general comments, the members are free to direct questions to the minister. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In regards to the gasoline quality in Nunavut, there is some work being done in our community looking at the quality of the gasoline. As a hunter I used to travel on snowmobiles so I am familiar with the use of gasoline. Last summer the gasoline re-supply that was brought into our community was not right. It was different. From the smell and even the look of it you could tell there was something wrong with the quality of the gasoline.

I could also state that with automobiles it seems like there was tar. There were concerns raised with the use of gasoline and there were problems in our community. When we were trying to warm up our snowmobiles we started to have problems with them. As

hunters we have great concern over that and I think the gasoline was missing some components.

I think the gasoline was more for helicopters or airplanes. As a hunter I want the gasoline to be corrected. Perhaps it could be mixed so that there is more supply in the community. I know even though there were studies being done, the people that are doing the study aren't aware of the climate in the north. I think in the north our climate is so harsh the study should have been done here whereas the study was being done in the south where the climate is different. This gasoline was probably more suitable for a southern climate.

During the summer we are going to see a lot of hunters going out on boats in nice weather. The weather up here is really unpredictable so we have to think of our hunters who will be traveling out on the land during the year. As a hunter we have to look at the fact that there are a lot of hunters who get stranded out on the land. We have to consider problems such as this. The hunters should have some input as to how this study will be done because they're aware of the problems that they're having.

I think it would be most appropriate to have the study done up here. I know that this has been very costly. Quite often when Nunavummiut ask for certain supplies, or certain things to be reviewed, we are often told that there is not enough money. But as Nunavummiut, I think our concerns should be heard. We just have a lot of concerns about how money is being spent and as Nunavummiut I think that we should be heard.

There's high unemployment in our communities. Nunavummiut are not given enough opportunities and hunters from Nunavut have lost a lot of money because of this problem. It doesn't just affect the hunters, it also affects people that have to drive their snowmobiles to work and we need to consider the concerns that are affecting all the people of Nunavut.

The people who have suffered damages due to the gasoline should be compensated.
Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Iqaqrialu. If you are going to have questions, maybe you could wait until we open the floor to questions from the members.
Mr. Alakannuark.

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There's a problem with the quality of gas here in Nunavut. In my communities, especially Repulse Bay, there have been problems encountered. The Hondas and mobile equipment have been breaking down. I believe that these people should be assisted, especially the ones that go out hunting quite frequently. They realize that the quality of gas is not up to par because they know their machinery.

I feel that there should be some assistance or some compensation given to those people that are experiencing the break down of their machinery. It's a danger to the hunters

because they might end up stranded out on the land or on the water and they could die because of a breakdown with their machinery due to the quality of gas.

What kind of assistance can the government or the people that have sold us the gas give to replace the machinery the hunters' equipment. Our constituents have experienced hardship because they don't have any extra money when their machinery breaks down. I wanted to make these comments, Mr. Chairman.

I hope that the department is doing whatever it can to bring the quality of gas up to par. This is very dangerous for the people of Nunavut if they keep on having that quality of gas.

I know this summer when the hunting starts again there might be some people that break down in the middle of the sea. As well during the cold weather when they go out in the wintertime, those are the people that we have to protect. We cannot put our constituents in danger because of the quality of gas. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Ms. Williams (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am happy to have the minister and his officials here. I also want to welcome the person from Alberta. I have a short comment Mr. Chairman because I have some questions later on. I would like to make a comment about the minister's opening comments.

There were two other members that spoke about the danger and the safety of the hunters in the communities. This gasoline is going to pose a danger to those hunting in May, June and July in my community. There are going to be a lot of people that are going to be going out on the land for pleasure and for hunting.

Some of them are not very sure whether they are going to go out on the land in the summertime because they are not really sure whether that gasoline is going to be replaced or whether it is going to break their machinery. There have been about 35 snowmobiles that have broken down in my constituency. I have mentioned those to the minister. The minister stated that there is nothing wrong with the gas.

The people in the communities and my constituents will want to go out hunting in the summer and in the winter. The Member from Repulse Bay stated that they have had problems for quite some time, and the government knew the quality of gasoline was not up to par. I will have some questions later on for the minister and his officials.

There are a lot of people experiencing problems due to the poor quality of gasoline. There are also problems that people are experiencing when they go to Arctic Bay and Pond Inlet by snowmobile. I know that there are going to be a lot of people experiencing the breakdown of their machinery if the quality of gas stays the same.

As well in Iqaluit I know that there are a lot of people experiencing breakdowns with their machinery. I would like to ask questions later on about the minister's opening comments. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Madame Williams. The floor is open to general comments from the members at this time. I will give the members the opportunity to make their comments first. Mr. Irqittuq.

Mr. Irqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the minister and his officials for appearing before us today. This winter the quality of gas has been pretty bad for the machinery here in Nunavut.

We are not just saying that the quality of gasoline is bad as we have a lot of information from our constituents about their problems. The hunters that tell us that they are having problems are not saying it just for the sake of saying it. Even though Inuit people didn't have any training in those things, they always look at their machines to find out what the problems are.

We have been using snowmobiles for quite a while ever since they were brought up to the north. We have been using them for that long. The people out there know the running of the motor and other things. They realize that there is something wrong with the gasoline because they check their machinery in the winter and summertime, when they are going long distances from one point to another. They never used to think about having a break down because they knew they were going to run smoothly.

Can we believe our government saying that there is nothing wrong with the quality of gasoline? I could provide another example, but the government has said that the quality of gas is fine. We had a different sort of gas than the people of Gjoa Haven but the member from Gjoa Haven brought this up before now.

When I was in Hall Beach I heard on the radio that the people of Iqaluit were experiencing problems as well. I told myself that perhaps people would start believing us. I'm not trying to just say that there's something wrong with the gasoline but we wanted to make sure that the gas was analyzed. I don't want to keep on talking about it but I'll ask some questions later on. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Irqittuq. I'm welcoming general comments from the members at this time. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I think I can echo my colleagues concerns with the problem of the gasoline that seemed to be plaguing a number of communities in Nunavut for mere safety, the risk factor to the people that use it, hunters are out hunting and if something happens to the machine and it breaks down.

Another thing here, in Iqaluit we have a lot more recreational snowmobilers and I think those people may be at a higher risk because usually they don't have the knowledge and skills to survive on the land if something does happen to them.

There are all sorts of mechanical breakdowns and again if it's caused by the gasoline, then I think that that's one of the things that we want to try and find out today from the minister and his staff. Find out what some of the problems may be and some of the issues and concerns that we've heard around the quality of the gasoline.

I've heard of things and I've seen them. I went down to the snowmobile shop and the guy showed me a sample of gasoline that was taken out of a gas tank that looked like coffee. It was unmixed gasoline. Also, he showed me the coating on the inside of the machine, the crankshaft that looked just like a brown, beige coating all over the inside. Apparently, whatever it is that's in there, the jets are getting clogged up and the rings seemed to be, the stuff, whatever it is seems to be getting in behind the rings and causing problems with the engine.

I think one other factor that we have to look at and try and find whatever the problem is, we need to identify it because a lot of the people that are having problems are sustenance hunters. When you have machines that are worth anywhere between 8 to 15 thousand dollars, it's not inexpensive to get those machines fixed and a lot of people are having problems that a lot of people can't afford, continual breakdowns of their snowmobiles to pay for new pistons or things like that.

I think one of the other issues that I've also heard from owners of automobiles they're having problems with their fuel pumps. They're always getting clogged up which is again something that is a new phenomena this year, just in this last year that didn't seem to have that problem to the frequency that we're having that seem to happen now here in Iqaluit.

So I think the problem is based on what standards that our gas is all right by. Are there different, quite obviously there seems to be something that is different about our gasoline that we have this year. I will try to find out what it is. Maybe it doesn't affect something that we normally test for, and I don't know if that leads to some of the problems that we are facing. I look forward to getting those things answered here over the next day or so, however long it takes to try to get it resolved or find out what the problem is because I think whether it is or isn't a problem with the gasoline, we need to find out. If it isn't the gasoline, then we should be working at trying to find out exactly what it is.

All of the machines whether they are an older or newer snowmobile, older vehicles, newer vehicles, they all seem to be having this problem. I don't think that it is something specifically to do with some type of vehicle that is out there. There has to be some other common link and we need to find out what it is.

I also look forward to asking the minister a number of questions and one just in his general comments he had indicated that they are doing some additional quote weather

condition testing for the fuel. I know that hadn't been done to date. Is there a standard test that we do or look at for fuel we know is going to be used in the cold conditions? Are there things that we need to have different in our fuel because of using it in cold conditions and things like that. I look forward to being able to ask the minister and his staff those types of questions.

I would just like to thank the member Ms. Williams, for bringing forward and tabling this letter so that we have a mechanism to address this problem that really seems like a plague in a lot of our communities. Hopefully we can get to the bottom of this because one way or the other it's the people in our communities that are at risk both financially and if they are out in the land, something terrible could happen out there as well. We need to find out what the problem is and how to solve it.

I look forward to questioning the minister on that over the next day or so and try to resolve it. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. I have no other names on my list for general comments. I will now open the floor, just a minute. Hold your horses.

Our item this afternoon is to deal with the tabled document regarding the quality of gasoline in the Baffin Region and Nunavut in general. It has had an affect on the people of Nunavut.

I would like you to keep your questions to the issue at hand so that we will be well coordinated. I will now open the floor for questions. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, in the minister's opening comments, he mentioned that he had directed additional testing for cold weather conditions to be conducted. Is this not a factor that they take into consideration when they initially purchase the fuel to be used in the north? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Minister Kattuk.

Hon. Peter Kattuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It has been determined after the tests were conducted that this gasoline is good for cold weather conditions. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: So I guess those additional tests have been done and they do have the results for them. Is that correct? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Minister Kattuk.

Hon. Peter Kattuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. After we started getting complaints about the quality of gas, samples were sent down south. Some of the members

were saying the samplings were done in a warm climate. I told my staff to make sure that the testing that was done included testing the gas at minus 40 to see if there is going to be a variation between testing it in a warmer climate and also testing it in minus 40 degree weather. So that is how I have directed my department and the people that are doing the study. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I would just like to ask the minister, I don't know whether those tests are done or not. Can he or his staff explain the difference in which the gasoline burns? What is the difference between warm temperature operations and say minus 30, 40 operations? What is the difference? How does the fuel react differently and what kind of things do we need to look for in ensuring that it still operates properly at those colder temperatures. What is the difference between warmer temperatures? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Peter Kattuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will refer your question to one of my officials.

Chairperson (interpretation): Minister Kattuk if you could introduce your official please.

Mr. Wispinski: My name is Dan Wispinski. I am from the Alberta Research Council.

Chairperson (interpretation): In order to proceed properly please refer to the chair before you make your statements and after you make your statements. I am not sure how to pronounce your name. Please go ahead.

Mr. Wispinski: Mr. Chairperson forgive me for any indiscretion, of course I am not used to sitting here. I am actually quite honoured to be here and happy to have the opportunity to answer any questions to the best of my ability.

I'd like to address the Honourable Member's question about the cold weather testing and what makes the difference between warm weather and cold weather for gasoline.

It would be something called volatility and this is controlled by vapour pressure. The vapour pressure has to be high for the northern country and it's ordered especially to meet those requirements. That is something that the Alberta Research Council tested for in their investigation and the higher pressure enables an engine to start when it has cold weather.

When there is cold weather you have to have high vapour pressure in order for engines to start. In warm weather the vapour pressure has to be lower so that the gasoline does not boil at ambient temperatures.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I wonder if the minister could indicate, at the cold temperature that we operate under, I would assume that would be the standard at which we get our gasoline and we wouldn't be ordering it to be at the higher end of the warmer season. The vapour pressure, the volatility that he talked about, what would be the recommended whatever, volatility or vapour pressure that he's talking about for the cold weather conditions that we operate under. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Wispinski: The vapour pressure is ordered to a standard of 90 Kilopascals. That is the proper vapour pressure for this climate.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If that is the proper pressure that we look for, is all our fuel tested to ensure that it has that as a minimum level. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Wispinski: Mr. Chairman, yes, all the gasoline is tested to all the vapour requirements. Thank you.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Is that pressure something that could be affected over time or say if when we first, you know, how many times is it tested. And is it something that can be affected over time or is there anything else in the fuel that could be affected over time. A lot of communities get our fuel once a year so, later on in the year, I don't know if later on, if it's so long, does that have an affect on that level or any other levels that are minimum specs. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Wispinski: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The vapour pressure can fade I guess with time. The gasoline exposed to air can evaporate and change. Thank you.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Is it something, just when we buy it or is it something that is monitored on a regular basis? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Ms. Makpah.

Ms. Makpah: The fuel is tested during the course of the year. The first time we test it is prior to discharge from the vessels and then once it's in our tanks we wait for about 24 hours and then we draw another sample from there. Then it's sent down to Alberta Research Council for testing.

It all depends on which product it is. For gasoline it could be a year for testing.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Am I correct in understanding that this is the first time that the fuel is tested? Just prior to being off loaded before going to the communities. Not prior to and before we buy it. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Ms. Makpah.

Ms. Makpah: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It is tested before NTCL buys the product for the Government of Nunavut. What happens is that the fuel is tested again when the ship comes into the community. We draw a sample from the vessel itself. We also draw samples from the old batch. Once the fuel is tested from the vessel it is discharged to the tank farms and we wait for about 24 hours before it settles down and then we draw another sample from the tank farm with the new batch in it. We then send that out to the lab in Alberta.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am sure I am not the only one that has questions on the sampling and checking that. When you look at the fuel that we have, and I really noticed it this year in my vehicle, the smell of the gas and the exhaust from my vehicle. It is a lot more sulphuric. I am wondering if that has increased over previous years' supply of fuel or not. What would cause that smell? Has something been added to the fuel. Or is it just something that we never noticed before. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. Ms. Makpah are you going to respond. Minister.

Hon. Peter Kattuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will refer your question to Mr. Wispinski.

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

Mr. Wispinski: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The smell is a subjective analysis. It is not usually part of any fuel specification. Again it is a subjective thing. It is an opinion of a person and it is not part of a specification. There are no tests for smell. Thank you.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Is there a test for sulphur or sulphur levels? Is that something that is tested for and is it an additive in the gasoline or is it a natural component of it. And also are there specified limits, if there is what those levels should be. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Wispinski: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Sulphur is regulated through the specifications and by Environment Canada. There are set limits for the amount of sulphur that are in fuel. All the fuel that is in Nunavut does meet the current sulphur level specifications.

Environment Canada is setting new lower and lower limits. These limits will be going down in July 2002 from the current .01 mass percent to .0195 mass percent. So at that time fuel that is made by refiners will have to meet that or they will be in trouble with Environment Canada. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. What is ours at right now and how close is it to what the specs are and is there something that's changed. I don't know if the department keeps track. Or is it something that has gone up or down from previous years' supplies. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Wispinski: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The current sulphur levels are about 25% below the maximum allowable value. These results can change from year to year. I don't know what last year's results were. But they have stayed fairly consistent from my opinion. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I don't know if the sulphur levels, I don't know what it does in there. Is that something that could cause some type of a coating or an affect on the gasoline or any engine that seems to be leading to this? Like it had the brown coating, the really dark coloured fuel. I know sulphur is yellow. Could that have something to do with it? Could the levels of sulphur have something to do with that in the fuel? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Wispinski.

Mr. Wispinski: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The sulphur in fuel can be many different types of compounds. If there were, if you will, bad sulphur compounds, other tests would find that, such as the corrosion tests. And the corrosion tests on all the fuel are okay for the Nunavut gasoline. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Would the levels or the burning of the sulphur in the fuel cause some kind of film inside, like I say a brown film. With that not burning properly for whatever reason in the engine could that cause some type of a film or a coating or something in there to cause that problem. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Wispinski

Mr. Wispinski: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I don't think sulphur would cause any of those deposits. Sulphur is limited to control emissions. It is an environmental standard for acid rain. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I guess that is one additive, if I understood Mr. Wispinski correctly, that is an additive to the fuel. I wondered does he look at the other types of, in the analyses of the fuel they do. Do they look at what types of additives are in the fuel other than the sulphur or other possible additives that may be in there? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Wispinski.

Mr. Wispinski: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Alberta Research Council, if we had to check for every possible additive in the fuel, we could spend years and a lot of money on that. So it's prohibitive to test for every possibility. Again, with sulphur, it is present in fuel naturally, it is naturally found in crude oil and it goes through the refinery. Sulphur is not an additive, it's not put in gasoline purposely. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll try to move along quickly, I know the members have questions that they'd like to ask as well. On the gasoline, in the testing that you do, is there something called like a spectrum or a spectrogram that can be done to show the different levels of waves, wave numbers and different things like in the fuel to look for differences between gasoline and identify whether there may be contaminants in that gasoline. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Wispinski.

Mr. Wispinski: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There are many different possible tests that we can do and my lab is working hard at looking at other things that we can do besides what is on the list of tests that the Canadian General Standards Board specifies that we test against ours.

But it's sometimes very hard to define things like that. They can be there in very small quantities. It's very difficult to test for and find these things. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Your last question for now Mr. Tootoo and then we'll move on to other members.

Mr. Tootoo: I was hoping the last one was going to be my last one but I have one more just for now. In testing the gasoline, does the Alberta Research Council look for this on a regular basis? Have you found anything different in those tests compared to fuel that we've received and that you've tested for us in the past? In the way of different levels of possible contaminants or anything like that? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Wispinski.

Mr. Wispinski: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Other than noticing a difference in this year's colour of the fuel, which again is not part of a fuel specification, we haven't noticed anything in the specification tests that are different. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. The members should be aware that you have 10 minutes to raise questions and then you'll have your turn again later when you have a chance. Ms. Williams.

Ms. Williams (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. During the minister's opening comments, he talked about complaints that were raised or brought to his attention and that latest step that has been taken is to send some samples to England. Have they received results back? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Peter Kattuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We haven't received the results from England. We sent them and asked them to do tests. I directed them to have additional tests in cold weather conditions. It is taking a while because when they were being sent to England, samples had to sit in Montreal due to airline regulations. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Ms. Williams.

Ms. Williams (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We expect that tests will be done during cold weather conditions because you're aware that our climate is very different here. As was stated earlier, there were concerns about the quality. Could the minister respond in regards to what the gasoline looked like and the quality? Has this problem been ongoing for several years? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Peter Kattuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. To look at the gasoline, it was different, it has been like that for a while. I'll get Mr. Wispinski to respond further.

Chairperson: Mr. Wispinski.

Mr. Wispinski: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If I understand, you're asking me to comment on how it looked. You're referring to the colour. The colour again, is not a specification. It's not regulated as to the operability or how it performs in an engine. That's why it's not in any Canadian specification. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Ms. Williams.

Ms. Williams (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We know that the gasoline does not look dark like that and it does not have a gasoline smell even though the hunters are not experts, they realize that it's different.

The colour and the smell are totally different than what we usually get. The minister also stated too that it's a different smell and colour. There have been many communities that have been experiencing problems with the quality of the gasoline. Would the minister be able to get the lab in England to do more analysis? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Peter Kattuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As an Inuk and as a hunter, I can tell you that I am concerned. What we are doing now is the analysis of the quality of the gasoline. They have told us that the quality of the gasoline is okay. Right now, that's really the only answer I can make to the hunters out there.

When we get the results we will pass it on to hunters out there. If it is bad fuel then we will be able to replace that gasoline. I will get Mr. Wispinski to answer the other part of the question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Questions from the members. Ms. Makpah.

Ms. Makpah: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to expand on the answer that he gave. What we're planning on doing this week, the PPD officers are going around to the communities for the year-end. We directed them to contact some people in the community, to collect some samples from their snowmobile tanks and what we're doing is giving them to the Alberta Research Council to have them analysed. Then from there we are going to wait for about two weeks or so before we get the results back.

Right now, we just directed them to collect some samples from the communities where we received complaints. There's five from this region and four from the Keewatin Region. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson: Ms. Williams.

Ms. Williams (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Sorry I have a cold. The colour and the smell of the gasoline, people have noticed it is very different. I wonder why it's that different, what additives do they put in it. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Kattuk.

Hon. Peter Kattuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will get Mr. Wispinski to answer that question.

Mr. Wispinski: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We don't know why the colour and the smell is the way it is right now. We are doing further laboratory analysis to see if we can isolate and find the reason why it is that way. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Ms. Williams.

Ms. Williams (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for the response. We now know that the colour and the smell will be analysed again. The people of Nunavut know that it's a different smell and a different colour but the people of Nunavut are also in a rush to find out the test results because they're going to be going out hunting. If the quality of gasoline is not good, the minister has stated that he would replace the gasoline for the people that have been complaining in the nine communities. What about the breakage of the snowmobiles and other equipment that have broken down due to this gasoline.

I went and visited the garage where the snowmobiles are repaired. There is breakage in the pistons and the crankshaft. It's about three thousand dollars to have it repaired for parts and labour. The hunters that are in this gallery right now don't have three thousand dollars extra to spend on the repair of their machinery.

If there is bad gasoline, the minister said that he would have the gasoline replaced. Would they be compensated for repairs too? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Minister.

Hon. Peter Kattuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I cannot answer the member's question at this time, as long there is testing going on and the tests say there is nothing wrong with the quality of the gas. I am not sure what the Government of Nunavut would be able to do in regards to compensating those people who have had their machinery break down.

We know that the hunters don't have an extra 3 thousand dollars to spend to have their machinery repaired. We have not thought about this because we don't know yet whether there is something wrong with the gasoline. According to the tests there is nothing wrong with it.

I am sure they want to find out from the government whether the quality of the gas has to do with the breakage of their machinery. We have not had any complaints yet from last summer. The first complaint that we had was from October of last year.

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

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There was an explanation about the sulphur content. When Mr. Tootoo was questioning the person that analysed it he said it was 25%.

The question that I am going to be asking is about the sulphur. Mr. Iqaqrialu stated that when you burn it, it has a very black tar in it. When you burn the gasoline there is a difference in the colour of the flame. I just wondered if there is a difference when you burn it. What is the difference between the gas that contains more sulphur and gas that does not have as much sulphur when you burn it? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Peter Kattuk (interpretation): I will get Mr. Wispinski to respond to your question.

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Wispinski.

Mr. Wispinski: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Again the sulphur I stated was 25% below the regulated limit. The results are around 750 parts per million and the limit is 1 thousand parts per million. So that is 25% below that limit.

When fuel with sulphur is burned it forms sulphur dioxide and when this is released into the atmosphere it can cause air pollution. This is why sulphur is a big issue in fuel quality throughout the world. All environmental regulations are limiting the amount of sulphur to save the environment. Again as far as operability or the durability of an engine, sulphur in most cases plays a limited role in that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Does the gasoline contain sulphur naturally or is it added. Does heating fuel have sulphur in it as well? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Wispinski: Could you repeat that last part of the question?

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We were talking about sulphur in the gasoline. Does heating fuel have sulphur in it as well? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Wispinski.

Mr. Wispinski: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Heating fuel or diesel fuel does have sulphur in it. All fuel has sulphur in it. The limit for heating fuel or diesel is 500 parts per million. That's the current limit right now. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. They have to limit the amount of sulphur in the gasoline because it might be dangerous to the environment. The individual said that there was about 700 parts per million or something. If the sulphur is less, like last year we had very clear gasoline. If they put more sulphur into the gasoline does the quality change? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Wispinski.

Mr. Wispinski: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I don't have last year's sulphur numbers in front of me. The sulphur numbers that we find in the fuel right now are within the specified levels and I don't feel that the sulphur is the cause of the colour in the fuel. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): If the sulphur increases, would that change the quality of the gasoline? Even though it's gasoline, when the sulphur increases, would that change the quality of it. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Wispinski.

Mr. Wispinski: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If the sulphur increased to above specification levels, then yes it would change the quality of the fuel but again, it's below the specified value. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): I heard in the news on the radio that this gasoline is almost exactly identical to the ones that were used in the DEW line sites. So, for that reason, if gasoline sits for a long time, would the sulphur increase? Or, what kind of effect of vaporization have if it has sulphur and if it sits for a long time, what difference would it make?

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

Mr. Wispinski: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The question about the sulphur, the sulphur would not increase. The levels should stay fairly steady. No fuel lasts forever as how long the fuel is stored affects it. Fuel does not last forever. It does have a shelf life and it should be used within a certain period of time depending on what fuel it is.

I think perhaps Ms. Makpah can answer the question of how long fuel is kept in Nunavut. I am trying to think what the other part of the question was. Again, fuel doesn't last forever. Inventories are used though and maybe Susan can answer how long the fuel lasts. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): I haven't used up my 10 minutes yet. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The gas that we have right now is not liked by the people of Nunavut. Like someone said, there is black smoke when you light it up. I just wondered whether it has something to do with the sulphur. I am not sure whether they rotate the gas once in a while in the communities at the gas farms. Like anything if it sits still for a long time, if it is a liquid and if it stays there for a long time it changes some parts of the mixture of the gas. So I wonder if it has anything to do with that. Thank you.

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

Mr. Wispinski: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. When fuel sits for a long time as far as changing and separating into things, solid material will settle out of it. But I don't think it changes compositionally if it doesn't evaporate and as long it is in a closed container the composition of it won't change. Again if the fuel is used regularly and if it doesn't sit for years and years then it is going to last for that period of time. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): The minister stated earlier that they sent samples to England and he also stated that the samples haven't come back yet to Canada. Again we have other people in Alberta who are doing some of our samples. I have worked in oil rigs and usually the gas that is extracted has to be cleaned up and everything else before it is usable.

In Alberta if they extract gas do they send it across to England to get it analysed before putting it out on the market. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Kattuk.

Hon. Peter Kattuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I cannot respond to your question. I haven't talked to the people who extract gasoline in Alberta. I think Mr. Wispinski would be better at responding to your question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Wispinski.

Mr. Wispinski: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Again, we at the Alberta Research Council have only really found out about all these complaints at the beginning of February. We're looking very hard into the fuel beyond the normal tests that we do. So far there's nothing that I can report that we've found. I can assure you that we're trying

our best in working beyond what is normally done on the fuel. That's about all I can say now. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): This will be my last question. As the minister stated earlier, he sent out some samples to England. Did he not know that they could conduct this analysis right here in Canada, in Alberta? Did he not know that? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Peter Kattuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. When we had our meeting in Rankin Inlet NTCL recommended sending some samples out to England and that's how the whole thing got started. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to take an opportunity to direct a question to the panel. In regards to the samples and the analysis and being told by the government that the gasoline meets the standards, there has been more than one complaint about the quality of gasoline. In Kugaaruk, we have been using this gasoline for well over a year.

There's going to be another shipment coming in the spring. Perhaps this bad gasoline will come to our community. We are representing the people who elected us to this House, and they have made numerous complaints about the quality of gasoline. If the results should come back and there are deficiencies in the quality of gasoline, what will happen then?

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Minister.

Hon. Peter Kattuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In regards to your last question, we haven't determined what steps we'll be taking from there about the quality of gasoline but my department will do everything they can do to help the communities.

We will have to wait for the results of the analysis and we have yet to talk to the snowmobile dealers about the repairs that they have had to do to the snowmobiles. We'll do everything we can do to study this problem to see what's causing the breakdowns of snowmobiles and if the gasoline is the cause of the breakage.

Chairperson (interpretation): Ms. Makpah.

Ms. Makpah: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The fuel that we have in Hall Beach will not be discharged into the community of Kugaaruk.

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Alakannuark.

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation): I thank you. We had thought that we would be getting that gasoline from Hall Beach.

My next question is on behalf of the people who own snowmobiles and outboard motors. It seems like the majority of the Nunavut communities are experiencing this. Are you going to be trying to resolve this on a top priority basis? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Minister.

Hon. Peter Kattuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Regarding the tests that are being done, we'll do it as fast as we can but it's up to the people who are analysing the samples that are holding us back because of course they have to follow procedures and so on. But we will work on it as fast as we can because of the number of complaints we have had about the quality of the gasoline. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I also thank the people who are responding to my questions. From what I've heard, there's an unusual coating in the engines. Is it possible to find out what's causing this coating of the machinery? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Peter Kattuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will have Mr. Wispinski respond as to why there's a difference in the colour and the coating in the machinery and what causes it because I'm not quite sure why it does that. I will have Mr. Wispinski respond to your question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Wispinski: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The yardstick the Alberta Research Council uses to measure the quality is determined by the Canadian Standards Board and by what the Government of Nunavut asked us to perform. The deposits that you are speaking of can be analysed. They are not normally analysed but if you want to give me the direction to analyse deposits we can certainly do that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Because of the large amount of machinery that is breaking down, have you considered the cost so far? Is it possible that this was cheap fuel and thus of poor quality? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Kattuk.

Hon. Peter Kattuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have not thought about it. But the previous minister has dealt with it. At the Rankin Inlet meeting, the previous minister was asked about the high cost of gasoline. That is the only thing I know about, I think the price was 7% lower.

Chairperson (interpretation): Just to remind the members, there was a motion on the floor in regards to the quality of gasoline. That is the debate we are currently having. We wanted to get your department to talk about the quality of gasoline. We are not considering the issue of gasoline prices. I would like to remind the members that the discussion in hand is about the quality of gasoline fuel. That is the discussion at hand. Mr. Alakannuark do you have another question. Mr. Alakannuark.

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for that reminder. What plans do you have if something like this is ever to happen again, for correcting problems like this? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Peter Kattuk (interpretation): Thank you. The problems that we have with the quality of gasoline, if we were to see something like this happen again we'd send samples out right away. Samples would be sent out for testing as soon as possible. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Kattuk. Mr. Alakannuark. Mr. Iqittuq.

Mr. Iqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have a few questions. Not too many questions. First, I would like to thank Mr. Wispinski for being here.

As you know we live in a harsh climate. During the winter, it's very hard to start your snowmobile, especially when it's very cold. When this starts to happen, the carburetor starts to collect different substances. Do you think this might be one of the problems? Do you think this gasoline might cause this problem due to the temperature? Because in the carburetor there's a build-up, what do you think might be the cause of the build-up? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Wispinski: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Being from Edmonton I do understand perhaps for one or two weeks out of the year the harsh climate. That aside, the fuel, again, we are working hard and doing our best beyond what we've already done to see if we can determine a problem. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Iqittuq (interpretation): My question was, we were saying that the colour is different than the gasoline last year and during the coldest times of the year, the carburetors start to build up. Could this be caused by the quality of the gasoline? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Wispinski: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm not sure how to answer that question without seeing that unique situation. Fuel can cause deposits and whether this fuel is so much different than other fuels, again, we're looking into that and we need more time to find some answers and some direction into looking closer at the fuel. As far as colour is concerned, again, it doesn't take very much of a substance to change the colour of a fuel. If it only happens in very small amounts they can be very hard to find. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Iqittuq (interpretation): Thank you. Perhaps I should ask, I think it was in the 1960s or the early 70s, I found out that diesel froze because of the cold temperatures. It was so cold that we couldn't start up the stove. I think this might be the case now with the gasoline. I think a part of it can freeze.

Perhaps this was brought up earlier when we talked about sulphur. I am wondering if there might be part of the gasoline that could freeze up. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Peter Kattuk (interpretation): I'll get Mr. Wispinski to respond.

Mr. Wispinski: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The member is correct. Diesel fuel does have to have cold temperature operability to make sure it doesn't freeze or gel. Gasoline does not have that problem because of its higher volatility. It doesn't freeze. That is about it. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Iqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My question is if the gasoline has the same additive as the diesel fuel, if the diesel can freeze then would there be an additive in that gasoline that could perhaps freeze.

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Wispinski.

Mr. Wispinski: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Our laboratory has not done any tests of that nature. It is a bit unusual to look for anything that would freeze gasoline if you will. So no we haven't looked at that in our laboratory. Thank you.

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

Mr. Irqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am not sure whether I'll get a response because there hasn't been a test of that sort yet. I would like to ask another question. We have noticed that when a machine breaks down there is a film that collects in the machinery or on parts of the machinery.

When there is a breakdown at other times there is no film in there. With any other gas we have never had a film in there. Although this has been a concern, the minister has stated that there is nothing wrong with the quality of the gasoline. There is a lot of film in the motors of the machines. It never used to be like that. A lot of people have also said that there is a different colour to the gasoline.

Perhaps the same thing that is colouring the gasoline is making the film in the machinery. We don't know what that dark substance is that we are finding in the engines. Do you know what that film is that collects in the engines? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Wispinski: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Again the colour is not controlled by any specification. Can it do that? Perhaps. Are we looking at trying to find out? Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Irqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Wispinski is from the Alberta Research Council. Is it a private firm or is it part of the government there? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Wispinski: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I work in a business unit of the Alberta Research Council called the fuels and lubricants group. We are owned at arms length by the Alberta Government through something called the Alberta Science and Research Authority. We are a government organization defined as a not for profit corporation. So I get my wage check from the Government of Alberta. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Irqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, the gasoline that we get, when the Nunavut government purchases it, do you get tests done before it gets to Nunavut. The gasoline or the fuel oil that is coming to Nunavut, do you do some quality work on it before it comes here? Or are you just here to tell us the findings that you have made thus far? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Wispinski.

Mr. Wispinski: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The quality work that we do occurs after Nunavut takes ownership of the fuel. Before that it would be the responsibility of the fuel supplier and the refiner, the maker of the fuel. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Iqittuq (interpretation): Perhaps I do not understand the responses very well but when the Nunavut Government is purchasing the gasoline, are you able to tell us the quality of the gasoline before we purchase it. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Wispinski.

Mr. Wispinski: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to refer this question to Susan Makpah please.

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Iqittuq.

Mr. Iqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Is it because it's embarrassing that you want Ms. Makpah to answer the question? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Minister, if you would like either one of the two to answer the question, Ms. Makpah could answer that question as well. Which one, Mr. Minister would you like to have answer?

Hon. Peter Kattuk (interpretation): Mr. Wispinski was asked a question about just before the gasoline is purchased whether Mr. Wispinski has any say in which gasoline or oil is purchased is good.

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Wispinski.

Mr. Wispinski: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have no say in the fuel quality before it becomes the property of Nunavut. Thank you.

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

Mr. Iqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes. I understand that. My last question Mr. Chairman. Would Mr. Wispinski be able to do an analysis on exactly what is causing the build-up? Thank you.

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

Hon. Peter Kattuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Susan mentioned that there would be testing of fuel from snowmobile tanks in Nunavut. So we will be doing that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Very briefly. I would just like to start off with a preamble. If your snowmobile breaks down you can be stuck out there for many days if the weather is bad. Sometimes we are forced to use gasoline for our stoves if our naphtha runs out.

I am telling you that this gasoline that we have right now will clog up the stove generator within hours. That's how bad it is. The snowmobiles are made a little different today than they were a few years ago. In our community we modify the machinery so that there is good intake of gasoline. That could be a contributing factor.

I am urging the people of Nunavut out there who are experiencing these problems to lobby their Member of the Legislative Assembly and only then very likely could the Government of Nunavut help us. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Peter Kattuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Government of Nunavut is not the one that purchases the gasoline. It is the contractors, NTCL who bought the bulk gasoline. The gasoline is then distributed to the communities. Afterwards they give us an invoice for reimbursement. It is NTCL who are contracted by the Government of Nunavut to purchase the bulk fuel and distribute it to the communities. From there it is sold to the retail outlets and finally to the residents.

But it is not the Government of Nunavut that purchases the fuel. It is only after the fuel is distributed to the communities that we are invoiced for reimbursement by that particular company. Thank you.

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

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you very much for that information. This discussion is raising more concerns for me that are outside the scope of the tabled document. We are having this discussion about the quality of gasoline and I would like to keep to the subject at hand. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Iqaqrialu. The discussion is about the letter from Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board chairman Joannie Ikkidluak to the Minister responsible for Petroleum Products. Just to remind the members we will have to adjourn at 6 o'clock. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): I did say thank you. I just would like to make a statement. It doesn't seem that we are going to go anywhere with this discussion. I would just at this time like to urge the people of Nunavut to lobby their Members of the Legislative Assembly so that we can find a solution to this problem because I don't think we will be going anywhere with this department at this time. Thank you.

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

Hon. Peter Kattuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I don't hear a question.

Chairperson (interpretation): Ms. Williams.

Ms. Williams (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I was going to be asking a question about the residue that is in the machinery. Could we give you a sample of the residue that is left behind in the machinery to test?

Also my next question Mr. Chairman is we can also do some analysis in Nunavut. We don't have to necessarily use the study centres down south. We send in a barrel of gas from down there under the order of the minister. We could use two new snowmobiles to be used as experimental machinery, fuel one up with local gasoline and see what kind of affect it has on the machinery parts of it. If the minister could agree to do this then we can use the other one for southern imported gasoline. Those are experiments we could do in Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. The Minister responsible for Petroleum Products is available during question period of any day. Mr. Minister, did you want to respond?

Hon. Peter Kattuk (interpretation): Mr. Chairman, I don't hear a question. I will wait for the question in the coming days during question period, thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Could you tell me where NTCL purchases their bulk gasoline?

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Minister.

Hon. Peter Kattuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will have Susan Makpah answer your question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Ms. Makpah.

Ms. Makpah: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The fuel we got this year from NTCL, they got it from New York.

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

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): I don't know whether you can respond to my question. Do you know the age of the gasoline that was purchased?

Chairperson (interpretation): Ms. Makpah.

Ms. Makpah: We're trying to find that information from NTCL. (interpretation) We have been having this discussion with NTCL. We're not sure exactly how old the gasoline is but we are trying to get the information from NTCL.

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Going back to our gasoline, do you know if this gasoline is adaptable to the northern climate. We heard it's okay to use in a cold climate, are there different types of gasoline that are used for warmer climates down south for example and another bulk set aside for colder climates. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Ms. Makpah.

Ms. Makpah: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The specifications we have for our fuel for this climate is higher than what is required down south. It's because we buy our fuel once a year. We purchase this fuel and it's supposed to be used for all seasons.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Thank you. Mr. Nutarak, anything else?

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Last year we had a different kind of gasoline. Do you know what components were different from the fuel we had last year and this year. Was this gasoline that was used last year, was it a spring type of gasoline or middle of January gasoline, or what?

I think the gasoline that we're using now is not for the middle of the winter. It could very well turn good in the summer when we have a warmer climate. I think the colder communities are having a harder time this year with broken machinery and now Arctic Bay, so it might be because it's for different, or a warmer climate.

Do you have an indication of what type of gasoline we're using now? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Ms. Makpah.

Ms. Makpah: The fuel we received this year is specified as mid-grade. Mid-grade gasoline.

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am starting to rush as we are almost ready to finish for the day. The reason I ask is because we were told that it is 25% less sulphur. How does that work in this type of climate, in the middle of winter? Thank you.

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

Mr. Wispinski: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The sulphur is not going to effect winter conditions more than summer conditions. Again, the sulphur I think is a non-issue. The fuel that is purchased by Nunavut is also a winter grade.

I stated before, this is controlled by different volatility classes. There is the vapour pressure that has to be sufficiently high so that you can start your engine in the winter. This is the big difference between a summer or southern gasoline versus a winter gasoline. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Wispinski. That's it? What is the wish of the committee? A member would like to report progress and this is non-debatable. I would like to thank you very much Mr. Minister, Susan Makpah and Mr. Wispinski, Mr. Mrazek. I thank you all for appearing as witnesses.

I would like the members and the people in the gallery to know that we have not had any specific responses to our questions. As long as that is the case we will keep working on it as we have to represent our people out there for the betterment of the people of Nunavut. We have to look at the concerns and find solutions. Thank you.

We can ascertain if the Speaker is available to return to the House.

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

Item 20: Report of the Committee of the Whole

Mr. Puqiqnak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, your committee has been considering Motion 21 – 1(5), and would like to report progress. Mr. Speaker, I move that the report of the committee of the whole be concurred with.

Speaker: There is a motion on the floor. Is there a seconder for the motion? Is there a seconder? Mr. Akesuk. The motion is in order. All those in favour. All those opposed. The motion is carried. Item 21. Third Reading of Bills. Mr. Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to return to item 16, motions. Thank you.

Speaker: Are there any nays? Proceed Mr. Ng.

Item 16: Motions

Motion 022 – 1(5): Bill 21, Supplementary Retiring Allowances Act to Committee of the Whole

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and honourable members.

Whereas Bill 21, Supplementary Retiring Allowances Act has had First Reading; and

Whereas Rule 66 of the Provisional Rules of the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut provide that every bill shall be read twice in the Assembly before committal for amendment, and

Whereas Rule 67(2) of the Provisional Rules of the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut provides that, unless otherwise ordered by the Assembly, when a bill is read for the second time it stands ordered to a Standing or a Special Committee,

Now, therefore, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Amittuq, that Bill 21 be ordered after second reading to Committee of the Whole for consideration.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Ng. The motion is in order. To the motion. Question has been called. All those in favour. All those 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. Meetings for tomorrow. March the fifth at 9 o'clock. Meeting of all regular members in the Tuktu Board Room with the Honourable Minister Kelvin Ng. Meeting at 12 o'clock, Government Operations in Tuktu.

Orders of the Day for Tuesday March 5th:

1. Prayer
2. Ministers' Statements
3. Members' Statements
4. Returns to Oral Questions
5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery
6. Oral Questions
7. Written Questions
8. Returns to Written Questions
9. Replies to Opening Address
10. Petitions
11. Reports of Standing and Special Committees
12. Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills

13. Tabling of Documents
14. Notices of Motions
15. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills
16. Motions
17. First Reading of Bills
18. Second Reading of Bills
 - Bill 21
19. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters
 - Tabled Document 67-1(5)
 - Bill 23
 - Motion 21-1(5)
 - Tabled Document 80 – 1(5)
20. Report of the Committee of the Whole
21. Third Reading of Bills
22. Orders of the Day

Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Clerk. Before we adjourn just a reminder to the members that at 7 o'clock we have the unveiling of the Baker Lake carving display out in the Great Hall. This House stands adjourned until March 5th, 2002 at 1.30. Sergeant-At-Arms.

>>*House adjourned at 6.00 p.m.*

