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Iqaluit, Nunavut**Monday, November 5, 2018****Members Present:**

Hon. David Akeeagok, Mr. Tony Akoak, Ms. Pat Angnakak, Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak, Hon. Joe Enook, Hon. George Hickes, Hon. David Joanase, Mr. Joeline Kaernerck, Mr. Pauloosie Keyootak, Mr. Adam Lightstone, Mr. John Main, Ms. Margaret Nakashuk, Mr. Patterk Netser, Mr. Emiliano Qirngnuq, Mr. Paul Quassa, Mr. Allan Rumbolt, Hon. Joe Savikataaq, Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik, Ms. Cathy Towtongie.

>>*House commenced at 13:30*

Item 1: Opening Prayer

Speaker (Hon. Joe Enook)
(interpretation): Ms. Towtongie, can you say the opening prayer, please.

>>*Prayer*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Ms. Towtongie. (interpretation ends)
Good afternoon, colleagues and good afternoon to Nunavummiut who are following the proceedings of your Legislative Assembly on television, radio, and on the Internet.

Speaker's Statement

Today marks the beginning of the final week of our fall sitting. I wish to take this opportunity to share some concerns and observations that have been conveyed to me by many Nunavummiut, which I too have observed.

I am confident that all members will agree that the past few weeks and months have been challenging for all of us. However, as we reflect back on the

year since we were all elected to this House and took our oaths of office, I am reminded that we all wanted to work for the betterment of all Nunavummiut. As such, I am also confident that all members will agree that it is important that all members appreciate that the tone of our deliberations must reflect the high expectations that have been placed upon us.

As your Speaker, I am mindful of the importance of being strictly neutral on the issues and questions that come before this House for debate. I am also mindful that this is a political institution in which political decisions are made by elected representatives. However, I do believe that it is equally important for all members to be mindful of the importance that our constituents place on deliberations and discussions that avoid personal accusations, agendas and attacks.

Colleagues, there is nothing wrong with asking hard questions on the many challenging and complex issues facing us as a territory. I asked more than a few of those questions myself during previous Assemblies. There is nothing wrong when our government vigorously defends its positions, decisions, and actions.

However, I do believe that I have a responsibility in our non-partisan, consensus-style legislature to alert my colleagues when I hear concerns being raised by Nunavummiut, especially the elders, who are worried that we are losing our focus in this place.

There are a number of important principles and values in which our society is grounded. These principles

and values emphasize the importance of cooperation and discussion. As we look ahead to our next sitting and beyond, I encourage my colleagues to keep these principles and values in mind at all times.

I also wish to take a moment to reflect on the importance of all of us doing what we can as leaders who have been entrusted by our constituents to safeguard a style of governance that is grounded in mutual respect and tolerance.

Last month we bore witness to yet another tragedy in the nation to our south in which a number of innocent people lost their lives to the forces of intolerance and hate.

For those of us who follow public affairs in this country and others, we are also saddened when we witness an increasingly coarse style of debate that favours personal attack and childish insult over principled and reasoned discussion.

I know that all of us in this House today are committed to the well-being of our territory, communities and residents, and I ask my colleagues to keep these reflections in mind as we work together in this institution.

I thank you all for your attention, and we will now proceed with the orders of the day. Thank you.

>> *Applause*

(interpretation) Thank you. Going to the orders of the day. Ministers' Statements. Government House Leader, Minister Sheutiapik.

Item 2: Ministers' Statements

Minister's Statement 110 – 5(2): Minister Absent from the House

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik

(interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Thank you for your comments. They're very true.

(interpretation ends) *Uqaqtitsijii*, I stand today to wish to advise the members that the Hon. Lorne Kusugak will be absent from the House today for family reasons. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Ministers' Statements. Minister responsible for the Qulliq Energy Corporation, Minister Ehaloak.

Minister's Statement 111 – 5(2): District Heating in Sanikiluaq and Taloyoak

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) Good afternoon, Nunavummiut and welcome to our guests in the House.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to announce that the Qulliq Energy Corporation has begun planning two new district heating system installations in the communities of Sanikiluaq and Taloyoak. The new alternative energy systems will heat nearby buildings by capturing residual heat produced during power generation. The heat is distributed through a piping system to the Qulliq Energy Corporation's district heating customers. This proven technology helps reduce the territory's heating fuel consumption, cut carbon emissions, and allows connected customers to save on fuel consumption and heating costs.

The installation of these two systems will bring the corporation to nearly 30 active district heating customers across the territory. Potential connections in Sanikiluaq will have identified as Nuiyak School and Paatsaali High School. Netsilik School, Moses Teelktaq pool, Lyall Construction garage, and two hamlet garages in Taloyoak have also been identified as possible district heating connections. The installations are expected to be completed by 2021.

Mr. Speaker, these projects have been made possible by funding of the Government of Canada's Low Carbon Economy Leadership Fund. The Qulliq Energy Corporation would like to acknowledge the support of Environment and Climate Change Canada to offer funding to remote communities. These initiatives benefit our communities by helping mitigate the effects of climate change on our environment.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to provide an update on the district heating expansion currently underway at the Iqaluit Aquatic Centre. The connection is expected to be completed by early next year. The Qulliq Energy Corporation thanks Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada for their generous contribution to fund this project.

Expanding the corporation's district heating initiatives is a capital-intensive process. These projects would not be possible without the support of federal funding. The Qulliq Energy Corporation continues to seek opportunities that will help expand renewable and alternative energy solutions to Nunavut's energy mix while minimizing the financial

impact on to customers. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Ministers' Statements. Minister of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs, Minister Savikataaq.

Minister's Statement 112 – 5(2): New Education Options for Graduates of Hivuliqtikhanut

Hon. Joe Savikataaq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I say "good day" to the people of Arviat and daughter, I say "hello" to you.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I rise today to announce exciting new education options for graduates of our government's Hivuliqtikhanut leadership development program, which has been offered to emerging leaders, supervisors and senior managers continuously since 2015.

Mr. Speaker, as part of the *Turaaqtavut* mandate, our government has committed to providing workplace education and training for public servants, with an emphasis on increasing Inuit employment and developing strong Inuit leaders. The Hivuliqtikhanut program is one of the ways we strengthen Nunavut's public service and provide the knowledge and skills that our employees need to be effective leaders.

Mr. Speaker, on June 28 officials from the Government of Nunavut (GN) and Nunavut Arctic College signed an operational memorandum of agreement (MOA) to establish the accreditation offered to graduates of our

Hivuliqtikhanut program. Thanks to this newly signed memorandum of agreement, Nunavut Arctic College will grant credits for two courses to Hivuliqtikhanut graduates who enrol in Nunavut Arctic College's Management Studies Diploma Program.

Mr. Speaker, that same day officials from the GN and Dalhousie University signed an operational memorandum of understanding to expand the accreditation offered to Hivuliqtikhanut graduates. As previously announced, Dalhousie University grants credits for one to two courses to graduates of the Hivuliqtikhanut supervisors' and senior managers' series who enrol in their Master of Public Administration, Master of Information Management or Master of Business Administration degrees. Now, as part of the newly signed memorandum of understanding, Dalhousie will also grant these credits to graduates of the Hivuliqtikhanut emerging leaders' series.

Mr. Speaker, 92 public servants, including 57 Nunavut Inuit, have graduated from the Hivuliqtikhanut leadership development program to date. Another 41 public servants are currently participating in the program. Each of them will now have the option to continue their education at Nunavut Arctic College and/or Dalhousie University.

Mr. Speaker, I look forward to seeing the continued benefits of public service training across the territory, and I would also like to offer my congratulations to all current and future Hivuliqtikhanut graduates. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Ministers' Statements. Minister of Health, Minister Hickes.

Minister's Statement 113 – 5(2): Care for the Caregivers

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As we all know, Nunavummiut are incredibly resilient and support one another because they know that with the love and support of family, friends, elders, and counsellors, we can get through hard times. Today I want to express my gratitude for those who look after loved ones during challenging moments, who offer support when needed, and who lend a listening ear. These actions make a difference.

Mr. Speaker, we are all caregivers to someone one way or another and it is important to ask ourselves regularly, "What do I need to replenish today? Is it going for a walk on the land? Is it sewing? Is it throat-singing with a friend? Is it going to see an elder?" Each person has a different answer to this question. That answer may also change from day to day. Whatever the answer may be today, I invite you to do it. Caring for others is both rewarding and demanding, so I encourage all caregivers in Nunavut to care for themselves like they care for others.

Mr. Speaker, as a government we also take steps to care for caregivers. Last year the Quality of Life Secretariat funded six multi-day workshops focused on self-care for trauma response team counsellors. Mr. Speaker, the workshops were organized by the Iliisaqivik Society in Clyde River and covered topics like managing exposure to other people's trauma and its prevention, self-

care techniques, boundary setting, debriefing after critical incidents, the use of narratives for self-reflection, and knowing when to reach out for support, whether it be professional or emotional. Training like this assists counsellors with staying healthy as they care for others.

Mr. Speaker, other services can also assist people employed as caregivers. For example, several employers offer employee and family assistance programs, including the Government of Nunavut. These programs offer free, confidential support, including mental health and addictions support, psychology, and online courses. I encourage caregivers and all those who are eligible to actively access such services.

Mr. Speaker, caregivers are there for others and we are here for them. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Ministers' Statements. Minister of Education, Minister Joanasié.

**Minister's Statement 114 – 5(2):
Education Week and World
Teachers' Day**

Hon. David Joanasié (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good day, people of Cape Dorset and Kimmirut as well as the members.

Mr. Speaker, every fall the Department of Education celebrates Education Week, a week of activities recognized across Canada that celebrates the essential role education plays in the lives

of communities. This year Nunavut will observe it from November 5 to November 9, 2018.

This year's theme is "Building Positive Schools and Leaders." Various activities planned throughout the week emphasized the importance of fostering a positive environment for students, celebrated the positive contributions made by all staff and school volunteers, and recognized the important leadership role educators play in student development.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, because teachers play such an important role in building positive school environments, I would also like to acknowledge that October 5 was also World Teachers' Day. World Teachers' Day was started in 1994 by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to commemorate benchmarks it set in 1966 regarding the rights, responsibilities, and standards for teachers worldwide.

(interpretation) Mr. Speaker, I would like to give my thanks to all of Nunavut's teachers for the hard work and dedication that they put into creating enthusiastic and welcoming classrooms. Teachers are the heartbeat of our education system.

Mr. Speaker, Education Week and World Teachers' Day are two annual events used to promote what can be achieved through positive and engaging activities and celebrations. They are days to emphasize the work that is done daily in our schools to make them more optimistic and safe places.

Mr. Speaker, let's thank our teachers in

our communities and the school staff who teach our students. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Ministers' Statements. Minister of Economic Development and Transportation, Minister Akeeagok.

**Minister's Statement 115 – 5(2):
Energy and Mines Ministers'
Conference**

Hon. David Akeeagok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for your kind wisdom.

Mr. Speaker, as we all know, Nunavut is rich in natural resources. Managed effectively, these resources will continue to diversify and improve economic opportunities for Nunavummiut.

Mr. Speaker, our government is committed to developing our territory's resources with our co-management partners, the federal government, and the Inuit organizations. This collaborative approach is also central to our engagement with other provinces, territories, and stakeholders.

This past August, Minister Ehaloak and I cohosted the annual Energy and Mines Ministers' Conference here in Iqaluit. My colleague and I were joined by ministers and delegations from seven provinces and the two other territories. Participants also included representatives from Nunavut's Inuit associations, national Inuit and aboriginal organizations, and industry.

By hosting this national conference in

Nunavut, we were successful in calling attention to our infrastructure deficit. I am encouraged by the increasing support on this issue shown by our federal, territorial and provincial counterparts.

Mr. Speaker, we continue to highlight the need for continued collaboration with Inuit and other indigenous organizations, as well as with energy and mining industry stakeholders.

At the appropriate time I will be tabling our joint report on the important national discussions that took place here in Iqaluit at the Energy and Mines Ministers' Conference. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Ministers' Statements. Members' Statements. Member for Amittuq, Mr. Kaernerck.

Item 3: Members' Statements

**Member's Statement 187 – 5(2): The
Importance of Cooperation in the
Assembly**

Mr. Kaernerck (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good day, my colleagues as well as those across from us, and in particular Nunavummiut.

I rise today to reiterate some of my previous commitments, such as advocacy for elders by having them as my foundation. I also stated previously that I would also advocate for our youth.

The reason for my statement is due to the advice we received here. We went through several periods that were

difficult and challenging. Nonetheless, it isn't impossible to overcome them. I am speaking about collaboration or cooperation within this House that we have to focus harder on.

We have heard all sorts of discussions regarding our work here as the leaders; all of us are leaders. Our elders have advised the leadership to work in tandem with each other for the benefit of Nunavummiut. This stems from the fact the viewing audience observes our proceedings, and when we are under duress, perhaps they too feel that as the audience.

What I am trying to state is the commitment required, as I too get confused and feel powerless, but my commitment is towards the constituents I represent. We have to remind ourselves that we are representing Nunavummiut in this House.

We were advised by the Speaker about the need to stop the antagonistic or adversarial approach. Perhaps we should refocus on working harder for our constituents and for all Nunavummiut, as they watch the proceedings of the House, and I believe it is necessary to double our efforts to represent them and hence why I stand today.

Our elders and forefathers grew up in igloos and sealskin tents, living a precarious subsistence lifestyle which required tremendous amounts of work, and our elders worked hard their whole lives, unlike us Inuit today, as the whole focus was survival and cooperative behaviour that stemmed from the need to continuously work to survive. We must remember the hardships they went through and work together to represent

Nunavummiut. That is why I stood up.

I wish a good day to the people of Nunavut, and I will commit to working harder. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Members' Statements. Member for Uqqummiut, Mr. Keyootak.

**Member's Statement 188 – 5(2):
Encouraging Young Hunters to be
Safe on New Ice**

Mr. Keyootak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I, too, rise today since our session will soon be coming to an end, as this the last week of our sitting.

Furthermore, I wanted to speak to this issue as fall has arrived to the north and with the changes in the seasons, winter is just around the corner as the sea ice is forming.

Mr. Speaker, I want to remind colleagues and share this advice to the public and to remind everyone, especially our youth, as the changes in the seasons is happening and the sea ice will soon form with areas that may be dangerous in some areas that hunters may go to.

Today we are all aware that the generation that provided wisdom to our generations, the elders who grew up in the pre-community era, were completely depending on *Inuit Qaujimajangit* and those of us who were advised previously must pay it forward, as our generation will be the last ones to have knowledge about the lifestyle of our forefathers as that generation is starting to pass away.

Even if only through statements during the sitting, we should provide advice or words of wisdom to this generation and even in the House, we have to keep reminding our youth about hunting practices, dangerous situations, dangerous times of the season, and thin ice.

We have to repeatedly remind our youth and to make sure that we talk to the elders about the ice conditions, especially men, who should never leave home without the harpoon. That should be reminded. The harpoon is the instrument you use to find the thickness of the ice. Please remind the youth of that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Aggu, Mr. Quassa.

**Member's Statement 189 – 5(2):
Northern Haze Releases New
Album**

Mr. Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I say "good day" to the residents of my community as well as my colleagues and the Premier.

I rise today and we all know that Inuit are unique and very productive. There are more and more singers and they sound very good when they sing in Inuktitut. I'm very proud of them. They perform nationally and internationally. Even here, I think we should start singing on occasion.

>>Laughter

Mr. Speaker, I am very proud and we

have heard it on the news, but Northern Haze, an Igloolik band, has launched a new CD, if I said it properly, not the big, round records but the CDs, and it's called *Siqinnaarut*, which means the sun's first day of approaching after months of darkness. The CD will be released on November 23. Please keep that date in mind. You have probably heard the song *Angajuksakuluga*, which is by Northern Haze.

Mr. Speaker, again, I am very proud of James Ungalaq, Naisana Qamaniq, Joe Inooya, and Allan Kangok. They are original Igloolik residents and I am very proud of them. Let's listen to their CD that's going to be coming out on November 23. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Rankin Inlet North-Chesterfield Inlet, Ms. Towtongie.

**Member's Statement 190 – 5(2):
Rankin Inlet under 16 Soccer
Team Wins Gold**

Ms. Towtongie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank you for your words of wisdom.

Last week I was shouting and thumping on the table when I was watching the youth tournament. I am very proud of the girls under 16 who won and got the gold medal. I'll say their names. I am very proud.

>>Applause

They are Shanti Dias, Kailee Karlik, Amber Graham, Ramona Niviatsiak,

Sharona Nilaulak, Chasity Sinclair, Crystal Sammurtok, Sanisha Nakoolak, and Attuat Aliyak. Their chaperone was someone with the last name of Aliyak.

Also from Whale Cove, my nephew John Voisey invited me to watch the tournament and I was very proud of the soccer players from Whale Cove. They were very fast, but I am most proud of the Rankin Inlet team who won 5-4 against Whale Cove for the gold. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Arviat North-Whale Cove, Mr. Main.

**Member's Statement 191 – 5(2):
Transboundary Issues in the
Southern Kivalliq**

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good day, my colleagues, (interpretation ends) ministers, and Premier.

(interpretation) First of all, to the athletes from Whale Cove who lost their game, it was unfortunate as they are also quite skilled. Perhaps they will be able to beat Rankin Inlet next year.

>> *Laughter*

I want to voice a concern from my constituency about the overlapping (interpretation ends) land claims (interpretation) within the territory of Nunavut. There are still outstanding land claims that are being negotiated.

This area is adjacent to Arviat in the interior and also of Whale Cove, where

the Dene people from Manitoba are negotiating land claims in the overlapping area. This process has played out for many years and residents have known about this for a long time. This includes the Nunavut Inuit who are also looking for lands in Manitoba, with negotiations ongoing.

Now, some of my constituents are quite concerned and wish to receive information on the status of the negotiations, especially as it relates to overlapping harvesting rights or even unfettered access to the overlapping lands. There are also quite a lot of lands Inuit have always traditionally used which they wish to claim.

They want more information on what will happen at the end of the land claims process once agreement has been reached, especially in my constituency communities, and the impacts that they may receive. They want further information on what is happening currently. Further, it will impact some Arviat residents who are the Ahirmuit, Kinngarjulingmiut, and others who have valid concerns about their traditional clan areas.

Now, I do know that the Nunavut government supports the completion of the land claims process, as the government has spoken about this issue previously. However, I don't know the party status of the Government of Nunavut and if they are at the negotiation table or if they are kept abreast of developments by the federal government.

I will be asking questions to the government on this issue at the appropriate time and how my

constituents may be impacted upon the signing of an agreement so that they will understand what is happening. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Gjoa Haven, Mr. Akoak.

**Member's Statement 192 – 5(2):
Happy 41st Anniversary to Wife**

Mr. Akoak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon, community of Gjoa Haven.

I rise this afternoon to wish my wife a happy 41-year anniversary today.

>> *Applause*

I'm hoping she's watching right now. She's probably just walking into the house, but words are all I have right now. Once I get home, we will celebrate.

>> *Laughter*

I want to wish you a very special day today from our children and our grandchildren, whom you have brought up to be good people.

Again I would like to wish Annie Akoak a very big happy 41st anniversary. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Iqaluit-Tasiluk, Mr. Hickey.

**Member's Statement 193 – 5(2):
Recognition of Student with
Mobility Issues**

Hon. George Hickey: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. At the appropriate time I'll recognize this visitor to the House, but I would like to take some time to talk about one of my constituents. As a model of commitment and perseverance, Yugh Ahuja recently graduated from the Inuksuk High School here in Iqaluit.

Mr. Speaker, despite many challenges of life-limiting and serious mobility issues caused by Duchenne muscular dystrophy, he made all efforts to attend school and maintain good grades.

Mr. Speaker, he also received the Annie Nauyuk Perseverance Award to be even further recognized of what I am hoping to accomplish today in recognizing somebody who not just persevered to go to school and to attend school and maintain good grades, but when I was campaigning in this last election, he sat at the kitchen table with his father and his mother, and just the smile and exuberance that radiates from this young man is pretty heartwarming.

Mr. Speaker, Yugh has also allowed us to bring attention to some of the lack of services, that even in the capital city here in Iqaluit we need to do more and we need to work harder to make sure that all of our residents can access the services and programs that we work very hard to provide to all Nunavummiut.

Mr. Speaker, one of the things I would like to just finish off with is very appropriate for my "Care for the Caregivers" today. I would like to thank his father, Mr. Ganesan, and his mother,

Pooja, for the care that they have provided and for the advocacy for services for Yugh to make sure he can have access to things.

I just also want to take just a moment for all members and everyone who is out there, when you see somebody who has a disability and mobility issues, to look past that disability and recognize the individual for who they are and what they are accomplishing.

I would just like to take this moment to really truly recognize Yugh for the hard work that he has achieved, for working at Iliannapaa Society for the summer student program, and I look forward to formally recognizing and all members welcoming him to this House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Quttiktuq, Mr. Akeegok.

Member's Statement 194 – 5(2): P.J. Akeegok is Acclaimed President of QIA

Hon. David Akeegok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In the High Arctic the sun actually set and they won't be seeing the sun until the month of February. Let's remember that.

The family of Akeegok has experienced happiness and sadness this month. We remember my late brother because he passed away eight years ago this month.

However, I just want to remember and celebrate with Nunavummiut the birth of Pauloosie Juusipi Akeegok. He's

known as P.J. On Friday the Qikiqtani Inuit Association acclaimed him and believes in him for the four years of hard work he did. He ran again for president and he was acclaimed. Please work harder. It seems like after his four years, they encourage him to work. We did not expect to see that, but we are very proud as the Akeegok family that he will be the president again for the Qikiqtani Inuit Association.

Sometimes as a government, we have to work with Inuit entities. It becomes difficult at times, but we utilize the Inuit beliefs and the elders' recommendations or advice, and I expect that he will work hard these next four years. I urge the elders to support and give advice to him because some of our elders and parents are no longer with us. I'm very proud of the fact that he has become a president again. I wish him a happy birthday and I thank his parents for having him. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Moving on. Returns to Oral Questions. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member for Iqaluit-Tasiluk, Mr. Hickee.

Item 5: Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery

Hon. George Hickee: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I made in my member's statement, I would like to take this time for all members to welcome Yugh Ahuja to this House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would also like to take the time to recognize his father, Dushyenth Ganesan. A number of years ago we

worked together at Economic Development and Transportation. It seems like a lifetime ago. I would like to thank Mr. Ganesan for bringing Yugh into his house as well, and for all of us to recognize the accomplishments of this young man. Thank you.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Welcome to your Legislative Assembly. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member for Iqaluit-Sinaa, Ms. Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik

(interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Although I am from Iqaluit, I rarely have the opportunity to acknowledge individuals, but I am very proud to acknowledge my husband, Brian Twerdin, who has been very supportive to me and I know he has been the caregiver to my family. My husband, Brian Twerdin, thank you.

>> *Applause*

Another person who is in Iqaluit this week who has made me feel lighter is Annie Pishuktie, who is my sister's husband's sister. I thank her immensely for travelling to assist our family as she is the caregiver to my older sister. I thank you.

>> *Applause*

Jamesee Pisuktie, who hardly ever says anything, I know that he's going through a hard time, but he shows his happiness. Thank you, Jamesee, the husband of my sister.

>> *Applause*

As I stated before, (interpretation ends) my little big sister, (interpretation) there she is. Although she is older, she is smaller than me.

>> *Applause*

I am very proud of her because she is very strong. Sometimes she prays for me and she thinks of other people. Because she is older than me, I remember she used to take care of me when I was a small child. Today I am now trying to take care of her. I am very proud that she was able to come here to watch me at work. Thank you.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Welcome to the House and always feel welcome. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member for Pangnirtung, Ms. Nakashuk.

Ms. Nakashuk (interpretation): Thank you. Good afternoon. I would like to welcome my husband, who is here. Welcome. He has been very supportive to me. I would like to welcome and thank him. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Welcome, Mr. Nakashuk. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member for Aggu, Mr. Quassa.

Mr. Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Although this individual was recognized, during the land claims negotiations, we had designated Inuit organizations established and entities like the land use planning commission. These entities are very important. These

are the people who make decisions for our environment, wildlife, and water.

With that, I am very proud of Andrew Nakashuk, who has been the chairperson for the Nunavut Planning Commission for many years. Let's be proud of these entities for their hard work. They were established to serve Nunavut. I would again like to welcome Andrew Nakashuk. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. I have no more names on my list. To the visitors in the gallery who were not mentioned, please feel welcome to your Legislative Assembly. I would like to remind anyone who is in Iqaluit, even if they're not from Iqaluit, please feel welcome in your Legislative Assembly and come visit us during our session.

Moving on with the orders of the day. Oral Questions. Member for Arviat North-Whale Cove, Mr. Main.

Item 6: Oral Questions

Question 246 – 5(2): Transboundary Issues in the Southern Kivalliq

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to direct my question to the Premier.

The land claims is still ongoing today and we talked about it earlier. There are some people trying to claim land within Nunavut, or rather they are requesting to claim some land within Nunavut's boundaries, Manitoba Dene to be specific. I will try my best to pronounce the tribe, Ghotelnene K'odtineh.

>>Laughter

Yes, even trying to say it is hard. This is their name in their language. Why they are trying to get this land to me makes sense. I will not try to stop them from getting their land.

With that said, my constituents would like to understand more to this matter. First of all, let me ask: (interpretation ends) can the Premier please provide an update on the status of the negotiations with the Manitoba Dene with the federal government and other parties?

(interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Premier Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Thank you for the question so that the residents of Arviat will be informed.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, the negotiations between the northern Manitoba Dene and the federal government have been ongoing for a while. We are not a true party to the negotiations. We do get updates on it. Right now we are having a disagreement because the federal government believes that we do not have to be a signatory to the agreement as part of the negotiation process. The federal government believes that we can sign under them and we believe that the GN has to sign on their own as a party to the agreement because this agreement will affect the Government of Nunavut and Nunavummiut in many ways. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Your first supplementary, Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, (interpretation ends) Premier. The Premier mentioned that the GN is not a true party to the negotiations. I wonder if he could clarify that statement. What is the GN's involvement in the negotiations at this point in time? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Premier Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We were given observer status. To the best of my recollection, that's what we have as the negotiations go on, but we as the GN believe that we have to be a party and a signatory to the agreement because this agreement will affect the land resources, the water resources, the wildlife resources, and it may and probably will affect the financial obligations that the Government of Nunavut has. We are keenly interested. We support the Dene in their land claims effort. We support that they should have a good agreement, but we also believe that we have to be a signatory to the party and this agreement should not be shoved down the Nunavummiut's throat at the cost of the Nunavut government. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Your final supplementary, Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I share the Premier's concern and the concern of my constituents with regard to these negotiations. I understand that there is a disagreement at this point between the Nunavut government and... . Out of interest, I believe the last time

this was raised in the House was about 2014 when the current Premier was on this side of the House, Mr. Speaker.

At this point I understand that the negotiations have been going on for many years. Do we have an opportunity? Is there enough time in the Premier's opinion for Nunavut to get involved or to get a full participation in the negotiations? My understanding is that this is quite late in the game in terms of the negotiating between the different parties. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Premier Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The member is absolutely correct that this is very late in the game in terms of the end product, the agreement. Right now the government's position is that we should be and have to be a signatory to the agreement because it's going to have to have amendments with the *Nunavut Agreement* and it will have implications on the way we operate in terms of the IPGs and in terms of many things.

If we are a party to the agreement in terms of the capability of signing, then we would sign off and make sure that our interests are protected and that we don't have any undue financial obligations that were imposed on us without us consenting to it. It's our position right now that we're in support of the negotiations, but we want to be part of it and be able to sign on our own to the agreement when it is finalized. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you.

Oral Questions. Member for Aggu, Mr. Quassa.

Question 247 – 5(2): Health and Safety Standards at Boarding Homes

Mr. Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Health.

He spoke eloquently about the need to work together, and perhaps I may not be as cooperative in my line of questioning, but I want to ask about this issue. As we are all aware, many patients travel to Iqaluit for medical reasons, for diagnostic testing, and many patients have travelled here and we receive comments and questions about the Tammaativvik Boarding Home for our region.

Now, patients have expectations as well prior to travelling here about arriving to a clean room, that will be hospitable, and where they will have access to healthy foods. When patients travel, most of them have that expectation. As well, some patients spend long periods in Iqaluit, either waiting for an appointment or waiting for their travel arrangements to return home.

My question to the Minister of Health is: are there inspectors who ensure that (interpretation ends) health and safety standards (interpretation) are being met? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister of Health, Minister Hickes.

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There are a couple of different ways I can take that question. One is the environmental health of the facility

itself, which I can assure the member that it does get inspected by environmental health officers, as do all facilities of that nature here in the territory, or the service being provided by the contractor to the patients that we send to the boarding home.

The boarding home here in Iqaluit, I do have to say two things. One is if there's ever an issue brought to any of our attention or anybody's attention, please let myself or the Office of Patient Relations know so that they can address that instance. Secondly, I do have to say that the Tammaativvik Boarding Home here in Iqaluit, I remember that it was hard to even keep track of the amount of complaints that were coming out of that facility.

I do have to say that they have made some really great strides in the past number of months. There has been a lot of discussion with my officials with the Department of Health and the board and the leadership. They have hired security. They have hired a new manager who has made great improvements. Not all these improvements are overnight.

If the member has a specific incident in mind, I would love to help address it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Your first supplementary, Mr. Quassa.

Mr. Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank him. Indeed I always enjoy listening to statements about improvements they have made. Nonetheless, the reason why I asked about that matter relates to (interpretation ends) health and safety (interpretation) standards and if the

facility is inspected periodically due to patients boarding there.

There should be more care given, as I really caught the statement, I believe it was this morning, when I heard on the radio that the hand towels are not always clean, the rooms haven't been cleaned, and there are issues like that. It's obvious that the staff try to do a good job. That's the main reason I asked if there are health and safety inspections in the facility. I want to know what else the government is doing. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Hickes.

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There have been a number of improvements being made with regard to health and safety. Like I mentioned, some of the new staffing, with security and new management, have kind of changed the direction and focus of the facility to look at it from a service-oriented facility, which it is. It's contracted to provide a service to Nunavummiut. There have been a number of renovations, carpet cleaning, and minor renovations to the facility itself to make the facility safer. There is work that has been ongoing and will continue to be ongoing.

Officials with Health meet quarterly with the leadership of the facility and there is continuous communication. Again, if there is a specific issue, like the member just mentioned towels and cleanliness, that's something I'll contact my department and see if there are any further improvements that can be made with the leadership with the Tammaativvik Boarding Home. Thank

you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Your final supplementary, Mr. Quassa.

Mr. Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister for committing to looking into this matter, which was completely understandable.

The patients who travel down have certain expectations, especially clean rooms, with healthy foods available and with hospitality. This is my last question. I would like to ask if the minister has toured the facility as I am not aware of that, but in his ministerial mandate, I assume he visits the facilities he is responsible for. Has he attended Tammaativvik just to observe or talk with the patients and the staff? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Hickes.

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have in the past visited the facility and talked to the board, the society that was subcontracted to run the facility, and I do have discussions with my staff on doing that again in the very near future.

As the member is aware, it has been a fairly recent occurrence of me getting the Department of Health back and I have been playing a lot of catch-up. One of the things that I do want to continue to do is visit all of the facilities that we have here in Iqaluit, including out in the communities, as in the past I visited the Igloolik facility. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you.

Oral Questions. Member for Uqqummiut, Mr. Keyootak.

Question 248 – 5(2): Nunavut Clients at Embassy West in Ottawa

Mr. Keyootak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will direct my question to the Minister of Health.

Mr. Speaker, as we are all aware, here in Nunavut, especially in the Qikiqtani region, the elders who are sent outside of Nunavut to Ottawa are increasing in numbers. What is the status today of sending our elders? How many of our elders have been sent to the Embassy West facility? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister of Health, Minister Hickes.

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The most recent number I have is 30 people have been sent to the Embassy West facility in Ottawa. Thank you, Mr. Speaker

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Your first supplementary, Mr. Keyootak.

Mr. Keyootak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The number of elders being sent down south is growing and I feel a lot of compassion towards these precious elders who are going to a very alien land where they did not grow up at all and they have to live there. They are elders and I feel a lot of pity for them, but we all know why they are sent down there.

Mr. Speaker, can the minister explain to us how much money has been used for this purpose? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Hickes.

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It changes with the number of residents that come and go. I don't have the direct information right in front of me, but I can get that information shortly to the member. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Your final supplementary, Mr. Keyootak.

Mr. Keyootak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Can the minister explain further? This is always a concern by my constituents that the elders are just sent down there for care and the families have a very hard time getting to go and see them or they want to get information about them. People have been telling me stories about having family down there and they have a lot of problems even when they try to bring them food. They don't receive the food or things such as gifts for a very long time. When the elders want something that they yearn for, it takes a long time for them to get it.

Mr. Speaker, has there been any thoughts to establish a facility in the Inuit land instead? Has there been any planning done at all about this? Thank you, Mr. Speaker

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Hickes.

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There has been a lot of discussion over the last number of years on developing a facility here in the territory. I can assure the member that as the Tammaativvik... . Our mandate as a

government is to bring care closer to home. We are working on a number of different avenues to open up a facility here in the territory or numerous facilities at some point. We are exploring a number of different options involving partners in different models. I can assure the member that this isn't sitting on the far corner of my desk; it's very close to front and centre. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Hudson Bay, Mr. Rumbolt.

Question 249 – 5(2): Job Guarantees for NTEP Graduates

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good morning to the people of Sanikiluaq and the people of Nunavut. My condolences to the family who lost a family member today in Sanikiluaq.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct my question to the Minister responsible for Nunavut Arctic College.

Mr. Speaker, I was pleased to note from the minister's statement on Friday that there are currently 93 learners in the Nunavut Teacher Education Program, with 23 learners all set to graduate this academic year.

Can the minister confirm that all of the learners who graduate from the Teacher Education Program this year will be offered jobs within Nunavut's education system? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister responsible for Nunavut Arctic College, Minister Joanasie.

Hon. David Joanasie: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for his question. I'm glad to speak on the education program that the college is working on. As far as I am aware, right now there is no guaranteed employment policy that we have in place when NTEP grads complete their studies. Based on their successful completion, we do try to recruit them into our schools as much as we can.

This past year Nunavut Arctic College gave the Department of Education the names and contact of all NTEP grads that had completed their studies over the past three years, and this was in response to the teacher shortage. Further to that, we did clear this through the access to information and privacy office through EIA. We found that this process has worked well and the college will continue to do this practice over subsequent years. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Your first supplementary, Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Nunavut Teacher Education Program has proven to be a very successful program with its community-based delivery model. Can the minister indicate how many new teachers graduated from this program over the past two years and whether or not they were all offered jobs within the Nunavut education system and, if they were not offered jobs, why not? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Joanasie.

Hon. David Joanasié: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. At this point I don't have that level of detail to his question, but I believe the Department of Education might have some information on that. I would like to get back to the member on his supplementary question. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Your final supplementary, Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Given the Department of Education had over a hundred vacancies in teacher positions at the beginning of this year, it's just as well that there are close to a hundred potential teachers enrolled in Nunavut's Teacher Education Program. Will the minister commit to working with the Minister of Education to ensure that all future graduates from the Nunavut Teacher Education Program will be offered jobs within Nunavut's education system? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Joanasié.

Hon. David Joanasié: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for his final question. I agree with him that we should, as much as we can, have our certified teachers go into our schools as quickly as possible. There's a great need for Inuit teachers and NTEP is the way that we are trying to get those teachers in place. Every year it's up to grads and our education department to have those positions to recruit and retain our teachers. At the college we are committed to ensuring grads have access to labour market opportunities and I will

work with the Minister of Education on that.

Further to that, I think there's additional information that we can look forward to in the Nunavut teacher recruitment and retention strategy. I'm sure this will touch upon where graduates from NTEP go and how we keep them in our schools. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Amittuq, Mr. Kaernerck.

Question 250 – 5(2): Inuit Qaujimaqatugangit Initiatives

Mr. Kaernerck (interpretation): That was unexpected, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

>>*Laughter*

My question is directed to the Minister of Culture and Heritage.

Now, I have always stated that the elders will be my foundation, and the government is based on *Inuit Qaujimaqatugangit*.

This is very important to me, Mr. Speaker, to make our culture more visible linguistically, culturally, and socially.

Can the minister clearly explain to my constituents how his department works to provide funding for initiatives for young people who are not in school or who have nothing to do?

What I consider very important is what touches our lives. I used to be told that there is a term for it. It's the Inuit

culture. It's the Inuit way to use *Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit* on a daily basis.

Can the minister say if those with the knowledge be assisted to write down what they know and be provided with the funds and provide support to promote the availability of their knowledge among the three regions? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister of Culture and Heritage, Minister Joanasié.

Hon. David Joanasié (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank the Member for Amittuq for his question. I recently tabled *Iviqtippalliajut*. It is going to be used now. It is work that the government is doing where we will promote Inuit values and beliefs in the government operations to make the government operations more in line with the needs of Inuit. The program does that and we want to spread it out some more and have it applied more in government operations.

Mr. Speaker, people can request money from the Department of Culture and Heritage for any language, cultural or on-the-land project. We have staff who are available to help with the required paperwork. You can get more information from the Department of Culture and Heritage. The phone number that you can call is 1-866-934-2035 or you can send an email to chfunds@gov.nu.ca. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Your first supplementary, Mr. Kaernerck.

Mr. Kaernerck (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for the explanation. Yes, that is what our elders are trying to do when they're trying to help our young people in the Amittuq area. Hall Beach and part of Igloolik are in the Amittuq constituency. I would like you to know that the people in each community are trying to do that and I will always support them in promoting our culture.

Now, this is very important. When you're a young person in the community and you have nothing to do, it gets very boring. Let me indicate that they also help. Someone may be facing arrest. If the youth go through this program instead with the counsellors, the counsellors are then able to teach the youth.

We know our elders use one language and that's what I'm using now. When they are working, we can really appreciate the work that they are doing. When they are grateful, it really helps our community. I can talk about promoting our language and culture all day.

I would like more information on this. Can the minister work with the justice minister so that people who are facing court will find it less difficult to pursue cultural learning? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Joanasié.

Hon. David Joanasié (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for the question. I appreciate the people in his constituency who try to promote culture and heritage, as well as other

people in Nunavut who do that.

I can say right now in the 2018-19 fiscal year that the Department of Culture and Heritage has provided financial contributions of \$6.6 million for different language and culture programs for elders and other groups. We have contributed \$6.6 million to now. Out of the 283 proposals that we received, we approved 215.

We can work with the Department of Justice to ask for information like people who are facing being taken to court, if they can be turned towards cultural help instead. I would like to work with the Minister of Justice on that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Your final supplementary, Mr. Kaerner.

Mr. Kaerner (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The minister already answered part of my question. Maybe I'll ask it this way: how much money can these communities request for land and sewing programs? Is there a limit to how much money they can request from your department? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Joanasie.

Hon. David Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank him for that question. We separate them into grants and contributions. One is smaller than the other, but we do not set a limit. We look at the proposals and then after all the reviews have been done, we then start divvying up the money on the approved requests. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Iqaluit-Manirajak, Mr. Lightstone.

Question 251 – 5(2): Student to Educator Ratio

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today my questions are for the Minister of Education.

As the minister will be aware, the current *Education Act* requires that schools in Nunavut have a student to educator ratio that is better than the national average, which is currently 13.8.

My question for the minister today is: how does the department ensure that all schools remain within the legislated requirements? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister of Education, Minister Joanasie.

Hon. David Joanasie: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for his question. Right now the student-educator ratio only includes principals, vice-principals, student support teachers, guidance counsellors, and teachers. There is no allocation formula for school positions outside of the SER. These include learning coaches, language specialists, school secretaries, custodians, student support assistants, and *Ilinniarvimmi Inuusilirijiit*. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Your first supplementary, Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister for that information, but I don't believe I got an answer as to how the department ensures that schools remain within the legislated requirements.

My next question, earlier this month the Iqaluit District Education Authority went on the record to publicly voice its concerns regarding the Department of Education's method in counting the number of students and allocating funds to hire educators.

Mr. Speaker, since then the student enrolment numbers have been completed and provided to the Iqaluit DEA with the September 2018 enrolment numbers. The total headcount for the Iqaluit DEA is 1,408 students, but taking into consideration the adjustments for kindergarten and non-attenders, the current number of students attending is 1,325 students.

With the department's allocation of 90 educators, the current student to educator ratio is 14.7, which is far exceeding the 13.8 as required in the *Education Act*. My next question is: does the minister have any plans to correct this issue? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Joanasie.

Hon. David Joanasie: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I believe, because we use data from last year's enrolment numbers to this year's figures, again, we are looking at a new formula that would allow for less fluctuation in the way that the department allocates teaching positions to district education authorities. Further to that, however, the new formula will

not change the way we give DEAs funding. It is still based on enrolment. We are looking to revise the SER formula in a different way and hopefully it will change in the near future. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Your final supplementary, Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I had stated, with our current enrolment numbers, our student-educator ratio is 14.7. With that being said, I'm curious to find out how many classes are actually below the legislated requirement of 13.8. As I have been made aware of, one of our English classes at our high school has over 40 students in it.

My question to the minister is, given that the Iqaluit District Education Authority has a student-educator ratio that far exceeds the legislated requirements, I am curious: how many other DEAs are also exceeding the legislated requirements? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Joanasie.

Hon. David Joanasie: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for the question. I am not sure exactly what he is asking, but I can say, like I said before, we allocate teaching positions based on last year's enrolment numbers. For example, grade 9s this year, let's say, there are 40 students in one class whereas last year there were 30. That way we allocate based on last year's numbers. However, we use this formula and the information we collect is done through a database, the Maplewood system used in other

parts of Canada and other jurisdictions.

The other part where I think we have had issues with non-attenders, there's either no substantiation between attenders and non-attenders. I can say we do take into account excused absences when a student is not attending for a reason, whether it is a family trip or compassionate leave, health reasons, and whatnot. Those types of considerations are looked at when we are counting our students.

However, I think there is an area where we want to work with our schools and principals to ensure that they have backup information to show that our students are attending or not attending for whatever reason. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Netsilik, Mr. Qirngnuq.

Question 252 – 5(2): Wildlife Surveys

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I say “good day” to my fellow residents of Kugaaruk and the people of Taloyoak, our Premier, and my colleagues.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, my questions are for the Minister of Environment.

Last week my colleague from Uqummiut raised the issue of caribou management on Baffin Island. I want to take this opportunity to ask the minister some more questions about her department's wildlife studies and surveys in relation to a variety of species.

The current business plan of the Department of Environment indicates that one of its priorities has been to “Finalize the Bathurst and Bluenose-East caribou management plan for the Kitikmeot Region...” Can the minister update the Legislative Assembly today on the status of this work? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister of Environment, Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) Thank you, Mr. Qirngnuq, for your question. I'm just trying to find my statistics on the caribou herd.

Sorry, Mr. Speaker. Unfortunately I can't find my information right now. I'm going to have to get back to the member. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Your first supplementary, Mr. Qirngnuq.

Mr. Qirngnuq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation) I'll wait for the answer to my first question.

This is my next question. (interpretation ends) The current business plan of the Department of Environment also indicates that one of its priorities is to “Provide a new population estimate of the Gulf of Boothia and M'Clintock Channel polar bear sub-populations to the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board.” Can the minister update the Legislative Assembly today on the status of this work? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Unfortunately I don't have that information as well. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'll have to get back to you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Your final supplementary, Mr. Qirngnuq.

Mr. Qirngnuq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Information published by the Department of Environment indicates that it is currently working to conduct a number of studies related to the muskox and grizzly bear populations in the Kitikmeot. Will the minister commit to providing copies of the results of these studies to the Members of the Legislative Assembly who represent constituencies in the Kitikmeot? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I can commit to Mr. Qirngnuq's request. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Gjoa Haven, Mr. Akoak.

Question 253 – 5(2): Oversight of Long-term Care Services

Mr. Akoak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Health.

Mr. Speaker, as the minister is well aware, many of our elders with long-term care needs are placed in continuing care facilities. There is one such facility in Gjoa Haven, there is another in

Igloolik, and in Cambridge Bay, and there are facilities in the south.

Mr. Speaker, can the minister clearly explain how his departmental officials oversee the level of care and the quality of services that is provided at these facilities? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister of Health, Minister Hickes.

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Approximately two or three years ago there was a division for elder care that was created within the Department of Health that oversees the parameters and makes sure that the conditions are being met at these facilities. Departmental staff from the Department of Health do travel to these facilities and visit the facilities and speak to the staff and the leadership. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Your first supplementary, Mr. Akoak.

Mr. Akoak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate that there are procedures to follow when family members wish to visit their elderly relatives who are in long-term care facilities. However, it has come to my attention that occasionally there are concerns that the elders have been mistreated. Mr. Speaker, there are stories of clients being roughed up or bruised by rough handling.

Mr. Speaker, can the minister clarify what procedures should be followed when individuals have concerns regarding the treatment of our elders who are in long-term care facilities? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

An. Hon. Member: Hear, hear!

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Hickey.

Hon. George Hickey: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A statement like that disturbs me. When we have facilities to care for our elders and there are staff that are in these facilities, I can't imagine a health care worker that's not there for the best interest of the residents. If the member is ever aware of any incident like that, please approach me or have the family contact through any of the members or through me directly or to the Office of Patient Relations immediately so that we can deal with it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Your final supplementary, Mr. Akoak.

Mr. Akoak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I recognize that special training is required to provide appropriate care to clients with high-level needs, and I do appreciate that dementia and other conditions require a special level of care. There are also privacy considerations when considering individuals and their specific needs. However, family members and friends need to feel confident that their loved ones are safe and comfortable no matter what their circumstances.

Mr. Speaker, will the minister commit to conducting a review of the long-term care services that are provided to Nunavut elders, whether in Nunavut or outside of the territory, and to ensure that long-term care clients are treated properly and with dignity? Thank you, Mr. Speaker

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you.

Minister Hickey.

Hon. George Hickey: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Those reviews are ongoing every day as staff from Health visit facilities, speak to residents, speak to the staff there, and address any concerns immediately. I don't think this government needs to do another formal review so that we can wait for results.

Again, I encourage all members and all Nunavummiut out there, if there are any concerns with any of their loved ones in any of our facilities, whether it be contracted or health facilities that we run ourselves, to let the Office of Patient Relations know if there is a concern immediately, to let staff that are working in the facility know immediately so that any perception or incident can be reported properly and to the appropriate people. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Pangnirtung, Ms. Nakashuk.

Question 254 – 5(2): Workplace Harassment

Ms. Nakashuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon. My question this afternoon is for the (interpretation ends) Department of Human Resources (interpretation) that has not been established through the Department of Finance yet.

Last week I had a question to the minister in regard to Inuit employment and people who think they are in (interpretation ends) either hostile or abusive or poisonous work environment. (interpretation) I asked what the process is with the Department of Finance to

make sure that they provide support for people with grievances or people who believe that they were mistreated.

What's the process to initiate such a grievance? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister of Finance, Minister Hickey.

Hon. George Hickey: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There are a number of different layers to it, but the first thing that somebody should do if they have a concern in the workplace is speak to their supervisor and explain the situation, explain the concern that they have to their supervisor. If that person doesn't feel comfortable going to the immediate supervisor, they can go to the next level and if they're still not comfortable, they can go directly to the deputy minister or even if a case is felt that it's not being dealt with appropriately, they can go to any other deputy minister within the government. If they still feel that their concern isn't being addressed appropriately, they can go right directly to the ethics officer, who does have the ability to do an investigation if it's warranted. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Your first supplementary, Ms. Nakashuk.

Ms. Nakashuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) My question to that is if proper procedures have been met and the employee feels they are not getting the support within their department or senior management. As I state here, two or three employees who have resigned according to one department's senior management staff. What actions does the

Department of Human Resources do to ensure that they are getting the proper support and feedback from the department? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Hickey.

Hon. George Hickey: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I can't speak to the direct circumstances that she is speaking of, but where to start is to bring forward a formal complaint if any employee feels that their concerns aren't being addressed properly to go up the ladder. Initially it does have to come forward as a formal concern or a complaint or an issue being brought to their supervisor or to the head of the department or division. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Your final supplementary, Ms. Nakashuk.

Ms. Nakashuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I believe the minister had stated that they would like to see the Sivuliktiksats graduate and move on to positions. Also the issue on Inuit employment status within the government, what kind of support would you provide to long-term Inuit employees when they work for the GN if they feel that they have not been treated properly to ensure that they stay in their employment? How can you provide more support to these employees to make sure that they remain in their position? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Hickey.

Hon. George Hickey: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Anytime we have long-term employees in the civil services, a big majority of us just attended long-term service awards and it's a celebration when we have people who commit their professional careers to the civil service and the Government of Nunavut. Anytime someone has an issue, I strongly recommend that they bring forward their concerns to the supervisor, to the departmental head, or ultimately if they still feel their concerns aren't being addressed, to the ethics officer, who does have investigative authority if it's warranted. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Arviat North-Whale Cove, Mr. Main.

Question 255 – 5(2): New Power Plants and Generators

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for recognizing me again. I believe I am still recognizable.

>>*Laughter*

Mr. Speaker, it takes me a long time to understand, so I would like to ask a question for clarification from the Minister responsible for the Energy Corporation.

On November 2 the minister announced in the House that there was \$175 million for a project. It seems to be a huge project. It seems like they will be making a new energy program and renovating old generators. My first question in regard to the minister's statement is: where are they going to be doing the project and when? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister responsible for the Qulliq Corporation, Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) Thank you, Mr. Main, for your question. The total cost of the project is \$233 million; \$175 million is from Infrastructure Canada and the Qulliq Energy Corporation is contributing \$58 million. There will be 13 communities that will be affected and the program will start in 2018-19 and will end in 2025-26. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Your first supplementary, Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, minister. This is very interesting for Nunavummiut because we know that our generators need to be updated and we also have to reduce the level of carbon emissions. The minister stated how many communities there will be, but I would like to know exactly what they will do in those communities, especially if the new generators that are more environmentally-friendly will be included. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) At the Qulliq Energy Corporation, our goal is to make sure that our plants are energy efficient and what we will be replacing is gen-set replacements. For those that don't know, gen-sets are diesel generators. We're also replacing plant replacements, so actual power plant replacements. Thank you, Mr.

Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Your final supplementary, Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, minister. (interpretation ends) I guess my final supplementary at this point will just be asking for a yes-or-no answer. Will this major project, \$233 million, include any component related to renewable energy, yes or no? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) We have two plants that are being built on renewable energy and the first one will be in Kugluktuk. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Aggu, Mr. Quassa.

Question 256 – 5(2): The Use of Inuktitut in the Public Service

Mr. Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for also recognizing me again. My question is going to be directed to the Premier.

We heard that in the year 2020 the Inuktitut language will be the working language of government. My question is: what is the status of this objective? This objective was started back in 1999. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Premier of Nunavut, Premier Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank him for that question. The public servants who wish to take Inuktitut training or who wish to take further training in Inuktitut, even if they are capable of speaking Inuktitut but who wish to take training, or in the case of officials who are not able to speak in Inuktitut and who wish to take Inuktitut training, the training should be provided as this government has funding to provide this training to interested public servants. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Your first supplementary, Mr. Quassa.

Mr. Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The reason why I asked the question about the status is due to the fact that 2020 is almost upon us. Now, the reason why the Inuit language has to be used is because one objective of the Nunavut land claim was to preserve the Inuktitut language.

I wonder if non-Inuktitut speaking public servants are actually being provided Inuktitut training. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Premier Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, the public servants who wish to take Inuktitut training will be receiving training. In 2017-18 there were 159 employees who registered for Inuktitut training and received that training.

Further, our government is open to providing more training for our public servants who want to receive Inuktitut

training. The Department of EIA just provided an additional \$400,000 last fiscal year to put towards providing Inuktitut language training for government employees. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Your final supplementary, Mr. Quassa.

Mr. Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Indeed there are many different positions in government, such as nurses and teachers. There are many different positions within our government. When we travel to our communities, we are informed about some positions such as teachers. I don't want to just point fingers at certain positions, but we relay the information we are given, which we then state here. We hear about teachers and nurses. Actually the other word is *najannuat* for the nurses. We hear that there are also other employees who are not even taking any Inuktitut training.

Now, if we were at any other province, to use Quebec as an example, and if I wanted to work for their government within Quebec, I would have to speak French in order to get hired. This should also be a requirement in Nunavut. Now to the final question I wish to ask, these employees have to learn Inuktitut. It should be compulsory. Can he state that it is a requirement to take Inuktitut training? I believe we need to make it a requirement.

I ask this last question: can the Premier state that it would become required or (interpretation ends) mandatory? (interpretation) It should be a requirement for hiring. Can that be done? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Premier Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for the question. Now, all weekend we have heard about the shortage of nurses within Nunavut. We have heard about the shortage of teachers within Nunavut. This is what we continue to hear.

Now, what I can state here is that this government supports its employees who wish to take Inuktitut training and we prefer that they take the training, but I can state here that I am unable to state that it would be a mandatory requirement. At this time I don't wish to state that if you don't take Inuktitut training, you will lose your position or you will be terminated. I will not make that statement.

However, we encourage government public servants who wish to take Inuktitut language training will receive support from this government, but I believe it was last week that the member stated that in Igloolik they are facing a shortage of teachers. We should focus on filling the positions first, and I am in full support of any government employees who wish to take the conversational Inuktitut language training. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. My colleagues, please note that the time for question period has expired and therefore we will proceed with the orders of the day. Written Questions. Returns to Written Questions. Replies to Opening Address.

Before we proceed, you have noticed that the Member for Kugluktuk, Ms.

Kamingoak, is absent. It is because of illness that she cannot attend today. That's for your information.

Petitions. Responses to Petitions. Reports of Standing and Special Committees on Bills and Other Matters. Tabling of Documents. Minister of Family Services, Minister Sheutiapik.

Item 13: Tabling of Documents

Tabled Document 084 – 5(2): Director of Child and Family Services 2017-18 Annual Report

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik

(interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) Today I stand here to table the Director of Child and Family Services 2017-18 Annual Report. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Tabling of Documents. Minister of Family Services, Minister Sheutiapik.

Tabled Document 085 – 5(2): FPT Ministers Responsible for Social Services, Halifax, Nova Scotia, July 31, 2018

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik

(interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) Now I stand to table the provincial-territorial ministers responsible for social services meeting in Halifax, Nova Scotia, July 31, 2018. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Tabling of Documents. Minister responsible for Immigration, Minister Sheutiapik.

Tabled Document 086 – 5(2): FPT Meeting in Winnipeg, Manitoba, July 12 to 13, 2018

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik

(interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I also table the federal-provincial-territorial ministers' meeting in Winnipeg, Manitoba, July 12 to 13. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Tabling of Documents. Minister of Economic Development and Transportation, Minister Akeegok.

Tabled Document 087 – 5(2): Energy and Mines Ministers' Conference Report, St. Andrews, New Brunswick, August 13 to 15, 2017

Tabled Document 088 – 5(2): Energy and Mines Ministers' Conference (EMMC) 2018, Iqaluit, Nunavut

Hon. David Akeegok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have two documents to table. The first document is the Energy and Mines Ministers' Conference held in St. Andrews, New Brunswick, from August 13 to 15, 2017.

The other document is the Energy and Mines Ministers' Conference held in Iqaluit, August 12 to 14, 2018. I am tabling those two documents. Thank you, Mr. Speaker

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Tabling of Documents. Moving on. Notices of Motions. Member for Arviat North-Whale Cove, Mr. Main.

Item 14: Notices of Motions

**Motion 018 – 5(2): Extended
Adjournment – Notice**

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I give notice that on Wednesday, November 7, 2018, I will move the following motion:

I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Iqaluit-Sinaa, that pursuant to the provisions of Rule 3, that when the House concludes its present sitting, it shall be adjourned until February 19, 2019.

Mr. Speaker, at the appropriate time I will seek unanimous consent to deal with my motion today. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Notices of Motions. Member for Gjoa Haven, Mr. Akoak.

**Motion 019 – 5(2): Appointment to the
Executive Council – Notice**

Mr. Akoak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Wednesday, November 7, 2018, I will move the following motion:

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Hon. Member for Arviat North-Whale Cove, that the Legislative Assembly recommends that Patterk Netser, Member for Aivilik, be appointed to the Executive Council of Nunavut.

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

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you.

Notices of Motions. Member for Iqaluit-Manirajak, Mr. Lightstone.

**Motion 020 – 5(2): Legislative
Assembly Appointments and
Revocations – Notice**

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Wednesday, November 7, 2018, I will move the following motion:

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Hon. Member for Uqqummiut, that the Legislative Assembly make appointments and revocations under sections 17 and 38 of the *Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act* and Rule 83 of the *Rules of the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut*.

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

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Notices of Motions. Member for Arviat North-Whale Cove, Mr. Main.

**Motion 021 – 5(2): Extension of
Review Period for Bill 1,
Corrections Act – Notice**

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I give notice that on Wednesday, November 7, 2018, I will move the following motion:

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Hon. Member for Rankin Inlet North-Chesterfield Inlet, that the period of time for the standing committee to report Bill 1 back to the House be extended by a further 120 days.

Mr. Speaker, at the appropriate time I will seek unanimous consent to deal with my motion today. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Notices of Motions. Moving on. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Motions. Member for Arviat North-Whale Cove, Mr. Main.

Item 16: Motions

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm rising too much.

(interpretation ends) I seek unanimous consent to deal with my motion today.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. The member is seeking unanimous consent to deal with his motion today. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Please proceed, Mr. Main.

Motion 018 – 5(2): Extended Adjournment

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) Thank you, colleagues.

I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Iqaluit-Sinaa, that pursuant to the provisions of Rule 3, that when the House concludes its present sitting, it shall be adjourned until February 19, 2019.

(interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. The motion is in order. To the motion. All those in favour, please raise your hand. Thank you. All those opposed. Thank you. The motion is carried.

Motions. Member for Gjoa Haven, Mr. Akoak.

Mr. Akoak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I seek unanimous consent to deal with my motion today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. The member is seeking unanimous consent to deal with his motion today. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Please proceed, Mr. Akoak.

Motion 019 – 5(2): Appointment to the Executive Council

Mr. Akoak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

WHEREAS section 60 of the *Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act* provides that the Executive Council of Nunavut shall be composed of persons appointed by the Commissioner on the recommendation of the Legislative Assembly;

AND WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly is prepared to recommend an appointment;

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Hon. Member for Arviat North-Whale Cove, that the Legislative Assembly recommends to the Commissioner of Nunavut that Patterk Netser, Member for Aivilik, be appointed to the Executive Council of Nunavut.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. The motion is in order. To the motion. All those in favour, please raise your hand. All those opposed. Thank you. The motion is carried.

>> *Applause*

Motions. Member for Iqaluit-Manirajak, Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I seek unanimous consent to deal with my motion today.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. The member is seeking unanimous consent to deal with his motion today. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Mr. Lightstone, please proceed.

Motion 020 – 5(2): Legislative Assembly Appointments and Revocations

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

WHEREAS section 17 of the *Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act* provides that the Legislative Assembly may establish such committees to aid and advise it as it considers necessary;

AND WHEREAS section 38 of the *Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act* provides that the Legislative Assembly shall appoint members to the Management and Services Board;

AND WHEREAS Rule 83 of the *Rules of the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut* provides for the establishment of a Striking Committee;

AND WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly is prepared to make appointments and revocations;

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Hon. Member for Uqqummiut, that the Legislative Assembly make

appointments and revocations under sections 17 and 38 of the *Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act* and Rule 83 of the *Rules of the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut*;

AND FURTHER I MOVE that Pat Angnakak, Member for Iqaluit-Niaqunngu, be appointed a member of the Standing Committee on Legislation, a member of the Standing Committee on Oversight of Government Operations and Public Accounts, a member of the Standing Committee on Social Wellness, and an alternate member of the Standing Committee on Community and Economic Development;

AND FURTHER I MOVE that Paul Quassa, Member for Aggu, be appointed a member of the Standing Committee on Legislation, a member of the Standing Committee on Oversight of Government Operations and Public Accounts, a member of the Standing Committee on Community and Economic Development, and an alternate member of the Standing Committee on Rules, Procedures and Privileges;

AND FURTHER I MOVE that Cathy Towtongie, Member for Rankin Inlet North-Chesterfield Inlet, be appointed a member of the Standing Committee on Rules, Procedures and Privileges;

AND FURTHER I MOVE that Joeline Kaernerck, Member for Amittuq, be appointed a member of the Striking Committee;

AND FURTHER I MOVE that the Hon. George Hicke, Member for Iqaluit-Tasiluk, be appointed to the Management and Services Board as a member under subsection 38(1)(b) of the

Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act;

AND FURTHER I MOVE that Margaret Nakashuk, Member for Pangnirtung, be appointed to the Management and Services Board as a member under subsection 38(1)(c) of the *Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act;*

AND FURTHER I MOVE that the Hon. David Akeeagok, Member for Quttiktuq, be appointed to the Management and Services Board as an alternate member under subsection 38(2.1) of the *Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act;*

Mr. Speaker, AND FURTHER I MOVE that the appointments of the Hon. George Hickes as a member of the Striking Committee, a member of the Standing Committee on Legislation, a member of the Standing Committee on Oversight of Government Operations and Public Accounts, a member of the Standing Committee on Social Wellness, a member of the Standing Committee on Rules, Procedures and Privileges, and a member of the Management and Services Board under subsection 38(1)(c) of the *Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act* be revoked;

AND FURTHER I MOVE that the appointments of the Hon. Patterk Netser as a member of the Standing Committee on Legislation, a member of the Standing Committee on Oversight of Government Operations and Public Accounts, a member of the Standing Committee on Social Wellness, and an alternate member of the Standing Committee on Community and Economic Development be revoked;

AND FURTHER I MOVE that the appointment of the Hon. David Akeeagok as a member of the Management and Services Board under subsection 38(1)(b) of the *Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act* be revoked.

And finally, FURTHER I MOVE that the appointment of the Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak as an alternate member of the Management and Services Board under subsection 38(2.1) of the *Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act* be revoked.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you. After all that, the motion is in order. (interpretation) To the motion. All those in favour. Thank you. All those opposed. Thank you. The motion is carried.

Motions. Member for Arviat North-Whale Cove, Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I seek unanimous consent to deal with my motion today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. The member is seeking unanimous consent to deal with his motion today. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Please proceed, Mr. Main.

Motion 021 – 5(2): Extension of Review Period for Bill 1, Corrections Act

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(interpretation ends) WHEREAS Bill 1, *Corrections Act*, received second reading on March 20, 2018;

AND WHEREAS the bill has been referred to the Standing Committee on Legislation for consideration;

AND WHEREAS Rule 68(1) provides that bills referred to a standing committee shall not be proceeded with until the Assembly receives the report of the committee or 120 calendar days pass from the day the bill was given second reading;

AND WHEREAS the standing committee has been giving careful consideration to the bill;

AND WHEREAS the standing committee requires additional time in which to complete its work;

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Hon. Member for Rankin Inlet North-Chesterfield Inlet, that the period of time for the standing committee to report Bill 1 back to the House be extended by a further 120 days.

(interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. To the motion. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the mover of the motion and the Chair of the Standing Committee on Legislation, I am pleased to take this opportunity to speak briefly in support of the motion that is before the House today.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, as I noted in my motion, Bill 1, the proposed

new Corrections Act, was referred to the Standing Committee on Legislation for consideration following its second reading.

This is an important and complex piece of new legislation that requires careful consideration, and I am pleased to note that the standing committee has been engaging in a productive dialogue and exchange of correspondence with the sponsoring minister since the introduction of this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I am optimistic that the standing committee will be ready to report the bill back to the House during our upcoming winter sitting, and I ask all members to support the motion that is before us today. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. To the motion. All those in favour of the motion, please raise your hand. Thank you. All those opposed. Thank you. The motion is carried.

>> *Applause*

Motions. First Reading of Bills. Second Reading of Bills. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters. Bills 2, 9, 10, and 11 with Mr. Akoak in the Chair.

In accordance with the authority provided to me by Motion 14 – 5(2), the committee will stay in session until it reports itself out.

Before we proceed to the Committee of the Whole, we will now take a 20-minute break.

Sergeant-at-Arms.

>> *House recessed at 15:43 and
Committee resumed at 16:07*

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

Chairman (Mr. Akoak): Good afternoon, colleagues. Welcome back. I would like to call the committee meeting to order. In Committee of the Whole we have the following items to deal with: Bills 2, 9, 10, and 11. What is the wish of the committee? Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) We wish to continue with the review of Bill 9 and the capital main estimates for the Department of Economic Development and Transportation, followed by Nunavut Arctic College and the Department of Justice. If time permits, we will proceed with the departments of Environment and Family Services. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Are we in agreement that we first deal with Bill 9?

Some Members: Agreed.

**Bill 09 – Appropriation (Capital) Act,
2019-2020 – Economic
Development and Transportation
– Consideration in Committee**

Chairman: Thank you. I would like to ask Minister Akeegok: do you have officials that you would like to appear before the committee? Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeegok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes. Thank

you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Does the committee agree to let the minister's officials go to the witness table?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Sergeant-at-Arms, please escort the officials in.

For the record, Minister Akeegok, please introduce your officials.

Hon. David Akeegok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On my right is Udloriak Hanson, my Deputy Minister, and on my left is John Hawkins, Assistant Deputy Minister. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Akeegok. Welcome to your officials. Last when we met, my next name on the list was Mr. Kaernerck.

Mr. Kaernerck (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) That was unexpected. (interpretation) Good day, Mr. Minister and your officials.

The first question I would like to ask is on the government's capital estimates for 2018-19 that were approved in June 2017. They include \$10 million in funding for the Iqaluit Marine Infrastructure Project and \$5 million in funding for the Pond Inlet Marine Infrastructure Project. Can you first inform me of the current status of these projects? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you. I also thank you for requesting information on that, my colleague. Those two projects in Iqaluit and Pond Inlet are being worked on. It's following the schedule that was put together. The work proceeds today, but due to the onset of winter, they're going to be shutting down and then restarting again in the new year. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Kaernerck.

Mr. Kaernerck (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The reason I was asking that question is in Hall Beach they have been requesting for some kind of marine infrastructure for a long time now. If you could look at the shoreline of Hall Beach, it is eroding a lot. Whenever our hunters go walrus hunting or when there are sport hunters coming in to hunt walruses, the lack of a dock causes problems. They have been requesting this for a long time.

Can the minister tell us if Hall Beach's request for a dock is in the plans? Has the Department of Economic Development made any plans like that for Hall Beach? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. For 2019-2020, in the next fiscal year, there is nothing like that for Hall Beach. However, I would like to explain that in 2019-2020 the \$500,000 is available for communities to request from. We're trying to have that available and it is part of the capital estimates we're proposing here that we need you to approve.

Mr. Chairman, if you can give me extra time, there is also the Oceans Protection Plan that the federal government introduced. We requested that these communities be allowed to review those plans. In addition, we ask that communities that don't have docking facilities be visited to update them, both those that have already been reviewed and those that haven't been reviewed. We also ask that completely new plans be presented. We will request funding from the federal government to have those built. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Kaernerck.

Mr. Kaernerck (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Too bad Hall Beach is not included, but it's good to hear that you will include Hall Beach in your request through the federal government's Oceans Protection Plan. I would like to reiterate to you that I want Hall Beach included because they have been requesting a docking facility for quite some time now. If the Hamlet of Hall Beach wanted to submit a request through your department, would you support them in making a proposal to the federal government under their Oceans Protection Plan? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We do want to get correspondence from hamlets or communities in regard to that. The previous Minister of Transportation indicated that they would support the communities making proposals for the Oceans Protection Plan. I would urge the communities with no docking facilities to give us a submission asking for a

letter of support, including Hall Beach. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Kaerner.

Mr. Kaerner (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Do you have a deadline for submissions? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeegok (interpretation): Thank you. My federal counterpart and I started planning that, but we have not set a deadline for the proposals. Once things cool down a bit here, I will ask him again when he can come up because I want to work closely with him, but we have not set a date yet. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Kaerner.

Mr. Kaerner (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Let me know once you have set a time so that I can further encourage the hamlet council.

Moving on to another subject, I have said in the House that there are a lot of economic development opportunities for Hall Beach. If you look at our airstrip, it's one of the longest airstrips in Nunavut and jet aircraft can land on it. We're looking at having Hall Beach as a transportation hub, which could create jobs not just for Hall Beach and Amittuq but also for the High Arctic. If we look at the benefits for my fellow Amittuq residents of having jet service, has the Department of Economic Development considered making it a transportation hub? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeegok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I also thank the member for his very good question. There are quite a number of us who would like to see a transportation hub for our communities. We have requested some funds to update our 20-year plan for airports. We can look into the details, but I can't really say this is how it's going to be. Hall Beach does have one of the longest airstrips.

We will be making repeated requests to the federal government for capital airport infrastructure. However, what I'm trying to get approval here is for the 2019-2020 fiscal year to update the 20-year plan for transportation infrastructure. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Kaerner.

Mr. Kaerner (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If there's a closer look, the airstrip is long enough already. It just needs minor repairs, which would cut costs for your department. It seems like you're just looking at putting in airport infrastructure. I said that it would create jobs not just for the Amittuq area if it became a transportation hub. When I'm talking about Amittuq, I'm also including Igloolik.

If it should become the hub, we could also look at building a road because the department also has a program for that. If that project goes through and planning begins, my fellow residents of Amittuq could also look at building roads. It is an island, so I'm changing gears towards roads. If they want to build a road from Hall Beach to Igloolik, can you have that looked at as well? When you're making plans to build airports and roads, would

you be able to look closely at the benefits that could be provided to the residents of Amittuq? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you. In reviewing our 20-year airport infrastructure plan, we would look at the length of the airstrips and whether or not jet aircraft can land on them. We will be gathering that kind of information. However, I would like to remind the members that the airline owners are the ones who make the decision of where their airplanes go. For example, when First Air goes to the High Arctic, they overnight in Resolute Bay and then start going south.

In regard to road building, I think you're talking about building a road connecting Igloolik and Hall Beach. With our operations and maintenance, we have a pot of money available to the communities that want to build roads. For example, for the access road from Igloolik proper to Igloolik Point, they have received \$50,000. For the access road from Hall Beach to Hall Lake, they have received \$20,000. That's what I wanted to outline. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Kaerner.

Mr. Kaerner (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That could be the beginning. Has the Department of Economic Development considered how to connect Hall Beach and Igloolik? That's what I would like to know. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My colleague indicated that Igloolik is on an island, and Hall Beach is connected to the Canadian mainland. Bridges are quite expensive and we haven't considered building a bridge to connect Igloolik to the mainland. We haven't considered such a proposal at this time, but we looked at the (interpretation ends) Grays Bay (interpretation) road and port project. We also heard about connecting Manitoba to Nunavut by road. Those are the only two major roads that we have considered, but at this time we haven't considered connecting Igloolik to the mainland. We don't have any plans to date. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Kaerner.

Mr. Kaerner (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like plans to be made so that Igloolik will get connected to the Canadian mainland. I will leave it at that for now.

I will move on to another subject which deals with economic development. I would first like to know about the hunters and trappers organizations. Have they given you any proposals about possibly setting up, for example, a fisheries plant? Has the hunters and trappers organization ever submitted a proposal to build a fisheries plant? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Starting from last year we have yet to receive a proposal. From what I can recall, I

believe there was one proposal many years ago, but since I took on this portfolio, I have yet to see a proposal. In regard to fisheries and sealing, it is under the responsibility of the Minister of Environment, so it is out of my portfolio. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Kaernerck.

Mr. Kaernerck (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The reason why I brought this up is that we are looking at being financially self-reliant as it would create jobs. That is why I asked whether or not the hunters and trappers organization submitted a proposal. That's just a question.

Going back to marine infrastructure, your department's 2017-18 annual report on the Community Transportation Initiatives Program was tabled in the Legislative Assembly on June 14, 2018. This report indicated that capital funding was provided for small craft harbour projects during the 2017-18 fiscal year. What I want to know is: what was the total number of proposed projects that received funding from your department? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeegok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I believe I responded to that question on Friday. There were ten projects that received small craft harbour funding. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Kaernerck.

Mr. Kaernerck (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, I remember now you responded to that question. It

was Friday and I know I was rushing around today.

How many of these projects have been approved for small craft harbour funding for the 2018-19 fiscal year? I would like to get an update on that and that is my last question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeegok (interpretation): Thank you. We have provided funding to ten submissions and not all of the applications received funding. After the 2017-18 fiscal year, I expect that we will be working with the Department of Economic Development and making a report. I will table that report to the House once it is complete. Thank you for asking questions in regard to that, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Next name on my list, Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Minister, welcome. As my colleague was asking questions in regard to small craft harbours and the \$500,000 that you have requested, looking at all the communities, this is a small amount. Why is that a small amount? Have you ever considered increasing it? It has been at the level of \$500,000 for a long time. (interpretation ends) When you consider inflation, that \$500,000 isn't actually staying static; it's actually shrinking as the cost of everything is going up. Has the department considered increasing this amount? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeeagok: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. For 2019-2020, there are no plans to increase it from \$500,000. For the future, that is something we can definitely look into. Also, when my federal colleague from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans was here, I stressed to him that that \$500,000 or what used to be a million-dollar program was flow-through, Vote 4 money from the federal government. That has stopped altogether.

Now, this government has invested \$500,000 towards marine infrastructure in the last few years. Yes, I agree it is small, but it is proposal based and something that I will continue to stress to my federal colleague to invest in Nunavut. I hope that they reinstate the program that they used to have and enhance it. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Thank you, minister. You also referenced the Oceans Protection Plan and that you had made an application or that you're hoping to get some funds out of that. What's the amount that has been applied for at this point in time? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) I don't want to get into specifics of what we proposed for the Oceans Protection Plan, but we did apply for two projects, one was community-wide and the other ones

were specific. I'm anticipating a response, but we are in the neighbourhood of over \$4 million that we have asked for the initial for the Oceans Protection Plan. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) I wonder if the minister could clarify a bit more regarding these two applications. He said one was community-related and the other one was something else. If you could provide a bit more information. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) One of the proposals that we have done is for a comprehensive community scoping study and that is for all communities that have not yet received any approval for being built. Currently Pangnirtung has been completed; Iqaluit and Pond Inlet are being worked on, so we left that apart. Also, there are negotiations that are taking place in terms of Inuit and Parks Canada for the five affected communities at what is called Tallurutiup Imaani. They are doing a scoping effort right now through that front. Whatever is remaining of the communities, that's what we put the submissions for a comprehensive community scoping study.

The other project that I mentioned is specifically for five Nunavut communities and that's to do with mooring bollards. It's something that I

had to learn what exactly that was when I went as minister, but those are the five communities that are designed to help for annual refuelling operations and for any heavy equipment that need to be anchored for fuel tankers. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker...Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) I can't get it through my head today.

When it comes to the communities of Rankin Inlet and Baker Lake, which are experiencing huge volumes of freight each year tied to the mining industry, what type of discussions or relationship is there with ED&T and the mining industry in terms of improving the marine infrastructure, which would also improve safety when it comes to fuel spills, as well as hopefully make it easier for these companies to develop and provide jobs? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It's ongoing dialogue with any of our industries, especially our sealift and our resupplies, when it comes to safety and the docks.

Specifically for Rankin Inlet and Baker Lake, the mining companies themselves built their own separate docking facilities, as per their permits, that they're able to offload and on-load. When our Member for Baker Lake was here, he was telling us the two differences between the community dock and the mining dock, so there's that difference.

For the 2018-19 fiscal year, that's this fiscal year, the community of Rankin Inlet had put a proposal in where they have asked for marine infrastructure dollars and they have also asked Agnico Eagle Mines to pitch in. I went and got to see it myself in Rankin Inlet. It's a very good improvement to their community dock. I think that is a testament of stakeholders, communities, and our government working together. I'm hoping that one of our models when we have very limited dollars is that we do these things. I think, through our *Turaaqtavut*, that's what we have been advocating for. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) I just have one more question on the small craft harbours before I move on to other areas. Why is the amount for the marine projects under this program, the CTIP, why is the marine portion included under capital but then the road portion included under O&M? I don't quite see the difference there. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok: *Qujannamiik*, Mr. Chairman. I think that's one that I need to revisit our policy and see the reasons why. It had to do with historical, where marine infrastructure was a different program and federal program, where the Community Access Roads Program had become application-based for communities. Through our ongoing reviews of our grants and contributions policies, that's one that I can definitely review and try to determine whether if

it's better in the capital or the operations and maintenance, but I share your concern. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Regarding these new airport terminal buildings that will be built, the community of Whale Cove is looking forward to the new air terminal building. I know you have outlined that the first two communities to have their buildings put up will be Chesterfield Inlet and Repulse Bay, I believe. If you could just give us a timeline as to when the airport terminal buildings are anticipated to be operational in each of these five communities. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeegok: *Qujannamiik*, Mr. Chairman. This is following our capital projects process. This time next year it will be tendering, and then followed by construction next year, and be operational the following year. It's almost three years before that is completed. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Just to clarify: is it Whale Cove that minister is referring to or is it Chesterfield Inlet? I'm just looking for anticipated completion dates for Chesterfield Inlet, Repulse Bay, Whale Cove, and the other communities. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeegok: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you to my colleague for allowing me to clarify this. For the airport projects that are for Naujaat and Chesterfield Inlet, the timeline I had is what I have envisioned. By next year we will have it tender-ready, followed by the construction year, and then complete by 2022.

For the three other airports, they're at the preplanning stage, so they would be one year behind. For the other three that are in this... . Sorry. For Whale Cove, it would be completed in 2022, so it's that time frame. I didn't get the actual dates. What I'm saying is that for Naujaat and Chesterfield Inlet, the preplanning has taken place this year, so we put it in this capital for 2019-2020, tender next year, followed by completion by the year after.

For the other three communities that were listed, those are at the preplanning stage and they would be a year later than the first two that we put in, if we can get all the preplanning done. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Thank you, minister. (interpretation) It looks like the designs of the airport terminal buildings will be the same. Is there a space within the airport terminal buildings for private businesses? If they wanted to lease a space where they want to sell arts and crafts, as that's economic development for Inuit, will you allot a space for small stores in the airport terminal buildings? Thank you, Mr.

Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. At this time there is nothing in our plan for private businesses to sell their products, but we do have space for the airplanes and also for the staff. That's all there is in our plan. We can look into what the member stated, but at this time we're focusing on airport terminals for the passengers. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) I'm happy to hear that the minister will be looking into that because it seems to make sense. The Department of Economic Development and Transportation, if you put the two together, maybe there is something there that could make sense. It's very hard for small business owners to find anywhere to set up shop. That's just an idea at this point.

When it comes to the airport in Arviat, it's in very poor condition. It's an older airport. Is there anything in your small capital that you have planned in terms of improvements to the flooring and to the windows? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. For the actual air terminal, there are no immediate plans, but it is part of our request to update our 20-year capital infrastructure needs. That

would help shape what Arviat will need in the future. For 2018-19, the Arviat Airport in particular, we have the runway exit signs and the runway identification signs as part of our list through the Transport Canada regulations upgrade. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) I'll switch from a very small airport to a very big one. The Iqaluit International Airport is on here. We're currently appropriating over a million dollars, and it references the project agreement in here. Would the department be able to provide members a copy of the project agreement? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) That information is readily available on our website. I would encourage everybody to visit our website for that, and there are multiple schedules. I don't know if that's sufficient. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Thank you, minister. I will look that up. It says here that we're obligated to include this payment as part of the agreement. What size of penalty are we looking at if we were to renege on something of this amount? It's a million dollars. It's not a lot in terms of the

overall total cost, \$500,234,000 over the 30 years. What types of penalties are we look at? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I don't have any specific penalties for us in terms of what the penalties it would be if we reneged on our agreements, but we do have agreements and those are the ones that we are trying to honour, that we are honouring, and that we are requesting for that \$1 million. I don't want to get into very specific things in terms of what the penalties would be at this point. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll ask about it again at some point.

We also represent people with disabilities and there were people in attendance earlier today. Will the new air terminal buildings that are being built have wheelchair ramps at the entrance and exit to the tarmac? Most of the communities don't have that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. I think the minister answered that question on Friday, but I'll get him to answer it again. Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, the new airport terminal buildings will have those ramps. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) I would like to echo the concerns of my colleague from Sanikiluaq that we currently don't have these wheelchair ramps on the airside in Arviat, Sanikiluaq...I don't know what the list is. It seems to me that it's fairly easy to find money for some things, but it's very hard to find money for others. How soon can we look at getting wheelchair ramps installed all across Nunavut? I think this is something we need to address and it's something for our elders and it's something for people who are disabled. Is there a timeline? Is there a project that's being scoped to address this issue? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Clearly I'm going to instruct to my department officials that this needs to be in the 20-year plan for those that are not expecting any time in the near future any new air terminals and any renovations because, as I stated Friday, any new terminal or any terminal that's being renovated does have plans to include wheelchair access for both the airside and the non-airside. It's clearly one that I agree with my colleague that we definitely need to look into this and something that I'll definitely bring forward.

I also want to state that this is eligible within our small capital if need be and I can have a look at it in different ways into ensuring to add it. One of the things is currently we're working on different funding pots in terms of where we can

target our funding requests because it is eligible in “various.” It’s something that I have instructed my officials to look into and develop a strategy for me when it comes to the wheelchair access for those that aren’t in the picture. I do want to state that we will need funding towards this. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. The next name on my list, Mr. Qirngnuq.

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Welcome, minister and your officials.

All communities have needs and our communities are no exception, as I too want certain needs for our communities, specifically the infrastructure that communities request within our constituencies.

I want to ask about this matter respecting airports that have been constructed as maintenance is required at all times and especially in the winters during blizzards.

We have local air terminal buildings that were constructed and are replaced from time to time. To use this example, most of the buildings were built in the 1990s or earlier than that. What is the expected lifecycle for a building to remain useful and safe for the public? I hope I was clear, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

Chairman: Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeegok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Once they’re constructed, their expected lifecycle is 25 to 30 years as long as they are not damaged. We would like to see them last much longer if at all possible. However,

in some cases where renovations have been made, it delays the process of getting a new building. Rapid population growth and other factors prioritize what plan of action we will take. We expect new buildings to last for 25 to 30 years. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Qirngnuq.

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I also thank the minister for answering my question. I understand now. Terminal buildings do get servicing during any time of the year. Those of us that come from smaller communities have gravel runways at our airports. I would like to know how we could apply for funding or help with our runways in the smaller communities. I hope that makes sense, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

Chairman: Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeegok (interpretation): Thank you. The gravel runways are resurfaced. We have worked on them in the past so that they are able to be used for 15 to 20 years and we have studies done on the condition of gravel. There are slight differences, but when we work on them, we plan for that length of useful life. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Qirngnuq.

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will ask for clarification. Is it better or worse to use pavement in colder climates? That’s my question, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

Chairman: Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Presently we have paved runways in two communities and one of them is Rankin Inlet. When they try to land in the community, it sometimes becomes slippery. We need to buy more expensive equipment for these two communities with the paved runways. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Qirngnuq.

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I also thank the minister for being able to respond to that. The proposals are made to improve conditions in the communities, especially in the smaller communities, where it is very costly to transport food and cargo. Another matter one thinks of is that larger aircraft can carry larger amounts of cargo, which I think could lower costs for the communities, as residents often wonder if a smaller aircraft would mean higher freight costs.

What about the situation in Kugaaruk? The runway received improvements around the 1990s, as I can recall that project, so I am stating the years. Does the minister or his officials have any plans related to the airport in Kugaaruk, and when would we expect improvements to our airstrip? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The runway in Kugaaruk has been made so that a jet can land on it and it's one of the longest runways in Nunavut. They made the airstrip longer because sealift ships might not be able to arrive in a particular year.

We try to tell the airlines certain things, but they decide whether or not to use jets. That's the way it is. If they get into jet service, then they would have to carry more people and cargo. If there are too few passengers and too little cargo, then they lower the number of flights. That's what the airlines have been telling us and we believe them. Sometimes the aircraft are smaller and they come in more frequently to the community, not just once in a while. That's one of the things that are looked at. We can't tell the airlines to use a jet instead of turboprops. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Qirngnuq.

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, I understand the response. The reason why I was asking that is the Kugaaruk Airport was last improved in the 1990s. It's my community and I know when it happened. It was improved by the Department of Transportation. It was quite short and they lengthened it. As it turns out, it had been a wider airstrip, but it was narrower when they lengthened it. The way I see it personally, I don't think it's suitable for jets carrying passengers. I think it would be adequate for cargo jets. I think the minister saw it himself this summer. My question is: when can there be any consideration given to widen the airstrip? That is my question, Mr. Chairman. I hope I was understandable.

Chairman: Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you to my colleague. It was great to be in your two constituency communities and we could see them with our own eyes. It

was a very good experience.

We have to use the airstrips and airports and we put them in the 20-year plan. We are updating the 20-year plan, so we are going to have to review all those again. I can only respond to my colleague by saying that. Through you, Mr. Chairman, through the proposed 2019-2020 capital estimates, we want to update our 20-year transportation infrastructure plan and airports are included in that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Next name on the list, Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I don't have too many questions for economic development and transportation, but this time last year when we were reviewing EDT's capital budget, I did bring forward a major concern of my constituents and the residents of Iqaluit in general and that's the issue of the safety concerns at the airport's runway, considering how compact the parking lot is there.

Last year the previous minister had indicated that the department is keenly aware of the issue and that it was going to be addressed in the 2019-2020 fiscal year, which is where we're at now and I'm still sitting here wondering why the safety concerns of our airport's parking lot has not been addressed. That's my first question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think there are a number of factors that have taken place since it was raised last year. One of the things that the authority along with our department

looked at when it came to the parking lot is if we are going to angle it in a way that they can go in and out, just by the sheer size of that, you're going to lose about 23 parking spots. That's one of the concerns. The other factor is that the actual paints that they need to use for what's on the pavement, that one didn't arrive too. There are a number of factors in place, but we are keenly aware of the safety concerns and looking at the airport parking in particular, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for that response. What I understand is that there are two reasons why the safety concerns have not been addressed. The first reason that you indicated was that we would lose 23 parking spots and the other reason is that the paint didn't come up on sealift. Both of those reasons, in my view, are not adequate or sufficient enough. It's not a good excuse not to address the safety concerns of that parking lot.

I'm curious how many traffic incidents or collisions have taken place in that parking lot since the airport had first opened. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. At this point we have not received any traffic-related incidents in the parking lot. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I find that surprising because

I have heard of a lot of dinged doors in that parking lot. Considering that the government is liable for any accidents that occur on government property, can these individuals bring their claims to the department and request some sort of reimbursement or financial implications for the harm done? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Any motor vehicle accident that does take place has to go through each of the individual owners' insurance. When the airport was being made, those parking lots that were painted did meet the by-law code. That's something that has been done. The one that has been highlighted was the safety concern. That safety concern resulted in a review by the authority and by our department. That work still needs to get done.

At the current time, if any vehicle gets dented, regardless if it's at the airport or any of our government parking lots, there is insurance that covers for certain damages to motor vehicles. If there are motor vehicle incidents, I would encourage them to contact their insurance companies, whether they're private or filed against the government if it's a government vehicle. Right now the onus is on the owners to report any damages to their vehicles. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My next question is: when are the safety issues of the parking lot going to be addressed? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My assistant deputy minister just informed me that once we get the paint, and that's probably next summer that we would do this, we wouldn't be able to paint anything or alter any of our parking spots right now in these conditions. I would suspect that we would readdress this in the summer. At this point I just want to restate that those parking spots that are in the airport parking lot do meet by-laws. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My next question is: when did the department become aware that the paint that was ordered did not make it on the sealift? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll get the detailed information, but if they weren't here this summer, then we wouldn't be able to paint. I think that's something that's very operational.

Through you, Mr. Chairman, if I could ask my assistant deputy minister if he has further information related to this, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Hawkins.

Mr. Hawkins: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Last time I checked, the paint had not arrived yet. I have not checked since the last boat left. Regardless, it would have been after freezing. The last

time I checked, it was already after freezing. I have not confirmed whether the paint is actually in town or not. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. The next name on my list, Mr. Keyootak.

Mr. Keyootak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Some of this was already asked, but I would like more clarity. We want our communities to get all their needs met, but for different reasons and rules, we can't get everything that we need. There is one problem or another that usually stops us.

There were some questions about communities needing docks, ports, and small craft harbours. The smaller communities have been requesting that. The money that is always quoted, \$500,000, is not very much. It's enough for maybe one community.

Mr. Chairman, perhaps the minister can explain. I'm sure many communities request for funding. How are the proposals prioritized? What criteria do you follow to get an absolute priority list? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. When the proposals or requests come in, they're reviewed by staff and then the projects are prioritized depending on what the projects are about. We try to approve every proposal, but we have a limited budget. We also look at whether the hamlet is going to be providing some funds for that particular project. Our employees look at all those issues. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Keyootak.

Mr. Keyootak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I also thank the minister for his response. With the proponents, do you place a priority on the first ones that come in or do you look at what the project is for? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank my colleague for asking that question. We look at all aspects of the proposal. Once the proposals come in, we look at the benefits and the safety aspect for ships or hunters, and then we decide which proposals are going to be accepted. We provide advice on how much should be requested or whether they should be lower or higher. One time there was a mining company that provided some funds to a project that they wanted to initiate in Rankin Inlet. We look at those different things. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Keyootak.

Mr. Keyootak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We like to provide information to our constituents and whether or not their proposals have been accepted. I know that my other constituency community really needs a dock. Has Clyde River been included in the plans? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Clyde River is part of Tallurutiup Imanga and there's an agreement with the federal

government, the Government of Nunavut, and the Inuit association. The Inuit association is negotiating with the federal government on Tallurutiup Imanga and what benefits can be provided to the affected communities.

Clyde River, I believe, was visited last year and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans had to propose an architectural drawing. There was planning done with Parks Canada. We look forward to seeing the proposed designs. They have not finalized an agreement, but they are negotiating at this moment. We are partly involved, but it's between the federal government and the Inuit association. Clyde River is included as one of the affected communities. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Next name on my list, Ms. Nakashuk.

Ms. Nakashuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My first question is on the proposal provided by the Nunavut government to the federal government in 2017 for a number of projects in Nunavut. The relocation of the Pangnirtung Airport was included. Those projects were not approved by the federal government. I would first like to ask what the status is as of today. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We made a request through the National Trade Corridors Fund and seven projects were turned down, including the relocation of the Pangnirtung Airport. To date we have not received a letter on where and when to apply for funding. We're

waiting for that correspondence. Once we know where we can get additional funds, we're going to make another proposal and we're thinking of including that project. At this time I can't say whether or not it's going to be included because we're waiting for the federal government to find out what funding we can apply for. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Ms. Nakashuk.

Ms. Nakashuk (interpretation): Thank you for that response. The \$512,000 capital carryover, is that money still waiting for that proposed project? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you. Yes, the \$512,000 was approved by the Legislative Assembly and it's not enough, so we're making a request for additional funds. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Ms. Nakashuk.

Ms. Nakashuk (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) I read in your opening statement, stating that the government's proposal to the National Trade Corridors Fund for the five new airport terminal buildings has been approved over the next two fiscal years for five communities for new airports. Again, this was under National Trade Corridors Fund. It will provide 75 percent of the funding by the federal government and 25 percent by the GN. I'm just wondering how this was reviewed in terms of (interpretation) some of the projects that were not approved, but they were approved for new airports. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That's one of our challenges with all this federal funding available for capital infrastructure, whether it's the trade corridors fund or the Oceans Protection Plan or the Airport Capital Assistance Program. All of those are subject to federal approvals and we put proposals in, in hopes that we get approval.

As my colleague indicated, out of the seven proposals that we asked for the National Trade Corridors Fund, we were successful for one of our "asks" and that was for the five air terminal buildings for five communities. We're anxiously waiting for the criteria to come to us to determine which of the projects we can try to submit or resubmit. That's what we're waiting for. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Ms. Nakashuk.

Ms. Nakashuk (interpretation): Thank you for that information. You're waiting for correspondence from the federal government. When do you anticipate receiving those responses regarding the capital projects that you have requested, including the relocation of the Pangnirtung Airport? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. At the beginning of October, Minister Garneau, the Minister of Transport who is responsible for those projects, and I had a meeting. I asked him if he has set a date and he responded by saying that it

would be in the fall, but the date has not been set up yet. Maybe it's not yet fall in the south, but it's fall here now and we have been expecting to get that response.

We're waiting and we're not just going to be waiting, but we're going to be prepared. We always inform the federal government and the House, and my colleague keeps me informed of the need to have the airport in her community relocated. That's what I wanted to mention, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

Chairman: Ms. Nakashuk.

Ms. Nakashuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We also have to decide and look at other options when something is not approved by the federal government. It's obvious that planning would begin if it was approved. Have you considered other options if the project is not approved to relocate the Pangnirtung Airport? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We will definitely have to look at the other options and where we can get other pots of money. The federal government will have to be included because it's going to be a very expensive project to relocate the Pangnirtung Airport. That's our first plan and we're looking at resubmitting a proposal through the National Trade Corridors Fund. If that's not available and if they don't approve it, the federal government is always introducing new funds and how they can be accessed, so we have prepared for that.

I do apologize that I do not have a

definite answer for my colleague, but we do know that the airport has to be relocated and if there are monies available, it would be a go-ahead. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Ms. Nakashuk.

Ms. Nakashuk (interpretation): Thank you for that information. As the people of Pangnirtung, the airstrip is right in the middle of the community and there are houses in the upper area and down on the lower side in the downtown area. We also have the tank farm that's not far from the airport and it is right close to it. When you're taking off, we go right over the tank farm and the people of Pangnirtung know that it is a safety issue.

My colleague also talked about (interpretation ends) dust control (interpretation) and we do have a lot of dust when there are airplanes taking off and landing. There are safety concerns for the community because there are people walking on the main road which is right close to the airstrip.

I would just like to urge your department to keep looking at funds that would be used for the relocation of the Pangnirtung Airport. I have no other comments to make, but I just wanted to make that statement. Thank you.

Chairman: That was just a comment. You want to... ? No? I just have two more names. Mr. Quassa.

Mr. Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Welcome. I don't have many questions to pose, but just for further clarification on what is called in English (interpretation ends) airfield

regulatory remediations. (interpretation) I believe I understand it, but I need clarification regarding regulatory remediation. What exactly does that entail?

I am not sure if I'm going to be asking a question, but we have airstrips near landfills and water reservoirs. Sometimes they are along the way and they breach the legislation because the landfill is quite close to the airstrip. They haven't made any changes or have done anything about it. My question in regard to the airfield regulatory remediations is: do they include the renovations because they have breached legislation? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeegok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Transport Canada makes regulations on how airports are set up. Our request is for airport-related infrastructure only, but if things such as landfills are along the way to the airstrip, I can talk to my ministerial colleague about this.

The regulations are visible now and they say that if you are going to be constructing a landfill, then they cannot be in a certain area. If you are going to be installing power poles, they could not be installed there. They make those recommendations. As the Department of Transportation, we advise them where they should not be installing or building. There are old areas that deviate from the regulations when they're looking at airports. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Quassa.

Mr. Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, minister, for the explanation. As we are aware, they had gone against the regulations and I'm sure that the communities are informed. In Igloolik we heard that the landfill and the water reservoir were too close to the airstrip, according to their legislation.

Moving on to another topic, we keep talking about marine facilities. We do have a marine facility in our community, but it's too small and we hear that this needs to be improved. Just to get further clarification, does the community have to make an application for a marine facility? They have to apply first in order to construct the small craft harbour. Maybe if I ask it this way: has Igloolik asked to make their small craft harbour bigger?

I know there is annual funding of \$25,000 for the marine facility or small craft harbour, but it's a small amount. I wonder if there was an application coming from my community. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you. For fiscal year 2018-19, Igloolik had not made any applications for that, but we have made an application to review the communities again for that. We want to do some scoping in the communities and look at the small craft harbours and their size. Some communities already have small craft harbours or there were plans made to build them. For example, back in 1993 there was a plan done for seven communities, I believe. Perhaps that can be used and updated so that we will know exactly what the communities

require. We are trying to access funds through the Oceans Protection Plan.

If the communities themselves want to improve their facility or build a facility and apply for funding, I want them to be aware that if our budget gets approved for fiscal year 2019-2020, this \$500,000 can be applied for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. Your community can apply for funding from that line item. I encourage the communities to apply for this funding. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Quassa.

Mr. Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I also thank you, Mr. Minister, for explaining this. I know that our community will be looking forward to that.

Moving on to another topic, (interpretation ends) your department's 2015-16 and 2016-17 capital estimates included a total of approximately \$200,000 in funding that was specifically allocated for upgrades to visitor centres.

(interpretation) Before I ask my question, Igloolik's hamlet council purchased a building at a very low cost. There are no facilities like that in Igloolik, but I know that other communities have visitor centres.

(interpretation ends) However, your department's proposed 2019-2020 capital estimates do not include any funding that is specifically allocated for upgrades to visitor centres. How does your department currently budget for upgrades to visitor centres?

(interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. For visitor centres, we have made a request for small capital because they will be under \$250,000. I mentioned Pond Inlet and Hall Beach, I believe. I'm not sure which community, but Pond Inlet's tank farm has to be upgraded and that will be included. We are requesting funds for upgrades for Pond Inlet and Hall Beach. These funds will be expended for those two. I know that we're short of funds, but we're trying to spend it wisely and do proper planning.

Most of the communities have visitor centres. In other communities they're trying to get funding. Perhaps through Economic Development, they provide operations and maintenance funding. There is a line item where they can apply for funding. I encourage the communities to make their applications. However, we're dealing with those government buildings through small capital projects. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Quassa.

Mr. Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I also thank you for the explanation. Igloolik is now one of the popular communities where the cruise ships visit and cruise ships have been going to the community. I know that visitor centres are very useful. I have seen a beautiful visitor centre in Pond Inlet. The communities where the cruise ships are touring should get visitor centres. I urge the government to consider this carefully. The funding that you had identified is a little bit bigger than before and I know it can be

increased. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is not a question; it's just a comment. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. The last name on my list, Ms. Towtongie.

Ms. Towtongie: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I only have three questions. The first one, the Hamlet of Chesterfield Inlet wants a deep sea port. It's right in between two communities with mines and the channel to Baker Lake. The two new marine infrastructure facilities in Iqaluit and Pond Inlet are funded under the Building Canada program.

My question is: are there any plans under the Oceans Protection fund for building marine infrastructure anywhere else in Nunavut? Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That's my first question.

Chairman: Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Yes, as I stated, all the ones that already got and the ones that are under Tallurutiup Imanga are not qualified for the comprehensive community scoping under the Oceans Protection Plan that we put a proposal in. If we get approved for that, Chesterfield Inlet will have the opportunity to state their case, whether it's a dock or deep sea or those things. Chesterfield Inlet is part of the communities that will be looked into, whether it's going to be a deep sea or whether it's going to be a small craft harbour. That's why we need to have this comprehensive community scoping to determine, and then we can target the funding required coming from the federal government. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Ms. Towtongie.

Ms. Towtongie: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the minister for his response. My other question is Rankin Inlet is in a forced growth mode. If you land in Rankin Inlet, there will be about eight aircraft and about three helicopters. Anybody who has been in the terminal can realize that the airport terminal in Rankin Inlet is aging.

However, on March 11, 2016 the minister at that time, the Minister of Economic Development and Transportation, two years ago tabled the Nunavut Airports 20-Year Infrastructure Needs Assessment for 2014 to 2031. The federal government of the same year in February 25, 2016, an investment of \$50 million per year over 10 years is recommended either under the Airports Capital Assistance Program or Northern Airports Capital Assistance Program.

Mr. Chairman, I am curious as to whether or not, within the 20-year infrastructure needs, if Rankin Inlet could be... . What are the criteria for forced growth, if it's in there? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As stated, we are hoping through the approval of this 2019-2020 capital plan, as part of this, what we want to do is update our 20-year needs assessment and Rankin Inlet falls within that too as every other community. When we do our needs assessments, forced growth, the volume of passengers going in and out, and where the community is going in the next 20 years, we try to project all that and then

determine, "Okay, we need to do this."

I just want to caution that we do have a current 20-year plan and it has been almost 20 years. As the member from Pangnirtung was asking for her Pangnirtung relocation, that has been in the plans, that has been in the needs assessment for the last 20 years. Also, we will do this and we are looking at that factor. Yes, for Rankin Inlet, I have been in that airport when the amount of planes that are in there is phenomenal and the size of the airport terminal. All those will be taken into factor when we're doing our 20-year needs assessment. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Ms. Towtongie.

Ms. Towtongie: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the minister and his staff for their response. My last question is what's called CIP, Community Initiative Program, for each community and for one year it's \$500,000 a year for 28 communities across Nunavut. The last year, 2017-18, all the communities put together, how much did they ask out of that \$500,000? It seems like a small, yet it's a helpful amount. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That's my final question.

Chairman: Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. For the marine, for the \$500,000 for 2018-19...2017-18 is a little dated. For 2018-19, the requests that we received were \$778,000 from six communities and we awarded \$500,000 for six communities. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. My final name and no more names added after this, Mr.

Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) I just have two questions here, one question on a very big issue, the Manitoba-Nunavut all-weather road project. It has been some while since that has been, I believe, tabled or discussed. I know that you put in a trade corridor application for a combination, an all-weather and winter road. Just looking forward, is this something that is still on the table? Is it still an active project in terms of a road link between Nunavut and Manitoba? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That is a very active file, I have to say, and there is a Nunavut-Manitoba roundtable that is in place and that has been on the agenda. It has gone into our government and, like you mentioned, we did apply for it through the National Trade Corridors Fund. There are different components that were asked for when it comes to the Kivalliq, the road or the ice road. That is still very active from Nunavut's perspective. Having been as recently as last year's request, we're still very interested in seeing that in the future. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) I'll go to a very small need. The community of Whale Cove needs a lowboy trailer to get their bulldozer from the community to the airport for snow clearing. They're kind of getting bounced in between CGS

and airports. It's about eight clicks, I think, or maybe even more to the airport, so you don't want to drive your bulldozer to the airport; it's wear and tear. I'll just give the minister a chance to comment on this and if he can commit to looking into this need. It's a very small need, but it would help a lot with the airport's snow clearing. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes and that's part of our 20-year needs assessment. Each of the equipment needs for the buildings, for the airports were listed in the previous 20 years and one of the plans is to make sure that it is there.

For equipment that are small, under \$250,000, and if the need is urgent, those are one of the things through the small capital projects that we're able to, and I thank the House for allowing this, have our small capitals be worked on by the very people that do the wonderful jobs in our airports. Each of our airport maintainers does put these different requests for equipment and they get up through it, and through the wonderful work of this House of allowing small capital being included in there.

There are ways of making sure that the small equipment gets into our airports. There are ways. I can't specifically say yes to that request, but I want to assure our members that we do have a process that stems from the airport maintainers, stems from the regulators and our airport experts, and through that we try to deliver our equipment to our communities. (interpretation) Thank

you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. We're on Economic Development and Transportation. Transportation. Total Capital Expenditures. \$15,779,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Back to page K-2. Department Summary. Economic Development and Transportation. Total Capital Expenditures. \$15,779,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Do members agree that we have concluded the Department of Economic Development and Transportation?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Akeegok, closing comments? Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeegok: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I want to thank the two people who are here and the people who aren't here, especially our staff. In the last line of questioning, I did mention the airport maintainers. Those are the critical staff that identify all of these and keep our airports safe. I want to commend our staff for doing that and ensure that we go through this.

I want to thank each of my members for having a very keen interest in this transportation. I think taking away from this review is going to help me help Nunavummiut. I want to thank each of you for your line of questioning and

your interest in the projects because it's going to take a team effort, whether if it's federal, Inuit organizations, or all of the above. We all need to work together and I think we have a good future. I want to thank every one of you for making this happen. Thank you and thank you for allowing us to go and have our work on the capital.

(interpretation) Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. As you were a very good Chairman, we were able to finish this quickly. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

>> *Applause*

Chairman: Thank you. Sergeant-at-Arms, please escort the witnesses.

Chairman (Mr. Rumbolt): Thank you. Before we move on to the next department, we will take a five-minute break. Thank you.

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Bill 09 – Appropriation (Capital) Act, 2019-2020 – Nunavut Arctic College – Consideration in Committee

Chairman: Good evening, members. I would like to call the committee meeting back to order. I would like to ask Minister Joanasie: do you have witnesses that you would like to appear before the committee? Minister Joanasie.

Hon. David Joanasie: Good evening, Mr. Chairman. Yes, please. Thanks.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Joanasie. Does the committee agree to let the witnesses go to the witness table?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Thank you. Sergeant-at-Arms, could you please escort the witnesses in.

Thank you. For the record, Mr. Joanasie, if you could please introduce your witnesses and then proceed on into your opening comments. Minister Joanasie.

Hon. David Joanasie: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. To my right is the president of the college, Sheila Kolola, and to my left is the vice-president, Karsten Henriksen.

Mr. Chairman and committee members, I am pleased to present the members today with updates on Nunavut Arctic College's current capital projects as well as a few notes on the college's ongoing operations in regard to college facilities and infrastructure for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

I will start off first with the college's most recent capital project, the Kitikmeot Campus located in Cambridge Bay. Shortly after the appropriation by this government, a design contract was awarded to a joint proposal by two architectural firms. An initial design was drafted. Unfortunately the proposals received put the Kitikmeot Campus project at approximately \$4.3 million in excess of the originally proposed budget. Nunavut Arctic College and Community and Government Services issued a directive to the design contractors to revise their design to fit within the original budget of the project. When the contractors were unable to meet this requirement, Nunavut Arctic College and CGS came to the consensus decision to cancel the contract. Mr. Chairman, we

are acutely aware that each and every infrastructure dollar is of vital importance to our territory and we cannot be expending them without careful consideration. In order to keep the project on budget, Nunavut Arctic College and the Department of Community and Government Services will be using a design-build approach to deliver this project. It is expected that this chosen path may delay the Kitikmeot Campus by a year. However, we still expect to see substantial work completed on this important project within the mandate of this government.

Mr. Chairman, the college had also planned to move forward with another capital project in the 2018-19 year, which is releveling one of the Q-Units behind the Nunatta Campus. Regrettably, Community and Government Services and Nunavut Arctic College received only one bid for that contract which came in well above the allocated funds. The college has since made the decision to re-evaluate the project and potentially increase the scope to repair all three Q-Units with one revised budget. Although these buildings will require a significant investment to renovate, the Q-Units have been inspected by an engineer and do not pose a safety risk to their occupants.

Mr. Chairman, I am pleased to report that the Nunatta Campus Community Learning Centre, tentatively named Building A of the Nunatta Campus, is expected to have a substantial completion date of November 16, 2018. The college will first be moving critical staff and new programs into the building, with the official opening ceremony of Building A to follow, an event that is tentatively scheduled for

early in the new year.

In addition to this, I am pleased to say that the Grise Fiord Community Learning Centre is currently ahead of schedule and was completed on October 24, 2018. This new space includes a classroom, a computer lab, and office space for the college's adult educator in that community. Grise Fiord was the last community in Nunavut that lacked a community learning centre, and we will work to coordinate a suitable event to commemorate this achievement after this sitting of the legislature.

Mr. Chairman, with this milestone behind us, the college will be shifting its attention to renovating and modernizing or replacing the community learning centres that are most in need across the territory. As noted in this government's mandate, the college is striving to expand access to program offerings in the communities so that Nunavummiut can remain at home while obtaining the skills that are needed to participate in Nunavut's growing economy. It is important to note, though, that this will mean a substantial investment in many of the college's community learning centres, as a number have been identified as in need of either significant renovations or outright replacement. The college has completed a preliminary internal assessment and the capital planner for Nunavut Arctic College has already travelled to 19 communities personally to review the state of the college's facilities. The assessment for the renovation or replacement of existing community learning centres will assist in identifying the college's capital needs in the medium and long term. We understand the college's capital projects will still be subject to the capital

planning processes of the Government of Nunavut and the appropriation of funds through the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Chairman, Nunavut Arctic College has taken great strides within the last few fiscal years to address many of its capital needs to maintain operations, but many more needs remain. With operations in every community in the territory, the college has a large geographical footprint for a relatively small institution. In order to address this mandate more efficiently, the college is actively engaged in updating its information technology infrastructure. The college will for the first time be requesting a separate information technology budget to maintain the college's information technology needs to begin in the 2019-2020 fiscal year. (interpretation) Mr. Chairman, this budget will be used to prepare the college to take the next, exciting steps in improving the delivery of post-secondary education for our learners.

Finally, at this point I would like to raise the subject of allocation of learner accommodations. I have directed the executive team to review and, if necessary, amend the Allocation of Learner Accommodations Policy as well as ensure consistency in allocation procedures at all three regional campuses. Mr. Chairman, it is true that we have very scarce resources and learner housing is frequently at capacity, but we believe that these resources can be allocated in a more equitable and transparent manner for the benefit of Nunavummiut. I should note that as Nunavut Arctic College is a public agency, I will have to consult with the board of governors for their input on the administration of learner

accommodations. Any amendments to the Allocation of Learner Accommodations Policy that come from this process will be implemented at the start of the fall semester in September 2019.

Mr. Chairman, this concludes my opening comments on Nunavut Arctic College's current capital and infrastructure projects. I look forward to questions and comments as we proceed. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Joanasi. Does the chair of the standing committee have any opening comments? Please proceed, Ms. Nakashuk.

Ms. Nakashuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am here to provide opening comments on behalf of the Standing Committee on Social Wellness as the Committee of the Whole begins consideration of the proposed 2019-2020 Capital Estimates for Nunavut Arctic College.

Mr. Chairman, Nunavut Arctic College's proposed capital budget for 2019-2020 is \$9.55 million which will be allocated to four projects, including one project to develop the Kitikmeot Campus facility and three non-specific projects to address infrastructure repair, improvement and upgrading needs across the territory. The proposed 2019-2020 capital budget for Nunavut Arctic College also includes a new budget item for the purchase of IT infrastructure. Given the increasing use of technology for the delivery of any number of programs and services, members fully support investments in this area.

Mr. Chairman, members appreciate the

importance of having both campus-based and community-based facilities where Nunavummiut can take advantage of opportunities to achieve academic certification as well as skills and training. Investments in this area support the development of an educated and trained labour force and help to secure employment opportunities across the territory.

Mr. Chairman, the standing committee recognizes that efforts to improve service delivery at our regional campuses are ongoing. Members look forward to the opening of the new Iqaluit Community Learning Centre Campus which is currently in its final stages of construction and is scheduled to open before the end of 2018. Members look forward to updates on the specific programs and services that will be delivered from this facility.

Mr. Chairman, the Kitikmeot Campus facility development project has been included in the Government of Nunavut's capital plan for a number of years, although it is only now beginning to progress beyond the planning stages. The plans for this project have undergone a number of changes over the past decade as needs have evolved across the territory. During the minister's appearance before the standing committee to present Nunavut Arctic College's draft 2019-2020 capital estimates, members learned with some concern that estimates for this project may exceed the initial proposed budget. It was not clear what specific aspects of the project would result in increased costs and members cautioned the minister to provide supporting information to substantiate any proposed budget increases.

Mr. Chairman, the Kivalliq Trades Training Centre in Rankin Inlet has been successfully operating for a number of years. While members recognize the need to expand trades training for Nunavummiut, it was again suggested that Nunavut Arctic College give greater consideration to expanding training opportunities in communities other than the regional centres. In addition, members encourage Nunavut Arctic College officials to continue in their efforts to partner with industry leaders to access onsite opportunities for training in heavy equipment operations and other industry-specific skill areas.

Mr. Chairman, one issue that members have noted as consistently problematic is the provision of accommodation or housing for college learners. In regional centres such as Iqaluit and Rankin Inlet, it has been noted that college learners who are originally from these communities are often denied access to college housing. It was noted further that the lack of housing has often resulted in learners being unable to continue or complete their programs. Members encourage the minister to work with Arctic College officials to review its housing policies to ensure that learners do not face this artificial barrier to pursuing their studies.

Mr. Chairman, members recognize that Piquisilirivvik, Nunavut's cultural school, is a relatively new facility and continues to successfully provide cultural programming to Nunavummiut every year. Other than small capital purchases of hunting equipment such as snowmobiles, members would be interested to know what plans are being considered for additional capital investments in Piquisilirivvik's satellite

campuses which are located in Igloolik and Baker Lake.

Mr. Chairman, members recognize the very important role that Nunavut's community learning centres play in providing community-level programming for post-secondary education and adult learning opportunities. The standing committee supports the minister in working with Nunavut Arctic College's board of management to develop a comprehensive long-term plan which addresses adult education needs in all of Nunavut's communities while taking into consideration the adequate space and facilities needed to deliver the required programming.

It has been noted that in some communities, programs occasionally cannot be delivered due to the lack of adequate or appropriate space. In other cases the ongoing conditions at community learning centres have raised concerns for the safety and comfort of staff and students. During the minister's appearance before the standing committee to present Nunavut Arctic College's draft 2019-2020 capital estimates, members were pleased to learn that the college has undertaken an ongoing assessment of community learning centres' conditions and physical status. The standing committee was given to understand that community learning centres have been prioritized according to their level of need for repair and upgrading, and members look forward to receiving a detailed list of which communities will be seeing improvements being made to their community learning centres in the near future.

With that, Mr. Chairman, I conclude my opening comments on the proposed 2019-2020 Capital Estimates of Nunavut Arctic College. I am confident that my colleagues will wish to offer other further comments of their own. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Nakashuk. Do members have any general comments? Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Welcome, minister and your staff.

I just have two comments. First of all, I would like to appreciate the efforts that you have gone to, to keep the Kitikmeot Campus facility on budget. I think that's very good to see and it shows, I think, a healthy respect for amounts that are appropriated and it's something that I would like to see across the GN in terms of fiscal restraint.

I am also happy to see the college is looking at the community learning centres and when you're talking about substantial investment in many of the college's community learning centres, as a number have been identified as in need or either significant renovations or outright replacement. That is something that my colleagues have been expressing and I'm just pleased to see that in the minister's opening comments.

(interpretation) That's it for me. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Main. Ms. Towtongie.

Ms. Towtongie: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just a general comment on

community learning centres across Nunavut that have been identified as either requiring renovations or replacement, I would like to get a list because the Chesterfield Inlet campus is one room. Even the porch is being used. That's my general comment on this issue. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Quassa.

Mr. Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have similar comments that my colleague made about the new adult education centre in Grise Fiord. It states here the classroom, the computer lab, and the office.

We know that some of our adult learning centres only have one room. When the minister is going to be considering the constructing of new buildings or renovating those facilities, please keep in mind that we would like to have the same type of building that Grise Fiord is getting because we have only one room. I just wanted to reiterate that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Quassa. Any more for opening comments? If not, we are on page M-3. Nunavut Arctic College. Headquarters. Are there any questions? Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My first line of questioning is going to be regarding the minister's opening comments on page 3. There was discussion of the Nunatta Campus Community Learning Centre. The college will first be moving in critical staff and new programs into the building before the official opening. My first question is: what are the critical staff and new programs that are moving into the

completed building? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Joanasié.

Hon. David Joanasié (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The vice-president is well versed in the campus being built in Iqaluit, so if you would allow Mr. Henriksen to respond, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Henriksen.

Mr. Henriksen: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The college will be introducing our fundamental operational staff, so our janitorial staff, our security staff, our food service staff, and to start basically turning the building on, and then we will proceed through a series of stages of moving faculty and learners into their program space. We have to make sure that we can basically operate the building before we open the doors to the public as a whole. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Henriksen. Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It's my understanding that the expansion to Nunatta Campus is going to house the cafeteria and food staff. Is there going to be an overlap in the food production services between where it's situated now and in the expansion? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Lightstone. Minister Joanasié.

Hon. David Joanasié (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

(interpretation ends) Yes, just during the transition phase, but we won't have duplicate services moving forward, just for the duration of the transition. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Joanasié. Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My next line of questioning is going to be on the need of expanding learner accommodations across the territory. It was addressed both in the minister's opening comments as well as the chair of the standing committee's opening comments is the issue of learner accommodation. My first question is: how high of a priority is expanding learner accommodations across the three regional centres? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Lightstone. Minister Joanasié.

Hon. David Joanasié: If you can hold on a second, Mr. Chairman.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Right now our focus is on CLCs and learner residences behind that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Joanasié. Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In the minister's opening comments, he referenced a board of governors meeting to get their input on the administration of learner accommodation. In the letter dated October 16 the minister had indicated that the board of governors was meeting in Arviat on October 23. The learner

accommodation policy was raised and is now on the agenda item. As that pertains to future learner accommodations, what is the final outcome of the administration of learner accommodations? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Lightstone. Minister Joanasie.

Hon. David Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If you can allow the president of Arctic College to respond, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Ms. Kolola.

Ms. Kolola (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. When the board of governors was in Arviat, they discussed the shortage of student accommodations and how they are used, especially in Iqaluit and Rankin Inlet, where they have a shortage of student accommodations. The board of governors has urged that action be taken as they couldn't do so right away. We as the staff and other senior managers want action to be taken and return here this winter. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Kolola. Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm glad that the board of governors has identified the need to expand learner accommodations to enable Arctic College to fulfill their mandate and increase the amount of students pursuing post-secondary education. I really hope that the college will take their direction seriously and expand the learner accommodations in both Iqaluit and Rankin Inlet.

My next question is going to be... . In the letter that the minister sent to me on October 16 there was a breakdown of the different learner accommodations. I think there's a total of 149 accommodations across the three different regional campuses and I believe that a large majority of those units are all leased. My next question is: how much does Arctic College pay annually for these leases and would it be better to use those funds to either purchase or construct new learner accommodations? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Lightstone. Minister Joanasie.

Hon. David Joanasie: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think that's falling into an O&M question. However, I just want to clarify that Iqaluit has 149 learner accommodation units. That's just within Iqaluit and that's not counting Rankin Inlet and Cambridge Bay. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. I want to remind the member to make sure he sticks to capital items. Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The way I posed my question was with regard to lease verses owned versus construct for capital purposes. I'm going ask the question again. The 149 units in Iqaluit alone, how much is the college paying for those leases and why would the college not consider using those to construct or purchase learner accommodations? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Lightstone. Minister Joanasie.

Hon. David Joanasié: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for the clarification. We have to follow the capital planning process in order to meet all of our needs. For right now, the leasing is a large way where we're able to accommodate learners at this point. If we had to build, I think the college isn't in a fiscal position to go that route just yet. We will take note of his comments about lease versus build. Like any department, we have to try to identify our needs and see where the capital planning process can address ours and ten other departments in the government. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Joanasié. Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I still didn't get a clear response to my question. I'm going to assume that the college has not done their homework and has not taken into consideration lease versus own. That's my knowledge, not being fiscally responsible with their funds, unless the minister would like to elaborate a bit more on that. I'll give him the opportunity now if he would like. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Lightstone. Minister Joanasié.

Hon. David Joanasié: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thanks for the question. We did submit other projects that didn't make the cut. These are what we're putting forward now. This is what we have right now is what we can work with. I think, moving forward, the learner accommodations in all regions, looking at the bigger picture of things, we can hope to address over the long-

term period. Yes, we still need to build learning centres, but also at the same time there is a great need for learner residences. In future years we might be able to see some progress in how capital plans related to learner residence will get addressed not just here in Iqaluit but in other regions. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Joanasié. Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll leave the learner accommodations topic.

I would like to talk a bit more about small capital. Has the college taken into consideration the purchase of equipment for programming, such as driver's education? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Lightstone. Minister Joanasié.

Hon. David Joanasié: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Can he rephrase his question? What does he mean by "driver"? Mr. Chairman, if he can clarify. Thanks.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Joanasié. Mr. Lightstone, if you could clarify your question, please.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. With the current labour market research, it's clear that a driver's licence is required for a lot of positions, yet with the RCMP ceasing to do the driver's tests, then it falls on the government to do so. In a lot of colleges throughout Canada they do offer driver's courses. I was wondering if the college is going to purchase the equipment that's required to give these courses. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Lightstone. Minister Joanasié.

Hon. David Joanasié: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. At this time we haven't really identified that as a great need, but we will take his comments into consideration. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Joanasié. Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Returning on small capital, of course a driver's licence isn't necessary for most jobs, but going into another area of consideration, has the college considered purchasing equipment required to provide solar installation courses? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Lightstone. Minister Joanasié.

Hon. David Joanasié (interpretation): Thank you. If you will allow the President of Arctic College, Ms. Kolola, to respond, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Joanasié. Ms. Kolola.

Ms. Kolola (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In regard to solar panels, in Iqaluit at this time they are now putting the panels on outside of Arctic College and that's going to be the only one at this time that's going to be installed. Small capital will be geared for snowmobiles, vehicles, and boats. We haven't identified solar panels at this time, but we can review it as well if requested. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Kolola. Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I believe this is my last question for small capital. Many schools in Iqaluit have hydroponic towers that are used and the produce is used to deliver their food programs. Has Arctic College considered installing hydroponic walls or towers or any sort of growth medium for any of their campuses? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Lightstone. Minister Joanasié.

Hon. David Joanasié (interpretation): Thank you. I don't think we have ever considered this issue, but (interpretation ends) maybe that can be considered further when we have more science-based programming happening at the college. If you can allow the vice-president, Mr. Karsten, to add to that, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Henriksen.

Mr. Henriksen: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Right now the college is currently in the process of selecting a new food services contractor. As part of that process, we will be looking at innovation in terms of our food service. The college would certainly thank you for bringing that up and we will certainly be engaging as we develop our pseudoscience programs as well and more hydroponic programming and services on campus. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Henriksen. Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just wanted to state that I have brought this question up during both of the standing committee meetings reviewing Arctic College's capital plans. I don't know why the minister has not taken this into consideration beforehand.

I think it's extremely for any sort of food program, whether it's Arctic College or a school or any sort of private sector cafeteria or café or restaurant, to take advantage of hydroponics because it's proven to work at any jurisdiction across Canada. If people have an opportunity to grow the food and then eat it, they will take more appreciation of it.

I don't see why the minister or the staff thought that was a joke and were laughing about it, but I take it seriously. I think it is a serious issue and I hope that the minister will as well. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Lightstone. I'll just take that as a comment and I'll move on. Ms. Towntongie.

Ms. Towntongie: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My question is: how many community learning centres across Nunavut have been identified as requiring renovations or replacement? I just need a number. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Towntongie. Minister Joanasié.

Hon. David Joanasié: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for the question. Before I answer, just for Member Lightstone, we weren't laughing at you. I mispronounced my vice-president's name and that was what I was laughing

at, just to make him aware.

Right now we have identified at least eight CLCs that need either major renovation or replacement. Also, that doesn't take into account our capital planner has not been able to go to five more communities. There are five communities he has yet to visit. Those five are Arctic Bay, Cape Dorset, Grise Fiord, Resolute Bay, and Sanikiluaq. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Joanasié. Ms. Towntongie.

Ms. Towntongie: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My final question is information technology. For the first time on your budget line, IT infrastructure has been identified as being \$300,000. I am curious as to what specific equipment or infrastructure will be purchased with the \$300,000 for this year, 2019-2020. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That's my final question.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Towntongie. Minister Joanasié.

Hon David Joanasié: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for the question. Learners today use quite a bit of technology and it's becoming more and more prevalent in not just our daily lives but for work and for learning purposes. We want to equip all or many of our CLCs with appropriate IT infrastructure. Right now the plan is to equip or purchase such software and hardware as SMART Boards, software licences, computers, and servers. Those are just some of the things that we think we can spend this on and get our community learning centres connected and online and benefit through information

technology. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Joanasie. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Welcome minister.

(interpretation ends) In your opening comments you mentioned the Kitikmeot Campus facility and that some changes have happened. I wonder if you could just tell us how much has been spent to date and whether you anticipate that this project will stay within the \$18 million budget at this time. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Joanasie.

Hon. David Joanasie: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for the member's question. If you can allow Mr. Vice-president, Mr. Henriksen...my apologies. If you can allow for him to respond to his question, Mr. Chairman. Thanks.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Joanasie. Mr. Henriksen.

Mr. Henriksen: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The college is working very closely with CGS. It is our belief that we will be able to deliver this project on budget, as is outlined in the substantiation. I don't have a number off the top of my head or in front of me right now in terms of how much was expended in the initial design work. It is our position, working with CGS, that we can deliver the project within the scope of the budget as presented. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Henriksen. If I can ask you to please slow down when you're responding to questions, it will be appreciated. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Also in the opening comments where it talks about community learning centres, it talks about them being identified as in need of significant renovations or replacement. When I read this, it sounds like they're looking at the condition of the building. I just want to confirm or understand: is the size of the community also taken into factor in terms of looking at which CLCs need to be upgraded or expanded? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Joanasie.

Hon. David Joanasie: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and for the question. Yes, that's what we also look at and take into account when looking at how we plan or want to either renovate or expand a learning facility. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Joanasie. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm very pleased that the college's board of governors was in Arviat and I'm sure they realized that the community learning centre is too small.

(interpretation ends) When it comes to heavy equipment training, that's something that has been on the books in the past and then it was kind of re-scoped. What's the current status of the college's plans as it pertains to capital

and heavy equipment training?
(interpretation) Thank you, Mr.
Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Main.
Minister Joanasié.

Hon. David Joanasié (interpretation):
Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If you can
have the president of the college, Ms.
Kolola, respond, Mr. Chairman. Thank
you.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister
Joanasié. Ms. Kolola.

Ms. Kolola (interpretation): Thank you,
Mr. Chairman. For the Heavy
Equipment Operator Program, they bring
the simulators to the smaller
communities and they go to the
interested community to provide the
training. Once they complete the training
course, they can start using the
municipal heavy equipment for hands-on
training. That's what is being used in the
communities at this time.

(interpretation ends) For the heavy
equipment operator, we use simulators
into the communities and then have the
hamlet equipment for the municipal
training after the in-class as part of the
practical part before they can be certified
to have completed the program.
(interpretation) Thank you, Mr.
Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Kolola. Mr.
Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you,
Mr. Chairman. In regard to what you just
mentioned, where are the simulators
now? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Main.
Minister Joanasié.

Hon. David Joanasié (interpretation):
Thank you, Mr. Chairman. At this time
the simulators are in Rankin Inlet and we
have not hired an instructor for that, so
that's where it remains. Thank you, Mr.
Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister
Joanasié. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you,
Mr. Chairman. The funding for this
fiscal year is \$9 million, I believe. I'm
looking at the line item. How much of it
will be for mine training? Thank you,
Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Main.
Minister Joanasié.

Hon. David Joanasié (interpretation):
Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I also thank
you. At this time zero. Thank you, Mr.
Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister
Joanasié. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you,
Mr. Chairman. I'm sorry to hear that. I
have been asking questions about it in
the House. Arctic College is taking the
lead for mine training within the
Nunavut government. I wish to have
seen some kind of mine training
program.

In regard to the Meliadine mine near
Rankin Inlet, I believe it's Tasirjuaq in
Inuktitut. Arctic College is doing
something there. Well, the minister
alluded to it in the House. What kind of
assets does Arctic College have there?

Do you have an office there? Do you have vehicles there? I would like to know what kind of equipment you have at the Meliadine mine. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Joanasié.

Hon. David Joanasié (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I also thank you for the question. Presently we have a memorandum of understanding with Agnico Eagle. However, we don't spend capital funds on mining, if that's understandable. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Joanasié. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We will discuss it again when we're not talking about capital items.

I think your headquarters in Arviat is a corporate office. Who inspects the office to see if it needs to be worked on? Is it CGS or Arctic College? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Joanasié.

Hon. David Joanasié (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Our capital planner has inspected it and the vice-president has looked at it twice. That's where it presently stands. If there is work to be done, we work with Community and Government Services. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Joanasié. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I support your office. (interpretation ends) It's a decentralized office. (interpretation) I think the staff members there feel it is fine. Representing the people of Arviat who are working there and your staff, I asked questions about that so that they can have a proper workplace. I don't have any more questions at this time, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Main. We are on page M-3. Nunavut Arctic College. Headquarters. Total Capital Expenditures. \$9,550,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Thank you. Go to page M-2. Department Summary. Total Capital Expenditures. \$9,550,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Thank you. Do members agree that we have concluded Nunavut Arctic College?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Joanasié, do you have any closing comments? Please go ahead.

Hon. David Joanasié (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I also thank my colleagues for their questions.

I would like to thank the officials of Arctic College that are here with me. With us in the gallery is one of the college's financial workers, Mr. Marcello Parungao. We thank him. We also thank our capital planner. They have prepared the materials so that we

can respond to questions.

As our work progresses, I thank you for your cooperation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

>> *Applause*

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Joanasie. On behalf of the committee, I would like to thank you and your staff for answering the questions of the committee members.

I will now ask the Sergeant-at-Arms if he could please escort the witnesses out. Mr. Akoak.

Mr. Akoak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move a motion to report progress. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Akoak. We have a motion on the floor to report progress. The motion is not debatable. All those in favour. Thank you. Opposed. Thank you too. I will now rise to report progress. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Moving on. Report of the Committee of the Whole. Mr. Rumbolt.

Item 20: Report of the Committee of the Whole

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Your committee has been considering Bill 9 of the capital estimates and would like to report progress. Also, Mr. Speaker, I move that the Report of the Committee of the Whole be concurred with. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. There is a motion on the floor. Is there a

second? Thank you, Mr. Quassa. The motion is in order. All those in favour of the motion, please raise your hand. Thank you. All those opposed. The motion is carried.

Third Reading of Bills. *Orders of the Day*. Mr. Clerk.

Item 22: Orders of the Day

Clerk (Mr. Quirke): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just a reminder that there's a meeting of the Standing Committee on Legislation at nine o'clock tomorrow in the Nanuq Room, and also at eleven o'clock a meeting of the Full Caucus also in the Nanuq Room.

Orders of the Day for November 6:

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. Responses to Petitions
12. Reports of Standing and Special Committees on Bills and Other Matters
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
19. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters
 - Bill 2
 - Bill 9
 - Bill 10
 - Bill 11
20. Report of the Committee of the Whole
21. Third Reading of Bills
22. Orders of the Day

Thank you.

>>*Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you.
This House stands adjourned until
Tuesday, November 6, at 1:30 p.m.

Sergeant-at-Arms.

>>*House adjourned at 19:02*

