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**Pangnirtung, Nunavut
Tuesday October 29, 2002**

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

Item 1: Opening Prayer

Speaker: I would like to call on Ms. Williams to say the opening prayer.

>>*Prayer*

Speaker: Item 2. Ministers' Statements. Mr. Premier.

Item 2: Ministers' Statements

Minister's Statement 050 – 1(6): Inuit RCMP Cadets Complete Their Training

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Quyannamiik, Uqaqtii. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to advise the Members of this House that on October 10, 2002, I attended graduation ceremonies to commemorate the successful completion of eleven Inuit RCMP cadets in Regina. I was also very pleased that many of the family members were able to be there at their own cost.

Last April 15 Inuit recruits went to Police Academy Training for six months of intensive training. I am very pleased that the majority of these cadets were able to complete their training.

Mr. Speaker, for the record I would like to read the names of the graduates. They are:

- Sylvia Sharp of Rankin Inlet
- George Henrie of Rankin Inlet
- Teena Palluq of Clyde River
- Kipanik Egeesiak of Iqaluit
- Russell Akeeaguk of Iqaluit
- Michael Salamonie of Cape Dorset
- Jamie Savikataaq of Arviat
- Nathan MacKay of Kugluktuk
- James Mearns of Pangnirtung
- David Lawson of Pangnirtung
- Annie Keenainak of Pangnirtung

These graduates have returned to their communities. Although they have graduated, it will take a few more months for them to be officially sworn-in and eventually take over RCMP positions when members are transferred to southern locations.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, these graduates have persevered and have made a commitment to complete their training. These individuals are a fine example as role models for our young people in Nunavut. These individuals will complement our current Inuit officers, majority who are able to communicate in our first language and familiar with our own culture.

We are now in the process of recruiting more Inuit cadets for next year. I encourage young people to approach their detachments and find out more information about joining the Canadian tradition and the law enforcement services in Nunavut.

(interpretation) Mr. Speaker, once again, on behalf of their families and Nunavummiut, I extend my congratulations to the successful Inuit RCMP graduates. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Premier. Ministers' Statements. Mr. Anawak,

Minister's Statement 051 – 1(6): Honouring Elisapee Ootoova

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to recognise Miss Elisapee Ootoova from Pond Inlet. Miss Ootoova is a life long educator who has worked to preserve Inuit traditional knowledge and language.

She has also distinguished herself through her contribution to the equality of women and is a role model for young Inuit women.

On October 18th she was honoured with the Governor General's Award in commemoration of the Persons Case ceremony at Rideau Hall in Ottawa.

I would like to ask my colleagues to join with me to recognise and thank Miss Elisapee Ootoova for her commitment in the areas of Inuit women's rights and for her contributions towards the promotion and preservation of Inuit culture, heritage and language. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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

Minister's Statement 052 – 1(6): New Training Initiatives with Nunavut Association of Municipal Administrators (NAMA)

Hon. Maniok Thompson (interpretation): Mr. Speaker, I would like to inform the members of a very successful meeting that my department, along with officials from a number of other departments, attended several weeks ago. The Nunavut Association of Municipal Administrators recently held their annual general meeting in Iqaluit.

For the first day, they invited all the Government of Nunavut departments to participate in a one-day workshop. The theme of the meeting was building partnerships. The first day of the workshop was very productive Mr. Speaker.

All the participants shared their ideas of building partnerships with the communities. These ideas were further developed in activities throughout the day. It was the first time the NAMA and the Government of Nunavut had worked together in a workshop such as this and I see this as a very exciting development.

This was followed the next day by their annual general meeting. During the second day, Mr. Speaker, NAMA and Community Government and Transportation focused their attention in a training needs study. This training needs assessment, commissioned by my Department, was conducted during the summer of 2002. Through consultation with municipal employees across Nunavut, a comprehensive listing of the training needs for all municipal employees was established. Community Government and Transportation and NAMA discussed this study and the recommendations that were proposed to deal with the identified training needs.

Together with NAMA, we agreed to form a partnership to administer and deliver a series of training courses. As the Minister for this department I have committed \$750,000 dollars over three years towards this initiative.

(interpretation ends) A steering committee with members from my Department and NAMA will oversee a training plan to cover all municipal employees over the next three years. The immediate goal is to set up a series of training courses over the next nine months.

Over the longer term, the objective is to ensure that training is available to develop local people in all aspects of municipal operations.

Mr. Speaker, through this partnership, municipal staff will receive the training they need to create additional opportunities for growth and build capacity within their communities. I am very pleased that my department has been able to work in cooperation with the Senior Administrative Officers of Nunavut to meet the training needs of municipal staff in order to help them build stronger, more capable communities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Ministers' Statements. Mr. Ng.

Minister's Statement 053 – 1(6): Financial Internship Program

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Mr. Speaker, I would like to provide the Members of the Legislative Assembly with some information on the Financial Internship Program recently initiated by the Department of Finance.

Last year the Auditor General of Canada noted that our Government should provide additional education and training opportunities for government employees, particularly in financial management. Members of this Legislative Assembly agreed with those concerns and as part of last budget, we announced that the Department of Finance was providing beneficiaries the opportunity to train in the area of financial management.

To act on that commitment, the Department initiated the Financial Internship Program. Through this program 12 internship positions have been established, 8 positions in headquarters and 4 in our regional offices.

Mr. Speaker, the Department of Finance created the Financial Internship Program (FIP) to meet several objectives. Firstly, the program provides opportunities for beneficiaries where they can learn the skills needed for senior financial management jobs with the Government of Nunavut.

The second objective of this program is to help our Government meet our commitments to develop a sound financial management base.

This initiative is the start of a long-term plan, and it is a positive step that will help us attract the right individuals to build capacity in the area of financial management.

Mr. Speaker, we are making an investment in Nunavummiut. We believe this is the right investment for this time. The Financial Internship Program should lead to more senior employment opportunities for Inuit as we continue to work toward supporting our Article 23 obligations of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Ministers' Statements. Mr. Kilabuk.

Minister's Statement 054 – 1(6): Management Development Program

Hon. Peter Kilabuk: Uqaqtii. Mr. Speaker, I am very happy to be able to inform my colleagues today about this government's new training initiative to increasing Inuit representation at management level positions in our public service.

The management development program provides on-the-job training aimed at middle and senior management positions and will place 15 Interns across Nunavut. Inuit will be

recruited both internally and externally to the Government of Nunavut where they will learn and develop under the guidance of experienced Government of Nunavut managers.

(interpretation) Mr. Speaker, this new Management Development Program demonstrates government's commitment to the Inuit Employment Plan and the principles of lifelong learning.

(interpretation ends) Programs of this nature will play an important role in helping the Government of Nunavut establish a public service that is representative of the Inuit population and I look forward to keeping my colleagues informed about this exciting new initiative as it develops. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Ministers' Statements. Mr. Kattuk.

Minister's Statement 055 – 1(6): Gasoline Re-supply

Hon. Peter Kattuk (interpretation): Mr. Speaker, I would like to update the members on this year's gasoline re-supply.

There were two stages to this year's re-supply. The first was to deliver the new gasoline supply, and the second was to remove the remaining gasoline supplies from the Baffin and Kivalliq communities.

(interpretation ends) As a result of the quality issues concerning the 2001 gasoline re-supply, I have adopted new and more thorough specifications. Mr. Speaker, I believe these new standards will ensure a higher quality product for Nunavummiut.

Mr. Speaker, this year's gasoline grade is described as *extreme*, which is similar to the *supreme* grade gasoline. The octane level of 91 is higher than the *regular* southern gasoline octane of 87, and near the 92 octane level of *supreme* southern gasoline. In addition, Mr. Speaker, the vapour pressure of 94, a level higher than southern gasoline supplies, will aid on the ease of engine starting.

(interpretation) I am pleased to report, Mr. Speaker, that all communities received their re-supply of gasoline without incident. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Item 2. Ministers' Statements. Mr. Anawak.

Minister's Statement 056 – 1(6): Slide Collection on CD-ROM

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): Mr. Speaker, as we know the importance of remembering and learning from our past cannot be overstated. The Department of

Culture, Language, Elders and Youth has preserved a collection of early photographic images taken in Pangnirtung between 1957-59. The images will be made available to Nunavummiut to give us a glimpse into community life as it was nearly a half-century ago.

Nancy Westgate, a former resident of Pangnirtung, donated 325 colour slides and 48 lantern slides to the Angmarlik Centre. To ensure the care and safety of the collection, the Centre donated the slides to the Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth.

In return, the Department has arranged to have the entire collection digitized and put onto CD-ROMs. Copies of the CDs will be given to the Angmarlik Centre so that residents can obtain printed photos of friends and relatives dating between 1957-1959. This morning, I had the pleasure of unveiling the collection at the Angmarlik Centre. The Department would like to thank Ms. Westgate for her donation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Ministers' Statements. Are there any further Ministers' Statements. Now to move onto Item 3. Members' Statements. Mr. Arvaluk.

Item 3: Members' Statements

Member's Statement 179 – 1(6): Recognition of Elijah Keenainak

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to talk about the pride we have for our fellow Inuit. I'm happy for Elijah Keenainak, who was recognized for what he has done in the past to help the Inuit. We are very proud of Elijah, as well as the community of Pangnirtung.

We want the government to act upon the recognition of the contributions of Inuit, and legitimize their cultural heritage to ensure that we reflect our people. As well, in respect to Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit, the bureaucracy says that they will try and follow Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit. For example, the mayors in Kivalliq had a meeting in Coral Harbour this past spring.

While they were at the meeting, the member of the Parliament, Nancy Lindell and Manito Thompson was also there and they spoke about transportation issues. They talked about the airport building and about replacing it in Coral Harbour. We are very happy to hear that. And also the road from Chesterfield Inlet to the gravel pit is in the process of construction and the money has been allocated and the community members are happy to hear this news.

But, I want to say that the events that are happening in Coral Harbour and Chesterfield Inlet, we have been working towards this since 1999 when our new government was created. These issues, especially the lack of gravel in Chesterfield Inlet for the road construction, and also for the foundations of the buildings in Chesterfield.

What we found out is, that these two politicians did not acknowledge any of their fellow Inuit who have been working hard towards this junction, whether they be mayors or the MLA or the community members. It was as if it was just the government members that had worked towards the finalization of this project.

The government members have to know that the mayors, the MLAs and the community members have worked together towards these goals and if we're going to go and apply Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit, we should as a government congratulate and recognize them for their contributions. We should not just take the credit for other people's work. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Arvaluk. Just to remind members that we do not have the clocks in place here so you'll have to keep your eyes on me, so I can let you know when your time is nearly up. Okay, next we have Mr. Havioyak.

Member's Statement 180 – 1(6): Kugluktuk in Need of Wellness Coordinator

Mr. Havioyak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today on an issue of great importance to the people of Kugluktuk. As the members may know the Hamlet of Kugluktuk have been staffing a community wellness coordinator position and the coordinator has had many successes.

Mr. Speaker, we are all aware that the funding for various programs exist through Federal and Territorial initiatives. (interpretation ends) We also know that these application processes can be complex and at time consuming.

Mr. Speaker, hamlet staff are busy and often applications cannot be submitted due to time constraints. The coordinator in Kugluktuk has been responsible for submitting various applications to take advantage of these programs.

In addition Mr. Speaker, the coordinator has worked on the Kugluktuk community wellness plan. Implemented a youth peers counselling project, conducted regular inter-agency meetings, and provided coordination among the Hamlet's brighter future, prenatal recreational, youth, and alcohol and drug programs. Without the coordinator, these programs would not run as smoothly or help as many people.

Mr. Speaker, the coordinator has also proved to be a very valuable resource to the health committee of Council. I celebrate the success of the coordinator has had to date but I am frustrated Mr. Speaker, that full-time funding has not yet been allocated for this position.

Mr. Speaker, the hamlet is operating this position on a deficit at this point and this cannot continue. Mr. Speaker, the Bathurst Mandate states that health of Nunavut depends on the

health of each of its physical, social, economic and culture communities and the healthy interconnection of mind, body, spirit and environment.

Mr. Speaker, the wellness coordinator in Kugluktuk is working to achieve the goals of Bathurst Mandate by enabling the hamlet to access funding to address community wellness issues. It is important that the permanent funding be found to staff this position.

(interpretation) Mr. Speaker, I will be asking some questions to the appropriate minister a bit later on in regards to this issue. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Members' Statements. Mr. Puqiqnak.

Member's Statement 181 – 1(6): Review of Institutional Needs in Nunavut

Mr. Puqiqnak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to acknowledge everybody in the communities of Gjoa Haven and Taloyoak. I say hello to my family, and my son in Inuvik.

Mr. Speaker, I am rise today in regards and to remind everybody of the importance of what Kitikmeot has been worried about in respect to the lack of correctional facilities in our region. I would like to remind the members of the tragedies occurring earlier this year involving prisoners from the Kitikmeot while in custody of the Baffin Correctional facility.

Mr. Speaker, sometimes inmates are also sent to the Yellowknife Correctional Centre if the Baffin Correctional Facility is full. However, Mr. Speaker, this is also very difficult for unilingual inmates. There are not many employees that can speak Inuktitut there anymore, for example, in Yellowknife Correction Centre.

Mr. Speaker, I understand that the government has completed a strategic plan for a correctional facility in Nunavut in co-operation with the correctional services of Canada and that they have reviewed the institutional needs for Nunavut and are finalizing these plans.

Mr. Speaker, at the appropriate time, I will be asking the Minister of Justice questions on this matter in representing my fellow Nunavummiut and Kitikmeot people and of existing barriers to housing prisoners closer to their home communities which will strengthen the healing process. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Members' Statements. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Member's Statement 182 – 1(6): Fair Policing for Nunavummiut

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I'm standing here today hoping to be understood, to be clear, I apologize if it's a little off track, but otherwise, I stand here to say that here in Nunavut, we have had policing for a long time now and they were one of the first government representatives to come up to the Arctic.

The RCMP is funded by the Federal Government and we haven't been subjected to the Canada criminal code until after WWII when the government moved north. They have hurt us in our lives and within our hearts up here in Nunavut. Perhaps it will be more understandable this way.

Since the RCMP have been here, because English is a second language and has not been spoken for a long time, so therefore our understanding is not as comprehensive, but we have never seen this criminal code. It is really hard when we have not seen anything that has been broken, when we are not shown the written law. The RCMP come in and states that you have broken a law which is why you were under arrest.

Mr. Speaker, this has been detrimental to Inuit lives here in Nunavut, the police actions, that is. They came up here with great intentions to protect the society but it hasn't always been like that in our past. There are several issues, such as the slaughter of dogs up here in Nunavut. It's true, it's so very true and this was implemented by the police. Our lives and livelihood have been affected by the RCMP and this needs to be corrected and changed for the better.

Mr. Speaker, I also want to say that the police today, I do not know exactly what are they doing in the communities. I'm not sure what it is that they do but if I suspect that they are trying to anger our young people or to correct the things that they want to do, if they are angering our young people and older people as well. That's dangerous.

Secretive persecution, if they have been angering our people secretly, that is hurting our lives and we will have to know for ourselves in Nunavut about these issues...

Speaker: Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Mr. Speaker, I would like to finish my statement in its entirety. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: The member is seeking unanimous consent to conclude his statement. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Please proceed.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I didn't finish what I had to say. Our lives here in Nunavut in the Arctic have been affected by the RCMP through their treatment, it is not all positive. We know that here in Nunavut the treatment that we have received at their hands.

We know today, that with our own government and the laws that had been made for Nunavut has to come from Nunavut for Nunavut. And also we know that we need laws made by us, for our territory.

Mr. Speaker, we became MLAs for various communities in 1999. I have travelled to various communities here in Nunavut regarding our work. Mr. Speaker, I have seen up to today and there is not one law that is geared towards Inuit specifically.

My bones have been affected because of the lack of the laws that have been made and it is up to the RCMP to break my bones, because there are no laws protecting us. There are bones in our bodies; the police can do whatever they want to us. If they choose to break them, they may do so, according to the law they can. The courts may also change the laws if they wish to, and today, most of the laws are irrelevant to the Inuit.

There are many laws here and the world and in Canada geared towards the citizens. They are affecting our lives. There is not one law geared toward Inuit. We need to work in our Nunavut of Government that we have made. This is to ensure that we enact legislation that protects Inuit and their customs. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Members' Statements. Mr. Tootoo.

Member's Statement 183 – 1(6): Assistance for Connecting to Utilidor

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise this evening to raise an issue of concern to a number of Iqaluit residents.

Mr. Speaker, the number of Iqaluit homes connected to the utilidor in recent years has been increasing. This is a positive development because it not only improves the dependability of water supply to the peoples' homes, but also reduces costs to the city.

Mr. Speaker, in recognition of the desirability of assisting home owners in connecting to the utilidor, the Government of Nunavut wisely decided some time ago to assist home owners with the hook-up costs.

These costs can run into the thousands of dollars and are a significant burden for home owners, especially young families with heavy mortgages to pay. This program has largely been a success for the residents of the lower base, however Mr. Speaker, it has come to my attention that there are some resident homeowners including people living in the Uviuk loop area who have been told by the city that they will not receive the subsidy despite the fact that they meet the same criteria as the homeowners in the lower base who have received support.

Mr. Speaker, it's my understanding that there is approximately 12 houses that we're talking about here. Surely this government and the department can look for some ways and means to assist all homeowners in their costs in hooking up to the utilidor.

Mr. Speaker, I would urge the department to review the situation and work with the city to provide clear information to the public as to what the residents are eligible to receive and work towards a solution based on the principles of fairness and equitability to the residents of Iqaluit.

Mr. Speaker, at the appropriate time I will be asking the minister responsible the questions in relation to this issue. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Members' Statements. Ms. Williams.

Member's Statement 184 – 1(6): Recognise Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Ms. Williams (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm glad to be able to rise today, to rise this evening before the month of October is over to recognize October as breast cancer awareness month.

Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Health and Social Services recently released a long awaited reported on comparable health indicators for Nunavut and Canada. Even though that report shows that Nunavut's breast cancer rates are relatively low compared with the rest of Canada.

We should use this time as an opportunity to raise awareness and make sure that these rates stay low. I would also like to recognize the efforts made by the Iqaluit Order of the Royal Purple to raise funds towards the prevention of breast cancer in Nunavut.

As with many health issues, education and awareness can go a long to preventing illness from developing into cancer.

Mr. Speaker, two weeks ago, October 18 was National Mammography Day. Mammography is a technology which can assist in the early detection of breast cancer if used properly.

I would like to encourage the Minister of Health and Social Services to continue his efforts to make mammography services available in Nunavut. At the appropriate time and to the appropriate Minister, Mr. Speaker, I will have questions on this issue.

>>Applause

Speaker: Members' Statements. Mr. McLean.

Member's Statement 185 – 1(6): Opening of Martha Talerok Centre

Mr. McLean: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I'm very glad to be in the beautiful community of Pangnirtung this evening and I really appreciate the hospitality so far but I rise tonight with a good news story from my community of Baker Lake.

Mr. Speaker, we hear time and time again about the needs to respect our elders. We hear about the need to ensure that they live in dignity within their home communities, surrounded by their family and friends.

However, the reality in our communities is too often very different. This is a sad reality that we ought to be ashamed of.

Mr. Speaker, a joyous event took place in Baker Lake earlier this month. Along with my very good friend, the Minister of Health and Social Services, I was privileged to take part in the grand opening of the Martha Taleruk Centre, a place of gentle care.

Mr. Speaker, this elder's group facility was finally renovated this year after a great deal of persistence, pressure from community leaders and myself. Mr. Speaker, the grand opening was well attended; Qamanittuaqmut celebrated that fact that three well respected community elders now have a decent place in which to live.

These elders, Emil Oklaga, John Narkjagik and Vera Akumik are the first to move into this centre. More will come from all over Nunavut and I am confident that the 19 full and part-time Inuit staff at the centre will do an excellent job.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to close by thanking the Minister for listening to the needs of the community and most importantly acting on them. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Members' Statements. Mr. Anawak.

Member's Statement 186 – 1(6): More Support For Unilingual Speaking People

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Of course sometimes when you're a young person you're not fully aware of what's happening within the community proper.

In the 1960's when the schools were established and we were being taught the English language, the English language to us was a second language but it was a convenience when you could use it outside of your community.

As a member of the Legislative Assembly and in representing the people of Nunavut and when you have been brought up speaking English as a second language at a tender age, you don't notice the types of hardships that our unilingual Inuit go through. Us younger

generations of Inuit haven't experienced this type of barrier and we don't realize the extent it reaches within their lives because English is not a foreign language to us.

Service in English to us is the norm, whether it be written or oral and we don't think about the hardships that our unilingual Inuit go through. If you look at the doorway and the exit, it's written in English. An unilingual Inuk might look at it and can't comprehend what it says but its, I think that we have to be aware of what kinds of hardships the elders go through. We have to be joyful of our accomplishments, as an example, here in Pangnirtung, the wall there is written entirely in Inuktitut. We have to be more aware of these barriers.

These people are not an embarrassment, nor is it shameful as an Inuk even if you don't speak English, you should have cultural pride in your heritage, even if it is an inconvenience to the Inuit, again we have to look at how we can make it easier for the younger unilingual Inuit and I do know that there is a lot more work to do when we're here as a regular member and in representing the people in my communities.

I think it is only in dealing with my constituents over this term, especially at this time that I have finally come to realize the kinds of hardships that unilingual people experience.

I'm talking about the people who can't read or speak English. There hasn't been very much done about this problem and I think we have to be more aware of these issues and look for solutions to make it easier for these people and to have them contribute and be proud of their skills and experiences even without the ability to speak or write English.

I urge my colleagues and the Government of Nunavut. That is the whole foundation of why we created our own government. We need to get back to what we started with in those days, prior to Nunavut. We have to promote the usage of the Inuktitut language and so lets keep our promise because there are a lot of unilingual Inuit out there experiencing these hardships. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Members' Statements. Mr. Picco.

Member's Statement 187 – 1(6): Full Time Mayor for Iqaluit

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I just want to begin by saying that it's very good to be here tonight in Pang and listening to the excellent statements from Kugluktuk and from Mrs. Williams and of course from Mr. McLean who puts us in a very good mood.

Mr. Speaker, in 1995 as a member for the Iqaluit Capital Campaign, we had as our slogan, Iqaluit for all of Nunavut.

Today, almost 7 years later, we have a new territory, Iqaluit is our capital, and our community of Iqaluit has experienced unprecedented increases in infrastructure,

population, administrative, logistical and financial needs. The business of the community and running the city of Iqaluit is complex.

Mr. Speaker, with the current elections for council in Iqaluit, we have had an excellent group of residents put their names forward for elected office. Mr. Speaker, I respectfully suggest that the time has come for Iqaluit to have a full time paid position for mayor.

This in no way Mr. Speaker, diminishes the current role of our current mayor but defines the need that with the administrative and the growth Mr. Speaker, we have experienced and that we have spoken about, I believe that there is a requirement to make the position full time.

Mr. Speaker, to facilitate this the remuneration as well as the administrative support need to be put in place to attract and interest residents of Iqaluit to run for a position of a full time mayor.

Mr. Speaker, I would urge our city council to move forward and explore the opportunities presented by having a full time elected mayor for our community in time for the next full council elections. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Members' Statements. Mr. Irqittuq.

Member's Statement 188 – 1(6): Recognise or Commemorate Inuit Culture

Mr. Irqittuq (interpretation): Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased this evening to rise in the House to talk about the visitor's centre that we visited this evening. It made me think of all the possibilities.

I walked down to the beach today and down at this spot on the beach, there is a plaque that has been attached to a boulder and it gives you the history of the whaling era. The whaling history of Pangnirtung is alluded to.

The first whalers that came in here to the Pangnirtung area, it is something that we should be very proud about and of course they are remembered and respected and therefore they're shown respect with the commemorative plaque put there by the beach. But Mr. Speaker, the Inuit have yet to see a plaque commemorating the history of the first people, the Inuit who first inhabited this part of the country. We have yet to see plaques celebrating the history of the original people.

Mr. Speaker, I do know that the first ships came in the 1600's, well the whalers came here in the 1600's but our ancestors came here thousands and thousands of years before 1600 and there is no such commemoration of our ancestors who settled Baffin Island.

I say this because we have to respect, honour and commemorate our ancestors and I saw that today when I saw the plaques down there on the beach. My lines of reasoning are like this. Our ancestors lived when there was no glass, no metal, and no wood and they survived in this harsh environment without any of the present resources that we use today. The only modes of transportation, tools, and utensils were made of rock and bones or whatever material was available. They constructed clothes, material and rope out of hides and made every tool that was needed and we have to show our respect to our ancestors for their ingenuity and persistence in surviving in the Arctic.

If it were not for our ancestors, every single one of us here, Inuit and non-Inuit would not be here today. We have to set aside some funding so that we could commemorate our ancestors and their place and role in our present day society. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Members' Statements. Mr. Nutarak.

Member's Statement 189 – 1(6): Pond Inlet in Need of Break Water

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm from Pond Inlet and yesterday I mentioned the need for a terminal building in Pond Inlet. Today I rise to expound upon the reasons for constructing a breakwater in my community.

This summer, an elder died from a boating incident where he was trying to use a small boat during a storm, to reach a bigger vessel whereby he bumped into the bigger vessel, fell in and died due to exposure. At that time he was holding on to the anchor and there were people attempting to rescue him. He was hanging on and then suddenly went limp and he had died of a heart attack which we later found out.

Due to the fact that we have no breakwater, we have a river close to our community that has fish in it and we call it Akua. When the tide is in, usually we go to the river for shelter and for a wind break. Since we don't have a breakwater or a wharf we usually cannot go to the beach when the tide is low because its very shallow and you cannot go up.

When the water is rough you just can't go to the breakwater that we currently have. They're were two boats that were lost due to high winds and every summer there is always a boat that overturns. There is no breakwater or no boating facility.

This summer the wildlife boat, which is owned by Mr. Akesuk, the Minister from the Department of Sustainable Development also overturned and the outboards were perfectly new, now they are practically worthless. There is always a boating incident every year because we don't have any type of shelter for our boats. I think I will ask the minister how much it cost him to replace these brand new outboards one of these days, not tonight.

To that end, I would like the minister to consider building a wharf in our community of Pond Inlet for the boat owners' peace of mind, safety and in order to save costs. Thank you, Mr. Speaker

Speaker: Members' Statements. Mr. Alakannuark.

Member's Statement 190 – 1(6): Thank Ministers – Education/CGT/CLEY

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have good news this evening.

I would like to thank the people of Kugaaruk. An addition is being built to the school this summer and the trails towards the DEW line site are being used in our community to facilitate their fishing and hunting trips. I would like to thank the Minister of Education and Community Government on behalf of the people of Kugaaruk and also I would like to extend my thank you to the Minister of Culture, Language, Elders & Youth.

Thank you very much for building those facilities. The people of Kugaaruk will be a lot more comfortable and I smile to my colleagues on behalf of the people of Kugaaruk.

>>applause

Speaker: Members' Statements. Are there any further Members' Statements? Mr. Kilabuk. Sorry about that.

Member's Statement 191 – 1(6): Slide Collection on CD-ROM

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thought that you had noticed me making an indication earlier. There are a lot of Pangnirtung residents here, Mr. Speaker who are my constituents, today in the gallery.

I would like to give notice to the people of Pangnirtung that the House thanks you. We mentioned it earlier in the minister's statement. We were given a slide collection on CD ROM that will be made available for viewing by the people of Pangnirtung.

In this slide collection, if you would like to download and get a copy, you could do so down at the Angmarlik Centre. These are from 1957 to 1959 and I would like to thank the minister for his donation. While we were down at the centre, we also recognized and thanked Elijah Keenainak for his contributions to the community.

He had helped a lot of people over the years through giving out food and promoting a healthy life style. He was recognized and thanked at that time and when we go down to Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery I will take that time to make some recognitions.

We had a very good visit with the trolling ship and it gives us an idea of what the employees go through when they are working on the ships. It's here to offload some of

their catch. I would like to thank the Members of the Legislative Assembly for participating in those activities. Thank you.

>>*applause*

Speaker: Members' Statements. Are there any further Members' Statements? Moving on to Item 4. Returns to Oral Questions. Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Item 5: Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I have lots of good friends here in Pangnirtung and while they're here in the gallery I'm very happy and I would like to welcome everybody to the gallery. I'm not going to say their names individually but I have a lot of friends here in the gallery and they're very gracious hosts and we're having a good time here and it seems like we just don't have enough time to go to all the places we want to.

Further, I want to recognize my colleague yesterday Mr. Speaker, when I made a mistake during my line of questioning, you were able to direct me Mr. Speaker, and to the Minister of Finance and what I stated yesterday. When I said that he wasn't telling the truth, I'm very happy to say that they didn't seem to mind when I inferred that they were lying, but they were able to respond to my question.

Please keep up the good work, so we won't need to insinuate that you're not telling the truth because you're representing us and our people. If this is the case, I will never again have to insinuate that you're not telling the truth. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Mr. Picco. Recognition of Visitors in the gallery.

Hon. Ed. Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, first of all I would like to welcome to the gallery some of our relatives. First of all, Meeka Arnakak, who worked with me about 15 years ago in 1987 as an adult educator when I had an opportunity, actually to be here in Pang and again as a home management educator in Iqaluit.

Sitting next to Meeka is Olay and Olay was at our house for Thanksgiving dinner a few weeks ago in Iqaluit. We had a nice turkey and we had a lot of fun and Olay asked me to sing some songs so maybe later tonight maybe I'll sing some more songs to the people of Pang, which she really enjoyed.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to welcome to the gallery an excellent pilot, an entrepreneur and a business activist, a good friend of many of the members here and one of mine, Mr. Jimmy Onalik and I see that Jimmy just left but I'm sure he would have liked that introduction.

Next to Jimmy was Adamie Itorcheak. Adamie, of course, is our gift to the Bandwidth and to Nunanet and next to Adamie, where Adamie was sitting is a very well welcomed visitor from Nunavik in Northern Quebec, who needs no introduction to many people, Mr. George Berthe, I believe from the Makivik Corporation. So, I'd like to welcome George.

And also, across from George, our representatives of First Air, Mr. Bob Davis who is the president of First Air and next to Bob is Jim Ballingall who is the Vice-president and next to Mr. Davis is Rick Lefevre, a well known facilitator for First Air.

Now Mr. Speaker, I want to say very quickly on behalf of Minister Kilabuk and the members, there was an excellent lunch served by First Air today. I was not able to be at that lunch that First Air had today, but I understand that my constituent, Mr. Douglas Lem's company catered that excellent lunch that I was not able to attend and it was a very good meal had by all.

So we would like to thank First Air for that lunch for the MLAs and I would also like to thank Doug Lem from Iqaluit, my constituent who did an excellent job. Mr. Speaker, you're doing an excellent job of banging on the drum and the glass and with that, I will say thank you and thank you to the people of Pangnirtung. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Picco for that presentation. Next we have Mr. Puqiqnak.

Mr. Puqiqnak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize someone in the gallery that I met way back in 1992 – 1994, I can't remember exactly when.

Since I'm a carver, I used to travel within Canada, and even outside of Canada representing the carvers. One time when I was carving, I had to teach a carving course in Ottawa and I had to travel down to teach some carvers, and I had 6 students.

There was one person who came with me to Ottawa back in 1992 or 1994, I can't remember which year it was, but I am happy to recognize Davidee Akpalialuk who went to Ottawa with me that time.

As carvers, sometimes we like to carve only what we like to dream about. We told our carvers to make any kind of carving even if they didn't like it. So after that, Davidee told me at that time that he had said that I'm the only one who can tell carvers to carve even if they don't like the carving. But he's a real carver, Davidee Akpalialuk and I wanted to recognize him in the gallery because I accompanied him to Ottawa. Thank you.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Puqiqnak. Recognition of visitors in the gallery. Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There are a lot of people here so maybe I won't have enough time. First of all, I'd like to recognize someone even though his name was mentioned previously, he had gone already yesterday and I'm sure a lot of my colleagues know him and the residents of Pangnirtung know him for sure, and within Nunavut. Back when we were still under NWT, he used to be in different organizations.

First of all, I would like to recognize Peterloosie Qappik, if you can get up. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to recognize him first as he had gone yesterday, and I also would like to recognize him, even though my colleague mentioned him already but he's in the elders' society as a board member, Davidee Akpalialuk, please stand up.

Mr. Speaker, as I stated earlier, there was recognition at the Angmarlik Visitor's Centre today for someone who has helped many different people, from the Acting President, Thomasie Alikatuqtuq from QIA through Sakiasie Sowdluapik and I'd like to recognize the person who gave the recognitions, Sakiasi Sowdluapik. Thank you.

Even though my time is almost up already, back in April 1999, lots of us didn't have the proper clothes to wear and I'm pretty sure we were all like that, but when we got sworn into the Legislative Assembly, the person who made my outfit and for whom I'm always thankful is Ooleepeeka Kanayuk, if you can stand up. Thank you very much.

I'd just like to recognize the residents of Pangnirtung. So, I'd like to welcome the residents of Pangnirtung. Thank you.

>>Applause

Speaker: Recognition of visitors in the gallery. Mr. Anawak.

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, to the person who sidestepped my recognition yesterday, I would like to recognize Peterloosie Qappik and he's a long time acquaintance of mine. I also have a representative, a constituent here Sandy Kusugak, who is from Rankin Inlet and even though there are a lot of people whom I recognize here, I'd like to recognize someone I met in 1970's back in Repulse Bay. We had a person who stayed with us and that person was a very young man, Jack Maniapik. He was taking an Observer Communicator Course when he was very young so when I see him, I am glad to say he still looks the same. So, I'd like to welcome him, Jack Maniapik. Thank you.

>>Applause

Speaker: Recognition to Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Arvaluk.

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize Peterloosie Qappik, I have known him for quite a long time. Even when we were in ITC and after there was a general meeting here in Pangnirtung where ITC had their first initial meeting here and I was an Interpreter for ten days all alone.

So I fully understand how the Interpreters feel, how tiring it is. I don't think Keenainak is here and Solomon Nakoolak and his wife, who is originally from Coral Harbour. I wanted to recognize those people.

(interpretation ends) I'd also like to recognize Bob James, First Air President and his staff. Thanks for lunch today, a beautiful lunch.

I also would like to recognize for the first time, my best friend, Lisa Sowdluapik. You probably hear her voice every time you are on First Air. Every time her voice comes on everybody says, "I could hear clearly now". And her uncle Sakiasie. (Interpretation) I would also like to recognize him, and I would like to thank the residents of Pangnirtung for feeding us constantly while we are here. Thank you.

Speaker: Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery.

I would also like to recognize the gang from First Air. I believe they also provided box lunches for 500 hundred students today and some Halloween pumpkins and Halloween candies and supplies, so hats off. Thank you. Item 6 Oral Questions. Mr. Arvaluk.

Item 6: Oral Questions

Oral Question 205 – 1(6): Funding for Teaching Staff Salary Increases

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I really wish to ask a question to the Minister of Education. We hear now that the number of students is quite high for our Student/Teacher ratio. It is something like thirty to thirty-two students to a teacher, a class with one teacher.

The Minister of Finance mentioned yesterday that the salary of the teachers would be increased by 9% over a period of three years. I would like to ask the Minister, where that funding will be coming from for this 9% increase, which is to be used for this purpose? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First, I would like to clarify that what my colleague mentioned yesterday, that this will be an increase for the salaries of the present employees. That will be implemented over the three years, and that is what my colleague mentioned and this funding is not to increase the number of teachers. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Mr. Arvaluk.

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I understand now. Now I would to ask if you can afford to give them that raise, yes I am grateful that they are getting a raise as they deserve that raise.

But, some of the really good teachers, especially in the lower grades, like from Kindergarten to Grade 3, perhaps even to Grade 6. These teachers have the largest number of students. Can you look for additional financing in order to be able to get more teachers especially for those whose ratio is lopsided?

The Minister of Finance stated that there would be more funding for teachers, additional finance funding in order to be able to get more teachers especially for those whose ratio is quite high so they can instruct or teach, because I thought that we agreed up to twenty per teacher, but now the ratio is thirty to one. Thank you. Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A lot of people have told us that the number of student enrolment in some communities is quite high, especially in some schools, even though it is not constantly like that. There seems to be more numbers of students in the lower grades and that is where the ratios are lopsided. This is an ongoing concern to all of us.

The DEA Chairpersons and the Principals, we had meetings in the Kitikmeot, Kivalliq, and the Baffin, and we told them about the number of students. We want to try to keep up with the new enrolment figures that we encounter every year, so that we will be able to keep up with providing teachers so there will not be a shortage for the next year. As to how much more funding we will be giving to provide more teachers at those levels, I cannot answer at this time until after it is approved by the House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The plans that you are mentioning and you said that it has to be approved by the Legislative Assembly first. Does this mean that in order to lower the ratio, it will be based on those figures and once we raise questions in regards to the figures used during that process, will you be able to state, all this is one question Mr. Speaker.

What I am trying to say is, there are 26 communities and quite a few different schools within Nunavut, the present funding that we provide to the students and to the teachers, is that using a ratio of twenty to one per school? Is that what you are saying? Thank you.

Speaker: Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The funding that we presently receive and I am happy to inform my colleagues that we go by the number of enrollees per school within Nunavut and as to how many teachers that we will require. But on top of that, there was mention that there should be an increase to hire more students.

The DEA authorities in the communities will be able to get somebody locally who will fill in or teach in some areas, but the ratio presently per student to a teacher is not consistent. It is very difficult to keep within that range when we don't have enough funding. So after doing more studies on the problems faced within these grades, we will be coming up with recommendations as to how we could best keep up with the ratio. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Supplementary. Final supplementary. Mr. Arvaluk.

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I fully understand you, my final supplementary. The Government also mentioned that they will do an overview of the different Departments. During that review, which ones will they prioritize as they all require more funding. In which area will they be able to provide more funding, increase their funding or in areas where there are surplus, decrease this item line? The present student/teacher ratio, will that be in the research? Thank you.

Speaker: Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, we have checked to see how they are funded, both the DEA and the schools. We will try and resolve these issues, especially the student-teacher ratios. The reviews that we have done to the schools, we will be using the reviews we have done, Thank you.

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

Oral Question 206 – 1(6): Community Wellness Coordinator

Mr. Havioyak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to raise my question in regards to my statement earlier today to the minister of Health and Social Services in regards to the Community Wellness coordinator position.

As I stated earlier, in Kugluktuk, the community wellness coordinator has a very stressful job and as we know at times, the funding or the salary is inadequate. I would like to ask the Minister, will there be a review as to how the salaries are based. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Picco.

Mr. Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, the wellness money, the community wellness money that we administer on behalf of the federal government is one of the most successful programs, last year we ran out of 215 programs in Nunavut, out of that

pot of money. It's very important to note Mr. Speaker, that the community wellness coordinators, in most cases, are employees of the Hamlet and the monies that are given to the Hamlet through the community wellness/brighter futures money is allocated towards salaries, so it's up to Hamlet with the funding that they received to allocate the base salary for that employee. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Minister. Supplementary. Mr. Havioyak

Mr. Havioyak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want a little bit more clarification in regards to the Brighter Futures program, this is regarding our young people. Also if you are having an alcohol problem or a drug problem because of the fact that we already used the funding for the brighter future position, I think there should be additional funding that's coming into our community and for this but for our community wellness centre, there should be a separate funding for community wellness center employees.

If you don't have adequate funding for the employees in the community wellness centre because the brighter future has its own funding but I think we should be given a separate funding for the community wellness centre.

This community wellness coordinator should have an adequate funding, so I want to know whether they are seeking more funding for this particular issue that I am asking about. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you. Minister Picco.

Mr. Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I said earlier the brighter futures money comes from the federal government and there administered by the department of health, as I said earlier we round out 215 programs across the territory.

It's a very successful program and it includes programs like community mental health, child development, healthy babies, parenting skills, nutrition programs and so on.

Mr. Speaker, the actual salary dollar allocation is based of funds that are received by each Hamlet. So for example in Kugluktuk, if the community gets 250 thousands dollars, they allocate that money and the programs that about to run as well as the community dollars for the community wellness coordinator and the member is correct.

We are in negotiations ongoing with the federal government trying to increase the amount of dollars that are available to us under these federal funded programs.

What I can do Mr. Speaker I would commit to do for the member is to review the allocation with him for the community of Kugluktuk to see if there's economies scale in regards to amounts of dollars that are being spent for the salary base for the community wellness coordinator. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Supplementary. Mr. Havioyak

Mr. Havioyak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you. very much you're your response Mr. Minister. How are you going to commit this funding to our community. So this way when are we going to hear about this, so when are we going to commitment to our community Kugluktuk, cause the community of Kugluktuk are patiently waiting, for more funding for the community wellness centre, Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister.

Mr. Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. These monies that we just spoke about are projects specific, the community of Kugluktuk would submit an application through the Kitikmeot Inuit Association which is the facilitator in that region, for these monies from brighter futures.

With that money that is contributed based on the program that Kugluktuk was about to run or trying to run, in that are salary dollars, what I have said is I would commit to work with member to see what the allocation of dollars are for Kugluktuk and have our people out of the regional office in Cambridge Bay see if there is an opportunity to increase or to look at the allocation of funds to bring the bear, to situation and to and the issue that the member has so well articulated tonight, Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Mr. McLean

Oral Question 207 – 1(6): Treatment Centre in Nunavut

Mr. McLean: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question today is to the Minister of Health and Social Services and I read off couple of sentences from the statement from yesterday.

We will be adopting a two found approach to substance abuse and addictions treatment in this approach we will set up a limited detoxification services so the person needing treatment has access to medical expertise.

Mr. Speaker my question to minister today, is does this mean that there's going to be a drug and alcohol treatment centre opened in Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the Premier indicated several weeks ago and following up our mental health strategy that member had a chance to table in this house, yes the answer is yes to the members question that the Department of Health and Social Services moving towards a limited detox centre as well as continuing to do treatment programs with holistic approach based on the community treatment knowledge. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you minister. Supplementary. Mr. McLean.

Mr. McLean: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. That's good news for the residents of Nunavut that we will be able to access this treatment without leaving territory and we all know what it's like when residence of Nunavut has to leave the territory to seek a specialized treatment.

In this approach to this, and if he is going to establish a drug and alcohol treatment centers in Nunavut, is there going to be one centre built in Nunavut or are they going to look at establishing a smaller centre in each region. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, let's be careful in what the way we are using the phraseology. Speaker there's two types of center's, there's as a detox center one in Inuktitut the Pannirsivi and the other one is the treatment centre the mammisarniq, which means you get treated for the holistic approach to your problem.

Mr. Speaker, in the past we've had a detox centre and that's where someone physically/mentally addicted to a drug and addicted to alcohol, and Mr. Speaker those cases they may need a detox centre to wean them off the alcohol or the drugs.

Mr. Speaker we are in the process of looking at opening up a limited detox and at the same time. Mr. Speaker, the department believes that when you are running these types of programs, in most cases in Nunavut, we don't have people who are addicted to hypodermic needles. Mr. Speaker, We have people who binge drink, Mr. Speaker we have people who have a different type of addiction and those addictions should be treated at home.

Why should we take a person out of Pang and send them 5 hundred miles to Rankin or Whale Cove or Iqaluit and treat them for six weeks and get them off booze and send them back to Pang, and deal with the same problems that they had, that's not helping someone Mr. Speaker.

What we tried to do is increase our mental health workers and alcohol drug workers and Mr. Speaker for the first time, through strategy the mental health strategy with psychiatric nurses in communities so that we can help people with their problems why they are drinking. So Mr. Speaker the member is correct we will have a limited detox in Nunavut but we will also combine it with the wellness centers which we have already in place. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Minister. Supplementary. Mr. McLean

Mr. McLean: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank the Minister for his lengthy response and I'm not as well versed in the phrases of detoxifications and things like this.

Can the Minister explain to me what he means by detox services if he's not talking about building a centre or smaller centers, Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker when we say detox, we're talking about a person who has most cases clinically been personally referred for substance abuse problems, that's where they are physically addicted to the problems, whether it be alcohol and now Mr. Speaker it is sad to say in some cases we've seen cases in Nunavut who are addicted to drugs.

Mr. Speaker, in those cases that person needs to be clinically monitored in a community where you have a detox centre, where you have a nurse, we have medical professionals to help them get away from the addiction. After they've been detoxified, that their addiction is broken, then you put them in a wellness program, a treatment program to help them with the problems, why were they binge drinking, why were they addicted to needles and so on. So that's the difference with detoxification program and a wellness treatment program.

Mr. Speaker we have the wellness programs right now in Nunavut who would like to bring back a Nunavut culturally aware using Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit in the process for the detoxifications. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Minister. Oral Questions. Supplementary. Mr. McLean

Mr. McLean; Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's nice to get the same answer twice and I'd like to thank the minister, I'm not quite getting it yet, but when he talks about limited detox services like, I don't think there's that many communities in Nunavut that can provide a limited detox service, not that I'm aware of, unless the minister has set up one or two up in the last little while we don't know about.

So can he be more direct in what he means by limited detox, is it about, is in the process of designate a few communities to provide these services or is there communities now that are providing these services that we don't know about. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker specifically on the area of detox, as the Premier has indicated in a National speech given in Montreal, the Government of Nunavut in the mental health strategy is moving towards putting a limited detox facility in a non decentralized community.

Mr. Speaker, the Premier has made it very clear that we would like to have this type of service in a community which does not have the benefit of decentralized jobs and is one of the smaller communities.

Mr. Speaker, the government has not selected that community yet, and Mr. Speaker, we're in the middle of putting together the detox program that would be used at the limited treatment centre. I hope that helps to answer the member's question. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Before we move onto the next question, just to remind members that at 8:00 we will break for a swearing in ceremony, so that's in 15 minutes time. Oral Questions. Ms. Williams.

Oral Question 208 – 1(6): Status of Proposed Mammography Machine

Ms. Williams (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my questions to the Minister responsible for Health and Social Services.

Recently on the news, there were request for proposals for mammography equipment in Rankin Inlet. Perhaps the minister can tell us what the status of it is today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Ed. Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, first of all, the proposed mammography machine, that was for a private company that was bringing forward in Rankin Inlet. I think the name of the company is Piruksaijiit.

Mr. Speaker, I can't give the member an update on that. That's a private matter of a private company. What I can say is that Government of Nunavut has not endorsed a for profit private to deliver health services in Nunavut, number one, and number two, the proposed mammography machine that is being contemplated by the company in Rankin has not been certified or licensed for use in Canada or the United States.

For those reasons Mr. Speaker, the Government of Nunavut fails to for best servicing the people of Nunavut and not allow unlicensed equipment to be used in Nunavut.

Mr. Speaker, I don't know what the status of the programs or plans of the private company are, but that is the direction that the Government of Nunavut and the stance of the Government of Nunavut has taken on the private medical plan in Rankin Inlet. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Ms. Williams (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The response was very good and the clarification is very well. I'm glad that the government is transparent and I'd like to ask the Minister if he could tells us what the status is on either in the health centres, if there are similar diagnostic equipment for those kind of things. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed. Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the member raising the issue and over the last several weeks, especially on the local CBC, on the radio, on the phone in shows, there have been comments that me as a Minister of Health for the Government of Nunavut have not been interested or taken the issue of breast cancer serious enough.

Mr. Speaker, let me say here and categorically state it factually that Mr. Speaker, the amount of breast cancer in women in Nunavut is very small, however, how small it is it is very important. At the same time Mr. Speaker, the cervical cancer rates in Nunavut for women are 35 times the national average. We have women dying today Mr. Speaker, because of cervical cancer.

Mr. Speaker, as the member has just said, the best education for breast cancer awareness is self examination as well as education that is done through the nursing stations in wellness clinics, which we are doing right now.

Mr. Speaker, I will not as the Minister of Health and Social Services allow untested, unlicensed equipment to come into Nunavut and have people, women in Nunavut, my wife, my mother-in-law, my relatives, women to be treated by untried equipment that should not be allowed. We are not set up as a government for experimentation by other jurisdictions or other pieces of equipment.

Mr. Speaker, the Government of Nunavut had in the last week, has done a thorough investigative work on this piece of equipment. I can say, Mr. Speaker, in this House, that categorically today with the information that has been provided to us, there is no way that we will endorse that piece of equipment. And at the same time, Mr. Speaker, the Member had asked me earlier, the Government of Nunavut is looking for the opportunity to bring in quality, tried and tested equipment that is licensed in Canada, that is licensed in the world to look at the opportunities for mammography.

We are doing that, but we are not interested in untried, and untested equipment for use on all residents. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Ms. Williams: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Perhaps the Minister didn't understand my last question. However, he elaborated a lot better than I could. I thank him for making sure that we will have good licensed, proper equipment in Nunavut. Although he elaborated that a lot better than I could, I thank him for that. But I am asking the Minister if he can tell us what is in place right now, services that are available in Nunavut? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, again I appreciate the clarification the Member is questioning. Right now in Nunavut, every Health Centre across Nunavut and in Iqaluit, in the Hospital, we provide well women clinics for women. Where the need is generated, women have to opportunity of learning how to do self-examination. And, Mr. Speaker, if a doctor or a nurse feels that a resident, a woman of Nunavut, needs to have a mammography, then they are clinically referred, and Mr. Speaker, those costs are paid for by the Department of Health.

I believe. Mr. Speaker, last year in all of Nunavut there was maybe six women who were sent out for clinical diagnoses, or having a mammography. Mr. Speaker, most of the time, here in Nunavut, through well women clinics and so on, there are screenings done for breast cancer. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Supplementary. Final supplementary. Ms. Williams.

Ms. Williams: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Minister keeps indicating that there is equipment. Maybe he can explain where this equipment is, and also can the Minister describe what measures are being taken by his Department, to increase the awareness of breast cancer in Nunavut.

He said before that breast cancer in Nunavut is very low, that is when we should be doing something, not when it gets to be a big problem. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I didn't say that there was equipment. I said that we do not have a mammography machine in Nunavut. And when a mammography is called for by a physician or someone is clinically referred, Mr. Speaker, we make that available. Last year, there were six, I believe that there were six people that was the case for.

Mr. Speaker, what we are doing, and the Member is correct, and she said in her opening statement, education, self-awareness, self-examination, questions to Nursing Stations, to doctors visiting and so on.

That is the best way at the present time that we have to be aware of it. I did say, Mr. Speaker, is that the Department is investigating the opportunity to see if we can, and if there is a need, to bring in a portable mammography machine into Nunavut. Again that is based on need and based on the requirements of the Department, both fiscally, as well as administratively, and logistically. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Oral Question 209 – 1(6): Funding Required for Utilidor Hook-up

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, as promised in my Member's Statement, my question is for the Minister responsible for Community Government and Transportation.

Mr. Speaker, in my Member's Statement I talked about an issue facing a number of residents in Iqaluit as I mentioned in my statement there are approximately twelve units over the next couple of years that are going to be required by the City to hook up to the utilidor and more away from the truck services.

As I understand, I think that it was two years ago this government allocated funding for subsidies to units in the Lower Base area and as I am also aware that down the road there are going to be a few other units or houses that are in the plans, I think in 2005, to be hooked up to the utilidor as well.

I would like to ask the Minister if she would look at reviewing the situation with the City and coming up with a plan to ensure that the same treatment that those people that live in the Lower Base got as far as the subsidy goes.

For the other twelve, it is only twelve units, would the Minister commit to looking at working with the City to come up with some type of subsidy for those twelve homeowners. And also keep in mind that this is an ongoing work in progress and that there may need to be some plans to make this, not just a one time fix, but something that may need to be addressed, you know, maybe this year, it was done two years ago and they are saying that maybe in 2005 again it is something that might need to be looked at as well. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Thompson.

Hon. Maniok Thompson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will commit my Department to look into the situation and see what we can do to review the situation in the riding of the MLA here, in Iqaluit. I will also ask my Department to see if they can communicate better to the homeowners, with the City, where we can assist them in their problems with the hook-ups to the utilidor.

I know that I am aware through my briefings that there was a subsidy committed two years ago I think for some of the area, but some of the houses still need some work on that. Yes, I will ask my Department to review this and see what we can do with the City of Iqaluit. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Supplementary. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to hear the Minister's response. I am just wondering if in reviewing the situation with the City, I know that here today we are a young government and there was a commitment made a

couple of years ago of funding, I believe that it was 300 thousand dollars to assist homeowners to subsidize for this hook-up and again I believe at the time, that that was just allocated. This is what we need right now and so okay here you go and go and fix it.

I guess when you are young, you don't realize here we are two years later; we are in the same boat again. Maybe another couple two or three years we are going to be facing the same problem again. Will the Minister commit in her meetings with the City to look at developing some type of an ongoing program to ensure that all the residents of Iqaluit that are going to be forced to hook-up onto the utilidor will receive fair and equitable treatment in regards to the subsidies. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Thompson.

Hon. Maniok Thompson: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I am not really aware of the commitments that were made by the last government or the last few years as I just took this portfolio on about nine months ago but I have made a commitment to review the situation.

What I have been told from the department is that for the 7% of the cost from property lines to the owners house is subsidized and 100% of the cost from the main pipe to the home owners property was subsidized.

We will review the situation to see where we can assist the city for the 12 home owners that the member has just mentioned. After we have done that, we will be able to see what else we can do for the next phase of the utilidor hook ups in Iqaluit. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral questions. Members will take a short break and continue after the break with question period. It will take the staff a few minutes to set up for the swearing-in ceremony so it will take 5 or 10 minutes. Sergeant of Arms.

>>House recessed at 8:02 p.m. for swearing in ceremony of Deputy Commissioner and resumed 9:10 p.m.

Speaker: Members, recognising that we have run out of time for the most part and that the school has run out of water. We will proceed with Item 7. Tomorrow we will have the balance of the question period on to tomorrow's question period time. Agreed? Agreed.

Item 7. Written Questions. Item 8. Returns to Written Questions. Item 9. Replies to Open Address, Replies to Opening Address. Item 10. Petitions. Item 11. Report to Special Standing Committees. Item 12. Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills. Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Item 14. Notices of Motions, Mr. Tootoo

Item 14: Notice of Motions

Motion 009 – 1(6): Extended Adjournment

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I give notice on that October 31st, I will mov the following motion: I move, seconded by Honourable Member for Cambridge Bay. The now withstanding rule for November, the house concludes its sitting in Pangnirtung, it shall be adjourned until November 19th, 2002, in Iqaluit. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Item 14. Motions. Item 15. Notice of Motions of First Reading of Bills. Mr. Ng.

Item 15: Notice of Motions for First Reading of Bills

Bill 14 – Nunavut Elections Act - Notice

Mr. Ng: Thank you, Mr. Speaker I just want to notice October 31st, 2002, I shall move the Bill 13 elections up, sorry Bill 14 Nunavut Elections Act be read for the first time. Thank you.

Speaker: Item 16. Motions. Item 17. First Reading of Bills. Mr. Ng.

Item 17: First Reading of Bills

Bill 14 – Nunavut Elections Act – First Reading

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Okay Mr. Speaker. I see consent to waive rule 62(1) so that Bill 14 could be read the first time this evening. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you Minister. The Minister is seeking consent to waive Rule 62(1), so that Bill 14 can have first reading today, are they any nays. There are no nays. Please proceed.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I move the second Honourable for Uqqummiut that Bill 14. Nunavut Elections Act be read for the first time. Thank you.

Speaker: Motions for all those in favour. All those opposed. Motion is carried. Bill 14 has had first reading. First Reading of Bills. Item 18. Second Reading of Bills. Mr. Ng.

Item 18: Second Reading of Bills

Bill 14 – Nunavut Elections Act – Second Reading

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Mr. Speaker, I seek consent to waive the Rule 62(1) so that Bill 14 can be read for the second time this evening. Thank you.

Speaker: The Minister seeking consent to wave rule 62(1) so that Bill 14 can have second reading today, are there any nays? There are no nays, please proceed Mr. Minister.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I move, seconded by the Honourable for Uqqummiut that Bill 14. Nunavut Elections Act be read for the second time. This bill enacts the new Nunavut Elections Act to replace the Act which was inherited from Northwest Territories upon division in 1999.

Mr. Speaker, although you and your witnesses will be presenting this Bill in detail during proceedings of community as a whole, I'd like to take this opportunity to make a number of comments.

Mr. Speaker this bill establishes the framework for the election of members of Legislative Assembly. It promotes the meaningful exercises of Democratic Rights and Freedoms of residents of Nunavut.

It respects of the unique circumstances of our territory. This is the second year in a row in which legislation has been fast forward during our decentralized sitting of this house that strengthens the foundations of governance in Nunavut.

Last year in Cambridge Bay, members of Legislative Assembly gave their unanimous support to the passage of Nunavut's Integrity Act. The introduction of the new Nunavut Elections Act reflects our commitment to the on going review and development of made in Nunavut Legislation. It is a responsible measure that establishes the necessary framework for the conduct of future elections to this assembly.

I would like to extend my appreciation for the efforts of all Members of this House for their contribution to the development of this Bill and note the work that was accomplished by the Standing Committee Ajauqtiit in starting the process that has led to our deliberations on this Bill. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. The motion is in order. To the principle of the Bill. All those in favour? All those opposed? Bill 14 has had Second Reading. Minister Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to waive Rule 67-(2) so that Bill 14 the Nunavut Elections Act can immediately be ordered into the Committee of the Whole. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. The Minister is asking for unanimous consent to waive Rule 67-(2) so that Bill 14 can be immediately ordered to the Committee of the Whole. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Bill 14 is ordered into Committee of the Whole. Item 18. Second Reading of Bills. Item 19. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and other Matters. Mr. Tootoo.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Rule 46, I move seconded by the Honourable Member for Kugluktuk that this House adjourn for tonight. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. The Motion is in order and not debatable. In accordance with the authority...All those in favour? All those opposed? The Motion is carried. Item 22. Orders of the Day. Mr. Clerk.

Item 22: Orders of the Day

Clerk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. An announcement for tomorrow morning. A meeting of the Regular Caucus with the Minister of Finance in the Government of Nunavut Building boardroom, a change of time, time is now 10:00 o'clock in the morning.

Orders of the Day for Wednesday, October 30th:

1. Prayer
2. Ministers' Statements
3. Members' Statements
4. Returns to Oral questions
5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery
6. Oral questions
7. Written questions
8. Returns to Written questions
9. Replies to Opening Address
10. Petitions
11. Reports of Standing and Special Committees
12. Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills
13. Tabling of Documents
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15. Notices of Motions for the First Reading of Bills
16. Motions

17. First Reading of Bills

- Bill 12
- Bill 13

18. Second Reading of Bills

19. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters

- Bill 14
- Bill 15
- Bill 16

20. Reports to the Committee of the Whole

21. Third Reading of Bills

22. Orders of the Day

Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. This House stand adjourned until tomorrow Wednesday, October 30, at 1:30.

Sergeant-at-Arms.

>>*House adjourned at 9:18 p.m.*

