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**Pangnirtung, Nunavut
Friday November 1, 2002**

Members Present:

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk, Mr. Ovide Alakannuark, Hon. Jack Anawak, Mr. James Arvaluk, Mr. Donald Havioyak, 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.

Item 1: Opening Prayer

Speaker: I would like to call on Mr. Alakannuark to say the opening prayer.

>>*Prayer*

Speaker: Good morning members. Ullakkut. Item 2 Ministers' Statements. Item 3. Members' Statements. Mr. Havioyak.

Item 3: Members' Statements

Member's Statement 217 – 1(6): Land Claim Agreement Signing Anniversary

Mr. Havioyak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (Interpretation ends): Mr. Speaker, I rise today on our final day in this beautiful and generous community of Pangnirtung to share an exciting announcement.

As you know July 9th, 2002 marks the tenth year of the anniversary signing of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement in Kugluktuk. To celebrate the anniversary of this landmark agreement, the community is planning a traditional gathering of Inuit from across Nunavut, Nunavik, the Northwest Territories, Alaska, and Greenland.

Uqaqtii, the festival will include competition in the traditional Inuit Northern Games. Many of the planned traditional games haven't been played since the first Northern Games that were held in Inuvik in 1969. I am truly looking forward to watching our youth during these games to continue their practice into the future.

Uqaqtii, in addition to these sport events, good woman events such as goose plucking, fish cutting and tea boiling will also take place. Uqaqtii, this gathering will truly be a celebration between two hundred to two hundred and fifty participants from across the circumpolar world.

I invite all Members to join me next summer at this celebration. Koannaqutit, Uqaqtii.

Speaker: Members' Statements. Mr. Irgittuq.

Member's Statement 218 – 1(6): Thank you to Hosts

Mr. Irgittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, during our session here in Pangnirtung, I would like to say thank you to the people I am staying with, they are very hospitable and Mark Sowdluapik and his wife are also very approachable, they happen to be Peter Kilabuk's in-laws.

They have given us a very nice place to stay, and also for those Inuit I could not see today or during our trip, when I'm on TV tomorrow, I say hello to them and good bye. Thank you.

Speaker: Members Statements. Mr. Puqiqnak.

Member's Statement 219 – 1(6): Condolences and Thanks to the Member of Pangnirtung

Mr. Puqiqnak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Very briefly, it won't be long, since this is our last day. In this session here in Pangnirtung, in Nunavut, on behalf of my wife and we would like to say thank you as per Inuit traditions because the reception, along with the hospitality, has been very good, Mr. Speaker.

I'd like to say thank you to the member of Pangnirtung, even though he had gone through hardship with his family, previously but now the whole family is getting back to their normal life and I am very happy about that, because we have an omnipotent being, our God, who takes care of us. Please request for his assistance and help when we go through hard times, so that we may not fall.

Mr. Speaker, we are heading back home, as my colleague has stated for those people I could not see, I say goodbye to you and thank you and the hospitality is very good and the scenery is extremely gratifying, thank you.

>>Applause

Speaker: Members' Statement. Mr. Arvaluk.

Member's Statement 220 – 1(6): Coal Harbour Athletes Medal Winners

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today, I rise today to recognize the tremendously capable five young people who went to the summer games representing Inuit. Nunavut as a separate territory, for the first time sent representatives to the 2002 North American Indigenous games, and they started July 27 to August 5, 2002, in Winnipeg.

We sent five participants to those games with one coach and two coordinators. These Nunavut residents, they received five medals, three gold, one bronze and one of them came in fourth. These participants travelled to the games from Coral Harbour. Bruce

McKitric was the coach, also of Coral Harbour. They represented Nunavummiut in wrestling and here are the results: Amanda Ningeocheak won the gold medal.

(Interpretation ends): Amanda Ningeocheak gold medalist, in the 48 kilograms-Juvenile women's; Susie McKitric gold medalist in 60 kilograms-Juvenile Women's, Joe Saimaut bronze medalist in 58 kilograms-Juvenile Men's, Tony Eetuk who place fourth in 63 kilograms-Senior Men's, Joe Nakoolak gold medalist in 74 kilograms-Juvenile Men.

I would like to again, extend my congratulations to each and to make note of their achievements here today, we are certainly very proud of their great performance at the 2002 North American Indigenous games.

On behalf of Coral Harbour and young people of Nunavut, I would like to thank the Minister Thompson, and the Nunavut Government in contributing to the successful event. Once again, congratulations to these athletes from Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Members' Statements. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Member's Statement 221 – 1(6): Thank You for Hospitality

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I will not take too much time in making my statement.

Starting in 1978, I started coming here to Pangnirtung. At that time, when I was younger there were people that I knew at that time who invited me during this session, I apologize because I was unable to go to their homes. They invited me for meals, because I could not make it to all the homes that requested my presence.

Since I was young, I have known many Pangnirtung residents. When I was young, my peers, my friends and the hospitality of the people of Pangnirtung have been really good. I would like to say that, in all the time that I have been coming here to Pangnirtung, I never saw Peter Kilabuk until I became a Member of the Legislative Assembly. I finally saw him at that time.

Perhaps he was hiding somewhere when he was growing up. I am quite proud of him and of his achievements, including his community. I am very proud of the Pangnirtung residents and I would like to thank all of them for their extremely gracious hospitality. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Members' Statements. Mr. Nutarak.

Member's Statement 222 – 1(6): Thank You to the Residents of Pangnirtung

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I enjoyed our meeting here in Pangnirtung. I apologize that I was not able to see all of my relatives here in Pangnirtung. I have maternal relatives here in Pangnirtung. I should take this opportunity to apologize, first of all for not being able to see them all.

The session in Pangnirtung was very receptive and I felt very much at home. And because I had to go see a lot of relatives, I would like to take this opportunity to apologize to the individuals that I did not go to visit.

We had two lunches provided at 12:00 o' clock. There was one time when we went to the Trawler and we had lunch, then we landed and had another lunch that was hosted by First Air. I would like to thank the people of Pangnirtung for providing us with excellent meals and also their graciousness in hosting this session. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Members' Statements. Ms. Thompson.

Member's Statement 223 – 1(6): Keewatin Region Referee Awards

Hon. Manitok Thompson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also would like to thank our host MLA, Minister Kilabuk, for his hospitality.

Before I say my Members' Statement, which is very short, I would also like to say that, I was here as a young teacher in 1975 when one of the teachers went on adoption leave. Those students of mine have kids now. I don't think that they recognize me but I thank them for their community for hosting us. They did a very fine job.

Today I would like to recognize some individuals in the Keewatin region. We are hockey fanatics in the Keewatin region, of the whole territory I think. Our arenas are full, even on Saturday morning for practice for Sunday morning, some seats are full.

In the Keewatin region, Mr. Speaker, there were some referees that got awards. Actually, the Keewatin region swept the referee awards for hockey in Nunavut. I would like to recognize the individuals that won these awards. Greg Sim of Rankin Inlet won the best new referee award. Sam Tapartuk of Arviat, from your riding Mr. Speaker, won the most improved referee awards. And also our favourite reporter of the Keewatin region for the Kivalliq News, Darryl Greer, referee in chief, also won the most deserving award, which he deserves the most I'm sure.

For these individuals, we are very proud of them as a Government of Nunavut that supports hockey in all our regions. Thank you very much for their contribution and the dedication to hockey in our communities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Ms. Thompson. Members' Statements. Mr. Ng.

Member's Statement 224 – 1(6): Thank You to Pangnirtung Residents

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I too want to speak briefly about the events here in Pangnirtung. For the past week we had an opportunity of course to be greeted by a community and a dance later that night. Many of us had an opportunity to tour the fishing trawler that brings in the turbot here for the Pangnirtung fisheries.

There was an entertaining Halloween contest that many of us were entertained by, last night. We of course had the swearing in of the new deputy commissioner, Ms. Lena Metuq, a Pangnirtung resident.

And Mr. Speaker, from a business perspective, we did accomplish a lot. We passed our new Elections Act, first one it has made an effect in all of us. Running for a re-election and the new candidates and future MLA's. We passed two major supplementary appropriation bills.

So once again, I think it was important that many of the residents of Pangnirtung, a community outside of the capital city, had an opportunity to see their legislative assembly, their government in action from the first hand perspective and I believe that was quite beneficial.

I'd like to thank all the residents that I met in the past week here for the warmth and hospitality. I'd like to thank my colleague, Peter Kilabuk, who went out of his way to help us, to organize the dance and look after whatever our needs were.

And finally, Mr. Speaker, just on one closing note after the session here, the Government of Nunavut and the Federation of Nunavut Teachers will be signing off on the new collective agreement that was reached between our organizations. It'll be hosted and then MC'd by the new Deputy Commissioner and once again, thank you very much to the residents of Pangnirtung. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Ng. Members' Statements. Mr. Kilabuk.

Member's Statement 225 – 1(6): Thank You to Pangnirtung

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would first of all, like to thank my colleges and also to the residents of Pangnirtung for hosting the 6th session of the Legislative Assembly and for participating and observing the sittings of the legislative assembly.

The pages and the servants of the schools and especially Roger Alivaqtaq, who coordinated the feast and also the Halloween party that was held at the other school. And because the legislative assembly staff works so hard, I would like to thank you all for coordinating the meeting.

I would also like to thank the people who came in first to prepare for the meeting and also the interpreters who are vital to the running of the legislative assembly. And last, I would like to thank Kevin Aliqatuqtuq, my grandchild who is in Qikiqtarjuaq, who won the best dressed Halloween costume at their daycare and I will see them again soon. Thank you.

>>Applause

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

Member's Statement 226 – 1(6): Thank You to Minister from Pangnirtung

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): Thank you. I would like to thank the member of the Legislative Assembly for Pangnirtung for his hospitality and just to remind or to remember the residents of Pangnirtung, I have known over the years. Daisy and Simeonie Keenainak, they were my school mates. I think they had just got married in 1967 and I saw them in Saskatoon then. I have met them over the years and I would think of them now and then.

Simeonie was an RCMP member at that time, and he's now a well deserved retired man. At that time, when we were going to school, we didn't think about our children or what they were going to be doing as a career. Rosemary Keenainak's the daughter of Simeonie is the ADM for Sustainable Development, and I was quite proud, when I learned whom her parents were, as I recall them prior to having kids.

All the things that I remembered, such as when I recalled Jack Maniapik, who was our billet in Repulse Bay, he's doing very well and I would like to congratulate him. While we are here, I would like to also thank my colleague Mr. Peter Kilabuk for his hospitality and thank you.

>>Applause

Speaker: Members' Statements. Mr. Tootoo.

Member's Statement 227 – 1(6): Economic Development in Nunavut

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker before I start my statement I too would like to say how, happy were to be here and Pangnirtung this weekend and thankful to the great hospitality that we've received since being here and also to Mr. Kilabuk for the fine job of assisting and organizing and making sure that we're all looked after here.

Mr. Speaker, today I speak to the needs for economic development in Nunavut, Mr. Speaker I was pleased to hear the Minister of Department of Sustainable Development speak earlier this week about expansion of the turbot fishery and the development of the Baffin Fisheries Coalition.

I think it was highly appropriate for the Minister to make his statement here Pangnirtung, where the fishery is an important component for the local economy.

Mr. Speaker, I remain concerned that we are not moving forward as well as we should have some fronts, for example I vote my colleagues from Kitikmeot, as well as Kivalliq has spoken so eloquently about the tremendous mining potential in the regions, I do not see as progress being made in securing a better deal for Nunavut in respect to resource royalties.

Mr. Speaker, earlier this year, the Premier spoke strongly this issue of an agreement in principal between the federal government and Makivik Corporation, regarding offshore fishing in waters of the Hudson Bay and Ungava Bay.

Mr. Speaker I read with concern that federal announcement on October 25 regarding the signing of an agreement in principal between the federal government and Makivik Corporation.

Later today I will be raising questions regarding this agreement, whether Nunavut's interests are being adequately protected, Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Members' Statements. Mr. Picco.

Member's Statement 228 – 1(6): Congratulates Joamie School Students and Staff

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker before I start on my statement I too would also like to thank some people. We came in on Saturday and it seems like the time has going by and last night was quite an entertaining night with the costumes here in Pangnirtung and I want to say were second to none. Mr. Speaker, and I want to congratulate Simeonie Keenainak for teaching the kids how to play accordion.

I would also like to thank some people Mr. Speaker, first of all I would like to thank Jeff and Lizzie Ryan, Meeka Mearns. A big thank to Minister Kilabuk and his family, Meeka Arnakak, the health services office here in Pangnirtung provided logistic and administrative support to me, Virginia Turner and most all to the good people of Pangnirtung for the warmth and the Mr. Speaker the well known hospitality.

Mr. Speaker on Wednesday evening Joamie School hosted their annual Joamie school fun night, Mr. Speaker Joamie School has had many first, including the first school in all Canada to be awarded the environmental award as to first green school. Last month, Mr.

Speaker, Minister Kilabuk and I, were fortunate enough to be in Joamie School and participate when Joamie School north of sixty to actually make contact with the orbiting Space Shuttle.

Mr. Speaker, Principal David Serkoak, who is actually here in Pangnirtung here today for the signing ceremony, and his staff in Joamie School put much energy into providing the very best in academics, as well community oriented events, like Wednesday night's fun night.

Mr. Speaker, school is more than just adding, subtracting, reading and writing. It is an environment where the student is made to feel a part of a family and an environment that brings out the best in academics. And also, Mr. Speaker, provides the forum for life-long learning.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask that you and this House join with me in congratulating the students and staff of the school for a job well done again. Quyannamiik, Uqaqtii.

>>Applause

Speaker: Members' Statements. Mr. Alakannuark.

Member's Statement 229 – 1(6): Thanks to the People of Pangnirtung for Hospitality

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the residents of Pangnirtung and for the well coordinated session that we had here in Pangnirtung. I was very happy to be a part of this session.

This is not the first time that I have been here. When I was wearing my other NWT MLA hat, I didn't have any white hair on my head, and I think that there area lot of us who are in that same state, such as Manatok.

I would like to thank the people of Pangnirtung and also the MLA for Pangnirtung, and the Speaker also for his hard work in making sure that everything is well coordinated and that things go smoothly.

While we are televised, I would like to say that all the Members of the Legislative Assembly work hard on behalf of their constituents and in properly representing the people. At this time I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the residents of Pangnirtung for their hospitality.

The first time that I met Minister Kilabuk was when we became Members of the Legislative Assembly and that he has always been receptive. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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

Item 5: Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize Shuvinai Mike. In 1999, when I first became a Minister, she supported me and helped me tremendously. Up to now, of all the Government employees, I think that she is one of the wisest ones as to what the Government is trying to do. So I would like to recognize her. Shuvinai Mike. Thank you.

>>Applause

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

Mr. Havioyak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize and I would like to thank the Inuinnaqtun interpreters. And also I like working with them. They have been very helpful in making the information comprehensible to the Kitikmeot Inuit. Henry Ohokannoaq and James Panioyak. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, on our last day here, I'd like to recognize some people that make this event happen, our technical crew and our translators, who I think have done a fine job.

This time a special note, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to ask all members and join me in wishing Mr. George Metuq a happy birthday. I understand that he's 20th birthday today.

>>Applause

And special thanks to the interpreters as well and I'd also like to recognize someone that has lived first time over 20 years ago in the west and now both of us, are over here in the East, Mr. James Stewart living back there in Iqaluit. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Hon. Manitok Thompson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to recognize the floor mat that Alakannuark tripped over and he slid quite far. No one else saw it.

>>Laughter

(interpretation ends)Mr. Speaker, I'd like to recognize one of my constituents, Sandy Kusugak, as she's also a good friend of mine. Our kids, our boys, Bupsy and Buddy,

Buddy mine and Bupsy hers. But sometimes it's Bupsy mine and Buddy hers, it works anywhere we are.

She's been one of my supporters as a mother when I travel, I can leave Buddy with her and he feels very comfortable with her and the same with her boys, being very comfortable with us and I'd like to thank her for that.

It's been very good to have constituents like that, our kids have been, have known each other since they were 4 or 5, now they're 14 years old now that they're just like very close brothers and it's good to have constituents that can support you, especially as a mother that travels a lot. And today I'd like to recognize for her contribution for her success on my being a minister, I guess. Thank you.

>>Applause

Speaker: Recognition of Visitors to the Gallery. Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. During the hearing on bill 1 on proposed education act, here in Pangnirtung, we went to the community meeting on the issue. I would like to thank someone who assisted us during the meeting.

When we travel to communities, we don't know their names and at that meeting I had the assistance of the mayor of Pangnirtung, Hezekiah Oshutapik, who was nice enough to pass along the names of people who wished to speak. Thank you.

>>Applause

Speaker: Recognition of Visitors to the Gallery. Mr. Puqiqnak.

Mr. Puqiqnak (interpretation): Mr. Speaker, thank you. I'd like to recognize today, the staff and the students of Alookie School, they did a very good job and there are 19 names on the wall there. If you haven't seen them, if you turn that way then all our names are there in syllabics. And they're very well made All our names are there, except Nutarak is not written there.

>>Laughter

And I'd like to recognize again, that the mural behind the Speaker is in regards to the Inuksuk being completed, it seems like if they're going to put it on over the Speaker's head, the piece of rock that they're holding.

And we have very nice artwork and the flags from the 26 different communities. So this was very well organized by the residents of Pangnirtung. Thank you.

>>Applause

Speaker: Recognition of Visitors to the Gallery. Mr. Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, I would like to recognize our pages, all from community of Pangnirtung. They did a very good job and I did not know he was a secretary, I always assumed that he was the mayor. He assisted us by taking the names of the residents, Mr. Hezekiah Oshutapik.

I would also like to recognize James Stewart, he's from Income Support and he travels to the communities and he just recently came back. I would like to recognize as well, Sandy Kusugak, who is on the literacy council and I would like to recognize her and thank you.

I do not usually acknowledge my staff and while I have the opportunity, I would like to recognize my staff. Especially, Ian Rose who has assisted me during this meeting and unfortunately she is not here, but I thank my secretary; Sheila Kolola, and the ministers' assistants and other staff, I would like to thank you and it was an honour to be here with you, Thank you.

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

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Good morning, I am very happy to be here, with the warm welcome we received from the community. I would like to thank Peter Kattuk and Kelvin Ng, we're in the same place.

I would like to recognize my staff, we recently went to Halifax for a meeting and we came here from Ottawa, even though we have children of our own, I like to thank my assistant who assisted me very well, even though she has small children so I sincerely want to thank her, Jane Cooper.

I thank you because she helps me a lot and I wish to thank my wife, that I'm always away from home, and she still looks after me. Thank you.

>>Applause

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

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, in my members' statement, I forgot to mention and I would like to recognize Geoff and Lizzie Ryan. They are not here right now, but for taking the time to invite Minister Picco and I after the feast, to watch the hockey game at their place. Thank you.

>>Applause

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

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): Thank you, I would like to recognize my constituent, Sandy Kusugak. I don't think that back when she went to Rankin Inlet that she knew she would be still be up in the north in 2002.

Even though she is my constituent and she's the Chief Electoral Officer, so unfortunately she will not be able to vote for me in the upcoming election. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I too would like to recognize the support staff, when you are trying to pull off an operation like this, you need people to do the audio and visual as well as the technical stuff and support staff behind this bureaucracy, the administrative assistants as well as the executive assistants. I would like to take this opportunity to especially welcome them and I wish George a very happy 32 birthday today as Mr. Tootoo had earlier said.

Mr. Speaker, having been in this job for a little while, I have, as Mr. Akasuk and Minister Thompson just mentioned, you cannot do the job of an elected official unless you have a strong family support behind you. Yesterday, when we missed Halloween, it is one of those times that you miss a lot of events as a politician, because you are traveling in different places and you don't have an opportunity to partake in some of the family activities, that a lot of us take for granted.

I too, would like to take this opportunity to recognize our partners at home and families. And like I said before, this week has gone very fast. And I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome to the Gallery, the Mayor of Pangnirtung, who did meet us at the Airport, although Minister Ng indicated to me that there were other more important people to meet, the Mayor did show up for me on the Charter. So I thank him for that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize those individuals who are not usually recognized. Earlier, when I was recognizing people, I forgot to include that person. We always hear media reporters. I would like to recognize my sister, Joanna Awa. They give us up to date news on the CBC and this is very important to some of our people.

When we first moved from Igloolik to Pond Inlet. And after we moved to Pond Inlet, we used a different dialect to describe a hammer, which was "Kautauyaq" in the Igloolik dialect.

My father asked her to bring in a hammer using the Pond Inlet dialect, which is "Uyaratiaoq", so after being out for quite a long time, she came in rolling a rock into the

tent because it looked really nice. I guess that she thought that he was talking about getting the best looking rock and she got it for him. The best looking rock, that is.

>>*Applause*

On the other hand, I would also like to recognize Jennifer Tilden, who grew up in Pond Inlet and who is working with Igalaq. She just stepped out. Even though she just stepped out, I want to share this experience with you that occurred when she was a child in Pond Inlet. She grew up, as I stated earlier, in Pond Inlet.

Prior to a baby-sitting job, she told a good friend of hers from Pond Inlet that since they were going over to a Qallunaaq household, that they should wash their faces because they were going to be visiting these Qallunaaq people. Thank you.

>>*Applause*

Speaker: Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wanted to recognize someone, although James already mentioned the CBC and Igalaq reporters. Presently, CBC has produced the Sedna story and it is very interesting to listen to this traditional story.

It is promotion of the Inuit culture. That series is very well done and I am very proud of their work. I know that for us the residents of Nunavut, we are very proud of the way things are progressing in Nunavut, especially within the realm of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit.

The CBC has managed to let us see what we think and let us talk our language. By producing this episode, they are letting other people see the Inuit cultural perspective and why this legend was so important to the Inuit of Nunavut. I want to praise them for their work and as Nunavut residents, we should be proud of who we are and where we came from.

So for the Legislative Assembly those are very beneficial to be able to hear different kinds of news from different communities and regions as we are able to hear different viewpoints of our various constituencies. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. McLean: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to say first off, good bye to Pangnirtung. I had a great time here, and I have enjoyed the hospitality and I want to recognize Mrs. Young.

I am going to tell a story where I first met Mrs. Young. The first time I met her was in a place called Mosinee, Ontario, where her husband was a Northern Store manager and I was also a Northern store manager, so I would like to recognize Mrs. Young and this is

the first time that I met her in Pangnirtung, first time like I say, was in Mosinee Ontario, small world.

What I would like to say too, is that I know we get a little bit of negative publicity about moving the legislative assembly around in various communities and we, as a caucus decide, that it's good for the people of Nunavut.

And I think we make the right decision and I know money is tight and you get the naysayers saying it's a waste of money, but I think when the young people in communities see us that and my colleagues has said it a numerous times this week. It brings the government closer to the people and I see that.

But the amount of work that's involved, in moving this Legislative Assembly to a community, is large. And sometimes myself, I don't appreciate it, and I'll be the first one to say that. You know that I had to go three days, and I hope my wife is proud of me, but I went three days without a telephone or a TV, and that's a major accomplishment. Yes, I can live without a telephone or a TV for three days and that's the first time in my life since I came north in 1971, but getting back to it.

I would like to recognize the media, the CBC news, CBC TV, they've been very good to us. This is one of the few times that I felt close to the media and a good working relationship with them and I would like to recognize them. But what I wanted to say is, I really appreciate the hard work that the Legislative Assembly staff do, I know John lost a lot sleep and worried about this for three months, but John you've done a great job and I would like to thank John, Alex and all the staff. You and your staff, you pulled off a great, great job and Tony and Nancy and I know I'm going to miss them a couple of them but all our Legislative Assembly staff that were involved in this, you've done an excellent job and it just proves that moving this assembly is not such a big deal after all.

And at the end note, I just want to say something. I always say I'm the oldest Qallunaag in the Legislative Assembly but, Mr. Speaker I stand corrected today, you are. Happy Birthday.

>>*Applause*

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. Mr. McLean. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Kattuk.

Hon. Peter Kattuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm glad to be here, and I wish to thank the people of Pangnirtung who gave us a very warm reception. I'm sorry I didn't see Davidee Arnakak, but I saw Qappik and his family. I would also like to tell Mr. McLean, since you were last in Mosinee, it's a much bigger city now. I was just there this summer.

Also my co-worker, Gaetan, he helps me a lot here, at the legislative assembly and at our workplace. Also the eldest member in our session here, I want to recognize him and I want to tell a little story.

When I first became a Minister, he mentioned I don't know what it was, something about losing his dentures, he lost his dentures, perhaps to a raven. He stated that I'm not going to ask you a question until I have retrieved my dentures. Then later on when he wanted to ask a question, I asked him if he had retrieved his dentures, and I thought that was quite funny.

Our elder member here is quite a receptive fellow and he is always accommodating and welcoming, so I would like to thank you. And we will see each other again, Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Item 6. Oral Questions. Mr. Puqiqnak.

Item 6: Oral Questions

Oral Question 231 - 1(6): Decentralization Committee

Mr. Puqiqnak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Earlier on when I made a comment about the backdrop behind Mr. Speaker, I made it because it looks like that little piece of rock is going to drop on top of Mr. Speaker's head. I just wanted to make that point because that painting is well done.

I'm not making fun of the backdrop, earlier on as I stated that that little piece of rock seems like it's going to drop on Mr. Speaker's head, but I just made that comment to complement the painting in the back drop.

But Mr. Speaker, I'd like to direct my question to the premier, for the non-decentralized communities and some communities have decentralization, while other do not.

But for the communities that are non-decentralized, as the premier has stated that he would consider the non-decentralization communities to be their priority, but I want to direct my question to the premier if there has been some sort of committee struck who has been looking after future transfers to the 26 communities. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Puqiqnak. In reference to the back drop, I can assure you that this week I do feel that rock has dropped on my head. Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Decentralization today is not complete yet and we're trying to finalize it and once if we can finalize it it'll become evident that we can look at other programs like because we're still working on the two

communities and we have stated that, we're trying to keep up with the, filling up the positions.

So what we're trying to do is complete the work in the decentralized communities. Once decentralization is completed, we will be able to transfer some responsibilities to the non-decentralized communities.

And also the Minister of Health and Social Services has talked about the terminal detox centre that will be located in non-decentralized communities. I know that various programs will be coming up, be established in the future. It's not just for job opportunities.

I'd like to see government programs or assist if we can help the private businesses. When I see the private businesses, I really appreciate it when I see that in the communities. They are attempting to look after their own problems and I appreciate that.

So I know that there will be more interest in the future, the interest will grow. I'm trying to develop private businesses in the community level. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Puqiqnak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to thank the premier for his response. But I do have a supplementary question.

Mr. Speaker, I have two communities in my constituency. The other one is a decentralized community and the other one a non-decentralized community. The two communities are totally different from each other. The non-decentralized communities and the de-centralized are totally different communities because decentralized communities have more job opportunities and jobs that have been created by decentralization.

I would like to ask the Minister, our Premier, in regards to non-decentralized communities. He stated earlier that they would like to transfer programs to non-decentralized communities.

My question is, Mr. Speaker, for example, in the Kitikmeot, we have been discussing the correctional facility for a long time. Is he considering establishing the correctional facility to a non-decentralized community in the region? I was wondering if he can consider these communities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In regards to the correctional facilities, as I have stated in the House, the Correctional Facility will be located outside of Iqaluit. I would like to complete the plans, this coming year.

If the communities would like to see the correctional centre or facility being located in their community, they can make requests at the community level. The detox centre, that is at the discussion stage, that it is going to be outside of Iqaluit and we would like it to be located in a non-decentralized community.

These various things will keep coming up. It would be ideal to place them to various community because we hear the community interests. They would like to work on meat plants and fish plants. Some communities have infrastructure available already, even though they are non-decentralized communities.

So we will keep considering these things. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Supplementary. Mr. Puqiqnak.

Mr. Puqiqnak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the Premier stated, they are looking into non-decentralized communities. Since he has stated many times that he would be looking into non-decentralized communities, I think that it is about time we see a non-decentralized community in one of the twenty-six communities in Nunavut.

For that reason the non-decentralized communities, as the Premier stated that he would consider these communities. Do you have any expectations either in 2003, 2004. Can the Minister tell me what year they expect to have the plans implemented? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We have to deal with all of these as a whole government. There is the decentralized and the centralized communities and Iqaluit is the Capital.

There are 15 communities that we are going to be looking at. I am not anticipating it to be completed within a year but if there is an opportunity we do try to give support. In the Kitikmeot area, we can look at the mining development, or the potential of it. We are doing all we can to give support to the communities and even the non decentralized communities, so that there would be job creation. The decentralized communities do require essential services like RCMP's, Nursing stations and so on.

But we do try to do our best to make things available and we're waiting for the communities to indicate to the government where they need the services or what they need at the community level. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Supplementary. Final Supplementary. Mr. Puqiqnak.

Mr. Puqiqnak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank the Premier for responding to my question.

Mr. Speaker, as I indicated earlier the two communities that I represent. One community is decentralized and the other is not. Taloyoak and has the potential like any other community in Nunavut.

And I think that it would be good to put a department in there because of course that would create jobs. I would like to ask the Premier if Taloyoak would be placed on the priority list. Thank you.

Speaker: Premier Okalik.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will be waiting to hear from the communities and as a Cabinet we look at the request or proposals that are made, especially by the non-decentralized communities.

If Taloyoak would make a proposal we would review it and see if it's going to benefit not only the community of Taloyoak but all the communities based in Nunavut.

We're just waiting for requests from the community and I can assure you that the Cabinet will be reviewing it carefully and considering it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Premier Okalik. Oral Questions. Mr. Nutarak.

Oral Question 232 - 1(6): Flying in Certified Electricians to Communities

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you. That was quick. My question will be directed to the Minister of Public Works and Services.

There are electricians and usually they need assistance. If an electrician is required in wiring up a building, usually the electrician has to be certified. A certified electrician is required in the inspection and installation of wires and to make sure that it's safe and up to code.

Mr. Speaker, the Housing Corporation or Public Works, if there is a hazard or wiring default, usually what is required is to fly in a certified electrician so that it's up to code.

Speaker: Minister.

Hon. Peter Kattuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The regulations that we are currently using were inherited from the Government of the Northwest Territories. At our Spring meeting in Iqaluit, we reviewed a draft set of regulations that will be used in Nunavut.

What we are looking at is a Nunavut made set of regulations or codes, and we are currently reviewing those to see what would be Nunavut made and utilized.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Supplementary. Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you for your explanation. The problem will have to be rectified in the future. In Pond Inlet, as I am a homeowner, if my boiler or any electrical problems arise, we have to bring a certified electrician.

As an example, if one of the Hamlet staff houses has an electrical problem, then they have to fly in a certified electrician. This problem will have to be rectified.

Also for the information of the Minister, Mr. Speaker, as I stated earlier, we need certified electricians. After the completion of the wiring, they are inspected to make sure that they are up to code.

Looking at it on the other hand, there is a private homeowner who is building his house and did his own wiring, and he was also informed that a certified electrician would be coming in December. He will have to wait that long in order to have his house inspected before he can do any other work.

We have to do all those things. We have a lot of problems. This individual, who built his house, could now be living there if he did not have to wait for a month for the certified electrician to do the inspecting. And if does put in dry walling already, he could be liable.

I am just identifying some of the problems that we have. And the long delays that we experience in order to wait for certified trades people. How long is going to take in order to get the made in Nunavut regulations? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Just to caution on the amount of time for your preambles. It does take time away from your fellow Members. These rules are your rules so let us try to follow them. Minister.

Hon. Peter Kattuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Act is now being reviewed by the Standing Committee. I cannot tell you when this Act will be enacted, but it is currently in the works.

I can only tell the member when this act will be implemented, but it's currently in the works. I can only tell the member when this act will be implemented, but it's very true what they're saying. It is true that we need certified trades people to do inspections to make sure they're up to code.

And what we're proposing to do is to not necessarily get a certified trades person, but to have options available so that the inspections will be done quicker. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Oral Question 233 - 1(6): Igloolik Arena Community Hall Capital Plan

Mr. Iqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The mayors had a regional meeting in Iqaluit even though the meeting was stated to be in Cape Dorset. I would like to direct my question to community government and transportation regarding the 5 year plan.

We have a problem with the existing recreation centre in Igloolik. Has this project been moved forward? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you. Minister Thompson.

Hon. Manitok Thompson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Igloolik community hall, recreation centre, that the member has been repeatedly requesting has been moved up and we're going to be dealing with it again.

We're looking at having the architectural drawings in 2007 and Mr. Speaker, this project has been moved forward. This has been an ongoing concern of the MLA and also the mayor of Igloolik. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Supplementary. Mr. Iqittuq.

Mr. Iqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you for moving up the project. Could the minister tell me if this community hall project will be included in the five year plan that we're going to be reviewing for capitol? Thank you.

Speaker: Minister Thompson.

Hon. Manitok Thompson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We're just looking at the architectural design and there's a price of \$50 thousand dollars. The project has been moved forward, but we do have to do the budgeting for the construction of the building. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Iqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker for the response. Since the project is getting under way, could the minister tell me when this community hall is slated for construction. Thank you.

Speaker: Minister Thompson.

Hon. Manitok Thompson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I can't tell the member when it will be constructed, but at the mayors' regional conference there were quite a number of communities that requested to have new community halls.

I also told the mayors that we will have to look at funds and possibly work together with other departments and also with the department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth in order to plan the buildings of these community halls, but specifically, the Igloolik community, the architectural designs are currently under way. But today I can't tell you when the completion date will be. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Minister.

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

Oral Question 234 - 1(6): Fishing Rights in Nunavut

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question, I'd like to direct it to the minister responsible for Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs.

In March of this year, the Makivik Corporation initialled an agreement with the Federal Government that would give the Inuit of northern Quebec fishing rights off the shores of Nunavut. At that time, the premier was vocal regarding the primary rights of Nunavummiut to fish in those waters.

On October 25th, Ottawa signed an agreement in principle with the Nunavik Inuit. Can the premier update the house as to our position, the government of Nunavut position on this most recent agreement? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Premier Okalik.

Hon. Paul Okalik: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Our position continues to be the same, that we do not support outside parties getting guarantees in our waters without us getting the same guarantees.

So what we have done is purport a joint proposal with Makivik and NTI and have given that to the federal government. To date, the Prime Minister has been well aware of the issues and has made a commitment to me in writing that our issues will be addressed before the matter goes to a final agreement.

So today for example, my officials are meeting with the Prime Minister's officials on this very issue and I'm hopeful that we can resolve this before it is finalized. Qujannamiik, Uqaqti.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Supplementary. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I'm pleased to hear that the minister indicated that there is a joint agreement coming forward from the Nunavut government, with NTI and from Makivik as well.

Mr. Speaker, I'm still concerned the, you know, given the premier's indicated that the commitment from the prime minister's office or from the prime minister himself, that our issues, our concerns will be addressed.

All too often in the past we've had kinds of commitments, I guess earlier this week, I raised the infrastructure funding thing that was something that was supposed to be taken care of and there's change at the last minute.

Is there any guarantees? Can the premier indicate a minimal level of or a maximum level of quotas and things like that regarding to this agreement that this government will agree to? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Premier Okalik.

Hon. Paul Okalik: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The position that we have taken this, we really want to be treated like Canadians as we are Canadians and we want the same allocation portions that southern Canadians received.

There's around 80 to 90% of any commercial allocations adjacent to the others are given to those residence and we have been asking for the same. We need the jobs, we need economic activity more than anyone else. To be put on the backburner each time is quite objectionable.

I think that we can make progress. I cannot say how far these discussions will go at this time because there is still a lot of work to be done. As I mentioned that there is some work that is happening today.

I am very optimistic that we can resolve this issue for everybody's concerns to be addressed. Quyanamiik Uqaqtii.

Speaker: Oral questions. Supplementary. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, again I am pleased to hear that the numbers that the Premier has put forward that they were seeking. Also I noticed a comment that we want to be treated as Canadians; I think that is a very good approach to take. Aside our federal government, the Prime Ministers' Office saying our issue will be addressed.

Can the Minister indicate if there has been a commitment from the Prime Minister and the Federal Government, that Nunavummiut, the Nunavut Government will be treated like Canadian in this case? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Premier Okalik.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (Interpretation ends): I can assure the Member that the Prime Minister is well aware of Nunavut's concerns. In my last meeting with the Prime Minister, I did not even have to brief his officials. He was the one briefing his officials during our meetings on this matter.

I think that the Federal Government has heard us. The Prime Minister has directed his officials to resolve this matter. I am trying to make sure that that happens. If there is no progress, I am sure that we will take whatever steps we have to take at those appropriate times. For the time being, I am trying to make sure that I am trying work with the Federal Government and all the parties to try and resolve this matter. Quyanamiik Uqaqtii.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, can the Premier commit to this House to update all Members of this House in regards to the progress that they made, or any decisions that are made in regards to this as soon as possible, as he can make that information available to Members as things go along. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Mr. McLean.

Oral Question 235 - 1(6): Response to Standing Committee Report on Tourism

Mr. McLean: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Nice snappy questions, and nice snappy answers. That is what I would like to see on a Friday. Mr. Speaker, my question today is to the Minister of Sustainable Development.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Minister where the Government of Nunavut's response is to the Standing Committee's report on the From Potential to Payoffs on the Future of Tourism in Nunavut? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We will be tabling our document in the next sitting in Iqaluit in a couple of weeks' time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Oral questions. Supplementary. Mr. Tootoo. Mr. McLean.

Mr. McLean: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The second part of the question is, and thanks for the answer. I am happy with that. There was an extra 1 million dollars provided to Nunavut Tourism this year for 2002-2003. Can the Minister give me a brief summary of how it was spent? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We are still checking to see what we are going to do. There is quite a bit of programs and training courses that we want to put on within Nunavut Tourism. I will include that on our next meeting to give how much

money we have had to spend on for that million dollars that we contributed towards Nunavut Tourism this year. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral questions. Supplementary. Mr. McLean.

Mr. McLean: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will be looking forward to seeing that information. I want the Minister know that I know that in our region, the Kivalliq region, there was a great influx of tourists, especially in sport hunting. The region experienced a tremendous growth in sport hunting in all communities this year. And there was a lot of courses being given, in that area of sport hunting this year, and it paid off.

There was probably hundreds and hundreds of thousands of dollars spent in the region this year on big game hunting.

Does the Minister know, I know that it is early in the season, the season is over, how the other regions in Nunavut did in regards to tourism? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We are trying to get more information out of Nunavut Tourism, so that we could have a really good briefing for the Members of the Legislative Assembly on where we are on the tourism department. How many tourists came in. I will get back to you on that one also. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Oral questions. Oral questions. Ms. Williams.

Oral Question 236 - 1(6): Response to Special Standing Committee Report

Ms. Williams (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (Interpretation ends): My question is for the Premier, as the Minister of the Executive.

Mr. Speaker, earlier this week, the Government tabled its response to the Standing Committee on the Government Operations and Services Report and the Recommendations regarding the Auditor General's Report.

My question for the Minister is why hasn't the Government tabled its response to the three outstanding Standing and Special Committee Reports, which were tabled earlier this year? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Maybe the Member can advise which specific report she refers to. Thank you.

Speaker: Ms. Williams. Supplementary.

Ms. Williams: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am talking about the Special Committee Report that was due July 3rd. And the Annual Report on the Information and Privacy Commissioner that was due in June 25th. Those are the reports that I am referring to, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

Speaker: Minister Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the reports that she is referring to are still in the final drafting stages and will be expected to be tabled as soon as possible. Thank you.

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

Ms. Williams: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Can the Minister make a commitment to table the response to the Interim Report on the Special Committee when we sit in Iqaluit? The work is still going on. It would be good to have the response from the government. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, yes, the departments' responsible will work to try to meet those timelines. Thank you.

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

Oral Question 237 - 1(6): Funds to Business to be Made Available

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will direct my question to the Minister of Sustainable Development.

My colleague from Nanulik was asking some questions about private businesses. My question is in the two communities that I represent, they have been disagreeable about the benefits and grants supposedly available from the Department of Sustainable Development. Once they have reached their contribution allowance limit, usually to other communities, and the other departments don't make any contributions as this is outside of their purview.

He stated that he will be hosting a meeting of the various stakeholders for an economic development conference in February with all parties participating, such as Kakivak and other NGO's. I know that they are not a part of the Government.

The Minister indicated that there is no more funding available for contributions for businesses in his department. I would like further clarification on why there's no more funding made available for these businesses. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): I'm sorry, Mr. Speaker, the reports, financial reports have to be done properly and I want to say that the funds going to different programs, we're able to supply those programs. Like the Kakivak Association, there are sibling organizations in Kivalliq as well as Kitikmeot, retaining funds available to businesses.

Back when I was an employee with economic development, if they maintained the same process, whenever the communities asked for funding for economic development from the government, we would collaborate with the Kakivak Association to look for further funding for private businesses.

The economic development officers' mandate is to assist the people in the communities to attain business development funds. And we would look at the different funds to see what could be accessed and I believe that is still the practice. The funding that we allocate at present is appropriated by the government, and these are public funds so we have to follow the requirements under legislation for the government. Thank you.

Speaker: Oral questions. Supplementary. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Seeing that it is structured in that manner, this means that the people of Nunavut whenever they apply for the money, it seems like they're not treated equally.

Some applicants who are bilingual have no problem getting money, but others receive nothing but further barriers. And the people, the original people of Nunavut seem to have a hard time getting money, and maybe if, the way I understand it, they're looking for excuses not to give the money.

I seem to understand this process that way, perhaps it's not like that, but that's the way I look at it. They are not being treated equally because if they get on their own two feet, they may become self-sufficient. That is how I perceive this situation.

Perhaps when you hold a meeting in February, the people who made proposals for funds regarding the private sectors funding programs can be invited. So that the proposals can be assessed as to why they have difficulties receiving funding, well some people have difficulties and others don't. This is my question. Thank you.

Speaker: Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm the minister, so therefore I want to help the private sector in as far as I can. There are a lot of proposals that were refused and just like with the refusals, we contribute to many proponents. This is our mandate and that is why the proposals have to be written properly.

Mr. Iqaqrialu has stated that we have to make accessible these programs to our Inuit. I know there are some who deserve a contribution and they may not be approved. As I stated earlier this week, to one of Mr. Arvaluk's questions, I will commit to doing a review the next time we meet.

We have discussed this issue with NTI and they have mentioned that they're going to review the proposals from the beneficiaries. Perhaps if we work better together, collaborate more to ensure our people get the benefits which are available in all of the different funds. Thank you.

Speaker: Oral questions. Supplementary. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question was partially answered, but one of my questions was not answered. The people of Nunavut I am sure have written all sorts of different proposals requesting funding.

Are you going to give them reasons as to why they're refused? Is that going to be done properly before February 2003? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Yes, we will look at those. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral questions. Final Supplementary. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I didn't hear the answer, please answer again.

Speaker: Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, we will review that for sure. Thank you.

Speaker: Oral questions. Mr. Arvaluk.

Oral Question 238 – 1(6): Chesterfield Inlet Physically Handicapped Facility

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to pose some questions to the Minister of Health.

The work that we did in Chesterfield regarding a home for physically handicapped, what stage is this work at now? Thank you.

Speaker: Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed. Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In the next five to ten days, we will be meeting with the principles of the Chesterfield Development Corporation in Iqaluit. At that time, Mr. Speaker, I would be asking the MLA for Chesterfield to participate with us in the meeting.

Where we are right now, Mr. Speaker, very quickly, is that we are looking at the final design drawings for the new facility. We advanced money to the Chesterfield Development Corporation to be able to meet sealift requirements and I believe, Mr. Speaker, that we weren't able to get the product on the boat of NTCL before freeze up, but that will happen in the spring. That was not the fault of the government Mr. Speaker, as the member knows, it was a logistic problem with the development corporation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Supplementary. Mr. Arvaluk.

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): Has the minister spoken with the management people of the development corporation of Chesterfield Inlet? Can he state exactly when he's going to meet with them? He says that it will be close to ten days, but can he be more specific on the date? Thank you.

Speaker: Minister Picco

Hon. Ed. Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the members' involved within this project, in this file. Last week, I did speak to Walter from the Chesterfield Development Corporation and I indicated to him, I believe it's this week, I didn't know the exact date. I think it's either Thursday, or Wednesday or Thursday next week in Iqaluit.

Walter, as well as David Simailak and other principles involved with the Chesterfield Development Corporation will be coming to Iqaluit. The plan is to meet with them and go over some of the final arrangements for the development of the Chesterfield Inlet facility. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Supplementary. Mr. Arvaluk.

Mr. Arvaluk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Does the minister plan to make a concrete decision or agreement between the two principle players of the development corporation and the department of health. Qujannamiik.

Speaker: Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed. Picco: Thank you. The member's correct, Mr. Speaker. Right now, we're in the process of reviewing the design specification as presented for the Chesterfield Development Corporation. We will hope that after next week's meeting with our good friend from department of finance to look at some of the opportunities that present themselves and Mr. Speaker, move forward with the project.

As the Premier has indicated, Chesterfield Inlet is a non-decentralized community. We know that there is a lot of employment around the area of the Residential Facility for Chesterfield Inlet. It is the priority of this Government to make sure that non-decentralized communities have that opportunity and with the good work of the Member, that is moving forward. That commitment is in place and we will carry it out. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Oral questions. Supplementary. Final supplementary. Mr. Arvaluk.

Mr. Arvaluk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Due to the fact that the design was delayed, and the construction is not going to go ahead, pending your agreement with the principal players, next summer at the earliest, have you made plans to extend or at least a guarantee to have the existing facility to operate for another year? Thank you.

Speaker: Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, we have had some ups and downs with the arrangement with the Chesterfield Development Corporation on this project.

I can say in all sincerity, Mr. Speaker, there is an effort between the Chesterfield Development Corporation and ourselves to move the project forward. Mr. Speaker, we are looking at the final design work right now. I would suggest to you that after the meeting next week, we will be in a better position to see what the timelines are.

The plan is right now in concrete to move forward with the construction of the new facility in Chesterfield Inlet this upcoming construction season. The delays were caused by some of the logistics as well as administrative problems on behalf of the Development Corporation and we have moved forward from that point. The commitment is on the table and I don't see any change in that.

I will have more of a sense of where we are going next week, after the meeting with the Development Corporation representatives. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Oral questions. Oral questions. Item 7. Written questions. Item 8. Returns to Written questions. Item 9. Replies to Opening Address. Item 10. Petitions. Item 11. Reports to Standing and Special Committees. Item 12. Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills. Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Ms. Thompson.

Item 13: Tabled Documents

Tabled Document 045 – 1(6): Transportation of Dangerous Goods Annual Report – 1999-2000, 2000-2001, 2001-2002

Hon. Manitik Thompson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today I wish to table the following document. Transportation of Dangerous Goods-Annual Reports.

I rise today to table copies of the Transportation of Dangerous Goods Annual Reports in accordance with Section 62 of the Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act for the following fiscal years 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002.

The Department of Community Government and Transportation has been concentrating on certifying instructors, inspectors and promoting educational awareness in regards to the handling, offering for transport, or transporting dangerous goods.

As a result the Annual Report show limited activity in the area of Transportation of Dangerous Good today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Item 14. Notices of Motions. Item 15. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Item 16. Motions. Mr. Tootoo.

Item 16: Motions

Motion 010 – 1(6): Call for Federal Investment in Nunavut Infrastructure

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I gave Notice of Motion yesterday for Motion 10-1(6). I seek unanimous consent to deal with my Motion today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. The Member is seeking unanimous consent to deal with this Motion today. Are there any nays? There are no nays. You have unanimous consent, please proceed with your Motion.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, whereas the Members of the Legislative Assembly have identified urgent needs in the area of infrastructure investment in Nunavut.

And whereas the Conference Board of Canada has identified the state of infrastructure in Nunavut as being a serious problem that is affecting both the economic and social development in the territory.

And whereas a prosperous and economically self-reliant Nunavut, is a goal that all Members are working towards.

And whereas the meaningful efforts are required from our Federal partners to achieve this goal.

And whereas Members of this House are concerned that the Government of Canada has not demonstrated sufficient commitment to investing to Nunavut's infrastructure requirements.

And whereas it has been demonstrated that per capita funding formulas are not appropriate for the North.

And whereas strategic investments in Nunavut's infrastructure will foster economic growth and enhance the quality of life in our communities.

And whereas a strong Nunavut in a strong Canada will benefit to all citizens of this Nation.

Therefore I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Qamanittuaq, that the Legislative Assembly recommend that all Ministers of the Government of Nunavut commit themselves to a concerted campaign to raise awareness among their federal counterparts of Nunavut's circumstances and requirements.

And further I move that a special invitation be extended to the Federal Minister of Industry to come to Nunavut in order to gain firsthand understanding of the challenges and opportunities that we face. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. The Motion is in order to the Motion. All those in favour? All those opposed. The Motion is carried. Item 16 Motions. Item 17 First Reading of Bills. Item 18 Second Reading of Bills. Item 19. Consideration of the Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters. Item 20. report of committee of the whole. Item 21. third reading of bills. Item 22. Orders of the day. Mr. Clerk.

Mr. Clerk, before we proceed with the reading of the orders of the day, could you please ascertain whether the Deputy Commissioner of Nunavut is prepared to enter the chamber to give assent to the bills.

>>House recessed at 10.55 a.m. and resumed at 10.58 a.m.

Assent to Bills

Bill 14 – Nunavut Elections Act – Assent

Bill 15 – Supplementary Appropriation Act # 5 -2001-2002 – Assent

Bill 16 - Supplementary Appropriation Act # 2 -2002-2003 – Assent

Deputy Commissioner (Lena Metuq): Good morning. Elders, Speaker, Premier, MLAs, guests, observers, please be seated.

As the deputy Commissioner of Nunavut, I'm very pleased to give assent to the following bills as my first duty of office.

Bill 14, Nunavut Elections Act, Bill 15, Supplementary Appropriation Act # 5 2001-2002, Bill 16, Supplementary Appropriation Act #2, 2002-2003.

In representing the residents of Pangnirtung, I'd like to thank all of you for holding your session here in our community and I also want to say that I am very proud of the student body and the school staff of Alookie School, we were happy that you were able to utilize the school.

We also learned a great deal, as did our student body (interpretation ends). I wish each and every one of you a safe journey home, as you return to your home communities and loved ones. Thank you very much.

>>Applause

Speaker: Before we continue on with orders of the day, I just like to extend a sincere thank you to all the people in the community that made our week here so special. Special thanks to the staff, to our pages of course, who worked so hard all week, and our technical staff and our birthday boy, George.

Of course, to the school for allowing us to occupy their building for the last week, and our sergeant-at- arms, Jayko and a special thanks to Michael Langenhan for her tireless work on the translation of the new Nunavut Elections Act.

So for all those that have assisted, thank you very much and we had a great time here in Pangnirtung. And also thank you, minister, for Minister Kilabuk, for inviting us. Mut'na

Orders of the day. Mr. Clerk.

>>Applause

Item 22: Orders of the Day

Clerk (Mr. Quirke): Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
Orders for the day for Tuesday, November 19th.

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22. Orders of the Day

Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. This house stands adjourned until Tuesday, November 19th, 2002 at 1:30 in Iqaluit.

Sergeant-at-arms.

>>*House adjourned at 11.04 a.m.*

